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### **Education**

PhD, 2006. Biblical Studies. University of Chicago Divinity School. Chicago, IL.  
Dissertation: “Constructing a New Covenant: Discursive Strategies in the Damascus Document and Second Corinthians.” Advisor: Hans-Josef Klauck.  
MTS, 1995. Duke Divinity School. Durham, N.C.  
BA, 1991. University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Chapel Hill, N.C. Major: Psychology.

### **Publications**

#### **Monographs**

*A Spiritual Economy: Gift Exchange in the Letters of Paul of Tarsus*. Synkrisis: Comparative Approaches to Early Christianity in Greco-Roman Context. New Haven: Yale University Press, 2017.  
*Constructing a New Covenant: Discursive Strategies in the Damascus Document and Second Corinthians*. WUNT 2/233. Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, 2007.  
*The Circumcision of Abraham: Modeling Ritual from Genesis to the Letters of Paul*. Anchor Yale Bible Reference Library. New Haven: Yale University Press. Under contract.

#### **Coedited Volumes and Journal Special Issue**

Thomas R. Blanton IV, Agnes Choi, and Jinyu Liu, eds. *Taxation, Economy, and Revolt in Ancient Rome, Galilee, and Egypt*. Routledge Monographs in Classical Studies. London: Routledge, 2022.  
Sandra Jaeggi-Richoz and Thomas R. Blanton IV, eds. “Le phallus dans l’Antiquité: Imaginaires, pratiques et discours, représentations.” Special issue no. 2 of *Archimède: Archéologie et histoire ancienne* (2022). (Part of the *Imago Genitalium: Sex and Gender in Ancient Mediterranean Art* project.)  
David B. Hollander, Thomas R. Blanton IV, and John T. Fitzgerald, eds. *The Extramercantile Economies of Greek and Roman Cities: New Perspectives on the Economic History of Classical Antiquity*. Routledge Monographs in Classical Studies. London: Routledge, 2019.  
Thomas R. Blanton IV and Raymond Pickett, eds. *Paul and Economics: A Handbook*. Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 2017.  
Thomas R. Blanton IV, Robert M. Calhoun, and Clare K. Rothschild, eds. *The History of Religions School Today: Essays on the New Testament and Related Ancient Mediterranean Texts*. WUNT 1/340. Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, 2014.  
Claudia D. Bergmann and Thomas R. Blanton IV, eds. *Abraham as Ritual Model in Jewish, Christian, and Islamic Contexts*. In preparation.

## Journal Articles

- “Did Jewish Women Perform Circumcisions in Antiquity? A Reassessment of the Evidence.” *Journal of the Jesus Movement in Its Jewish Setting: From the First to the Seventh Century* (under review).
- “A Relational Account of Structure and Agency via ‘Lived Ancient Religion’ and the ‘Processing Approach,’ with a Case Study of Circumcision in Ancient Judaism.” In “Lived Ancient Religion.” *Religion in the Roman Empire* 9 (2023) (forthcoming).
- “Apotropaic Humor: The Fresco of Priapus in the House of the Vettii.” Pages 167–82 in “Le phallus dans l’Antiquité: Imaginaires, pratiques et discours, représentations.” Edited by Sandra Jaeggi-Richoz and Thomas R. Blanton IV. Special issue no. 2 of *Archimède: Archéologie et histoire ancienne* (2022).
- Sandra Jaeggi-Richoz and Thomas R. Blanton IV. “*Imago Genitalium*: Introduction to the Issue, ‘The Phallus in Antiquity’” / “*Imago Genitalium*: Introduction au numéro, ‘Le phallus dans l’Antiquité.’” Pages 1–15 in “Le phallus dans l’Antiquité: Imaginaires, pratiques et discours, représentations.” Edited by Sandra Jaeggi-Richoz and Thomas R. Blanton IV. Special issue no. 2 of *Archimède: Archéologie et histoire ancienne* (2022).
- “Circumcision in the Early Jesus Movement: Perspectives of Simon Claude Mimouni, ‘Paul within Judaism,’ and ‘Lived Ancient Religion.’” *Journal of the Jesus Movement in Its Jewish Setting: From the First to the Seventh Century* 8 (2021): 131–57.
- “The Expressive Prepuce: Philo’s Defense of Judaic Circumcision in Greek and Roman Contexts.” *Studia Philonica Annual* 31 (2019): 127–62.
- “Economics and Early Christianity.” *Religious Studies Review* 43 (2017): 93–100. (Invited review article covering eleven books.)
- “Saved by Obedience: Matthew 1:21 in Light of Jesus’ Teaching on the Torah.” *Journal of Biblical Literature* 132 (2013): 393–413.
- “The Benefactor’s Account-book: The Rhetoric of Gift Reciprocation in Seneca and Paul.” *New Testament Studies* 59 (2013): 396–414.
- “Spirit and Covenant Renewal: A Theologoumenon of Paul’s Opponents in 2 Corinthians.” *Journal of Biblical Literature* 129 (2010): 153–75.

