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Affiliate Professor of Old Testament and Biblical Theology

Director, Master of Arts in Counseling & Master of Arts in Theological Studies

EDUCATION

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| 2025 | The Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C.
Ph.D., Semitic and Egyptian Languages and Literatures
Dissertation: Biblical Canon in the Syriac World: Authority and Transmission
Adviser: Nathan Tilley, Ph.D. |
| 2019 | The Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C.
M.A., Semitic and Egyptian Languages and Literatures |
| 2017 | Westminster Theological Seminary, Glenside, PA
M.Div., General Studies |
| 2013 | Wake Forest University, Winston-Salem, NC
B.A., Philosophy
Thesis: Abraham Kuyper and the Founders: Sphere Sovereignty and the Declaration of Independence
Adviser: Robert Utley, Ph.D. |

PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATES

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| 2025 | Harvard Business School, Credential of Readiness (CRe) <ul style="list-style-type: none">Completed CRe in Financial Accounting, Business Analytics, and Economics for Managers |
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ACADEMIC, PROFESSIONAL, & MINISTRY EXPERIENCE

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| 2026 – Present | Director, MAC & MATS, Westminster Theological Seminary, Glenside, PA |
| 2026 – Present | Affiliate Professor of Old Testament & Biblical Theology, Westminster Theological Seminary, Glenside, PA |
| 2025 – 2026 | Adjunct Professor of Old Testament & Biblical Theology, Westminster Theological Seminary, Glenside, PA |
| 2024 – 2026 | Director, Master of Arts in Theological Studies, Westminster Theological Seminary, Glenside, PA |
| 2022 – 2023 | Director of Career Development and Professional Networking, The Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C. |
| 2020 – 2022 | Associate Director of Employer Engagement and Career Programming, The Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C. |
| 2019 – 2020 | Employer Relations Manager, The Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C. |

2018 – 2019	Graduate Research Assistant, The Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C.
2016 – 2017	Bookstore Associate (Accounts Payable), WTSbooks.com, Horsham, PA
2013 – 2016	Office and Property Manager, Seven Mile Road Church, Philadelphia, PA
2015 – 2016	Challenge I (9 th Grade) Director, Classical Conversations, Willow Grove, PA
2014	Project Manager, Bombay Teen Challenge, Philadelphia, PA
2014	Project Manager, Interserve USA, Upper Darby, PA

COURSES TAUGHT

Spring 2026	Adjunct Faculty, Westminster Theological Seminary (BT 101: Bible Survey)
Fall 2022	Lecturer, The Catholic University of America (BUS 499: Career Discernment IV)
Summer 2021, 2022	Adjunct Faculty, The Catholic University of America (SEM 553: Accelerated Basic Syriac; SEM 631: Syriac Literature I)
Spring 2020, Fall 2021	Adjunct Faculty, The Catholic University of America (BUS 399: Career Discernment III)
Fall 2019 – Spring 2021	Lecturer, The Catholic University of America (BUS 199: Career Discernment I)

ARTICLES

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- “Counting Scripture: Stichometry and the Shape of the Syriac Bible,” in *Proceedings of The Bible in Middle Eastern Manuscript Traditions Workshop, 22–24 April 2026 in Rome, Italy*. DeGruyter. Forthcoming 2027.
- “Jacob of Edessa’s Biblical Translation and BL Add. 14,441,” in *Handbook of Biblical Manuscripts* Edited by Andrés Piquer Otero and Pablo Torijano Morales. *Textual History of the Bible Handbooks*. Brill. Forthcoming 2026.
- “Leveraging Industry Expertise to Prepare Alumni for Tomorrow’s Workforce,” *Alumni Career Services Network* White Paper. October 2023.

INVITED LECTURES

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- “Scribes, Kings, and Caves: Memories of the History of Biblical Texts in Syriac Traditions,” The Catholic University of America Hyvernath Fellowship Lecture, March 23, 2022
- “Dionysius Bar Šalībī’s *Commentary on Luke*: A Case Study for Linguistic Diversity,” Graduate Workshop on Diversity in the Medieval Middle East, Oklahoma State University, May 18–22, 2020

CONFERENCE PAPERS

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- “Counting Scripture: Stichometry and the Shape of the Syriac Bible,” The Bible in Middle Eastern Manuscript Traditions, April 22–24, 2026, Rome, Italy.
- “Canonical Considerations in the Works of Jacob of Edessa,” 13e Symposium Syriacum et 11e Congrès d’Etudes Arabes Chrétiennes, July 4–9, 2022, Paris, France.

“Which Books Belong in the Bible? Some Suggestions from a Seventh-Century Syriac Scholar,” Catholic University Research Day, April 7, 2022, Washington, DC.

“Scribes, Kings, and Caves: Memories of the History of Biblical Texts in Syriac Traditions,” Remembering and Reimagining in the Middle Ages, The Catholic University of America, March 3–4, 2022, Washington, DC.

