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Curriculum Vitae

Religion Department

Augustana College

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# TEACHING EXPERIENCE

###### **Augustana College**

Current Associate Professor of Religion

2009-14 Assistant Professor of Religion

Courses taught: Jesus of Nazareth, Christian Origins, Christian Scriptures, Early Church Controversies, Introduction to Religion, Key Moments in Church History, Interpreting the Bible, Theorizing Religion, Masculinity in American Culture, Seeking Logos: Science and Theology

###### **University of Notre Dame**

2007-09 Visiting Assistant Professor of Theology

Courses taught: Foundations of Theology, Inspiration and Revelation

Fall 2006 Adjunct Assistant Professor of Theology

Course taught: Foundations of Theology

2002 Instructor of Theology

Course taught: Foundations of Theology

Indiana University South Bend

Spring 2006-07 Adjunct Associate Professor of Philosophy/ Religious Studies

Courses taught: Introduction to the New Testament, Introduction to Western Religions, Religion and American Culture

Fall 2005 Associate Faculty of English

Courses taught: English Writing 130

# EDUCATION

**University of Notre Dame**

2005 PhD. Christianity and Judaism in Antiquity.

Exam fields: New Testament, Early Church, Early Judaism, Hebrew Bible

Dissertation: Gathered around Jesus: An Alternative Spatial Practice in the Gospel of Mark

Director: Jerome H. Neyrey, S. J.

## Claremont School of Theology

1997 M. A. Theological Studies. Primary field: New Testament.

Thesis: The Emperor Cult, Christians and Philosophers: The *Acts of Peter* 11 and the *Life of Apollonius* 4.20

## Pacific Lutheran University

1995 B. A. *cum laude*. Major: Religion. Minors: Greek and Psychology.

# PUBLICATIONS

###### **Books**

*Peter: First-Generation Member of the Jesus Movement*. Paul’s Social Network: Brothers & Sisters in Faith. Collegeville, MN: Michael Glazier, 2012.

*Gathered Around Jesus: An Alternative Spatial Practice in the Gospel of Mark*. Matrix: The Bible in Mediterranean Context 6. Eugene, OR: Cascade Books, 2009.

Reviews

Halvor Moxnes in [*Biblical Theology Bulletin*](http://btb.sagepub.com/content/40/3/176.full.pdf+html) 40 (2010) 176-77

Christopher Markou on [Sheffield Biblical Studies website](http://web.archive.org/web/20101013065919/http:/sheffieldbiblicalstudies.wordpress.com/2010/10/08/review-of-stweart-gathered-around-jesus-by-markou/)

Elizabeth Struthers Malbon in [*Review of Biblical Literature*](http://bookreviews.org/pdf/7638_8355.pdf)

Thomas M. Anderson in [*Religious Studies Review*](http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/rsr.12035_9/pdf)39.2 (2013) 109-10.

Kent E. Brower in *Journal for the Study of the New Testament* 33.5 (2011) 56-57.

###### **Books Edited**

With Jerome H. Neyrey, S. J. *The Social World of the New Testament: Insights and Models*. Peabody, MA: Hendrickson Press, 2008.

Reviews

Heather McKay in [*Review of Biblical Literature*](http://www.bookreviews.org/pdf/6883_7456.pdf) 6 (2009)

Matthew R. Hauge in [*Religious Studies Review*](http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/j.1748-0922.2010.01427_4.x/pdf) 36.2 (2010) 147-48

David Fiensy in *Catholic Biblical Quarterly* 71.3 (2009) 694-96

Markus Cromhout in *Neotestamentica* 44.1 (2010) 191-96

Pheme Perkins in [*Biblical Theology Bulletin*](http://btb.sagepub.com/content/40/2/118.short) 40 (2010) 118

Matthew R. Hauge in [*Religious Studies Review*](http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/j.1748-0922.2010.01427_4.x/pdf)36.2 (2010) 147-48

Susan Docherty in [*Irish Theological Quarterly*](http://itq.sagepub.com/content/76/3/304.full.pdf) 76.3 (2011) 304-6

With Zeba A. Crook and Anselm Hagedorn, *In Other Words: Essays on Social Science Methods and the New Testament in Honor of Jerome H. Neyrey, S. J.* The Social World of Biblical Antiquity, Second Series 1. Sheffield: Sheffield Phoenix Press. 2007.

