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Education

Kleines Latinum (State Latin Exam), Eberhardt-Karls Univ. Tübingen, 1984.
B.A. *summa cum laude*, University of Minnesota (Greek, Ancient History), 1986.
Ph.D., Harvard University (Study of Religion), 1995.

Employment

Teaching Fellow, Harvard University, 1988-93.
Junior Fellow, Harvard University Society of Fellows, 1993-96.
Visiting Assistant Professor, University of California, Santa Barbara, 1996-97.
Assistant Professor, University of California, Santa Barbara, 1997-99.
Associate Professor, University of California, Santa Barbara, 2000-

Professional Positions

Österreichisches Archäologisches Institut, Draftsperson in Ephesos, Turkey, 1991-95.
Co-Chair, Christian Apocrypha Section, Society of Biblical Literature, 1994-99.
Torbali-Metropolis Excavations, Project Supervisor, 1995-2006.
Co-director of History of Religions Subgroup, Consultation on Teaching the Bible in the
Twenty-First Century, Wabash Center, 1998-2000.
Steering Committee of Archaeology of Religions in the Graeco-Roman World,
1998-2002.
Academic Director, Crisler Ephesos Excavation Project, 2003-2008.
Steering Committee of Archaeology of Religions in the Roman World, 2003-present.
Steering Committee of Space, Place, and Lived Experience Section, Society of Biblical
Literature, 2005-2013.
Council Member, Society of Biblical Literature, 2010-2015.
Secretary (Vice-President) and Executive Committee Member, SBL, 2011-2015.
Artifact Review Task Force, Society of Biblical Literature, 2013-present.

Fellowships, Honors and Awards

Phi Beta Kappa, 1985.
Crum Classics Award, University of Minnesota, 1986.
Merit Fellowship, Harvard Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, 1989-90.
Dissertation Fellowship, Mellon Foundation, 1991-92.

Research Grant, American Research Institute in Turkey, 1993-94.
 American Philological Association Graduate Student Award, 1994.
 American Philosophical Society Fellowship, 1998-99.
 Faculty Development Grant, UCSB, 1998-99.
 Instructional Development Award, UCSB, 1999-2000, 2006-2007.
 Academic Senate Research Award, UCSB, 1998-99, 1999-2000, 2000-2001, 2001-2002,
 2002-2003.
 Distinguished Teaching Award, UCSB Academic Senate, 2000.
 CNRS Faculty Exchange Fellowship, 2000-2001.
 Interdisciplinary Humanities Center Collaborative Research Grant, 2002-2003.
 Regents' Humanities Faculty Fellowship, University of California, 2003-2004.
 Sundet Endowed Chair in New Testament and Christian Studies, Department of Classics,
 University of Minnesota (declined), 2011.
 Phi Beta Kappa Visiting Scholar, 2013-14.

Languages

English (native)
 German (fluent)
 Spanish (fluent)
 Turkish (fluent)
 French (some speaking, writing, reading)
 Portuguese (some speaking, writing, reading)
 Italian (some speaking, reading)
 Modern Greek (some speaking, reading)
 Dutch (reading)
 Norwegian (reading)
 Ancient Greek (reading)
 Coptic (reading)
 Latin (reading)
 Biblical Hebrew (coursework)

Scholarly Publications

Books

Translator of *Ephesus* (Istanbul: Dogü Publications, 1993).

Author with Thomas Drew-Bear, *Phrygian Votive Steles* (Ankara: Museum of Anatolian Civilizations, 1999; distributed, Paris: de Boccard).

Translator of *Ephesus Museum Catalogue* (Istanbul: Dogü Publications, 1999).

Editor with Thomas Drew-Bear, *Actes du Ier Congrès International sur Antioche de Pisidie* (Paris: de Boccard, 2002) 457 pp.

Translator of François Bovon, *Luke 1: A Commentary the First Nine Chapters of the Gospel of Luke* (Hermeneia; Minneapolis: Augsburg Fortress, 2002). From idem, *Das Evangelium nach Lukas: Lk 1,1-9,50* (Evangelisch-katholischer Kommentar zum Neuen Testament 3.1; Zürich/Braunschweig: Benziger; Neukirchen-Vluyn: Neukirchener, 1989). Translation.

The Acts of Peter, Gospel Literature, and the Ancient Novel: Rewriting the Past (Oxford/New York: Oxford University Press, 2003).

