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## ♦ Education

- Ph.D.** New Testament & Early Christianity  
Loyola University Chicago, December 2009
- Thesis: "Philo of Alexandria's Exposition of the Tenth Commandment"  
Defended August 2009 "with distinction" – Thomas H. Tobin, S.J., Director
- M.A.** Biblical Languages & Literature  
Loyola University Chicago, May 2001
- M.A.** Ancient Greek  
Loyola University Chicago, January 1999
- B.A.** Theology (Biology Minor), *summa cum laude*  
Concordia University Chicago, River Forest, Illinois, May 1994

## ♦ Teaching Appointments

**SENIOR LECTURER**, July 2019 – Present  
Department of Theology, Loyola University Chicago  
**LECTURER** Appointment in July 2011, **ADVANCED LECTURER** Appointment in July 2015

### Courses Taught

Standard (S), Writing-Intensive (WI), Learning-Community (LC), and (or) Service-Learning (SL) Sections:

Christian Theology (S, LC)	Introduction to the Bible (S)
Christianity through Time (S, WI)	Jesus Christ (S, WI)
Church in the World (S)	New Testament (S)
God, Evolution, and Human Origins (S, SL)	Old Testament (S)

## ♦ Publications

*Philo of Alexandria's Exposition of the Tenth Commandment*. Studia Philonica Monographs 6. Atlanta: Society of Biblical Literature, 2012.

**REVIEWS:** J. AITKEN, *Journal for the Study of the Old Testament* 38 (2014): 189; S. MANDELL, *Catholic Biblical Quarterly* 76 (2014): 124-25; J. LEONHARDT-BALZER, *Journal for the Study of the New Testament* 36 (2014): 118; M. NIEHOFF, *Theologische Literaturzeitung* 140 (2015): 361-63; É. NODET, *Revue Biblique* 121 (2014): 147; W. WILSON, *Studia Philonica Annual* 25 (2013): 228-30.

"Exegetical Traditions in Alexandria: Philo's Reworking of the Letter of Aristeas 145-149 as a Case Study." Pages 93-112 in *From Judaism to Christianity: Tradition and Transition: A Festschrift for Thomas H. Tobin, S.J., on the Occasion of His Sixty-fifth Birthday*. Edited by Patricia Walters. *Novum Testamentum Supplements* 136. Leiden: Brill, 2010.

Aune, David E., co-author. "Greece." Pages 528-32 in *Eerdmans Dictionary of the Bible*. Edited by David Noel Freedman. Grand Rapids, Michigan: Eerdmans, 2000.

"Theophilus of Antioch." Pages 542-43 in *The Dictionary of Historical Theology*. Edited by Trevor A. Hart. Grand Rapids, Michigan: Eerdmans, 2000.

## ◆ Presentations

### *Academic Presentations*

"Allegory and Authority: Paul's Use of Genesis 3 in Romans 7:7-25." Paper presented at the Midwest Regional Meeting for Biblical Studies. Program Unit: Second Temple Judaism. Notre Dame, Indiana, March 18, 2023.

"Romans 7:7-25 and a Pauline Allegory of the Soul." Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature. Program Unit: Pauline Epistles. San Diego, California, November 23, 2014.

"Middle-Platonic Moral Psychology as a Unifying Theme in Philo's Allegorical Interpretations of Genesis 2:21 and Deuteronomy 23:13." Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature. Program Unit: Philo of Alexandria. Chicago, Illinois, November 18, 2012.

"Philo's Reworking of a Traditional Interpretation of 'Clean' and 'Unclean' Winged Creatures." Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature. Program Unit: Philo of Alexandria. New Orleans, Louisiana, November 23, 2009.

"Christian Oracular Questions from Oxyrhynchus." Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature. Nashville, Tennessee, November 20, 2000.

### *Pedagogical Presentations*

"Oral Exams." Invited presentation for online panel session "Feedback in Online Classes" at the Focus on Teaching and Learning Conference. Loyola University Chicago. August 13, 2020.

*With Jane Currie, Reference Librarian.* "Content Knowledge, Presentation Skills, and Information Literacy: Collaboration in Assignment Design." Breakout Session presentation at the Focus on Teaching and Learning Conference. Loyola University Chicago. August 16, 2017.