Reviews

David Horrell in [*Journal for the Study of the New Testament*](http://jnt.sagepub.com/content/31/5/7.full.pdf) 31.5 (2009) 20-21

Ritva Williams in *Catholic Biblical Quarterly* 70 (2008) 882-884

###### **Articles**

“BTB Reader’s Guide: Masculinity in the New Testament and Early Christianity.” *Biblical Theology Bulletin* 46.2 (2016) 91-102. *DOI:* 10.1177/0146107916639211

“AAR Review Essay Roundtable: Gospel Writing, Mythmaking and Christians Origins.” *Journal of the American Academy of Religion* 83.3 (2015) 846-851. *DOI:* 10.1093/jaarel/lfv036

“Sending a Boy to do a Man’s Job: Hegemonic Masculinity and the ‘Boy’ Jesus in the *Infancy Gospel of Thomas*.” *Hervormde Teologiese Studies* 71.1 (2015). *DOI: 10.4102/hts.v71i1.2817*

“BTB Readers’ Guide: New Testament Space/Spatiality,” in *Biblical Theology Bulletin* 42.3 (2012) 139-150. *DOI: 10.1177/0146107912452245*

###### “I’m Okay, You’re Not Okay: Constancy of Character and Paul’s Understanding of Change in His Own and Peter’s Behaviour,” in Hervormde Teologiese Studies 67.3 (2011). DOI: 10.4102/hts.v67i3.1002

**Book chapters**

“The Social and Historical Context of the Greco-Roman World,” in *Anselm Companion to the New Testament*. Corrine L. Carvalho, editor. Winona, MN: Anselm Academic (2014) 135-47.

“The Social and Historical Context of the Greco-Roman World,” in *Anselm Companion to the Bible*. Corrine L. Carvalho, editor. Winona, MN: Anselm Academic (2014) 255-67.

“The Social Context of the Bible,” in *Anselm Academic Study Bible*. Carolyn Osiek, RSCJ, general editor. Winona, MN: Anselm Academic (2013) 33-38.

“Social Stratification and Patronage in Ancient Mediterranean Societies,” in *The Cultural World of the New Testament*. Edited by Dietmar Neufeld and Richard E. DeMaris. New York: Routledge (2010) 156-166.

“Afterword,” in *The Social World of the New Testament: Insight and Models*, 2008: 277-278.

“The City in Mark,” in *In Other Words: Essays on Social Science Methods and the New Testament in Honor of Jerome H. Neyrey, S. J.* 2007: 202-220.

With David E. Aune, “From the Idealized Past to the Imaginary Future: The Theme of Restoration in Jewish Apocalyptic Literature,” in *Restoration: Old Testament, Jewish, and* *Christian Perspectives*. Edited by James M. Scott. Leiden: Brill. 2001: 147-177.

###### **Dictionary entries**

“Wither,” and “Withered Fig Tree,” in *The New Interpreters Dictionary of the Bible*. Edited by Katharine Doob Sakenfeld, et al. Nashville: Abingdon, 2009. vol. 5: 875.

“Alexander (Son of Simon of Cyrene),” in *The New Interpreters Dictionary of the Bible*.  *A-C*. Edited by Katharine Doob Sakenfeld, et al. Nashville: Abingdon, 2006. vol. 1: 98.

“Cebes, Tabula,” in David E. Aune, *The Westminster Dictionary of New Testament and Early Christian Literature and Rhetoric*. Louisville: Westminster John Knox, 2003: 91.

“Philostratus,” in David E. Aune, *The Westminster Dictionary of New Testament and Early Christian Literature and Rhetoric*. Louisville: Westminster John Knox, 2003: 360-361.

###### **Reviews**

Review of James Crossley, *Jesus in an Age of Neoliberalism: Quests, Scholarship, Ideology* in *Journal of the American Academy of Religion* 84.1 (2016) 269-71. doi: 10.1093/jaarel/lfv125

Review of Philip Harland (ed.), *Travel and Religion in Antiquity* (Waterloo, ON: Wilfred Laurier Press, 2011) in *Biblical Theology Bulletin* 45.1 (2015) 62-63.

Review of Sharon Betsworth, *The Reign of God is Such as These: A Socio-Literary Analysis of Daughters in the Gospel of Mark* (New York, NY: Continuum, 2010) in *Biblical Theology Bulletin* 43.3 (2013) 169-170.

Review of Susan Sorek, *Remembered for Good: A Jewish Benefaction System in Ancient Palestine* (Sheffield: Sheffield Phoenix, 2010) in *Biblical Theology Bulletin* 42 (2012) 214-215. DOI: 10.1177/0146107912461877.

Review of Seth Schwartz, *Were the Jews a Mediterranean Society? Reciprocity and Solidarity in Ancient Judaism* (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2010) in *Journal of the American Academy of Religion* 79.3 (2011) 774-776. DOI: 10.1093/jaarel/lfr032

Review of Cornelia B. Horn and Robert R. Phenix, eds., *Children in Late Ancient Christianity*. Studien und Texte zu Antike und Christentum 58 (Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, 2009) in *Biblical Theology Bulletin* 41.3 (2011) 172-173.

