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Education

- 2018 (expected) M.A., Biblical Studies, Jesuit School of Theology, Santa Clara University and Graduate Theological Union.
2018 (expected) Certificate in Islamic Studies, Center for Islamic Studies, Graduate Theological Union.
2018 (expected) Certificate in Jewish Studies, Center for Jewish Studies, Graduate Theological Union.
2015 B.A., Religious Studies and Classics, Santa Clara University, *summa cum laude*.
2012 A.A., Humanities, Modesto Junior College, Honors Program.

Publications

Book:

- Contracted *Canonical Conversations: The Theology of The Saint John's Bible* [tentative title]. Liturgical Press.
2017 [*Biblical Hebrew Vocabulary by Conceptual Categories: A Student's Guide to Nouns in the Old Testament*](#), with J. David Pleins. Zondervan, 2017.
[Blog review: Jacob Cerone, [ἐνθύμησις](#), 6/25/17.]

Edited Volume:

- Forthcoming Editor, *Thinking New Things, Making New Connections: Selected Writings of George V. Kennard, S.J.* CreateSpace, 2017.

Refereed Articles:

- 2015 [“Spiritually Bilingual: Buddhist-Christians and the Process of Dual Religious Belonging.”](#) *Buddhist-Christian Studies* 35 (2015): 57–69.
2015 [“When Herakles Followed the Buddha: Power, Protection, and Patronage in Gandharan Art.”](#) *The Silk Road* 13 (2015): 26–35. [Translated into Chinese: Xinxu yu cankao 信息与参考 [Information and Reference] 2016/11 (总第 22 期): 150–161.]

Book Reviews:

- Forthcoming Michael Louis Fitzgerald, *Praise the Name of the Lord: Meditations on the Names of God in the Qur'an and the Bible* (Liturgical, 2017) and Khaleel Mohammed, *David in the Muslim Tradition: The Bathsheba Affair* (Lexington, 2014), in *Berkeley Journal of Religion and Theology*.
Forthcoming Philip Pfatteicher, *Journey into the Heart of God: Living the Liturgical Year* (Oxford University, 2013), in *Intermountain West Journal of Religious Studies*.
2016 Joel Hoffman, *The Bible Doesn't Say That: 40 Biblical Mistranslations, Misconceptions, and Other Misunderstandings* (Thomas Dunne, 2016), in *Berkeley Journal of Religion and Theology* 2, no. 1 (2016).
2016 [Walter Brueggemann, *Chosen?: Reading the Bible amid the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict*](#) (Westminster John Knox, 2015), in *Reading Religion*.

- 2016 [Angeline M. G. Song, *A Postcolonial Woman's Encounter with Moses and Miriam*](#) (Palgrave Macmillan, 2015), in *Relegere: A Journal of Religion and Reception* 6, no. 1 (June 2016).

Shorter Notices:

- 2017 Russell W. Dalton, *Children's Bibles in America: A Reception History of the Story of Noah's Ark in US Children's Bibles* (Bloomsbury T&T Clark, 2016), in *Theological Book Review*.
- 2016 Richard A. Horsley, *Jesus and Magic: Freeing the Gospel Stories from Modern Misconceptions* (Cascade, 2014), in *Theological Book Review*.
- 2016 Stanley E. Porter and Andrew W. Pitts, *Fundamentals of New Testament Textual Criticism* (Eerdmans, 2015), in *Theological Book Review*.
- 2016 Douglas A. Campbell, *Framing Paul: An Epistolary Biography* (Eerdmans, 2014), in *Theological Studies* 77, no. 3 (September 2016), 765–66.
- 2016 Keith E. Small, *Qur'āns: Books of Divine Encounter* (Bodleian Library, 2015), in *Theological Studies* 77, no. 2 (June 2016), 533–34.