Editor with Allen Black, Trevor Thompson, *Ephesus as a Religious Center Under the Principate* (Wissenschaftliche Untersuchungen zum Neuen Testament; Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, forthcoming).

Editor with Daniel Schowalter, Steven Friesen, and Sabine Ladstätter, *Religion in Ephesos Reconsidered: Archaeology of Spaces, Structures, and Objects* (Leiden: Brill, forthcoming).

Ancient Material Religion: Reading New Testament Archaeology in the Roman East (manuscript in preparation).

Articles and chapters

Apocrypha and Christian Literature

"Word and Deed: The Acts of Peter and Orality," *Apocrypha* 3 (1992) 125-64.

"Revivifying Resurrection Accounts: Techniques of Composition and Rewriting in the Acts of Peter cc. 25-28," in Jan N. Bremmer, ed., *The Apocryphal Acts of Peter* (Louvain: Peeters, 1998) 65-83.

"Stories Without Texts and Without Authors: The Problem of Fluidity in Ancient Novelistic Texts and Early Christian Literature," in Ronald Hock, et al., ed., *New Perspectives on Ancient Fiction and the New Testament* (Atlanta: Scholars Press, 1998) 273-91.

"The Prehistory of the Acts of Peter," in François Bovon et al., eds., *Harvard Studies in the Apocryphal Acts of the Apostles* (Religions of the World; Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press, 1999) 39-62.

"Canon and Antitype: The Relationship Between the Acts of Peter and the New Testament," *Semeia* 80 (1997) 185-205.

"Bible," in Wade Clark Roof et al., eds., *Contemporary American Religion* (New York: Macmillan, 2000).

"The Acts of Paul as a Source for the Life of Paul," in *Actes du 1er Congrès International sur Antioche de Pisidie* (Paris: de Boccard, 2002) 85-92.

"The Scriptures and the New Prophecy: Montanism as Exegetical Crisis," in D. Warren, E. Brock, et al., eds., *Early Christian Voices in Texts, Traditions, and Symbols* (Leiden: Brill, 2003) 155-65.

"Die Rezeption der Apostelakten im frühen Christentum," *Zeitschrift für Neues Testament* 18 (2006) 52-63.

entry in James D. Smith III and Philip Sellew, eds., *The Fabric of Early Christianity* (Eugene, OR: Wipf and Stock, 2007) 103-6.

Archaeology and Sacred Space

"Ephesos A," in Helmut Koester and Holland L. Hendrix, eds., *Archaeological Resources for New Testament Studies* (2 vols. to date; Valley Forge, PA: Trinity Press International, 1994). Republished in digital format as *Cities of Paul: Images and Interpretations from the Harvard New Testament Archaeology Project*, Helmut Koester, ed. (Augsburg Fortress, 2005).

"At Home in the City of Artemis: Religion in Ephesos in the Literary Imagination of the Roman Period," in Helmut Koester, ed., *Ephesos Metropolis of Asia: An Interdisciplinary Approach to its Archaeology, Religion, and Culture* (1995; Harvard Theological Studies; Cambridge: Harvard University, 2004) 81-117.

"The Sanctuary of Demeter at Pergamon: Cultic Space for Women and Its Eclipse" in Helmut Koester, ed., *Pergamon Citadel of the Gods* (Philadelphia: Trinity Press International, 1998) 277-98, pls. 44-45.

"The Ephesian Ossuaries and Roman Influence on the Production of Burial Containers," in Herwig Friesinger and Friedrich Krinzing, eds., *100 Jahre Österreichische Forschungen in Ephesos: Akten des Symposiums Wien 1995* (Denkschriften 260; Archäologische Forschungen 1; Vienna: Österreichische Akademie der Wissenschaften, 1999) 549-554, pls. 131.3, 4; 132.1-4.

"The 'Mountain Mother': The Other Anatolian Goddess at Ephesos," in Guy Labarre, ed., *Les cultes locaux dans les mondes grec et romain* (Paris: de Boccard, 2004) 249-62.

"Placing the Dead: Funerary Practice and Social Stratification in the Early Roman Period at Corinth and Ephesos," in S. Friesen and D. Schowalter, eds., *Urban Religion in Roman Corinth: Interdisciplinary Approaches* (Cambridge: Harvard University, 2005) 281-304.