Review of Karen J. Wenell, *Jesus and Land: Sacred and Social Space in Second Temple Judaism*. Library of New Testament Studies 334 (London: T&T Clark, 2007) in *Biblical Theology Bulletin* 40 (2010) 164-165.

Review of Ben Witherington III, *The Letters to Philemon, the Colossians, and the Ephesians: A Socio-Rhetorical Commentary on the Captivity Epistles* (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2007) in *Biblical Theology Bulletin* 40 (2010): 52-54.

Review of John H. Elliott, *Conflict, Community and Honor: 1 Peter in Social-Scientific Perspective* (Eugene: Cascade Books, 2007) in *Biblical Theology Bulletin* 39 (2009) 106-107.

Review of Thomas R. Hatina, ed., *Biblical Interpretation in Early Christian Gospels. Vol. 1: The Gospel of Mark*. Library of New Testament Studies 304 (London: T & T Clark, 2006) in *Biblical Theology Bulletin* 39 (2009) 54-55.

Review of Blake Shipp, *Paul the Reluctant Witness: Power and Weakness in Luke’s Portrayal* (Eugene: Cascade Books, 2005) in *Biblical Theology Bulletin* 38 (2008) 145-146*.*

Review of Ritva H. Williams, *Stewards, Prophets, Keepers of the Word: Leadership in the Early Church* (Peabody: Hendrickson, 2006) in *Biblical Theology Bulletin* 37 (2007) 189-190.

Review of Peter Balla, *The Child-Parent Relationship in the New Testament and its Environment* (Peabody: Hendrickson, 2003) in *Biblical Theology Bulletin* 37 (2007) 140-141.

Review of Magnus Zetterholm, *The Formation of Christianity in Antioch: A Social-Scientific Approach to the Separation between Judaism and Christianity*. Routledge Early Church Monographs (London: Routledge, 2003) in [*Review of Biblical Literature*](http://www.bookreviews.org/pdf/4125_4955.pdf) (2006)

Review of Philip F. Esler, *New Testament Theology: Communion and Community* (Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 2005) in *Biblical Theology Bulletin* 36 (2006) 140-141.

Review of I. Howard Marshall, *New Testament Theology: Many Witnesses, One Gospel* (Downer’s Grove, Ill.: InterVarsity Press, 2004) in *Biblical Theology Bulletin* 36 (2006) 40-41.

**Work in Progress**

“We’ll Make a Man out of You Yet: Peter’s Masculinity in the Acts of the Apostles.” To be published in a special issue of *Hervormde Teologiese Studies* in 2016

“Space/Gendered Space.” To be published in *The Ancient Mediterranean Social World* from Eerdmans

“Wronging a Rite: The Trial and Death of Jesus as Failed Ritual in the *Paradosis Pilatou*.” To be published in a special issue of *Neotestamentica* on “Ritual and/in the New Testament” in 2017

#### PRESENTATIONS

**Professional Presentations**

*Papers*

“Space, Place, and Lived Experience in Antiquity: Retrospect and Prospect.” SBL Space, Place, and Lived Experience in Antiquity Section. Atlanta, GA. November 2015.

“Wronging a Rite: Reading Jesus’ Trial before Pilate as a Failed Ritual.” The Social-Scientific Interpretation of the Bible. The International Centre for Biblical Interpretation. University of Gloucestershire Cheltenham. Cheltenham, UK. June 2015.

“Sending a Boy to do a Man’s Job: Hegemonic Masculinity and the ‘Boy’ Jesus in the *Infancy Gospel of Thomas*.” International Meeting of the Context Group. Faculty of the Theology. University of Stellenbosch. Stellenbosch, South Africa. July 2014.

“Space/Place/Gendered Space.” Annual Meeting of the Context Group. Portland, OR. March 2014.

“Negotiating Identities: Marginal Spaces in the Gospel of Mark.” Social Scientific Criticism Section. Society of Biblical Literature. Baltimore, MD. November 2013.

“Where are the Spaces of Social Justice? Utopia vs. Lived Space.” St. Ambrose Conference on Bible and Justice. St. Ambrose University. Davenport, IA. May 2013.

“Space and Place in Early Christianity.” Celebration of Scholarship. Augustana College. Rock Island, IL. February, 2013.

“Control of Information in Social Networks: Examples from the Early Jesus Movement.” The Context Group & NordForsk Meeting. Helsinki-Järvenpää, Finland. June 2012.

