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### Education

Th.D. Theology, Harvard Divinity School	2008
M.Div. University of Chicago	2001
A.B. Philosophy, Harvard University	1997

### Academic Appointments

Associate Professor of Early Christian Thought Harvard Divinity School	2012-
Assistant Professor of Early Christian Thought Harvard Divinity School	2008-2012

### Publications

#### Books:

*Apophysis and Pseudonymity in Dionysius the Areopagite: "No Longer I."* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2012).

*The Gnostic Trilogy of Evagrius Ponticus.* Luke Dysinger, Sidney H. Griffith, Joel Kalvesmaki, Charles M. Stang, Columba Stewart, and Robin Darling Young (eds and trans). (New York: Oxford University Press, under contract).

*The Divine Double* (in progress)

#### Edited volumes:

*The Open Body: Essays in Anglican Ecclesiology.* Co-edited with Zachary Guiliano (New York: Peter Lang, 2012).

*Rethinking Dionysius the Areopagite.* Co-edited with Sarah Coakley (Oxford: Wiley-Blackwell, 2009).

*The Waking Dream of T.E. Lawrence: Essays on His Life, Literature, and Legacy* (New York: Palgrave, 2002).

#### Articles, Essays, Book Chapters:

*Forthcoming, Under Review, In Progress*

“Giorgio Agamben and the Return of the Church.” (under review)

“Memory and the Geography of Orthodoxy and Heresy: John Henry Newman and Barhadbeshabbâ.” (under review)

“The ‘Nestorian’ (*jingjiao*) Monument and its Theology of the Cross.” In *Syriac in its Multi-cultural Context*, edited by H. Teule, E. Keser-Kayaalp, K. Akalin, N. Doru, M.S. Toprak, Eastern Christian Studies (Louvain, forthcoming).

“Evagrius of Pontus on the ‘great gift of letters.’” In *Syriac Encounters: Papers presented at the Sixth North American Syriac Symposium Held at Duke University, 26-29 June 2011*, edited by M. Doerfler, E. Fiano, K. Smith, and L. Van Rompay (Peeters, forthcoming).

“A *unus-ambo* anthropology: the Divine Twin in the Gospel of Thomas, the *Cologne Mani Codex*, and Plotinus’ *Enneads*.” In *Gemini and the Sacred: Twins in Religion and Myth*. Kimberley Patton (ed) (I.B. Tauris, forthcoming).

#### *Published*

“Doubting Thomas, Restaged: Between Athens and Berlin.” *Harvard Divinity Bulletin* (Winter/Spring 2013): 41-50.

“Introduction” and “The Beginning and End of All Hierarchy.” In *The Open Body: Essays in Anglican Ecclesiology*, edited by Zachary Guiliano and Charles M. Stang (Peter Lang, 2012) pp. 1-18, 103-124.

“Negative Theology from Gregory of Nyssa to Dionysius the Areopagite.” In *The Wiley-Blackwell Companion to Christian Mysticism*, edited by Julia Lamm (Wiley-Blackwell, 2012), pp. 161-176.

“Writing.” In *The Cambridge Companion to Christian Mysticism*, edited by Amy Hollywood and Patricia Z. Beckman (Cambridge University Press, 2012), pp. 252-263.

“The Two ‘I’s of Christ: Revisiting the Christological Controversy.” *Anglican Theological Review* 94:3 (Summer 2012): 529-547.

“*Nox*, or the Muteness of Things.” *Harvard Divinity Bulletin* 40:1&2 (Winter/Spring 2012): 65-68.

“Ash and Breath: Christ on *The Road*.” *Harvard Divinity Bulletin* 39:1&2 (Winter/Spring 2011): 71-76.

“La herencia cristiana de la teurgia pagana” (“The Christian Inheritance of Pagan Theurgy”). In *De cara al Más Allá: Conflicto, convivencia y asimilación de modelos paganos en el cristianismo antiguo*, edited by Mercedes López Salvá (Libros Portico, 2010), pp. 185-202. English translation, “From the *Chaldean Oracles* to the *Corpus Dionysiacum*: Theurgy between the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> centuries.” *Journal of Late Antique Religion and Culture* 5 (2011): 1-13.

