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“One’s education is not complete without a study of comparative religion and its relationship to the advancement of civilization.” - Justice Clark, speaking for the United States Supreme Court in *Abington School District v. Schempp*

EDUCATION

Doctor of Philosophy, School of Culture and Society, Aarhus University, Denmark, (2016)

Study of Religion

Dissertation: *The Meaning of Theurgy: A Minimalistic Approach to Theurgy and Previous Notions of the Term in the Study of Late Antique Religion*

Committee: Marianne Schleicher (advisor), Anders Christian Jacobsen (chair), John Finamore (external reader), Ilinca Tanaseanu-Döbler (external reader)

Master of Arts, School of Theology and Religious Studies, Aarhus University, Denmark (2011)

Religious Roots of Europe

Master Thesis: *The Function of Secrecy in Iamblichus’s De Mysteriis*

Bachelor of Arts, Indiana University-Bloomington, USA (2009) (Phi Beta Kappa)

Majors: Religious Studies and Philosophy, Classical Studies (Greek)

Student Honors Thesis: *More a Butcher than a Priest*

Note: Essay explores the Hellenistic backlash against Emperor Julian (the Apostate) (r.361-363)

Advisor: David Brakke

PUBLICATIONS

Book Reviews

April DeConick (ed.), *Religion: Secret Religion* (Macmillan Reference USA, 2016) in *Gnosis* 2.1 (2017): 140-146.

Jean-Marc Narbonne, *Plotinus in Dialogue with the Gnostics* (Brill, 2011) in *Religionsvidenskabeligt Tidsskrift* 59 (2012): 103-108. (trans. into Danish)

Book Chapters

“Ontological Conversion: A Description and Analysis of Two Case Studies from Tertullian’s *De Baptismo* and Iamblichus’s *De Mysteriis*,” in *Conversion and Initiation in Late Antiquity*, ed. Birgitte Bøgh (Peter Lang, 2014): 101-117. DOI:<http://dx.doi.org/10.3726/978-3-653-05082-0/15>

Works in Progress

N. Marshall, “The Tree of Ideas: A Vindication of Ioan Couliano’s Theory of Idea Development and Its Wider Applications” (working title)

ACADEMIC WORK EXPERIENCE

Instructor of Record

Early Christian Thought (1 section), Spring 2019, Seton Hall University

Religions of the World (3 sections), Spring 2019, Seton hall University

Early Christian Thought (1 section), Spring 2018, Seton Hall University

Religions of the World (5 sections), Fall, 2018, Spring 2018, Seton Hall University

Honors CORE--Colloquium on the Ancient World (2 sections), Fall 2018, Fall 2017, Seton Hall University

Journey of Transformation (2 sections), Fall 2017, Seton Hall University

Magic in Late Antiquity (1 section), Fall 2013, Aarhus University, Denmark

M.A. Thesis Colloquium for Religious Roots of Europe (2 sections), Spring 2012, Fall 2013, Aarhus University, Denmark.

AWARDS

International Society for Neoplatonic Studies, Travel Award, 2018

Aarhus University, PhD Scholarship, 2011-2013

Nordic Council of Ministers, MA Scholarship for RRE, 2009-2011

Indiana University Bloomington, Founders Scholar, 2009

Indiana University Bloomington, Religious Studies Senior Honors Essay, 2009

Indiana University Bloomington Classical Studies Norman T. Pratt Traveling Fellow, 2009

Indiana University Bloomington, Palmer Brandon Award Winner, 2008

Hutton Honors College Awards 2005-2009

Indiana University Presidential Scholars Award 2005-2009

ACADEMIC CONFERENCES

“Chabad and the “Elevation” of Women” Women and Gender Studies Conference. Seton Hall University. South Orange, NJ. March 29, 2019.

“Porphyry—A Baseline for Theurgy?” 16th Annual Conference of the International Society of Neoplatonic Studies. Loyola Marymount University. Los Angeles, California. June 13-16, 2018.

“Astrology, Ritual and Defining Theurgy.” 12th Annual Conference of the International Society of Neoplatonic Studies. University of Lisbon. Lisbon, Portugal. June 16-21, 2014.

“Defining the Theurgists: Evidence from Iamblichus’s *De Mysteriis*.” Esotericism and Mysticism Section, Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting. Chicago, IL. November 17-20, 2012.

“Moses as Theurgist? Echoes of Neoplatonic Rituals in Gregory of Nyssa’s *Life of Moses*.”
Conference on the Christian Moses: From Philo to the Quran. Catholic University of America.
Washington, DC. May 31-June 3, 2012.

SERVICE

Conference and Workshop Organizer and Volunteer

- Co-organizer, Origeniana Undecima, Aarhus University, 2013

Committee and Professional Network Organizer and Member

- Arts PhD Network, Aarhus University, 2011-2013
- Student Representative, Steering Committee Religious Roots of Europe, 2010-2011.

Mentorship and Student Advising

- Student Mentor, Aarhus University Religious Roots of Europe, 2011.
- Tutor, Indiana University Department of Classics, 2009.

RESEARCH LANGUAGES

- Latin and Attic Greek: Good (in philosophical and religious contexts)
- Academic French: Good
- Academic German: Adequate
- Hebrew: Elementary
- Tibetan: Elementary
- Sanskrit: Elementary