"The *Ostothekai* of Ephesos and the Rise of Sarcophagus Inhumation: Death, Conspicuous Consumption, and Roman Freedmen," in G. Koch, ed., *Akten des Symposiums des Sarkophag-Korpus 2001* (Sarkophag-Studien 3; Mainz: Zabern, 2007) 335-344.

"Place and Memory: Response to Jonathan Z. Smith on *To Take Place*, on the Occasion of Its Twentieth Anniversary," *Journal of the American Academy of Religion* 76 (2008) 773-81.

"Greek Heritage in Roman Corinth and Ephesos: Hybrid Identities and Strategies of Display in the Material Record of Traditional Mediterranean Religion," in *Corinth in Context: Comparative Perspectives on Religion and Society*, ed. Steven Friesen, et al. (Novum Testamentum Supp.; Leiden: Brill, 2010) 117-147.

"Locating Purity: Temples, Sexual Prohibitions, and 'Making a Difference' in Thessalonike," in *From Roman to Early Christian Thessalonike: Studies in Religion and Archaeology*, ed. Laura Nasrallah, et al. (Harvard Theological Studies; Cambridge, Mass.: Harvard University, 2010) 109-32.

with Pervin Büyükkolancı and Helmut Engelmann, "Neue Osthöfen aus Ephesos," in *The Land of the Crossroads: Essays in Honor of Recep Meriç* (Istanbul: Homer, 2010) 87-94.

review of Laura Nasrallah, *Christian Responses to Roman Art and Architecture: The Second-Century Church amid the Spaces of Empire* (Cambridge: Cambridge University, 2010) in the *Journal of the American Academy of Religion* 80 (2012) 278-281.

"The Magnesian Gate at Ephesos; Variant Readings of Monumentality at the Borders of the City," in Annette Weissenrieder, ed., *Borders: Terminologies, Ideologies, and Performances* (Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, 2016) 115-22.

"Introduction" in eadem, Allan Black and Trevor Thompson, *Ephesus as a Religious Center Under the Principate* (Wissenschaftliche Untersuchungen zum Neuen Testament; Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, forthcoming).

"Invisible Christians in the Ephesian Landscape: Using Geophysical Surveys to De-Center Paul," in eadem, Daniel Schowalter, Steven Friesen, and Sabine Ladstätter, eds., *Religion in Ephesos Reconsidered: Archaeology of Spaces, Structures, and Objects* (Leiden: Brill, forthcoming).

Academic Lectures

Invited Lectures and Plenaries

"Excavating in Ephesos in Campaign 1991," Harvard Divinity School, 11 October 1991.

"The Novellization of Marcellus in the Acts of Peter," Harvard-Yale Day, Harvard Divinity School, 1 May 1992.

"The Gospel of Thomas and the Sayings of Jesus," Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana, 21 January 1993.

"The Acts of Peter Between Novel and History," Brandeis Seminar on Early Judaism and Christianity, Boston, 8 February 1996.

"Methodological Problems in the Study of Jewish Inscriptions," Centre Gustave Glotz, Universités Paris I et IV (Sorbonne), Paris, 22 February 1996.

"*Scripta Remoratur*: A Response to Harry Y. Gamble, 'On the Tip of the Tongue and the Margin of the Page: Glosses on the Relation of Oral and Written in Early Christianity,'" Plenary Address to the New England Society of Biblical Literature, Cambridge, MA, 29 April 1996.