“Digging Holes and Building Pillars: Simeon Stylites and the ‘Geometry’ of Ascetic Practice.” *Harvard Theological Review* 103:4 (2010): 447-470.

“Dionysius, Paul and the Significance of the Pseudonym.” *Modern Theology* 24:4 (2008): 541-555. Reprinted in *Rethinking Dionysius the Areopagite*, edited by Sarah Coakley and Charles M. Stang (Oxford: Wiley-Blackwell, 2009), pp. 11-25.

“Neither Oneself Nor Someone Else’: The Apophatic Anthropology of Dionysius the Areopagite.” In *Apophatic Bodies: Negative Theology, Incarnation, and Relationality* edited by Catherine Keller and Christ Boesel (New York: Fordham University Press, 2009), pp. 59-75.

“The Many Ways of T.E. Lawrence” and “Does Not Care’: Lawrence, Herodotus, and Nietzsche on History.” In *The Waking Dream of T.E. Lawrence: Essays on his Life, Literature, and Legacy*, edited by Charles M. Stang (New York: Palgrave, 2002), pp. 1-15, 25-50.

“Reflections on a Life of Philosophy: Interview with Stanley Cavell.” In *Philosophers in Conversation*, edited by Phineas Upham (New York: Routledge, 2002), pp. 126-138.

### Book Reviews:

Robin Darling Young and Monica J. Blanchard (eds), *To Train His Soul in Books: Syriac Asceticism in Early Christianity* (Washington, DC: Catholic University of America, 2011). In *Vigilae Christianae* 67 (2013): 319-321.

“The Closing of the American Nietzsche.” Review of Jennifer Ratner-Rosenhagen, *American Nietzsche: A History of an Icon and His Ideas* (Chicago: University of Chicago, 2011). In *Commentary* May 2012: 64-66.

Miguel Herrero de Jáuregui, *Orphism and Christianity in Late Antiquity* (Berlin: De Gruyter, 2010). In *Vigilae Christianae* 66:1 (2012): 332-334.

Michael Stuart Williams, *Authorised Lives in Early Christian Biography: Between Eusebius and Augustine* (Cambridge: CUP, 2008). In *Journal of Early Christian Studies* 19:3 (2011).

Rosemary A. Arthur, *Pseudo-Dionysius as Polemicist: The Development and Purpose of the Angelic Hierarchy in Sixth-Century Syria* (Aldershot: Ashgate, 2008). In *Speculum* 86:2 (2011): 459-461.

Benjamin John King, *Newman and the Alexandrian Fathers: Shaping Doctrine in Nineteenth-Century England* (Oxford: OUP, 2009). In *Journal of Early Christian Studies* 18:2 (2010): 339-341.

Christian Schäfer, *The Philosophy of Dionysius the Areopagite* (Leiden: Brill, 2006). In *Journal of Early Christian Studies* 16:1 (2008): 118-120.

Frederick Williams and Lionel Wickham (trans), Gregory of Nazianzus, *On God and Christ: The Five Theological Orations and Two Letters to Cledonius* (Crestwood: SVP, 2002). In *Journal of Early Christian Studies* 12:2 (2004): 249-251.

James S. Cutsinger (ed), *Paths to the Heart: Sufism and the Christian East* (Bloomington, IN: World Wisdom, 2002). In *Anglican Theological Review* 85:2 (Spring 2003): 384-386.

### **Lectures and Presentations**

#### Conference Papers:

“Patristics and Philosophy: Strategies of Retrieval in Jean-Luc Marion and Giorgio Agamben.” Presented at the International Association of Patristic Studies on the theme of “Patristic Studies in the Twentieth-first Century,” at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel (June 27, 2013).

“The Evil That Is Not: Plotinus and Proclus on God and Evil.” Presented at the annual meeting of the North American Patristics Society in Chicago, IL (May 24, 2013).

Opening remarks at the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual New England Anglican Studies Conference, “Contemplation in Action” (April 20, 2012).

“Partitive vs. Univocal Exegesis: are we really ‘beyond’ Alexandria and Antioch?” Presented at the annual meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature in Chicago, IL (November 18, 2012).

Respondent to a panel on “The Philosophy of Evagrius of Pontus.” Presented at the annual meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature in Chicago, IL (November 17, 2012).

