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Curriculum Vitae

Director, Military and Veterans Services
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EDUCATION

- Ph.D. Religious Studies, Southern Methodist University, 2019
Dissertation: *Infertility in 1 Samuel 1: Toward a Hermeneutic of Reproduction*
Committee: Susanne Scholz, Timothy Sandoval, Roy L. Heller, Harold J. Recinos
- M.T.S. Religious Studies, Brite Divinity School, Texas Christian University, 2013
- B.A. Religious Studies, University of Oklahoma, 2010

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2023-Present Visiting Assistant Professor of Religious Studies, Austin College
- 2021-Present Director, Office of Military and Veteran Services, Austin College
- 2020-2023 Adjunct Assistant Professor of Humanities, Austin College
- 2019-2021 Adjunct Instructor, Paul Quinn College
- 2017-2018 Visiting Instructor of Religious Studies, Austin College

PUBLICATIONS

Journal Articles

- 2022 Texts of Terror? The Bible and Bathroom Bill in Texas. *Biblical Interpretation* 30 (2022): 415-436.
- 2022 “I’d Rather Die as the Devil: Marvel’s Daredevil and the Book of Job.” *Response: The Journal of Popular and American Culture* 7 (2022). Available online at: responsejournal.net/issue/2022-06/article/i%E2%80%99d-rather-die-devil-marvel%E2%80%99s-daredevil-and-book-job
- 2017 Buying Biblical Babies: Genesis 16 and Commercial Surrogacy. *Resonance: A Religious Studies Journal* 2 (2017): 1-17.

Book Chapters

2020 “Intertextual Femininity in the Book of Proverbs and the Dao De Jing,” *Oxford Handbook of Feminist Approaches to the Hebrew Bible*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

Conference Proceedings

2018 Can I Bring Him Back Again? Infertility and Masculinity. *Communitas: Journal of Education Beyond the Walls* 14 (2018): 9-12.

Book Reviews

2020 Review of Shawn W. Flynn. *Children in the Bible and the Ancient World*. New York: Routledge, 2019. 240 pp. *Reading Religion: A Publication of the American Academy of Religion*.

2020 Review of Stephen B. Chapman and Marvin A. Sweeney. *The Cambridge Companion to the Hebrew Bible/Old Testament*. New York: Cambridge University Press, 2016. 540 pp. *Reading Religion: A Publication of the American Academy of Religion*.

2020 Review of Nancy J. Evans, Ellen M. Broido, Kirsten R. Brown, and Autumn K. Wilke. *Disability in Higher Education: A Social Justice Approach*. San Francisco: Jossey-Bass, 2017. 515 pp. *The Wabash Center Journal on Teaching*.

2019 Review of David Allen, Tina Blythe, Alan Dichter, and Terra Lynch. *Protocols in the Classroom: Tools to Help Students Read, Write, Think, & Collaborate*. New York: Teachers College Press, 2018. 148 pp. *Reflective Teaching*.

In Preparation

Be Fruitful and Multiply? Reconceptualizing Infertility as a Disability in Samuel-Kings

“Biblical Plagues Contemporary Pandemic: The Reinterpretation of the Egyptian Plagues by Communities Affected by Covid-19”

“Ruth as Undocuqueer: Rereading the Book of Ruth at the Intersection of Queer and Postcolonial Theory”

FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, AND AWARDS

2023-2024 Workshop Stipend, Teaching the Bible During and After COVID-19, Society of Biblical Literature

2022-2023 Teaching Stipend, Mellon Grant Social Justice Teaching Workshop, Austin College

2018 Dissertation Research Grant, Dedman College Graduate Student Assembly, Southern Methodist University

- 2018 Presentation Honorarium, Education Beyond the Walls, Austin Presbyterian Seminary
- 2017 Travel Grant, Religious Studies Graduate Student Committee, University of North Carolina–Charlotte
- 2016-2017 Teaching Grant, Wabash Teaching Seminar for Doctoral Students, Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion
- 2016 Research Grant, Dedman College Graduate Student Assembly, Southern Methodist University
- 2014-2019 Tuition Fellowship, Southern Methodist University
- 2014 The Roy Melugin Award for Excellence in Biblical Studies, Brite Divinity School

CONFERENCE PAPERS AND PRESENTATIONS

Panels, Workshops, and Guest Lectures

- 2023-2024 Organizer and Facilitator, “Teaching the Bible during and after COVID-19.” Workshop Series on Teaching the Bible in These Times, Society of Biblical Literature.
- 2022 Presiding, Session on Healthcare and Disability in the Ancient World, Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, Denver, CO, November 19.
- 2022 Guest Lecture, “Disability Workshop: Pathways to a Just Society.” Mellon Grant Social Justice Teaching Workshop, Austin College, Sherman TX, November 15.
- 2021 Panelist, “Women in Drag: Gender and Performance in the Hebrew Bible and Early Jewish Literature.” Society of Biblical Literature Southwest Regional Meeting, Irving, TX, March 6.
- 2018 Guest Lecture, “Interpreting Biblical Infertility: Different Reading Strategies for Understanding Infertility in the Hebrew Bible.” Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary and the University of Texas at Austin. April 13.