“Cutting Off and Cutting Out: A Newly Identified Fragment of the Syriac Text of 1 Samuel 24,” Catholic University Research Day, April 15, 2021, Washington, DC.

“Unwinding the Textual History of Simeon of Beth Arsham’s Letter on the Ḥimyarite Martyrs: An Overview and Case Study of the Longer Anti-Jewish Polemical Ending,” The Catholic University of America Research Day, April 21, 2020, Washington, DC.

“The Mosaic Overtones of Mark 9: A New Exodus for a New People,” Wake Forest Divinity School Conference for Young Preachers, October 24, 2014, Winston-Salem, NC.

“Scripture in Politics: Abraham Kuyper’s Appropriation of Calvinism in Educational Policy,” University of Virginia Graduate Colloquium on Scripture, Interpretation, and Practice, March 31, 2014, Charlottesville, VA.

BOOK REVIEWS

Corpus Christologicum: Texts and Translations for the Study of Jewish Messianism and Early Christology. Gregory R. Lanier. Peabody, MA: Hendrickson Academic, 2021. (forthcoming 2026)

Eastern Christianity: A Reader. Edited by J. Edward Walters. Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans, 2021. (February 2023, *Review of Biblical Literature*)

Ancient Jewish and Christian Scriptures: New Developments in Canon Controversy. Craig Evans, John J. Collins, and Lee Martin McDonald. Louisville, KY: Westminster John Knox, 2020. (October 2022, *Review of Biblical Literature*)

Dionysius Jacob Bar Salibi Syrischer Kommentar zum Römerbrief: Einleitung, Edition und Übersetzung. Gabriel Rabo. Wiesbaden, Germany: Harrassowitz Verlag, 2019. (October 2021, *Review of Biblical Literature*)

The Syriac Peshitta Bible with English Translation: Exodus. Edited by George A. Kiraz and Joseph Bali. Translated by Mark Meyer. Piscataway, NJ: Gorgias, 2017. (April 2021, *Review of Biblical Literature*)

AUDIO & VIDEO PUBLICATIONS

Cardinal Conversations: A Career Podcast for The Catholic University of America. Host, Producer, Editor. September 2022–November 2023. 25 episodes. <https://open.spotify.com/show/1GkmhqASV9KCOlqRLna2RZ>.

CUOnline Faculty & Alumni Research Webinar Series. Host, Producer, Editor. February 2022–July 2023. 16 episodes. <https://engage.catholic.edu/events/cuonline>.

SERVICE AND VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

2022 – 2023 Catholic University Arts & Sciences Graduate Student Advisory Board

2022 – 2023 University Advancement Social Justice Committee (ERG Leader)

2022	Semitics Department Graduate Student Colloquium Organizer
2021	Good Neighbor Program Volunteer, Silver Spring, MD
2020 – 2022	Investment Club Advisor, The Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C.
2020 – 2022	Sports Business Club Launch Advisor, The Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C.
2020 – 2022	Societal Impact Measurement Committee, The Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C.
2020 – 2021	Graduate Student Association Senator for Semitics Department, Washington, D.C.
2018 – 2022	Vita per Virtutem Society Advisor, The Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C.
2017 – Present	Operations Volunteer, Mosaic Community Church, Silver Spring, MD
2015 – 2017	Theater and Community Volunteer, Quintessence Theater, Philadelphia, PA
2014 – 2017	Set Beautiful Free Gala of Bombay Teen Challenge, Philadelphia, PA
2013 – 2017	North Hills Community Center Volunteer, Willow Grove, PA

AWARDS / GRANTS

2024	Arts and Sciences Dissertation Impact Scholarship, The Catholic University of America Awarded to support completion of doctoral dissertation research and writing (\$2,500)
2022	Hyvernat Fellowship, The Catholic University of America Awarded to one student per year, providing funding of \$2,000 for research expenses
2017 – 2020	Doctoral Scholarship, The Catholic University of America Full funding for M.A./Ph.D. studies (\$44,400 for three years)
2012	James Bennet Willis Scholar, Wake Forest University Department of Philosophy Research grant of \$3,000 for summer research for undergraduate thesis
2009 – 2013	Porter B. Byrum Scholar, Wake Forest University Half-tuition, merit-based scholarship for undergraduate studies

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Society of Biblical Literature
Middle East Medievalists
North American Patristics Society
American Society of Church History
American Academy of Religion

LANGUAGES

Native: English
Proficient: Spanish

Research: Arabic (Christian, Classical), Aramaic (Biblical, Targumic), Coptic, French, Garshuni (Arabic in Syriac), German, Greek (Attic, Koine), Hebrew (Biblical), Italian, Latin, Old South Arabian (Sabaic, Minaic, Hadramitic, Qatabanic), Syriac