Public Scholarship

- 2016 [“Review: *Illuminating the Word: The Making of The Saint John's Bible, Second Edition.*”](#) *Transpositions*, October 20, 2016.
- 2016 [“Guest Post: Creation, Science, and Wisdom in *The Saint John's Bible.*”](#) *The Catholic Bibles Blog*, October 19, 2016.
- 2016 [“The Jewish Jesus in the California Desert: A Report from the Tabernacle.”](#) *The Interfaith Observer*, October 15, 2016.
- 2016 [“Donald Jackson's Earlier Work Shines with What Was to Come.”](#) *The Scribe*, Summer 2016.
- 2016 [“Looking for Islam in All the Wrong Places: A Response to Nabeel Qureshi,”](#) with Elijah Reynolds. *Religion Dispatches*, April 20, 2016.
- 2016 [“Illuminating Words: A Report on my Conference Travels.”](#) *CARE Package: The Center for the Arts, Religion and Education*, February 23, 2016.
- 2016 [“What Star Wars Taught Me About the Bible.”](#) *Sacred Matters*, February 11, 2016,
- 2016 [“Nabeel Qureshi, Christian Apologist – and Bridge Between Christians and Muslims?”](#) *Christian Apologetics Alliance*, January 25, 2016.
- 2015 [“If Modesto's Schools Can Teach World Religions, It Can Happen Anywhere.”](#) *Religion Dispatches*, November 13, 2015.
- 2014 [“The Varieties of Goodness: A Response to Terry Eagleton.”](#) *Explore*, Ignatian Center of Santa Clara University (May 2014): 27–29.

Conference Presentations

- 2017 “Jesus in the Garden Temple: Intertextuality and Visual Exegesis of the Song of Songs in *The Saint John's Bible.*” Society of Biblical Literature, November 18-21, 2017.
- 2016 “The Tactile Text: *The Saint John's Bible* and Other Bibles in Santa Clara University Archives & Special Collections.” Work-related presentation for the Catholic Biblical Association, August 8, 2016.
- 2016 “Visualizing Feminist Exegesis: Revelation 12 in *The Saint John's Bible.*” Graduate Student Poster Session, Catholic Biblical Association, August 7, 2016.
- 2016 “Illuminating Abraham: *The Saint John's Bible*, Interreligious Dialogue, and Biblical Hermeneutics.” Midwest Conference on Christianity and Literature, February 19–20, 2016.
- 2015 “When Herakles Followed the Buddha: Power, Protection, and Patronage in Gandharan Buddhist Art.” San Jose State University Art History Association Symposium, *Between Two Worlds: Syncretism and Alterity in Art*, April 18, 2015.

- 2015 “Francis of Assisi and Interreligious Dialogue.” Medieval Association of the Pacific, April 10–11, 2015.
- 2015 “When Herakles Went to India: The Transformation of a Greco-Roman Hero-God in Buddhist Art.” AAR Pacific Northwest Region, March 27–29, 2015.
- 2015 “Saint Francis and the Sultan: Critiquing the Christian-Muslim Past.” AAR Western Region, March 20–22, 2015.
- 2014 “Issa of the East: ‘Jesus in Tibet’ Myths and Orientalism.” AAR Western Region, March 8, 2014. [Paper accepted, but was unable to present.]
- 2012 “Buddhist Catholics: A Case Study in Multiple Religious Belonging.” Pacific Sociological Association, March 23, 2012.

Invited Lectures and Panels

- 2015 Keynote speaker, Bay Area Honors Symposium. Stanford University, May 2, 2015.
- 2012 Panelist, 2nd Annual Honors Faculty Roundtable, Bay Area Honors Consortium. Mills College, October 27, 2012.