Paper Presentations

- 2023 “Michal’s Masquerade: Queer Theory, Disability Studies, and Passing in 1 and 2 Samuel” Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, San Antonio, TX.
- 2023 “Disability Pedagogies: Teaching Disabilities in the Bible in a Liberal Arts Classroom.” Society of Biblical Literature Global Virtual Meeting, March 28.

- 2022 “Didactic and Apocalyptic Wisdom: A Comparative Reading of Ecclesiastes and 2 Esdras.” Society of Biblical Literature Southwest Regional Meeting, Irving, TX, March 5.
- 2021 “Biblical Sinthomosexuals: Queer Theory and Reproductive Futurism.” Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, San Antonio, TX, November 23.
- 2021 “Biblical Plagues Contemporary Pandemic: The Reinterpretation of the Egyptian Plagues by Communities Affected by Covid-19.” Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, San Antonio, TX, November 21.
- 2021 “Religious Symbolism and Digital Consciousness: Religion and Embodiment in Amazon’s Upload.” TexMoot: Texas Literature and Language Symposium Virtual Meeting, February 13.
- 2020 “Birth and Death in Shunem: Infertility and Child Mortality in 2 Kings 4.” Society of Biblical Literature Virtual Meeting, December 8.
- 2019 “Texts of Terror? The Bible and Bathroom Bill in Texas.” Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA, November 24.
- 2019 “I’d Rather Die as the Devil: Violence in Netflix’s Daredevil and the Book of Job.” Mid-Atlantic Popular and American Culture Association, Pittsburgh, PA, November 8.
- 2018 “Hermeneutic of Reproduction: Sociological Tools for Understanding Biblical Infertility.” Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, Denver, CO, November 17.
- 2017 “Toward a Hermeneutic of Reproduction: 1 Samuel 1 from a Disability Social Scientific Perspective.” Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, Boston, MA, November 20.
- 2017 “Buying Biblical Babies: Genesis 16 and Commercial Surrogacy.” Religion and Power Graduate Student Conference, University of North Carolina-Charlotte, March 24.
- 2016 “Ruth as Undocuqueer: Rereading the Book of Ruth at the Intersection of Queer and Postcolonial Theory.” Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, San Antonio, TX, November 19.
- 2016 “The Dao of Woman Wisdom: Rereading Femininity at the Intertext of the Book of Proverbs and the Dao De Jing.” American Academy of Religion Southwest Regional Meeting, Irving, TX, March 12.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Austin College

Disabilities and Medicine in the Bible (Fall 2020, Spring 2023)
Intermediate Greek I (Spring 2022)
Introduction to Biblical Studies (Fall 2017, Fall 2022)
Reading Biblical Greek (Spring 2022)
Sacred Violence (Spring 2023)
Social Justice and Judaism (Fall 2023)
Studying Religious Traditions (Spring 2020, Fall 2020, Spring 2022, Fall 2023)
The Other Bible: Rejected Religious Texts (Fall 2023)
Women and the Bible (Spring 2018, Spring 2020, Fall 2022)

Paul Quinn College

Survey of the Old Testament (Fall 2019, Summer 2021)
Biblical Hebrew and Greek (Spring 2020, Fall 2020, Spring 2022)

PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

Mellon Grant Social Justice Teaching Workshop, Austin College, 2022-2023

Professional Development Workshop: Creating an Inclusive and Accessible Classroom,
Disability Accommodations and Success Strategies, Southern Methodist University, 2017

Wabash Teaching Seminar for Doctoral Students, Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in
Theology and Religion, 2016-2017

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

To Profession

Chair, Late Antique Judaism, Scholars of Biblical and Related Literature, 2023-Present
Steering Committee, Healthcare and Disability, Society of Biblical Literature, 2022-Present
Taskforce, Disability and Accessibility, Society of Biblical Literature, 2021-Present
Graduate Student Association Representative, Department of Religious Studies, 2014-2015

Peer Review

Reviewer for *Ghana Journal of Religion and Theology*, 2021-Present
Reviewer for *Aletheia: Academic Journal*, 2016-2019

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT AND OUTREACH

Guest speaker, Navigating the Graduate School Process, University of Oklahoma, 2020
Guest lecturer, Discovering the Hebrew Bible, Trinity Episcopal Church, 2014, 2020
Guest scholar, Religious Studies Summer Seminar, All Saints Episcopal School, 2015-2017
Guest speaker, Reclaiming the Gospel of Peace, The Episcopal Church, 2014

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Society of Biblical Literature (SBL), 2012-Present
National Center for Faculty Development and Diversity (NCFDD), 2018-Present
Catholic Biblical Association (CBA), 2021-Present
Religion, Medicine, Disability, and Health in Late Antiquity (ReMeDHe), 2023-Present
Scholars of Biblical and Related Literature (SBRL), 2023-Present

LANGUAGES

English
Biblical Hebrew
Koine Greek
Aramaic
German
French

REFERENCES

Ivette Vargas-O'Bryan
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Austin College
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