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ACADEMIC HISTORY

Education

B.A., Santa Clara University, History, 1983

M.A., Santa Clara University, Catechetics, 1987

M.A., University of Notre Dame, Biblical Studies, 1995

Ph.D., University of Notre Dame, New Testament and Early Christianity, 1999

Academic Positions

Associate Professor of Pastoral Ministries (By Courtesy), Graduate Program in Pastoral Ministries
(2008–present)

Associate Professor, Religious Studies Department (2004–present)

Interim Director, Women's & Gender Studies Program (Winter 2007)

Acting Summer Chair, Religious Studies Department (Summer 2006)

Assistant Professor, Religious Studies Department (1999–2004)

Acting Summer Chair, Religious Studies Department (Summer 2001)

Acting Summer Chair, Religious Studies Department (Summer 2000)

Acting Assistant Professor, Religious Studies Department (Spring 1998–1999)

Instructor, Department of Theology, University of Notre Dame (Spring 1995)

Research Assistant, Dead Sea Scrolls Publication Project, University of Notre Dame (1992–1998)

Teaching Assistant, Department of Theology, University of Notre Dame (1992–1994)

Graduate Assistant, Department of Theology, University of Notre Dame (1989–1991)

Teacher, Religious Studies Department, St. Francis High School, Mountain View, California (1986–1989)

Honors

Award for Outstanding Teaching by an Independent Instructor, Graduate Student Union, University of
Notre Dame, 1995–1996

Grants

Core Honorarium for Curriculum Innovation to design a new introductory course for the new Core
Curriculum, "SCTR 15 Texting God" (\$1,500) 2011

Faculty Development Grant to support a Faculty Study Group on Gender, Globalization and Empire
(www-relg-studies.scu.edu/ggefsg (\$500/year) 2011–present

Core Honorarium for Curriculum Transformation to redesign two courses for the new Core Curriculum,
SCTR 26 Gender in Early Christianity and SCTR 27 The Historical Jesus (\$1,000) 2009

Faculty-Student Research Assistant Program grant, “Feminism, Gender, and the Return of Religion,” with Professors Paul Crowley and Tom Beaudoin, Office of the Vice Provost for Faculty Development (\$6,080) 2007

Bannan Grant, “Catholic Biblical Association 70th International Meeting” conference grant (\$3,000) 2006

Fellowship for Technology Innovation, Santa Clara University, to develop “Odyssey,” an online resource for courses on antiquity in the Core Curriculum (\$10,000) 2001

Presidential Research Grant, Santa Clara University, to research and write *Wealth in the Dead Sea Scrolls and in the Qumran Community* (Studies on the Texts of the Desert of Judah 40; Leiden: E. J. Brill, 2002), 2000

Jump Start Grant Award from Office of Educational Technologies, University of Notre Dame, to develop computerized presentations, course Web site, and resources for introductory course, “Biblical and Historical Foundations of Theology” (\$1,000) 1996

Tuition Scholarships for Doctoral level study, University of Notre Dame, 1992–1996

First Year Fellowship, University of Notre Dame, 1991–1992

Full Tuition Scholarship for Masters level study, University of Notre Dame, 1989–1991

Full Scholarships for Summer studies, Santa Clara University, 1985–1986

TEACHING

Santa Clara University

Undergraduate

SCTR 11 Origins of Western Religion
 SCTR 15 Texting God
 SCTR 19 Religions of the Book
 SCTR 22 The Synoptic Gospels
 SCTR 26 Gender in Early Christianity
 SCTR 27 The Historical Jesus
 SCTR 32 Millennium and Apocalypse
 SCTR 102R Biblical Criticism: New Testament
 SCTR 108 Impact of the Dead Sea Scrolls
 SCTR 132R Apocalypse Now
 SCTR 157 The Bible and Empire
 SCTR 158R Postcolonial Perspectives on the
 New Testament
 SCTR 165R Gender and Sexuality in Biblical
 Interpretation

Graduate

PMIN 206 The Synoptic Gospels
 PMIN 214 The New Testament
 PMIN 221-2 Jesus: Real to Reel
 SPIR 241 The Scriptures and Spirituality

OSHER Lifelong Learning Institute

The Historical Jesus
 Scriptures Lost and Found
 Dying for a Life: Women in the Early
 Christian Church

Campus Talks

Guest lecture, “Historical Criticism of the Bible and the Historical Jesus,” for TESP 184 Jesus in Cross-Cultural Perspective, Dr. Teresia Hinga, April 2008.