- "Writing, Rewriting, and Textual Authority in Early Christian Literature," Faculty Colloquium of the Committee on the Study of Religion, Harvard University, MA, 1 April 1996.
- "The Scriptures of the New Prophecy: The Bible and the Montanists," Harvard University, Divinity School, 17 December 1996.
- "The Gospel of Thomas: A Lost Voice in the Christian Tradition," Williams College, 10 January 1997.
- "What Really Happened to Peter? Textual Fluidity and Historical Consciousness in Early Christian Literature," Cornell University, Ithaca, 31 January 1997.
- "Sacred Space in the Pauline Communities and 1 Corinthians: Light from Archaeology," Harvard University, 10 February 1998.
- "Efes'teki Antik Dinleri" (lecture in Turkish) Izmit Rotary Club, Izmit, Turkey, August 1998.
- "The Renegade Spade: The Limits and Possibilities of Archaeology for New Testament Scholarship in the Twenty-First Century," Institute of Antiquity and Christianity, Claremont Graduate School, Los Angeles, 26 October 1999.
- "Author, Genre, and Referentiality in Anonymous Early Christian Literature," Harvard Divinity School, March 2000.
- "The Metroon at Ephesus in the Light of Epigraphy," Centre Gustave Glotz, Universités Paris I et IV (Sorbonne), 16 May 2001.
- "Monotheizing Tendencies in Polytheistic Cult in Roman Asia Minor," University of Cincinnati, 14 April 2003.
- "Genre in the Christian Apocrypha and Hermeneutical Theory: Response to the Panel Review of *The Acts of Peter, Gospel Literature, and the Ancient Novel: Rewriting the Past*, by Christine Thomas (Oxford University, 2003)," Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, November 2005.
- "Purity in the Thessalonian Correspondence: Sacred Space, Bodily Practice, and 'Making a Difference' in Ancient Mediterranean Religions," Institute for Antiquity and Christianity, Claremont Graduate School, Claremont, 26 October 2006.
- "Place and Memory: Response to Jonathan Z. Smith on *To Take Place*, on the Occasion of Its Twentieth Anniversary," Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, San Diego, 19 November 2007.
- "Religion as a Subject Field: Response to J. Z. Smith, 'An Exagmination Round Walter Capps Work in Progress: A Discipline-Establishing Project Towards a Second-Order Tradition for Religious Studies,'" Capps Center 10-Year Commemorative Event: Exploring the Contributions of Walter Capps to the Study of Religion, UCSB, 10 May 2008.
- "Finding Paul in Ephesus: A New Archaeological Project," The Erasmus Lecture, Westmont College, Santa Barbara, 19 February 2009.
- "The Urban Context of Early Christianity: New Archaeological Work at Ephesus," The Redford Lecture in Archaeology, University of Puget Sound, 25 February 2010.
- "The Acts of Peter and Roman Family Values: Mutations of Early Christian Narratives," University of Texas at Austin, 12 April 2010.
- "Invisible Cities: The Spatial Imaginary of the Early Christians," The Sundet Lecture, University of Minnesota-Minneapolis, 7 May 2010.

- "Greek Purity, Sexual Practice, and Pauline Bodies: Boundary Construction in Early Christianity," University of Minnesota-Minneapolis, 9 December 2010.
- "Ordinary Bodies and Divine Intervention: Illness and Healing in Antiquity," Carthage College, Kenosha, Wisconsin, 5 March 2012.
- "Finding Paul in the Landscape of the Ancient City: Examples from Ephesos," Milwaukee Area Biblical Archaeology Society, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 6 March 2012.
- "The Urban Landscape of the Early Christians: New Magnetometry and Georadar Surveys in the Harbor District of Roman Imperial Ephesos," Institute for the Study of the Ancient World, New York University, 19 September 2012.
- "Religion in the Rural Heartland: Evidence from Shepherds and Farmers in the Roman Empire," University of Texas, Austin, April 2016.

Phi Beta Kappa Lectures as Visiting Scholar, 2013-2015

- "The Urban Context of the Early Christians: Geological, Magnetometry, and Ground-Penetrating Radar Surveys at Ephesos," Western Michigan University, January 2014.
- "Finding Paul in the Landscape of the Ancient City: Examples from Ephesos," Western Michigan University, January 2014.
- "Religion in the Rural Heartland: Epigraphic Evidence from Shepherds and Farmers in the Roman Empire," University of Wyoming, January 2014.
- "Varieties of Healing as a Context for Judaism in the Roman Empire," University of Wyoming, January 2014.
- "Finding Paul in the Landscape of the Ancient City: Urban Space at Ephesos, Real and Imagined," University of Wyoming, January 2014.
- "Imaginary Cities: The Spatial Imaginary of the Early Christians," University of Miami, February 2014.
- "Ordinary Bodies and Divine Intervention: Illness and Healing in the Roman Empire," University of Miami, February 2014.
- "Finding Paul in the Landscape of the Ancient City: Urban Space at Ephesos, Real and Imagined," University of Miami, February 2014.
- "Religion in the Rural Heartland: Epigraphic Evidence from Shepherds and Farmers in the Roman Empire," College of St. Olaf, March 2014.
- "Ordinary Bodies and Divine Intervention: Illness and Healing in the Roman Empire," College of St. Olaf, March 2014.
- "Finding Paul in the Landscape of the Ancient City: Examples from Ephesos," College of St. Olaf, March 2014.
- "A Tale of Two Cities: The Urban Space of Ephesos in Pagan and Christian Imagination," University of California, Irvine, May 2014.
- "Ordinary Bodies and Divine Intervention: Illness and Healing in the Hinterlands of the Roman Empire," Ohio Wesleyan University, February 2015.

