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## Academic Appointments

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- Assistant Professor of Religion, Rutgers University (2016-present)
- Part-Time Assistant Professor of Religion, DePauw University (2015-2016)
- Visiting Assistant Professor of Religion, Washington and Lee University (2014-2015)
- Instructor, Indiana University Department of Religious Studies (Fall 2009, Fall 2010, Summers 2011-13)
- Associate Instructor, Indiana University Department of Religious Studies (2006-7, 2009-2011, 2013-2014)

## Education

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- ❖ Ph.D., Religious Studies (History of Christianity), Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana (2014)
  - Ph.D. Minor: History
  - Ph.D. Area Certificate: Medieval StudiesDissertation: "Living in a Martyrial World: Living Martyrs and the Creation of Martyrial Consciousness in the Late Antique Latin West."
  - Committee: David Brakke (Co-Chair), Constance Furey (Co-Chair), Bridget K. Balint (Classical Studies), Edward Watts (History), Aaron Stalnaker, Jeremy Schott.
- ❖ M.A., Religious Studies, Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana (2008)  
  
M.A. Project: "*De Singularitate Clericorum*: A Third-Century Treatise Against Spiritual Marriage." (Translation and Commentary)
  - Committee: David Brakke (Chair), Constance Furey, Aaron Stalnaker.
- ❖ B.A., Religion (Honors) and Latin (High Honors), Haverford College, Haverford, Pennsylvania (2004)  
  
Thesis: "'Becoming the Worthy Heir': The Old Testament and Witness in Prudentius' Construction of Christian Identity."
  - Advisors: Anne McGuire and Catherine Conybeare (Bryn Mawr College).

## Areas of Research Specialty

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- Early and Medieval Christian theology, history, and literature, with a focus on the Latin West
- Martyrdom and sainthood, gender, identity politics, rhetoric, violence, and community-formation

## Publications (Journal Articles)

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"Martyrdom Without Death in Augustine's Sermons." (under review).

"Instructive Violence: Educated Children as Victims and Aggressors in Late Antique Latin Martyr Stories." *Journal of Religion and Violence* (forthcoming)

"Witness and Imitation in the Writings of Paulinus of Nola." *Studia Patristica* (forthcoming).

"Sympathy for the Devil": Cultivating Critical Empathy Through Teaching Heterodoxy." *The Once and Future Classroom: Teaching Association for Medieval Studies*, 12.1 (Fall 2015).

"Modeling a Martyrial Worldview: Prudentius' Pedagogical Ekphrasis and Christianization." *Journal of Late Antiquity* 7.1 (Fall 2014).

## Publications (Book Chapters)

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"Early Modern Receptions of Late Ancient Literature." *Blackwell Companion to Late Antiquity*. Edited by Edward J. Watts and Scott McGill (forthcoming)

## Publications (Book Reviews)

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Robert Bartlett, *Why Can the Dead Do Such Great Things? Saints and Worshippers from the Martyrs to the Reformation*. Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2013. *The Medieval Review*, 2016.05.12.

George E. Demacopoulos, *The Invention of Peter: Apostolic Discourse and Papal Authority in Late Antiquity*. *Divinations: Rereading Late Ancient Religion*. Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, 2013. *Church History* 84:2 (June 2015).

Candida R. Moss, *Ancient Christian Martyrdom: Diverse Practices, Theologies, and Traditions*.

Anchor Yale Bible reference library. New Haven; London: Yale University Press, 2012. xiv, pp. 256. *Bryn Mawr Classical Review*, 2012.12.24.

## **Teaching Experience**

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Courses taught at Rutgers University:

- 840.121: Martyrdom from the Maccabees to ISIS (mini-course, Fall 2016)
- 840.122: Saints, Sinners, and Scholars—A History of Christianity (mini-course, Fall 2016)

Courses taught at DePauw University:

- REL 130A: Introduction to Religion (Fall 2015)
- REL 250: Christianity (Fall 2015)
- REL 290: Christianity in Contemporary American Political Discourse (Winter 2016)
- REL 370: Medieval Christianity (Spring 2016)

Courses taught at Washington & Lee University:

- REL 102: Introduction to New Testament (Fall 2014)
- REL 250: Early Christian Thought: Orthodoxy and Heresy (Fall 2014)
- REL 295-01: Martyrdom: From the Maccabees to ISIS (Winter 2015)
- REL 403: Gender and Authority in the Middle Ages (Winter 2015)
- REL 295: Christianity in Contemporary American Political Discourse (Spring 2015)