Co-organizer with Teresia Hinga (Religious Studies) and Marilyn Fernandez (Sociology), “Healing the Wounds of Body and Spirit: Multicultural Community Responses to Sexual Violence,” October 2006.

Invited Speaker, Graduation Dinner, Graduate Program in Pastoral Ministries, June 2004.

Participant, Orradre Library Film Discussion, “Mel Gibson, *The Passion of the Christ*,” April 2004.

“Jesus: Real to Reel.” Lecture for the Graduate Program in Pastoral Ministries 20th Anniversary Event, March 2004.

Co-organizer and Presenter, “The Passion according to Mel Gibson: A Panel Discussion,” co-sponsored by the Religious Studies Department and the Bannan Center for Jesuit Education, February 2004.

Participant, Orradre Library/Da Vinci RLC Book of the Month club event, “Dan Brown, *The Da Vinci Code*,” January 2004.

“Absolute Community and Absolute Poverty.” Lecture on the economic ethics of the Essenes and the Franciscan Spirituals, Medieval & Renaissance Studies Program, April 2003.

Organized guest lecture by Dr. Michelle M. Lelwica (St. Mary’s College of California), “Starving for Salvation: The Spiritual Dimensions of Eating Problems among American Girls and Women,” April 2001.

Panelist, “Teaching in a Learning Community.” Organized by the Director of the Residential Learning Communities, June 2000.

Co-presented “Wealth and Poverty: How Israel’s Scriptures Can Be Read,” with Dr. David Pleins (Religious Studies), for The Markkula Center for Applied Ethics “Ethics at Noon” series, April 2000.

SCHOLARSHIP

Books

The Historical Jesus for Dummies. Hoboken, New Jersey: Wiley, 2008.

John the Baptist: Prophet of Purity for a New Age, Interfaces. Collegeville, Minnesota: The Liturgical Press, 2003.

From Earth’s Creation to John’s Revelation: The Interfaces Biblical Storyline Companion, with Barbara Green and Carleen Mandolfo, Interfaces. Collegeville, Minnesota: The Liturgical Press, 2003.

Wealth in the Dead Sea Scrolls and in the Qumran Community, Studies on the Texts of the Desert of Judah 40. Leiden/New York: Brill, 2002.

Edited Volumes

With Maxine L. Grossman. “The Dead Sea Scrolls in the Popular Imagination.” *Dead Sea Discoveries* 12:2 (2005).

Refereed and Invited Articles and Book Chapters

“Introduction: The Dead Sea Scrolls in the Popular Imagination,” with Maxine L. Grossman. *Dead Sea Discoveries* 12:2 (2005) 1-5.

“104. 4QRuth^a” and “105. 4QRuth^b,” with Eugene Ulrich. In *Qumran Cave 4, XI: Psalms to Chronicles* (ed. Eugene Ulrich et al.; Discoveries in the Judaean Desert 16; Oxford: Clarendon, 2000) 187-94.

“The Disposition of Wealth in the *Damascus Document* Tradition.” *Revue de Qumrân* 19:2 (1999) 83-129.

“Sdeir 1. Sdeir Genesis.” In *Qumran Cave 4, XXVII: Miscellaneous Texts from Qumran and Other Sites* (ed. P. Alexander et al.; Discoveries in the Judaean Desert 38; Oxford: Clarendon, 1999) 117-24.

“The Twelve,” with Russell E. Fuller and Curt Niccum. In *Qumran Cave 4, X: The Prophets* (Discoveries in the Judaean Desert XV, ed. Eugene Ulrich et al.; Oxford: Clarendon, 1997) 221-318, pls. XL-LXIV.

In progress:

“The Widows in Acts 6:1-6 and the Daily Distribution of Bread in Light of the Roman Grain Dole,” to be submitted to the *Journal of Feminist Studies in Religion*.

“Economic Context.” Under contract to be published in *Companion to the Dead Sea Scrolls* (T & T Clark International, 2012).

Book Reviews

“Hanan Eshel, *The Dead Sea Scrolls and the Hasmonean State* (Studies in the Dead Sea Scrolls and Related Literature /Series of Studies on the Ancient Period of Yad Ben-Zvi Press; Grand Rapids, Michigan/Jerusalem: William B. Eerdmans/Yad Ben-Zvi, 2008),” *Catholic Biblical Quarterly* 72:1 (2010).

In progress:

“R. S. Sugirtharajah, *The Bible and Empire: Postcolonial Explorations* (New York: Cambridge University Press, 2005).” *Church History*.

