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Education

Ph.D. in New Testament & Early Christianity, St Mary's University, Twickenham, 2023

Dissertation: "The Birth and Death of the PreMarkan Passion Narrative: A History of Form Criticism's Most Assured Result"

Certificate in Theological German, Johannes Gutenberg-Universität Mainz, Mainz Germany, 2017

M.A., New Testament, Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, Deerfield, IL, 2016

Thesis: "Did Luke Know Matthew? A Source Critical Study of the Sermon on the Plain"

B.A., Biblical Studies & the History of Ideas, The College at Southeastern, Wake Forest, NC, 2008

Experience:

Research Fellow, Institute for Biblical Exegesis and Theology, University of Münster

January 2024–March 2024

Project: History of Synoptic Gospel and Historical Jesus Scholarship

Publications:

Monographs

The Birth and Death of the PreMarkan Passion Narrative: A History of Form Criticism's Most Assured Result. WUNT II/608. Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, 2024.

Articles and Chapters in Multi-Author Volumes

"The International Reception of Rudolf Schnackenburg's Johannine Scholarship," in *Innovation und Exegesis*, ed. Wolfgang Grünstäudl. History of Biblical Exegesis. Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, forthcoming.

"Rewriting the History of Scholarship," Pages 32–48 in *The Next Quest for the Historical Jesus*. Edited by Chris Keith and James Crossley. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2024.

"The Quest for the Historical Jesus, 2000–2023." *Journal for the Study of the Historical Jesus* 21.1–2 (2023): 75–161.

"Gerhard Kittel and His Septuagint Specialist Georg Bertram," pages 201–14 in *Auf dem Weg zu einer Biographie Gerhard Kittel (1888–1948)*. Edited by Lukas Bormann and Arie W. Zwiep. History of Biblical Exegesis 3. Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, 2022.

"Translation, Paraphrase, and Hidden Attribution: R. H. Lightfoot's Problematic Use of German Scholarship." *New Testament Studies* 66.4 (2020): 601–29.

Translations

Adolf von Harnack, *The Didache: Prologemena*. Translated by Jacob N. Cerone and Brandon Massey. Edited by Jacob N. Cerone. Classic Studies on the Apostolic Fathers. Eugene: Wipf & Stock, forthcoming.

Conference Presentations:

“‘Occasional Traces of the 1930–45 Situation’: The Controversy over the English Translation of the *Theological Dictionary of the New Testament*.” Paper presented at the Chicago Society for Biblical Research, Chicago, IL. September 17, 2024.

“Intellectual History, the History of Ideas, Social History, and the History of Jesus Research.” Paper presented at the Rewriting Jesus Conference at Westfälische Wilhelms-Universität Münster. September 27, 2024.

“Editorial Fatigue and the Construction of the Lukan Passion Narrative.” Paper presented at the Midwest Regional Meeting for Biblical Studies, South Bend, IN. March 16, 2024.

“Redescribing the PreMarkan Passion Narrative(s) after the Death of Form Criticism.” Paper read in absentia by James Barker at the Interrelations of the Gospels section of the SBL Annual meeting. November 2023.

“The International Reception of Rudolf Schnackenburg’s Johannine Scholarship.” Paper presented at the Innovation und Exegesis conference at Institut für Biblische Exegese und Theologie, Westfälische Wilhelms-Universität Münster. May 12, 2023.

“The Persistence of Antisemitism in New Testament Studies.” Paper at the Redescribing Christian Origins section of the SBL Annual Meeting, November 21, 2022.

“The PreMarkan Passion Narrative after the Death of Form Criticism.” Paper presented at the SBL Midwest Meeting, Virtual. February 5, 2022.

“Georg Bertram, Antisemitism, and the Septuagint in the *Theological Dictionary of the New Testament*.” Paper presented at the SBL Mid-Atlantic Regional Meeting, Virtual. March 15, 2021.

“The Crisis of Fordism and the Return of the Apocalyptic Jesus.” Paper presented at the Apocalypticism and Millenarian Movements in the Ancient World Conference at the Centre for the Study of Apocalyptic and Millenarian Movements, Virtual. August 5, 2020.

“‘Your Father Who Sees in Secret’: Jesus and Surveillance Capitalism.” Paper accepted to “The Neoliberal State Reconsidered: Risk, Surveillance, and the Future of Global Capitalism,” Northwestern Historical Social Science Conference, Chicago, IL. April 10, 2020. Conference cancelled due to COVID-19.

“Translation, Paraphrase, and Hidden Attribution: R. H. Lightfoot’s Problematic Use of German Scholarship.” Paper presented at the annual SBL Midwest Meeting, South Bend, IN. February 8, 2020.

“Fordism and Form Criticism: The Means of Production and the Production of the Gospels.” Paper presented at the Historical Jesus section at the Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, San

Diego, CA. November 24, 2019.

“Form Criticism in an Era of Mass Production: Standardized Parts and Pure Literary Forms.” Paper presented at the annual Bible, Critical Theory, and Reception Seminar, Birmingham, UK. August 9, 2019.

“Johannes Weiß and the Inauguration of the Quest for the PreMarkan Passion Narrative.” Paper presented at the annual SBL Midwest Meeting, South Bend, IN. February 10, 2019.

Service:

Peer review for *Journal for the Study of the Historical Jesus*

Co-Organizer for the conference “Rewriting Jesus: Forgotten Pasts and Possible Futures.” Held 26–28 September 2024 at Universität Münster.

Awards:

2020 SBL Midwest Graduate Student Paper Award for “Translation, Paraphrase, and Hidden Attribution: R. H. Lightfoot’s Problematic Use of German Scholarship”

2017 Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst, Grant for tuition, travel, and accommodation for German and Theology Summer School at Johannes Gutenberg-Universität Mainz

2009–11 Leadership Scholarship, Trinity Evangelical Divinity School

2009–11 Dean’s List Scholarship, Trinity Evangelical Divinity School

Research Languages

Greek, Hebrew, German

Professional Affiliations

Society of Biblical Literature

British New Testament Society

North American Society for the Study of Christian Apocryphal Literature

Chicago Society for Biblical Research

Rudolf Bultmann Gesellschaft für Hermeneutische Theologie