International Symposia

- "At Home in the City of Artemis: Religion in Ephesos in the Literary Imagination of the Roman Period," International Ephesos Symposium, Harvard University, 28 March 1994.

- "The Ephesian Ossuaries and the Influence of Rome," Conference: 100 Jahre Österreichische Forschungen in Ephesos Symposium, Vienna, 13 November 1995.
- "The Sanctuary of Demeter at Pergamon: Cultic Space for Women and Its Eclipse," International Pergamon Symposium, Harvard University, 22 March 1997.
- "For They Were Forbidden by the Holy Spirit to Speak the Word in Asia': The Acts of Paul as a Source for the Life of St. Paul," International Symposium on Pisidian Antioch, Yalvaç, Turkey, 2 July 1997.
- Response to François Bovon, "Facing the Scriptures: Intertextuality in the Acts of Philip," Conference on Intertextuality at the Institute of Antiquity and Christianity, Claremont Graduate School, Los Angeles 5 June 1998.
- "The Byzantine Church of Metropolis in Ionia: A Christian Center in the Hinterland of Ephesos," 14. Congressus Internationalis Archaeologiae Christianae, Vienna, 22 September 1999.
- "Man Is a Lyre': Orthopraxy and the Passive Body in the Montanist Heresy," Conference: Heresies and Orthodoxies: Regulating Identities in Late Antiquity, University of California at Davis, 11 May 2000.
- "Of Bodies and Boundaries: The Early Christian Negotiation of Civic Space at Ephesos," Second International Symposium on Pisidian Antioch, Yalvaç, Turkey, 2 July 2000.
- "The 'Hillside Mother': The Other Anatolian Goddess at Ephesos," Conference: Les cultes locaux dans les mondes Grec et Romain, Lyon, France, 7 June 2001.
- "The Ephesian Ostothekai and the Beginnings of Sarcophagus Production," Symposium des Sarkophag-Corpus, Marburg, Germany, 6 July 2001.
- "Placing the Dead: Tombs and Social Stratification at Corinth and Elsewhere," Conference: Urban Religion in Roman Corinth: Interdisciplinary Approaches, Harvard University, Boston, MA, 9 January, 2002.
- "Excavation of a Paleo-Christian Church at Metropolis," First International Symposium on Smyrna, Izmir, Turkey, 22 July 2003.
- "Deploying Greek Heritage in Roman Corinth: Uncovering Hybrid Identities in the Archaeology of Traditional Cult," Conference: Corinth in Context: Comparative Perspectives on Religion and Society, University of Texas at Austin, 9 January 2007.
- "Locating Purity: Temples, Sexual Prohibitions, and 'Making a Difference' in Thessalonike," Conference: From Roman to Early Christian Thessalonike: A Conference on Religion and Archaeology, Harvard University, 12 May 2007.
- "Looking for Paul in All the Wrong Places: Archaeological Examples from Ephesos," Society of Biblical Literature International Meeting, Vienna, 25 July 2007.
- "Magnetometry and Ground-Penetrating Radar Surveys in the Ancient Harbor of Ephesos," Faculty Seminar in Archaeology and Ancient Material Culture, Crisler Library at Ephesos, Turkey, 22 June 2008.
- "Greek Heritage in Roman Corinth: Uncovering Hybrid Identities," The Jesus Seminar/Westar Institute, Willamette University, Salem, Oregon, April 2011.
- "Locating Paul: Early Christianity in the Urban Landscape of Ephesos," Conference: Ephesus as a Religious Center under the Principate, Harding School of Theology, Memphis, Tennessee, 18 May 2012.