“James C. Charlesworth, *The Historical Jesus: An Essential Guide* (Essential Guides; Nashville: Abingdon, 2008).” *Review of Biblical Literature*.

Popular Articles

“Alienated Catholics: Establishing the Groundwork for Dialogue.” *Urbi et Orbi: Newsletter for the Lane Center for Catholic Studies and Social Thought* 1:2 (Fall 2006) 4-5, 12.

“Mel Gibson’s Troubling Take on Jesus’ Last Hours.” Part of a Web exclusive, “Passion’-ate Perspectives on Mel Gibson’s Film,” *The Santa Clara Magazine* (Summer 2004) online, <http://www.scu.edu/scm/exclusives/passion-murphy.cfm>.

“Piecing Together the Past,” with Eugene Ulrich and James VanderKam. *Humanities* 16:6 (1995) 14-18, 42-45.

Academic Papers

Invited participant in Journal of Feminist Studies of Religion Panel on Gender, Economics, and Context: Investigations in Biblical Studies: “The Widows in Acts 6:1-6 and the Daily Distribution of Bread in Light of the Roman Grain Dole,” annual meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, San Francisco, CA, November 2011.

Invited paper, “Economics in the Biblical World: The Dead Sea Scrolls,” Economics in the Biblical World section, annual meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, Atlanta, GA, November 2010.

Invited respondent to four papers on “The Social History of Scribal Practice,” joint session of the Qumran and Social History of Formative Christianity and Judaism sections, annual meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, Boston, MA, November 2008.

Panelist, Panel Discussion of Richard A. Horsley, *Scribes, Visionaries, and the Politics of Second-Temple Judea*, annual meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, San Diego, CA, November 2007.

“The Alternative Economy Envisioned in the Love Command.” Invited major paper presented at the annual meeting of the Catholic Biblical Association of America, Collegeville, MN, August 2005.

“Pilate’s Wife in Postcolonial Perspective.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, San Antonio, TX, November 2004.

“Qumran and Economics: Outside and In.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, Atlanta, GA, November 2003.

“Matthew 5:3-12 and 25:31-46 and the Penal Codes from Qumran.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, Toronto, ON, November 2002.

“The Dead Sea Scrolls in the Popular Imagination.” Introductory comments for a session on the topic at the annual meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, Toronto, ON, November 2002.

“Research Report: Wealth in the Dead Sea Scrolls and in the Qumran Community and Some Implications for the Study of the New Testament.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Catholic Biblical Association, South Orange, NJ, August 2001.

- “Applied Research, Interactive Report: Today’s College Students and the Teaching and Learning of Biblical Studies,” with Barbara Green. Presentation made at the annual meeting of the Catholic Biblical Association, South Orange, NJ, August 2001.
- “Review: Bart D. Ehrman, *Jesus, Apocalyptic Prophet of the New Millennium*.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Catholic Biblical Association, South Orange, NJ, August 2001.
- “Celibacy as a Strategy for Economic Purity in the Dead Sea Scrolls.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, Nashville, TN, November 2000.
- “Apocalyptic Economics in the Dead Sea Scrolls: Biblical Rationales for the Practice of Shared Property.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, Boston, MA, November 1999.
- “Earthly Collapse and Heavenly Ascent: Apocalyptic Imagination in the Dead Sea Scrolls.” Presentation delivered at St. Mary’s College of California, Moraga, CA, October 1999.
- “The Disposition of Wealth in the *Damascus Document* Tradition.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, Orlando, FL, November 1998.
- “The Voluntary Offering of Property at Qumran: Rationales and Realities in *The Rule of the Community*.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, San Francisco, CA, November 1997.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

University

- Organizing Committee, Santa Clara University Chapter of the AAUP, 2011–2012
- Advisory Committee for Ignatian Center Institute on Scripture, 2011–2012
- Co-Convener, Gender, Globalization & Empire Faculty Study Group (with Naomi Andrews, History), 2010–present
- Faculty Judicial Board, 2007–2010
- WASC Self-Study Sub-committee: Promoting a Community of Inclusive Excellence (Interim Chair, Winter-Spring 2009), 2007–2010
- Core Curriculum Faculty Area Committee: Religion, Theology & Culture (Chair, 2007– 2011), 2007–2011
- Steering Committee for Santa Clara University Chapter of the AAUP, 2007–2009
- Women of Color Network, 2007–present
- LGBTQ Allies Network, 2006–present
- Participant, Campus Violence Prevention Project Workshop. Summer 2006
- University Research Committee (Chair, 2006–2007), 2005–2007
- Valedictorian Search Committee, Spring 2004
- Ignatian Faculty Forum, 2003–2007

