

Daniel Zimmerman

Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION

- Ph.D. University of California, Santa Barbara, *Present*
C. Phil. University of California, Santa Barbara, 2024
M.A. University of California, Santa Barbara, 2021
The Gospel of Thomas and Torah Observance: Exploring Anti-nomic Rhetoric in the 'Fifth Gospel'
Religious Studies
B.A. Cornell University, 2017
Religious Studies, *summa cum laude*
Minors in Classics, Jewish Studies, and South-Asian Studies

FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, AND AWARDS

- 2025 President's Dissertation Year Fellowship 2025–26, University of California
2025 Ostad Elahi Fellowship 2025–26, Department of Religious Studies, University of California, Santa Barbara (\$2,500)
2025 Humanities and Social Sciences Research Grant, University of California (\$3,000)
2025 Birger A. Pearson Award, Department of Religious Studies, University of California, Santa Barbara
2025 Interdisciplinary Humanities Center's Dissertation Fellowship, University of California, Santa Barbara (*Declined*)
2024 U.S. Department of Education's Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Summer Fellowship for Norwegian (\$9,500)
2024 Max Kade Foundation Fellowship (\$16,000)
2023 Fr. Virgil Cordano One-Year Fellowship
2023 Service to the Department, Department of Religious Studies, University of California, Santa Barbara
2023 Max Kade Research Travel Grant (\$1,500)
2019 Dumbarton Oaks Coins and Seals Summer Program Scholarship, Dumbarton Oaks (full tuition, room, and board)
2018 Rowny Fellowship, Department of Religious Studies, University of California, Santa Barbara (\$203,878)
2017 Weiner Prize for Undergraduate Research on Buddhist Practice (\$3,500)

- 2017 Reginald Foster Scholarship for Paideia Institute's Living Greek in Greece (\$1,000)
- 2014 Cornell Campus-wide Freshmen Essay Contest
- 2014 Thomas J. Watson Scholarship Award (\$8,000)
- 2013 National Hispanic Scholar, National Hispanic Fund

FIELD WORK AND RESEARCH

- 2024 The International Summer School, University of Oslo (CEFR B2 Certification in Norwegian)
- 2023 The International Summer School, University of Oslo (CEFR B1 Certification in Norwegian)
- 2023 The Mani Colloquium (UC Santa Barbara)
- 2022 Åbo Akademi Kesäkurssi Turussa (Finnish Language Course at Åbo Academy, Finland)
- 2020 Research Supervisor – Undergraduate Research Apprentice Program: “Ignored No More” at the University of California, Berkeley, with Diliana Angelova
- 2019 Dumbarton Oaks Coins and Seals Summer Program, Dumbarton Oaks
- 2019 Greece From the Sea, American Society of Classical Studies at Athens (*Declined*)
- 2019 Finding the Spartans: History, Landscape, & Archaeology, American Society of Classical Studies at Athens (*Declined*)
- 2017 Living Greek in Greece, Paideia Institute
- 2017 Zen Buddhism: Food, Tea, and Hospitality in Praxis, Cornell University (*a summer practicing in Zen Buddhist temples in Japan*).

CONFERENCE ACTIVITY

- 2025 “A Tale of Two Cities: Reading Jerusalem as Plato’s Republic”
The Society of Biblical Literature’s 2025 Annual Meeting
- 2025 “In the Beginning the Philosopher Created Numbers: Evaluating the Influence of Neopythagorean and Neoplatonic Numerology in Gnostic Cosmologies”
The Society of Biblical Literature’s 2025 Annual Meeting
- 2025 “Evaluating the Egyptian Mind in Gnostic Doctrine”
The North American Patristics Society’s 2025 Annual Meeting
- 2024 “Shifting Discourses of (Non)Authority in Late Antiquity”
The North American Patristics Society’s 2024 Annual Meeting
- 2023 “Using Plato’s *Republic* to Understand Nag Hammadi Cosmogonies”
The Society of Biblical Literature’s 2023 Annual Meeting
- 2021 “Victory: Tracing One Symbol’s Numismatic Role from Augustus to Zeno”
56th International Congress on Medieval Studies
- 2020 “Victory: Tracing One Symbol’s Numismatic Role from Augustus to Zeno”
55th International Congress on Medieval Studies (*Canceled due to COVID-19*)

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

The North American Patristics Society

The Society of Biblical Literature

The Nag Hammadi and Gnostic Network

LANGUAGES

English	Native
Swedish	Advanced
Spanish	Advanced
Norwegian	Advanced
German	Intermediate/Advanced
Finnish	Intermediate
French	Reading
Anc. Greek	Reading
Coptic	Reading
Latin	Reading
Old Norse	Reading
Ukrainian	Novice
Modern Irish	Novice

TEACHING HISTORY

Fall 2024	Teaching Associate – RGST 127A: Christian Thought and Cultures of the Ancient World
Fall 2024	Private Latin Tutoring
Fall 2023	Teaching Assistant – FEMST 60: Women of Color: Race, Class, and Ethnicity
Spring 2023	Teaching Assistant – ASAM 71 / RGST 71: Introduction to Asian American Religions
Winter 2022	Teaching Assistant – RGST 24: Jesus in Comparative Perspectives
Fall 2022	Teaching Assistant – EACS 21 / RGST 21: Zen Buddhism
Fall 2022	Private Latin & Ancient Greek Tutoring
Summer 2022	Teaching Associate – RGST 116A: The New Testament and Early Christianity
Spring 2022	Teaching Assistant – RGST 63: Witches & Brujxs: Black Magic & (Afro-)Latinx Feminism
Winter 2022	Teaching Assistant – RGST 24: Jesus in Comparative Perspectives
Fall 2021	Teaching Assistant – EACS 21 / RGST 21: Zen Buddhism
Summer 2021	Teaching Associate – RGST 116A: The New Testament and Early Christianity
Spring 2020	Teaching Assistant – RGST 20: Introduction to Indic Civilization
Winter 2020	Teaching Assistant – RGST 24: Jesus in Comparative Perspectives

Fall 2019 Teaching Assistant – EACS 21 / RGST 21: Zen Buddhism

NON-ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Feb. 2025–Present	Religious Studies & Jewish Studies Website Manager – UC Santa Barbara
Sep. 2022–Sep. 2024	Religious Studies Undergraduate Liaison – UC Santa Barbara
Jun. 2018–Sep. 2018	Staff – St. Albert the Great Catholic Church, Austin, TX
Feb. 2018–May 2018	Staff – Regal Arbor Cinema, Austin, TX
Apr. 2017–Dec. 2017	Student Manager – Appel Service Center, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY
May 2016–Apr. 2017	Supervisor – Appel Service Center, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY
Aug. 2015–May 2016	Student Staff – Appel Service Center, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY
May 2015–Aug. 2015	Staff – St. Albert the Great Catholic Church, Austin, TX
May 2014–Aug. 2014	Summer Intern – Travis County Treasurer’s Office, Austin, TX

REFERENCES

Christine Thomas

Professor of Religious Studies

Virgil Cordano OFM Endowed Chair in Catholic Studies

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