University and Departmental Presentations

- 2017 Panelist, *Art Interpreting Scripture: Characters in and Creators of the Bible*, SCU Archives & Special Collections, April 26, 2017.
- 2017 “Visualizing Sex in the Biblical Garden: The Song of Songs in *The Saint John’s Bible* and Other Illustrated Books.” Brown Bag Lunch, Santa Clara University Art History Department, March 1, 2017.
- 2016 “Illuminating Abraham: *The Saint John’s Bible* and Jewish-Christian Dialogue.” Brown Bag Lunch Series, Center for the Arts, Religion, and Education, Graduate Theological Union, March 4, 2016.
- 2015 “Behind Our Ancient Texts: Reconstructing the Messy Manuscript of a Biblical Book,” with Catherine Murphy. Santa Clara University Classics Department, May 7, 2015.
- 2015 “Saint Francis and the Sultan: Critiquing the Christian-Muslim Past.” Santa Clara University Medieval and Renaissance Studies Program, May 4, 2015.
- 2015 “Spiritually Bilingual: Buddhist-Christians and the Process of Dual Religious Belonging.” Research and Creative Expression Forum, Santa Clara University, February 21, 2015.
- 2015 “Spiritually Bilingual: Buddhist-Christians and the Process of Dual Religious Belonging.” Santa Clara University Religious Studies Department, February 11, 2015.
- 2014 “Jesus in India: The Persistence of a Popular Myth.” Santa Clara University Religious Studies Department, February 27, 2014.
- 2013 Panelist, “Ethics at Noon: SCU Students & Compassion.” Santa Clara University, Markkula Center for Applied Ethics, November 20, 2013.

Academic Teaching Experience

- 2016 Guest Lecture, “Iconography and Intertextuality in *The Saint John’s Bible* Pentateuch and Historical Books,” for OT 2095: Methods: Pentateuch and Histories, John Endres, Jesuit School of Theology in Berkeley, November 10, 2016.
- 2016 Guest Lecture, “Fred Donner’s ‘Believers’ Hypothesis and Muslim-Christian Dialogue,” for HRBS 4820: Introduction to Quranic Studies, Ghazala Anwar, Starr King School of Ministry, August 24, 2016.
- 2015 Guest Lecture, “*The Saint John’s Bible* and the Psalms,” for OTSP 2503: Psalms, John Endres, Jesuit School of Theology in Berkeley, December 3, 2015.

Religious Education

- 2017 “Joseph for Jews, Christians, and Muslims.” St. Mark’s Episcopal Church, Santa Clara, CA, September 24–November 12 [8 sessions].
- 2017 “Canonical Conversations in *The Saint John’s Bible*.” Diocese of St. Augustine, FL, Summer School of Theology, June 19–23 [5-day seminar].
- 2017 “The Beginner’s Guide to Biblical Hebrew.” St. Mark’s Episcopal Church, Santa Clara, CA, April–August 2017 [16 sessions].
- 2017 “Bible 101: Bible for the Biblically Challenged.” St. Mark’s Episcopal Church, Santa Clara, CA, February–April 2017 [7 sessions].
- 2017 “Scripture Study: Biblical Characters in the Qur’an.” St. Thomas Episcopal Church, Sunnyvale, CA, January 2017 [4 sessions].
- 2017 “Scripture Study: Esther.” St. Mark’s Episcopal Church, Santa Clara, CA, January–February 2017 [5 sessions].
- 2017 “Finding God in Art: *The Saint John’s Bible*.” St. Mark’s Episcopal Church, Palo Alto, CA, January 22, 2017.
- 2016 “Scripture Study: Biblical Justice and *The Saint John’s Bible*.” St. Mark’s Episcopal Church, Santa Clara, CA, November–December 2016 [3 sessions].
- 2016 “What is Interfaith Dialogue?” St. Mark’s Episcopal Church, Santa Clara, CA, September 11, 2016.
- 2016 “Scripture Study: Biblical Characters in Bible and Qur’an.” St. Mark’s Episcopal Church, Santa Clara, CA, September 2016 [4 sessions].
- 2016 “Approaching the Qur’an with Heart and Mind.” Chaplaincy Institute, Berkeley, CA, July 21, 2016.
- 2014 “Pluralism: Christian Responses to Religious Diversity and its Implications for our Concepts of God.” St. Mark’s Episcopal Church, Palo Alto, CA, August 10, 2014.
- 2014 “Christianity and Interreligious Dialogue.” St. Mark’s Episcopal Church Young Adult Group, Palo Alto, CA, April 23, 2014.

Interfaith Panels (through Islamic Networks Group)

- 2017 “Religion and the Environment.” May 22, 2017.
- 2017 “The Children of Abraham: What We Hold in Common.” March 28, 2017.

Lay Preaching

- 2017 St. Mark’s Episcopal Church, Santa Clara, CA, June 11, 2017.
- 2017 St. Mark’s Episcopal Church, Santa Clara, CA, January 15, 2017.