College of Arts and Sciences

- Arts & Humanities Rank & Tenure Committee, 2010–2013
- Grievance Committee, Arts & Humanities, 2004–2007
- Women’s & Gender Studies Program Advisory Board, 2004–present
- Medieval & Renaissance Studies Program Board, 2004–2007

Department of Religious Studies

- Curriculum Committee, 2011–present
- Committee to draft Sociology of Religion tenure track line proposal (Chair), Winter 2006
- Curriculum Committee (Chair, 2006–2008), 2005–2010
- Chair’s Advisory/Administrative Committee, 2005–2010
- Evaluation Committee, 2004–2008

Buddhism Position Search Committee, 2004–2005
Religious Studies Department Web Team, 2001–2008
Theology and Contemporary Culture Position Search Committee, 2002–2003
Catechetics Position Search Committee, 2001–2002
Advisor to Religious Studies majors and minors regarding Graduate School, 1999–2003
Jewish Studies Position Search Committee, 1998–1999

Graduate Program in Pastoral Ministries

Task Force on GPPM merger with the Jesuit School of Theology, 2011–2012
Graduate Program in Pastoral Ministries Committee, 1998–2005, 2006–2008, 2010–present
Program Review Task Force, 2010–2011
Liaison between Religious Studies Department and Graduate Program in Pastoral Ministries, 2005–2006
Manager, Graduate Program in Pastoral Ministries Web site redesign, <http://www.scu.edu/pm>, 2001

Profession

Member, Steering Committee, Economics in the Biblical World Section, Society of Biblical Literature, 2009–present
Member, *Journal of Biblical Literature* Editorial Board, 2007–2010
Chair, Local Arrangements Committee, Catholic Biblical Association 70th International Meeting, Santa Clara University, Santa Clara, CA (August 4–7, 2007), 2006–2007
Member, Steering Committee, Jesus Traditions, Gospels and Negotiating the Roman Imperial World Section, Society of Biblical Literature, 2004–2006
Member, Steering Committee, Social-Scientific Studies of the Second Temple Period Section, Society of Biblical Literature, 2002–2006
Series Consultant for New Testament, Interfaces Series, The Liturgical Press, 2001–2006
Abstractor of the journals *Dead Sea Discoveries* and *Revue de Qumran*, for *Old Testament Abstracts*, 1999–2002

Community

“The Historical Jesus.” Four-class module for the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, Santa Clara University, Santa Clara, CA, January–February 2012.
“What Makes Us Catholic: The Biblical Perspective.” Lecture presented as part of the Fall Adult Education Speaker Series, St. William Parish, Los Altos, CA, October 20, 2010.
“Dying for a Life: Women in the Early Christian Church.” Five-class module for the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, Santa Clara University, Santa Clara, CA, March–April 2010.
“Gender and Early Christianity.” Two-part lecture presented for the Los Gatos United Methodist Church Small Group/Adult Education Program, Los Gatos, CA, February–March 2010.
“Scriptures Lost and Found.” Five-class module for the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, Santa Clara University, Santa Clara, CA, January–February 2010.
“Missing Books of the Bible.” Lecture for St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Community LIFE Program, Livermore, CA, October 13, 2009.
“The Historical Jesus for Dummies.” Lecture for The Stone Church of Willow Glen, San Jose, CA, September 13, 2009.
“Jesus the Jew and the Roman Empire.” Lecture for St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Community LIFE Program, Livermore, CA, May 12, 2009.
“The Historical Jesus for Dummies.” Lecture presented to the Sacred Heart Preparatory Parent Formation Group, Atherton, CA, April 6, 2009.

“The Historical Jesus for Dummies.” Lecture presented to Our Savior’s Lutheran Church Adult Faith Formation program, Lafayette, CA, April 4, 2009.

“The Historical Jesus.” Four-class module for the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, Santa Clara University, Santa Clara, CA, February-March 2009.

“The Historical Jesus for Dummies.” Lecture presented for the Los Gatos United Methodist Church Small Group/Adult Education Program to kick off the Historical Jesus for Dummies series, Los Gatos, CA, January 11, 2009.

“Jesus and the Scriptures.” Lecture presented for the St. Martin of Tours Catholic Church Faith Formation Series, San José, CA, January 11, 2009.