“Information Control in Social Networks in the Eastern Roman Empire in the First and Second Centuries CE.” Augustana College Faculty Research Forum. April, 2012.

"Information Control in the Jesus Movements: Gossip, Espionage, and Surveillance.” Annual Meeting of the Context Group. Portland, OR. March 2012.

“I’m Okay, You’re Not Okay: Constancy of Character and Paul’s Understanding of Change in His Own and Peter’s Behavior.” International Meeting of the Context Group. University of Pretoria. Pretoria, South Africa. August 2, 2010.

Panelist for review of David A. Sánchez, *From Patmos to the Barrio: Subverting Imperial Myths* (Minneapolis: Fortress, 2008). Sociey of Biblical Literature, John’s Apocalypse and Cultural Context Ancient and Modern Section. New Orleans, LA. November 21, 2009.

“Mark and Geography.” Paper presented to the Christianity and Judaism in Antiquity Colloquium, University of Notre Dame. October 2001.

“Jesus and Cynicism: Weighing the Evidence.” Paper presented to the Northwest Region of the Society of Biblical Literature. Portland, OR. March 1995.

*Responses*

Response to Andries van Aarde, “‘By Faith Alone’ in Light of Change Agency Theory: Jesus, Paul, and the Jesus-Group in Colossae.” 30th Annual Meeting of the Context Group. Portland, OR, March 2016.

Response to John Kloppenborg, “Luke’s Geography: Knowledge, Ignorance, Sources, and Spatial Conception.” Annual Meeting of the Context Group. Hiawatha, IA. March 2015.

Response to Erin Vearncombe, “Dress, Materiality and the Ubiquity of the Cloak in the Gospel of Mark.” Annual Meeting of the Context Group, Pickering, Ontario. March 2013.

Response to Ernest Van Eck, “*Social memory and identity: Luke 19:12b-24 and 27*.” Annual Meeting of the Context Group. Hiawatha, IA. March 2011.

Response to Dennis C. Duling, “Matthew and the Emergence of Social Scientific Criticism.” Annual Meeting of the Context Group. Portland, OR. March, 2010.

Response to Dennis C. Duling, “Ethnicity and Paul’s Letter to the Romans.” Annual Meeting of the Context Group. Stella Niagara, NY. March 2009.

Response to Steven Muir, “The Anti-Imperial Rhetoric of Heb 1:3: *charakter* as a “Double-Edged Sword.” Annual Meeting of the Context Group. Ashton, PA. March 2007.

Response to Richard E. DeMaris, “Jesus Jettisoned: The Marcan Passion Narrative through a Ritual Lens.” Annual Meeting of the Context Group. Portland, OR. March 2006.

Response to Dennis Duling, “Social Memory and the Empty Tomb.” Annual Meeting of the Context Group. Portland, OR. March 2006.

Response to Jerome H. Neyrey, S. J., “God, Benefactor &/or Patron in Antiquity: An Apt Interpretive Model.” Annual Meeting of the Context Group. Ashton, PA. March 2003.

**Teaching and Learning Presentations**

“A Work Not Yet Complete: Leadership and the Liberal Arts.” Keynote Address for the Omicron Delta Kappa Initiation Ceremony. Augustana College. March 13, 2016.

“Brief Remarks on the Liberal Arts.” Panel on Developing our Shared Narrative Across the College. Augustana College. October 16, 2015.

“Making Responsible and Ethical Choices.” To the members of the Beta Omega Sigma fraternity. Augustana College. Rock Island, IL. April 7, 2015.

“Scholar Athletes: Supporting the Success of our Student Athletes.” Member of a panel with Provost and Academic Dean Pareena Lawrence, Athletic Director Mike Zapolski, and Representative to the Athletics Committee Professor John Delaney. Augustana College Faculty Retreat. Rock Island, IL. August 18, 2014.

“Engaging the Issue: Male Students, Masculinity, and Advising.” With Jennifer Popple, Theater Department, and Vicki Sommer, Sociology Department. Augustana College Advising Academy. Rock Island, IL. April, 2014.

“Engaged Pedagogies: Service Learning in a Christian Scriptures Course and *Reacting to the Past* in Christian Origins.” Augustana Board of Trustees Retreat. Chicago, IL. January, 2014.

“Faculty Showcase: Technology in the Classroom.” Blended Learning Boot Camp. Augustana College. Rock Island, IL. May 22, 2013.

**Other Presentations**

“What’s a Man to Do? Masculinity in Early Christianity.” St. Paul Lutheran Church. Davenport, IA. May 8, 2016.

“Women and Men in Early Christianity.” CommUniversity. St. Ambrose University. Davenport, IA. February, 2016.