"Rethinking Class Participation in a Humanities Course." Breakout Session presentation at the Focus on Teaching and Learning Conference. Loyola University Chicago. August 13, 2015.

"Reacting to the Past: Using History in an Interactive Pedagogy." Invited presentation at the annual meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature (Midwest Region). Program Unit: Teaching the Bible. Bourbonnais, Illinois, February 7, 2015.

## ◆ Professional Development

COURSE COMPLETION (GRADE: **A**) – ANTH 101: HUMAN ORIGINS (Prof. K. Krueger)  
Six-Week Course (Online), Loyola University Chicago  
Summer Session A, 2022

CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION – Evolution: A Course for Educators  
Four-Week Course from American Museum of Natural History (Via Coursera)  
January 2022

MEMBER – Specs Grading and Assessment Innovation Group  
Center for Engaged Learning, Teaching, and Scholarship  
Summer 2021

CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION – Program for Community-Engaged Experiential Learning Scholars  
Center for Engaged Learning, Teaching, and Scholarship  
AY 2019 – 2020

PARTICIPANT (INVITED) – Faculty Seminar – All Things Ignatian: Catholic Intellectual Life and the Common Good  
Hank Center for the Catholic Intellectual Heritage, Loyola University Chicago  
Fall 2017

CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION – Online Teaching Course  
Faculty Center for Ignatian Pedagogy, Loyola University Chicago  
Spring 2015

## ◆ Service

### *Service to Loyola*

CHAIR (INVITED) – Undergraduate Learning Committee  
(Committee Member Since Fall 2016)  
Department of Theology  
Fall 2020 – Present

MEMBER – Search Committee for Two Lecturer Positions  
Department of Theology  
Summer 2023

MEMBER – Core Development Working Group: Theology & Religious Studies  
College of Arts and Sciences  
AY 2021 – 2022

MEMBER (INVITED) – Rank, Tenure, and Leave Committee  
College of Arts and Sciences  
Spring 2020 – Spring 2022

EVALUATOR – Undergraduate Research and Engagement Symposium  
Loyola Center for Engaged Learning, Teaching, and Scholarship  
April 2021

MEMBER (INVITED) – Award Committee: Ignatius Award for Excellence in Teaching  
University-Wide Teaching Award  
April 2021

CHAIR (INVITED) – Search Committee for Two Lecturer Positions  
Department of Theology  
Spring 2019

CONFERENCE CO-ORGANIZER

*Perspectives on Personhood: Resources in Science, Philosophy, and Theology* (February 20, 2018)  
Hank Center for the Catholic Intellectual Heritage, Loyola University Chicago  
Fall 2017

MEMBER (INVITED) – Award Committee: Provost's Award for Excellence in Teaching Freshmen  
University-Wide Teaching Award  
August 2017

MEMBER (INVITED) – Faculty Panel for New Faculty Orientation  
University-Wide Orientation  
August 16, 2016

MEMBER (INVITED) – Promotion Committee for Advanced Lecturer Candidate  
Department of Theology  
December 2015

MEMBER – Search Committee for Lecturer Candidate (Theology)  
Arrupe College (Loyola University Chicago)  
Spring 2015

*Service to Profession: Peer Reviewer (Invited)*

*Journal of Ethics in Antiquity and Christianity* (2022)  
Israel Science Foundation (2016)  
Oxford University Press (2015)

## ◆ Honors & Awards

Hank Center for the Catholic Intellectual Heritage Project Development Grant  
Faith, Science, and the Common Good  
Summer 2022 & 2023

Hank Center for the Catholic Intellectual Heritage Course Development Grant  
THEO 280: God, Evolution, and Human Origins  
February 2017

Provost's Award for Excellence in Teaching Freshmen  
August 2016

Nomination – Provost's Award for Excellence in Teaching Freshmen  
August 2012

Arthur J. Schmitt Dissertation Fellowship  
August 2004 – August 2005

Pre-Doctoral Teaching Scholar Award  
August 2002 – May 2003

Distinction Award – Master of Arts Greek Translation Exam  
May 1998