Courses taught at Indiana University:

- REL A-250: Introduction to Christianity (4 semesters in classroom setting; 18 semesters online)
- REL R-133: Introduction to Religious Studies (1 semester)
- HPER E-127: Introduction to Foil Fencing (3 semesters)

Courses assisted at Indiana University:

- COLL E-103: Original Sin and Free Will (with Constance Furey)
- REL R-180: Introduction to Christianity (with Constance Furey)
- COLL E-103: The Hebrew Bible and its Interpreters (with Steven Weitzman)
- REL A-220: Introduction to the New Testament (with J. Albert Harrill)
- REL R-170: Religion, Ethics, and Public Life (with Lisa Sideris)

Other teaching experience:

- Course Designer, "Introduction to Christianity," School of Continuing Studies, Indiana University
- Teaching Assistant, "Introduction to Religion," Haverford College (Spring 2003, with Anne McGuire)
- Education Intern, The Cloisters, New York (Summer 2001)

## **Awards, Fellowships, and Honors**

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American Fellowship, American Association of University Women (2013-2014)

Andrea S. McRobbie Fellowship in Medieval History (2013)

North American Patristics Society Outstanding Student Paper Prize (2013):

“Paulinus and the Living Martyr: Making Martyrs in the Nolan Countryside”

C. Clifford Flanigan Fund Travel Award (2013 and 2014)

Grant supported travel to North American Patristics Society annual meetings.

Religious Studies Department Graduate Student Annual Paper Prize (2010)

“Prudentius’ Pedagogical Ekphrasis: Modeling the Living Martyr in Peristephanon 10”

Graduate School of Arts and Sciences Fellowship, Indiana University (2005-6)

Howard Comfort Prize in Latin, Haverford College (2004)

Mechling Award for Most Valuable Player, Haverford College Women’s Fencing Team (2004)

Center for Peace and Global Citizenship Summer Internship Grant, Haverford College (2003)

Grant funded a ten-week internship at International Forum Bosna, an NGO dedicated to securing a multicultural Bosnia.

Class of 1896 Award in Latin for Sophomores, Haverford College (2002)

Class of 1902 Award in Latin for Freshmen, Haverford College (2001)

## **Presentations**

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Response, “Religious Competition in Late Antiquity,” Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, San Antonio, November 2016.

“Living Martyrdom and the Violence of Ideology: The Legacies of Martyrdom Without Death in Late Antiquity and Contemporary American Political Discourse,” Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, San Antonio, November 2016.

“Instructive Violence: Educated Children as Victims and Aggressors in Late Antique Latin Martyr

Stories," Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, Atlanta, November 2015.

"Witness and Imitation in the Writings of Paulinus of Nola," XVII. International Conference on Patristic Studies, Oxford, UK, August 2015

"Sympathy for the Devil: Cultivating Critical Empathy Through Explorations of Heterodoxy," International Congress on Medieval Studies, Kalamazoo, Michigan, May 2015

"Martyrdom without Death in Augustine's Feast-Day Sermons," North American Patristics Society Annual Meeting, May 2014

"Paulinus and Actual Poverty; Or, the Casualties of Helping the 'Imagined' vs. 'Actual' Poor," Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, Baltimore, November 2013

"Paulinus and the Living Martyr: Making Martyrs in the Nolan Countryside," North American Patristics Society Annual Meeting, May 2013

"The Changing Picture of Faith: Religious Diversity in Contemporary America," (Invited Lecture) Good To the Last Word Librarian Education Day at the Mitchell Public Library, April 2013

"Lamenting the Loss of a Child: Dispelling Grief Through Faith and Reason in Paulinus' Carmen 31," Medieval Studies Symposium, "Lamentations," Indiana University, April 2013

"Martyrs 'Carried into Heavenly Honor without Blood': Paulinus of Nola and Fifth-Century Christian Martyr-Making," Vagantes 2013, University of Wisconsin-Madison, March 2013

"Modeling the Living Martyr: Prudentius's Pedagogical Ekphrasis," Vandalia, the Ohio State University, November 2011

"Stoic Paradigms in Augustine's Account of Grace and Free Will," North American Patristics Society Annual Meeting, May 2010