“Slavery in Early Christianity.” Panel on Social Justice in Antiquity. Augustana College Symposium Scoial Justice Symposium Day. January 20, 2016.

“The Death and Resurrection of Jesus.” With Jason Mahn. CommUniversity. St. Ambrose University. Davenport, IA. February, 2015.

“Identity and Ethnicity in Multi-ethnic Families.” With Mike Egan, Department of Education, Mamata Marme, Department of Business Administration, and Chris Marme, Department of Economics. Augustana College Symposium Day. September 24, 2014.

“Early Christianity and Empire: Resistance, Rejection, Accommodation, Assimilation.” St. Paul Lutheran Church, Davenport, IA. May 12, 2013.

“Should Ethicists Use the Bible?” Augustana Center for the Study Ethics Community Lecture Series, Augustana College. Rock Island, IL. October 3, 2012.

“Other Acts: Imagining the Disciples in the Second and Third Centuries.” St. Paul Lutheran Church. Davenport, IA. September 16, 2012.

“Jesus said What? Stories about Jesus Outside the New Testament.” St. Paul Lutheran Church. Davenport, IA. September 9, 2012.

“What Have we to Learn from the Early Christians?” First Congregational Church United Church of Christ. Moline, IL. March 10, 2010.

**GRANTS AWARDED**

William F. Freistat Center Travel Award, Augustana College, 2015.

Augustana College Community Engagement Center, Service-Learning Course Development Grant, 2012.

William F. Freistat Center Travel Award, Augustana College, 2012.

Augustana College Center for Vocation Reflection, Reflection Course Grant, 2012.

William F. Freistat Center Travel Award, Augustana College, 2010.

LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY

Ancient languages: Greek, Hebrew, Latin, Coptic, Aramaic

Modern languages: French, German

## PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES/GROUPS

Catholic Biblical Association, 1997-Present

International Context Group, 1996-Present

Society of Biblical Literature, 1996-Present

**SERVICE**

**Academy**

Book Review Editor, *Biblical Theology Bulletin*, 2013-Present

Editorial board, *Journal of the American Academy of Religion* 2013-Present

Steering committee, Social-Scientific Criticism of the New Testament Section, Society of Biblical Literature, 2013-Present

Executive Secretary for the International Context Group, 2005-Present

External examiner for Ph.D. dissertation for the Biblical Studies Department of the University of Pretoria, South Africa, 2015. Dissertation title: “Jewish Scholarship on the Resurrection of Jesus.”

External examiner for Ph.D. dissertation for the Biblical Studies Department of the University of Pretoria, South Africa, 2010. Dissertation title: “Who is the Christ? Leadership and Conflict in Luke 9:18-22: A Social-Scientific and Narratological Analysis from an African Perspective.”

Editorial reviewer for articles for *Hervormde Teologiese Studies/HTS*, *Biblical Theology Bulletin*, *Transformations: The Journal of Inclusive Scholarship and Pedagogy*, and *Teaching Theology & Religion*

**Augustana College**

Co-Director, Augustana College Honors Program, Fall 2014-Present

Acting Chair, Religion Department, January-February 2016

Advisory board for Center for Faculty Enrichment, 2015-16

Search Committee Chair, Bergendoff Fellowship, 2014-15

Advisory board for the Women’s and Gender Studies Program, 2013-Present

First Year Advisor, 2010-11, 2013-15

Faculty advisor to Zeta Phi Kappa sorority, 2014-15

Acting Chair, Religion Department, Spring 2014

Search Committee Chair, Bergendoff Fellowship, 2013-14

Faculty Senate, 2013-14

Faculty Development Working Group, 2012-13

Division representative to Greek Faculty Liaison Committee, 2010-Present

Division representative to Faculty Research Committee, 2011-Present

Chair of Committee, 2013-Present

Working board for the Women’s and Gender Studies Program, 2011-2013

Member of three search committees for the Religion Department, 2011, 2012, 2013

Division representative to Library and Bookstore Committee, 2010-2012

Assistant Men’s Soccer Coach 2010-2014

Travel to Trinidad and Tobago with team as assistant coach/faculty mentor in summer 2014

Discussion leader for Augustana Center for Teaching and Learning reading groups of Daniel T. Willingham’s *Why Don’t Students Like School?*, Susan A. Ambrose, et al., *How Learning Works*, and Ken Bain, *What the Best Teachers Do*, 2009-2011

Assistant Women’s Soccer Coach, Fall 2009

**University of Notre Dame**

Faculty Fellow for Knott Residence Hall, 2007-2008

Teaching and research assistant to Jerome H. Neyrey, 1998-2001