“Marcus Borg and the Quest for Jesus.” Lecture presented in advance of the 2008 Robert McAfee Brown Annual Lectureship (Marcus Borg), First Presbyterian Church of Palo Alto, Palo Alto, CA, November 2, 2008.

“Teaching Texts Alive: Resurrecting the Historical Jesus Today.” Talk presented at the Conference, “Best Practices in Catholic Education: Ethics across the Curriculum, sponsored by Sacred Heart Schools (Atherton, CA), Santa Clara, CA, August 14, 2008.

“An Introduction to the Dead Sea Scrolls.” Lecture presented to the San Diego Chapter of the Santa Clara Alumni Association in conjunction with the Dead Sea Scrolls exhibit at the San Diego Museum of Natural History, San Diego, CA (September 29, 2007).

“The Historical Jesus.” Lecture presented to the Women’s Spirituality Group at St. Simon’s Catholic Church, Los Altos, CA, September 21, 2007.

Two half-hour television interviews on Mary Magdalene and *The Da Vinci Code* for KNXT-49, Diocese of Fresno, Fresno, CA, tape date May 20, 2006; airing dates May 21, 22 and 25, 2006.

Television interviews on the movie, *The Da Vinci Code*, for NBC-11 (May 17) and KTVU-Fox, May 18 and 19, 2006.

“Alienated Catholics: Establishing the Groundwork for Dialogue.” Invited lecture in the “Communities in Conversation” series, sponsored by the Lane Center for Catholic Studies and Social Thought at the University of San Francisco (<http://www.usfca.edu/lanecenter/events/alienated.html>). St. Agnes Catholic Church, San Francisco, CA, March 26, 2006.

“Mary Magdalene in the Gospels.” Bible study presented to the WINGS group (Women in God’s Spirit), St. Theresa’s Catholic Church, Oakland, CA, March 8, 2006.

“Acts of the Apostles.” Inaugural lecture for annual Little Rock Scripture Study group, St. Martin of Tours Catholic Church, San José, CA, October 16, 2005.

“Pilgrims in Pop Culture,” with Kate McNichols. Santa Rosa Diocesan Religious Education Congress, Santa Rosa, CA, March 12, 2005.

Facilitator, Advent Retreat on the Gospel of Matthew. South Bay Lutheran Pastors, Los Altos, CA, January 12, 2005.

Invited presenter, Book Group discussion of *The DaVinci Code*. Foster City Public Library, Foster City, CA, October 27, 2004.

“Jesus: Real to Reel.” Lecture presented at the San Francisco Archdiocesan/ San José Diocesan Religious Education Conference, San Francisco, CA, October 30, 2004.

“Jesus: Real to Reel.” Lecture presented at St. Catherine’s Catholic Church, Morgan Hill, CA, May 13, 2004.

Facilitator, Study Series on the Gospel of Mark, Christ the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, San José, CA, January-February 2003.

Facilitator, Advent Retreat on the Gospel of Mark, South Bay Lutheran Pastors, Cupertino, CA, December 3, 2002.

Guest Lecturer, Senior Seminar and Sophomore Church History classes, Sacred Heart Cathedral Preparatory, San Francisco, CA, October 17, 2002.

Instructor, Old Testament course (5 2-hour sessions each Fall), Institute for Leadership in Ministry, Diocese of San José, San José, California, 2001–2002.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Academy of Religion

American Association of University Professors

Catholic Biblical Association

National Association for Lay Ministry

North American Patristics Association

Society of Biblical Literature

LANGUAGES STUDIED

French

German

Greek (classical)

Hebrew (biblical and modern)

Latin (classical)

Syriac (classical)

AREAS OF TEACHING COMPETENCE

New Testament, Early Christian History and Literature, Hebrew Bible, Second Temple Judaism, New Testament and Classical Greek, Biblical Hebrew.

REFERENCES

Harold W. Attridge, Lillian Claus Professor of New Testament and Dean of the Divinity School, Yale Divinity School, 409 Prospect Street, New Haven, CT, 06510.

Warren Carter, Professor of New Testament, Brite Divinity School, 2855 South University Drive, Fort Worth, TX, 76129.

Gary Macy, John Nobili, S.J. Professor and Department Chair, Religious Studies Department, Santa Clara University, Santa Clara, CA, 95053.

Eugene C. Ulrich, John A. O'Brien Professor of Theology, Department of Theology, 130 Malloy Hall, University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, IN, 46556.