- "The Magnesias Gate and Liminality," Conference: Borders: Terms, Ideologies, and Performances, San Francisco Theological Seminary, 8 March 2013.
- Response to Panel, "Pauline Studies and Epigraphic Evidence," European Association of Biblical Studies, Vienna, Austria, July 2014.
- Response to Panel, "Domestic Space and Religion in Ephesos," International Meeting of Society of Biblical Literature, Vienna, Austria, July 2014.
- "Tokens of Gratitude: The Affective Context of Votive Gifts to the Gods from Roman Phrygia," European Association of Biblical Studies, Berlin, Germany, 11 August 2017.

National Conference Presentations

- "Asklepios in Pergamon: Evidence of Continued Popularity in the Second Century," Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, Kansas City, 23 November 1991.
- "The Round Building in the Pergamene Sanctuary of Asklepios as an Incubation Chamber," Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, San Francisco, 23 November 1992.
- "Where is the Text in This Text? Fluidity in the Alexander Romance and the Apocryphal Acts," Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, San Francisco, 24 November 1992.
- "The Karamanlidika Orthographic Tradition," with Prof. Engin Sezer of Harvard University, Middle Eastern Studies Conference, Research Triangle, North Carolina, 13 November 1993.
- "A Woman as Head of Synagogue in Ancient Cappadocia: Six New Jewish Inscriptions," Association for Jewish Studies Annual Conference, Boston, 14 December 1993.
- "One Never Steps into the Same River Twice: Response to Robert Stoops, 'Departure to Another Place,'" Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, Chicago, 20 November 1994.
- "Renegotiating the Past: Fixity and Fluidity in the Acts of Peter," American Philological Association Annual Meeting, Atlanta, 29 December 1994.
- "The Ephesian Ossuaries and the Rise of the Sarcophagus," Archaeological Institute of America Annual Meeting, San Diego, 30 December 1995.
- "Revivifying Resurrection Accounts: Rewriting in the Acts of Peter," Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, New Orleans, 23 November 1996.
- "Paul and the Reflexive Self: A Response to Judith Perkins, The Suffering Self," Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, New Orleans, 25 November 1996.
- "Religious Innovation and Freedmen in the First Century CE: The Case of the Ossuaries at Ephesos," Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, San Francisco, 22 November 1997.
- "On Not Finding Small Finds: Spatial Discourse in Early Christianity at Ephesus and Elsewhere," Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, Boston, 23 November 1999.
- "Unmarked Places: The Early Christian Use of Space and Its Rhetoric," Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, Nashville, 20 November 2000.
- "Grave Matters: Roman Power and Funerary 'Style Wars' in First-Century Ephesus," Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, Denver, CO, 18 November 2001.
- "Zeus in Town and Country: Polytheism in Asia Minor," Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, Toronto, 23 November 2002.

- "Religion and the Poor in the Rural Heartland: Votive Dedications of Farm Families in Central Asia Minor," Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, Atlanta, 23 November 2003.
- "Christian Narrative as Historical Novel: Audience and Narrative Fluidity in the Acts of Peter," Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, Atlanta, 24 November 2003.
- "The Greatest of Human Blessings: Health, the Body, and Life Narrative in Ancient Healing Cults," Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, San Antonio, Texas, 20 November 2004.
- "Field Survey Methods in Central Anatolia: Response to Peter Lampe," Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, San Antonio, Texas, November 2004.
- "Map and Movement in the Urban Space of Ephesos: Static and Dynamic Registers in the Analysis of Sacred Space," Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, 19 November 2005.
- "Staying Greek in the Roman East: Hybridity as a Cultural Strategy in Civic Religion," Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, 18 November 2006.
- "Hidden Spaces and Utopias: Spatial Discourse and Practice as Early Christian Identity-Markers," Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, 20 November 2006.
- "Finding Paul in the Ancient Landscape: Response to Robert Jewett," Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, San Diego, November 2007.
- "The Resistance of Bodies: Response to Judith Perkins," Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, San Diego, November 2007.
- "Montanist Ecstasy: The Passive Body, Agency, and Christian Identity Construction in the Second Century" Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, Boston, 22 November 2008.
- "The Urban Context of Pauline Christianity: New Archaeological Work at Ephesos," Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, Boston, 22 November 2008.
- Book panel for Ramsay MacMullen, *The Second Church: Popular Christianity A.D. 200-400*, Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, New Orleans, 22 November 2009.
- "Reading the Urban Topography of Corinth: The Memory of Spoliation, and the Counterstory of Pausanias," Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, San Francisco, 21 November 2011.
- "Reinscribing the City: The Creation of Christian Memory in the Urban Landscape of Ephesos," Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, San Francisco, 21 November 2011.
- Review panel on the *Cambridge History of Religions in the Ancient World*, Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, Baltimore, 24 November 2013.