“Syriac into Chinese: the Theology of the ‘Nestorian’ (*jingjiao*) Monument.” Presented at the International Syriac Studies Symposium on “Syriac in its Multi-Cultural Context” in Mardin, Turkey (April 19, 2012).

“The Negative Ontology of Evil.” Presented at a conference entitled “After Sin and Evil: Poetry, Philosophy and Theology,” the Van Leer Jerusalem Institute (November 24, 2011).

“Evagrius’ Grammatology: Writing in *The Great Letter*.” Presented at the Sixth North American Syriac Symposium, Duke University (June 28, 2011).

“The Beginning and End of All Hierarchy.” Presented at the New England Anglican Studies Conference, entitled “The Open Body,” Cambridge, MA (April 2, 2011).

“How a ‘Nestorian’ Remembers the Alexandrian and Antiochene Traditions.” Presented at the American Society of Church History Annual Meeting, Boston, MA (January 8, 2011).

“The ‘Twin’ in the Literature of Thomas, Mani, and Plotinus.” Presented at the Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA (November 21, 2010).

“Apophatic Angelology and the Ontology of ‘dissimilar similarities’ in Pseudo-Dionysius” and “Remarks on Jason David Beduhn’s *Augustine’s Manichean Dilemma I*.” Both presented at the North American Patristics Society Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL (May 28, 2010).

“After the Afterlife: Evagrius of Pontus on the *apokatastasis*.” Presented at the Madrid-Harvard Colloquium, “Imagining Other Worlds: Eschatology and Utopia in Ancient Greece and Rome,” Cambridge, MA (May 6, 2010).

“Eros, Ecstasy and Madness: The Apophatic Anthropology of Dionysius the Areopagite.” Presented at the Boston College Historical Theology Colloquy, Boston, MA (July 31, 2009).

“No Longer I’: Rethinking the Pseudonym of the *Corpus Dionysiaca*.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, Boston, MA (November 24, 2008).

“No Longer I’: the Apophatic Anthropology of Dionysius the Areopagite.” Presented at a conference entitled “Apophatic Bodies: Incarnation, Infinity, Ethics,” Drew University (September 30-October 2, 2006).

“Simeon Stylites and the Geometry of Ascetic Practice.” Presented at the North American Patristics Society Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL (May 2006).

“Beneath the Areopagus: Layers of Meaning in the Dionysian Pseudonym.” Presented at the North American Patristics Society Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL (May 2004).

“C.P. Cavafy on Julian the Apostate.” Presented at a conference entitled “Kavafis in Magna Graeca,” University of Catania, Catania, Italy (May 2002).

### Lectures and Talks

“The Divine Double: ‘Twinning’ in the Eastern Christian Tradition.” Presented at the Fourth Annual Conference of the Society of Catholic Priests in North America in Los Angeles, CA (October 11, 2012).

“Writing as a Mystical Practice.” Presented at Università di Napoli l'Orientale in Naples, Italy (March 19, 2012); “The Exile and Return of the Unbegotten God.” Presented at Università di Napoli Federico II in Naples, Italy (March 20, 2012).

“Doubting Thomas, between Athens and Berlin.” The Sternberg Lecture on the Study of Religion, the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel (November 13, 2011).

“Why Eastern Christianity was the first ‘World Religion’: the case of the so-called “Nestorian” or *jingjiao* monument from 8<sup>th</sup> c. China.” Presented at the Department of History and Archaeology of the American University of Beirut, Lebanon (May 24, 2011).

“The Nestorian Monument.” Presented at the Center for the Study of World Religions, Harvard Divinity School (November 17, 2009), and again at the Real Colegio Complutense, Cambridge, MA (February 18, 2010). A revised version, “The Nestorian (*jingjiao*) Stele and the Historiography of Early Christianity,” was presented at the Boston Patristics Group, Harvard Divinity School (December 16, 2010).

“The Christian Inheritance of Pagan Theurgy.” Presented at the Real Colegio Complutense, Cambridge, MA (July 15, 2009).

“The Holy Spirit in the Early Church.” Presented as part of the Lenten Lecture Series, sponsored by the Episcopal Chaplaincy and Memorial Church, Harvard University (February 26, 2009).