Research Experience/Relevant Employment

- 2017–present Research and Editorial Assistant, NeighborFaith Consultancy (Lucinda Mosher)
- Developed web content of resources related to Christian-Muslim dialogue
 - Copyedited *Building Bridges* publications
- 2015–present Editorial Assistant, *Theological Studies*
- Proofread and formatted articles in accordance with *Chicago Manual of Style*
 - Created and revised *Theological Studies* style guides
 - Created workflow procedures for editing the journal

- 2014–present Research Assistant, Archives & Special Collections, Santa Clara University
- Assisted patrons with research on local, mission, and university history
 - Conducted class visits on *The Saint John's Bible* for courses in theology, scripture, and art history
 - Promoted and presented the Heritage Edition of *The Saint John's Bible* to community groups, campus visitors, and conferences, including the Catholic Biblical Association
 - Co-curated gallery exhibit, *Art Interpreting Scripture: Characters in and Creators of the Bible*
 - Created various LibGuides and information files on various aspects of university history
- 2016–2017 Research Assistant, Kathleen Maxwell, Art History, Santa Clara University
- Helped research for a book on the evolution of the Byzantine Greek Gospel manuscript
 - Prepared bibliography using Zotero
- 2015–2016 Research Assistant, David Pleins, Religious Studies, Santa Clara University
- Typed word lists for a handbook of Biblical Hebrew vocabulary arranged by semantic domains
 - Checked word lists against lexica and lexicographical scholarship of Biblical Hebrew
 - Compiled bibliography of lexicographical scholarship
- 2014–2015 Research Assistant, Catherine Murphy, Religious Studies, Santa Clara University
- Identified scroll fragments for a critical edition of 4QXII^g
 - Compiled appendix of Qumran citations of Minor Prophets
- 2013–2015 Interfaith Ministries Intern, Santa Clara University, Campus Ministry
- Facilitated biweekly interfaith dinner discussions for undergraduates
 - Worked with Religious Studies department, Office of Residential Life, and Office of Multicultural Learning to create interfaith programming
 - Hosted guest speakers, including Rabbi Abraham Skorka and William Cavanaugh

Other Education and Training

- 2017 Interfaith Speakers Bureau certification, Islamic Networks Group, San Jose, CA.
- 2014 Language of the Qur'an 1 and 2, Academy of Qur'anic Linguistics, Santa Clara, CA.
- 2013 "Witness to the World of Jesus: The Life and Times of Flavius Josephus," Lehrhaus Judaica, Berkeley, CA.
- 2010–2012 Scripture Institute, Diocese of Stockton School of Ministry.

Awards and Grants

- 2017 Friedman-Lowenthal Student Essay Prize, Center for Jewish Studies, Graduate Theological Union.
- 2017 Haas Interreligious Research Grant, Center for Islamic Studies and Center for Jewish Studies, Graduate Theological Union.
- 2016 Merit Scholarship for 2016–2017, Jesuit School of Theology.
- 2015 Travel Grant, Center for Art, Religion, and Education, Graduate Theological Union.
- 2015 Merit Scholarship for 2015–2016, Jesuit School of Theology.
- 2015 Walter J. Kropp Prize, Santa Clara University Classics Department.
- 2015 Areté Prize, Santa Clara University Classics Department.

- 2015 Religious Studies Prize, Santa Clara University Religious Studies Department.
2015 Undergraduate Travel Grant for AAR-Pacific Northwest Region, Santa Clara University.
2015 Undergraduate Travel Grant for Medieval Association of the Pacific, Santa Clara University.
2014 Catherine Bell Award, Santa Clara University Religious Studies Department.
2014 Undergraduate Travel Grant for AAR-Western Region, Santa Clara University.

Research Languages

Hebrew: Biblical, Epigraphic, and Qumran (advanced)

Greek: Classical, Koinē (advanced)

Latin: Classical (basic)

Arabic: Modern Standard, Qur'anic (basic)

Professional Memberships

Society of Biblical Literature

International Qur'anic Studies Association

Anglican Association of Biblical Scholars

References

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