Local Academic Presentations

- "Visualizing Christianity at Ephesos: *The Disjunction of Text and Artifact*," *Islamic and Near Eastern Studies / Religious Studies Colloquium*, University of California, Santa Barbara, 25 February 1998.
- "Death and Conspicuous Consumption: Changes in Burial Fashion in Roman-Period Asia Minor," Cultural Analysis Colloquium, University of California, Santa Barbara, 4 March 1998.
- "Jewish Communities in the Eastern Roman Empire: New Epigraphic Evidence," Interdisciplinary Humanities Center, University of California, Santa Barbara, 12 May 1999.

- "A Paleo-Christian Church Outside Ephesos," Archaeological Institute of America, Santa Barbara Chapter, 22 May 2003.
- "Death and Conspicuous Consumption: Archaeological Traces of Roman Power in Funerary Practice at Ephesos," Lares/ Penates: University of California Study Group for Late Antiquity, Los Angeles, 16 November 2003.
- "Archaeological Theory and the Study of Religion: Relating Text and Artifact in Early Christianity," Religious Studies Departmental Colloquium, University of California, Santa Barbara, 19 May 2004.
- "Constructions of Space in Early Christianity: Spaces of Representation," Ancient Borderlands Research Focus Group, University of California, Santa Barbara, Monday, 27 February 2006.
- "How to Make Theory Out of a Hole in the Ground," Religious Studies Departmental Colloquium, University of California, Santa Barbara, 14 March 2007.
- "Hybrid Identities and Strategies of Display in the Archaeology of Traditional Mediterranean Religion," Ancient Borderlands Research Focus Group, Interdisciplinary Humanities Center, University of California, Santa Barbara, 11 January 2008.
- "Early Christianity and the Ancient Coastline of Ephesos," Archaeology Research Focus Group, Interdisciplinary Humanities Center, University of California, Santa Barbara, 11 February 2008.
- "New Surveys in the Ancient Harbor District of Roman Ephesos," Santa Barbara County Archaeological Society, 6 April 2009.
- "The Affective Context of Healing: Votive Offerings to Zeus in Roman Phrygia," History Department Religion Cluster Lecture, May 2017.

Community Lectures

- "Prophets and Servants of the Word: Women in Early Christianity," UCSB Affiliates series on Spirituality and Culture, February 2001.
- "Religion and Spirituality in the Ancient World," Docent Lecture at Santa Barbara Museum of Art, February 2003.
- "The Humanist Impetus in the Quest for the Historical Jesus," Santa Barbara Humanist Society, March 2003.
- "Christianity," Capps Center Series on World Religions, 2005.
- "UCSB Cracks the Da Vinci Code," History Associates, 2006.
- "Ancient Approaches to Death," Hospice of Santa Barbara, 2011.

Television and Video Appearances

- History Channel: "In Search of History: The Apostles," aired on national television, December 1999.
- History Channel: "Paul: The Man Who Turned the World Upside Down" aired on national television, April 2001.
- BBC/Discovery Channel, "Ancient Evidence," May 2003.
- KEYT, "The Passion of the Christ: A Call to Understanding," Anti-Defamation League of Santa Barbara, 2004.
- History Channel, "Joseph, the Silent Saint," April 2005.

DVD, "Letters of Faith," Newington-Cropsey Museum, 2007.

Excavation Campaigns

Directed excavations at Araplı Tepe in the Metropolis Excavations, Torbalı, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2003, 2005, 2006.

GPS survey and cartographic calibration of harbor district of ancient Ephesos, 2004, 2006.

Excavations in Harbor District in Ephesos, 2007, 2008.

Conferences Organized

Co-chair, "First International Symposium on Pisidian Antioch," Yalvaç, Turkey, 1996-97.

Co-chair, "Second International Symposium on Pisidian Antioch, Yalvaç," Turkey, 1999- 2000.

"Shifting Frontiers in Late Antiquity Conference V," UCSB, 2003.

Director, "New Testament Faculty Seminar in Archaeology and Ancient Material Culture," Crisler Library in Ephesos, Selçuk, Turkey, June, 2008.