“The Flaming Monks of Byzantium.” Presented at the Cross-Cultural Mysticism Workshop, Barker Center for the Humanities, Harvard University (December 2004).

“C.P. Cavafy on Julian the Apostate.” Presented at the Cavafy Museum, Alexandria, Egypt (April 2002)

“T.E. Lawrence and C.P. Cavafy.” Presented at the Columbia Club, New York, NY (June 2001).

“The Bliss of Discipline: Thoreau and Epicurus.” Presented at the National Arts Center, New York, NY (February 2000) and again at Athens College, Athens, Greece (March 2000).

### Awards and Fellowships

Manfred Lautenschläger Award for Theological Promise, 2013

Outstanding Teacher of the Year, Harvard Divinity School, 2011

Golda Meir Post-Doctoral Research Fellowship, Hebrew University (Jerusalem), 2011-2012

NEH Fellowship at the W.F. Albright Institute of Archaeological Research in Jerusalem, 2011-12  
(declined)  
Faculty Research Grant, Collaboration with Max Deeg (Cardiff University), Center for the Study of  
World Religions, Harvard Divinity School, 2010-2011 (with James Robson, EALC)  
Faculty Research Grant, “Christianity along the Silk Road,” Center for the Study of World Religions,  
Harvard Divinity School, 2009-2010  
Dean’s Fellowship, Harvard Divinity School, 2007-08  
Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship (Arabic), US Department of Education, 2004-05,  
2005-06, 2006-07  
Certificate of Distinction in Teaching, Harvard University, 2004, 2005  
Episcopal Church Foundation Doctoral Fellowship, 2002-2005  
Rotary Ambassadorial Scholarship, 2001-2002  
J. Rylaarsdam Prize, University of Chicago, 2001  
Schloerb Scholarship, University of Chicago, 1998-2001  
Annenberg Fellowship, Eton College (Windsor, England), 1997-1998

### **Courses**

Origen and Evagrius (Fall 2012)  
Negative Theology (Spring 2011) – co-taught with Mark Jordan  
Thomas Literature in Early Christianity (Fall 2010) – co-taught with Giovanni Bazzana  
Augustine and His Heretics (Spring 2010, Spring 2013)  
Christianity along the Silk Road (Spring 2010)  
Early Christian Thought 1: The Greek Tradition (Fall 2008, Fall 2010, Fall 2012)  
Early Christian Thought 2: The Latin Tradition (Spring 2009, Spring 2013)  
Classics of Syriac Christian Literature (Fall 2008)  
The Mystical Theology of Dionysius the Areopagite (Spring 2009, Spring 2011)  
Elementary Syriac (Summer 2008)

### **Professional Societies and Other Affiliations**

Advisory Board, *Journal of Early Christian Studies*  
Associate Editor, *Harvard Theological Review*  
Advisory Board, *Guide to Evagrius Ponticus*, Joel Kalvesmaki (ed): [www.evagriusponticus.net](http://www.evagriusponticus.net)  
Faculty Associate, Weatherhead Center for International Affairs (Harvard University)  
Member, American Academy of Religion  
Member, Society of Biblical Literature  
Member, North American Patristics Society  
Member, Beth Mardutho: The Syriac Institute  
Member, American Society of Church History

Peer reviewer for journals: *Journal of Early Christian Studies* (5x), *Modern Theology* (3x), *Harvard Theological Review* (3x), *Dumbarton Oaks Papers* (1x), *Journal of Early Christian History* (1x)

Manuscript/proposal review: Oxford University Press (1x), Acumen Press (1x)

### **University Service**

Search Committee for Warren and Bartlett Chairs, 2012-2013  
Internal Review to Associate (G. Bazzana), 2012-13  
Standing Committee on Medieval Studies (FAS), 2012-  
Faculty Council (elected), Harvard Divinity School, 2010-11

Search Committee for Watson Chair, 2010-2011  
Selection Committee, Women's Studies in Religion Program, 2009-10  
Admissions, Harvard Divinity School, 2008-09  
Language Advisory Committee, 2008-09, 2012-13

**Languages**

Reading knowledge of Greek, Latin, Arabic, Syriac, Coptic (elementary), German and French