"Prudentius and the Power of Violence: Harnessing Violent Images for Opposite Ends," The Art of Religion, Indiana University, March 2009

"The Enclosure of Clare of Assisi as a Site of Materialist and 'Postmodern' Convergence," Violence, Conflict, and Humor (20th Annual Medieval Studies Symposium), Indiana University, March 2008

"The Cloistered Clare: Female Franciscan Devotion and the Monastic Setting," Religion: Practicing

Theory/Theorizing Practice, Indiana University, March 2007

"Becoming the Worthy Heir: Old Testament Images in Prudentius' Reformulation of Martyrdom for the Post-Persecution Era," Medieval Images: Inspiration and Condemnation (19th Annual Medieval Studies Symposium), Indiana University, March 2007

"Riches to Rags: Images of Self-Sacrifice in Medieval Art," Gallery talk presented at the Cloisters, Metropolitan Museum of Art, August 2001.

### **Service**

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Organizer, "Good Behavior / Bad Behavior: Asserting and Advocating Behavioral Norms in Late Antiquity and the Early Middle Ages." 50th International Congress on Medieval Studies, Kalamazoo, May 14-17, 2015.

Organizer, "Aspirations Unmet: Failure and its Fruits in Late Antiquity and the Early Middle Ages." 49th International Congress on Medieval Studies, Kalamazoo, May 8-11, 2014

Chair, Finance and Keynote Committees, Medieval Studies Symposium, "Lamentations," held at Indiana University April 5-7, 2013

Chair, Vagantes 2012 Conference Committee, Fall 2011-Spring 2012, "Vagantes 2012," held at Indiana University March 29-31, 2012

Founding Member and Indiana University Representative, Indiana Medieval Graduate Consortium, Fall 2011-Spring 2013

Board Member, Vagantes, Fall 2010-Summer 2013

Chair, Medieval Studies Graduate Advisory Committee, Fall 2010-Summer 2011  
Religious Studies Representative, Fall 2009-Spring 2013  
Organized Professionalization Workshops for Graduate Medievalists.

Co-Chair, Medieval Studies Symposium, "Making Manifest: Revelation and Illumination in the Middle Ages," Indiana University, held March 27-8, 2009

Co-Chair, Medieval Studies Symposium, "Violence, Conflict, and Humor," Indiana University, held March 28-9, 2008

Co-Chair, Religious Studies Graduate Conference, "Religion and the State," Indiana University, held March 21-22, 2008

Co-Chair, Religious Studies Graduate Conference, "Religion: Practicing Theory/Theorizing Practice," Indiana University, held March 8-9, 2007

### **Advising Experience**

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James Etling, "Oil and Water: Individual Religiosity and Team Sports," Senior Capstone Project, Washington & Lee University, Fall 2014 (Primary Reader)

Jordan Edgren, "Epidemiology and Confessional Responses to AIDS," Senior Capstone Project, Washington & Lee University, Fall 2014 (Secondary Reader)

Caroline Hamp, "Shocking Language and Religious Conversion in the Writings of Flannery O'Connor and the Apostle Paul," Senior Capstone Project, Washington & Lee University, Fall 2014 (Secondary Reader)

Jacqueline Yarbro, "Hildegard's Mystical Embodiment," Senior Honors Thesis, Washington & Lee University 2014-2015 (Secondary Reader)

### **Relevant Professional Experience**

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Copyeditor, *A Critical Introduction and Reference Guide to Late Antique Letter Collections*, ed. Cristiana Sogno, Bradley K. Storin, and Edward J. Watts (Berkeley: University of California Press, forthcoming).

Special Projects Assistant, Medieval Studies Institute, Indiana University (Fall 2007-Spring 2009; Fall 2011-Summer 2013): Communications, outreach, and event organization for the Institute.

Research Assistant/Proofreader, Haverford College (Spring 2002-Summer 2004): Proofreading, research assistance, and clerical work for Religion department faculty (Michael Sells, Naomi Koltun-Fromm, Ken Koltun-Fromm, John Modern)

## **Research Languages**

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- Latin (Classical, Medieval, and Modern)
- Greek (Classical and Patristic)
- Coptic (Sahidic)
- Syriac
- German
- French

## **Professional Affiliations**

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Society of Biblical Literature  
American Academy of Religion  
North American Patristics Society