"Colloquium on Material Culture and Ancient Religion: Italy," Rome and Pompeii, Italy, July, 2009.

"Controlling the Borderlands: The Herods as Clients and Kings: COMCAR 2010," Jerusalem and the Galilee, Israel, June-July, 2010.

"Archaeology and Identity in Roman Achaia: COMCAR 2011," Athens and Corinth, Greece, June 2011.

"Navigating Roman Macedonia: Intersections of Empires Along the North Aegean: COMCAR 2013," Salonike and Kavala, Greece, July 2013.

"Urban Spaces of Early Christianity: The Cities of Southwest Asia Minor: COMCAR 2014," Denizli, İzmir, and Selçuk, Turkey, July 2014.

"Religion and Empire: Agency and Intersecting Identities: COMCAR 2018," Rome and Pompeii, July 2018.

UCSB/Westmont Annual Lecture in New Testament, 2012-present.

Reviewing and Consulting Activity

Journal of Early Christian Studies, 2005.

Johns Hopkins University Press, 2006.

Harvard Theological Review, 2007.

American Philosophical Society, 2010, 2012.

Mellon/ACLS Dissertation Completion Fellowships, 2014.

National Geographic Holy Land Summit on Archaeology, Washington D.C., April 2015.

Future of Biblical Studies in Undergraduate Education Think Tank, Society of Biblical Literature, Wake Forest, NC, October 2018.

University Service

Departmental

Personnel Committee, 1997-99, 2000-2004, 2010-2011.

Chair, TA Workload Committee, 1998-99.

Coordinator, TAs and Funds for Readers in Undergraduate Courses, Department of Religious Studies, 1999-2004.

Search Committee for Comparative Religious Position, 1999-2000.

Vice Chair of Religious Studies Department, 2000-2004.

Chair, Personnel Committee, 2000-2004.

German Language Exam Co-ordinator, 2000-present.

Search Committee for XIV Dalai Lama Chair in Tibetan Studies, 2000-2001.

Chair, Committee on Program Panel Review, 2002-2004.

Search Committee for Theory Position, 2003-2004.

Search Committee, Cordano Endowed Chair in Catholic Studies Position, 2004-2005.

Graduate Admissions Committee Member, 2005-2006.

Search Committee, Islamic Studies Position, 2006.2007.

Associate Graduate Advisor, 2006-2009.

Vice Chair, 2009-2010.

Undergraduate Committee, 2013-14, 2016-17.

Workload Policy Ad Hoc Committee, 2013-14.

Cordano Committee, 2015-16, 2017-18.

Acting Cordano Endowed Chair in Catholic Studies, 2018-present.

University

Selection Committee, UCSB Academic Senate Distinguished Teaching Award, 2000-2001.

Executive Committee, Middle East Center, 2000-2001.

Faculty Advisory Board, Certificate in College and University Teaching, UCSB, 2001-2004.

Ad Hoc Review Committee, Committee on Academic Personnel, 2002.

Council on Research and Instructional Resources, 2002-2005.

Faculty Grants Committee, Council on Research and Instructional Resources, 2002-2005.

External Member, Gevirtz Graduate School of Education Executive Committee, 2002-2006.

Regional Reception for prospective undergraduate students, 2003.

Education Abroad Program Review Committee, Turkey, 2004.

Chair, Faculty Grants Committee, Council on Research and Instructional Resources, 2005.

co-convener, Archaeology Research Focus Group, IHC, UCSB, 2005-2008.

co-convener, Ancient Borderlands Research Focus Group, IHC, UCSB, 2005-2015.

Undergraduate Council, 2006-2007.

Ad Hoc Personnel Committee, College of Creative Studies, 2007.

Director, UCSB Travel-Study Program in Ephesos, Turkey, 2007-2011.

Search Committee for Director of Querétaro Summer Program in Mexico, 2009.

Ad Hoc Personnel Committee of the Religious Studies and History Departments, 2009.

Chair, Program in Ancient Mediterranean Studies, 2007-2010, 2014-present.

Committee on Faculty Career Development Awards (FCDA) for the Academic Personnel Office, 2010.

Consultation, Davidson Library, 2012.

Research projects, Koegel Autism Center, 2013-14.

Co-convener, Pagans Research Focus Group, IHC, UCSB, 2014-16.