## Articles in Edited Volumes

- Ellen Gruenbaum, Thomas R. Blanton IV, and Cathie Spieser. “Genital Modifications: Definitions and Anthropological Perspectives.” In *The Oxford Handbook of the Archaeology and Anthropology of Body Modification*. Edited by Franz Manni and Francesco d’Errico. Oxford: Oxford University Press. Forthcoming.
- Thomas R. Blanton IV and David B. Hollander. “Household Economics in the New Testament.” In *The Oxford Handbook of Households in the Biblical World: Households in Ancient Israel, Early Judaism, and Early Christianity*. Edited by John T. Fitzgerald, Carol Meyers, Eric M. Meyers, and Chris de Wet. Oxford: Oxford University Press. Forthcoming.
- “Paul’s Itinerant Mission: Wages, Travel, Prestige, Ideology.” In *Is It Good to Be Rich? Answers from Antiquity and the Bible*. Edited by Nadine Ueberschaer, Peter Altmann, and Frank Ueberschaer. WUNT 1. Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck. Forthcoming.
- “The Continuing Influence of the *Religionsgeschichtliche Schule*.” In vol. 3 of *The Oxford History of Modern German Theology*. Edited by Christiane Tietz and Michael DeJonge. 3 vols. Oxford: Oxford University Press. Forthcoming.

- “Archaeology and the Historical Imagination: The Corinthian Eucharist in Architectural Context(s).” In *Studies in the Archaeological, Historical, and Literary Context of the New Testament in Honor of the Work of James F. Strange*. Edited by James R. Strange and C. Thomas McCollough. Tsemakh, Israel: Ostracon. Forthcoming.
- “Wealth, Poverty, Economy.” Pages 296–319 in *The Oxford Handbook of the Synoptic Gospels*. Edited by Stephen P. Ahearne-Kroll. London: Oxford University Press, 2023.
- Thomas R. Blanton IV, Agnes Choi, and Jinyu Liu. Introduction to *Taxation, Economy, and Revolt in Ancient Rome, Galilee, and Egypt*. London: Routledge, 2022.
- “Manual Labor and Sustenance.” Pages 103–22 in *The T&T Clark Handbook to the Historical Paul*. Edited by Ryan S. Schellenberg and Heidi Wendt. London: T&T Clark, 2022.
- David B. Hollander, Thomas R. Blanton IV, and John T. Fitzgerald. Introduction to *The Extramercantile Economies of Greek and Roman Cities: New Perspectives on the Economic History of Classical Antiquity*. Edited by David B. Hollander, Thomas R. Blanton IV, and John T. Fitzgerald. London: Routledge, 2019.
- Thomas R. Blanton IV and David B. Hollander. “The Extramercantile Economy: An Assessment of the New Institutional Economics Paradigm in Relation to Recent Studies of Ancient Greece and Rome.” Pages 8–28 in *The Extramercantile Economies of Greek and Roman Cities: New Perspectives on the Economic History of Classical Antiquity*. Edited by David B. Hollander, Thomas R. Blanton IV, and John T. Fitzgerald. London: Routledge, 2019.
- David B. Hollander and Thomas R. Blanton IV. Epilogue to *The Extramercantile Economies of Greek and Roman Cities: New Perspectives on the Economic History of Classical Antiquity*. Edited by David B. Hollander, Thomas R. Blanton IV, and John T. Fitzgerald. London: Routledge, 2019.
- “The Economic Functions of Gift Exchange in Pauline Assemblies.” Pages 279–306 in *Paul and Economics: A Handbook*. Edited by Thomas R. Blanton IV and Raymond Pickett. Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 2017.
- Substantive revision of Benjamin Fiore, “Paul, Exemplification, and Imitation.” Pages 169–95 in vol. 1 of *Paul in the Greco-Roman World: A Handbook*. 2nd ed. Edited by J. Paul Sampley. 2 vols. London: T&T Clark, 2016. (Responsible for approximately 50 percent of article.)
- “*De caelo patrocinium*: The Economy of Divine Patronage in Apuleius’ *Metamorphoses*.” Pages 283–96 in *The History of Religions School Today: Essays on the New Testament and Related Ancient Mediterranean Texts*. Edited by Thomas R. Blanton IV, Robert M. Calhoun, and Clare K. Rothschild. WUNT 1/340. Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, 2014.
- “Paul’s Covenantal Theology in 2 Cor 2:14–7:4.” Pages 61–71 in *Paul and Judaism: Crosscurrents in Pauline Exegesis and the Study of Jewish-Christian Relations*. Edited by Reimund Bieringer and Didier Pollefeyt. Library of New Testament Studies 463 / European Studies in Christian Origins. London: T&T Clark, 2012.
- “Paul and Jerusalem: Assessing an Interassembly Donation.” In *Jerusalem and Caesarea Maritima*. Vol. 9 of *The First Urban Churches*. Edited by James R. Harrison and L. L. Welborn. Writings from the Greco-Roman World Supplement series. Atlanta: SBL Press. Accepted invitation to contribute.

### **Magazine Article for a Popular Audience**

- “Konnte Jesus lesen und schreiben? Die Frage nach der Bildung Jesu, seiner Jünger und Jüngerinnen.” In “Schreiben, Lesen, Religion: Bildung in frühchristlicher Zeit.” *Welt und Umwelt der Bibel* 104 (2022): 10–17. <https://www.bibelwerk.shop/produkte/schreiben-lesen-religion-3002202>.

## Encyclopedia and Dictionary Articles

- “Nakedness: New Testament.” Columns 631–32 in vol. 20 of *Encyclopedia of the Bible and Its Reception*. Edited by Constance M. Furey et al. Berlin: de Gruyter, 2022.
- “Gift: NT.” Columns 240–42 in vol. 10 of *Encyclopedia of the Bible and Its Reception*. Edited by Dale C. Allison Jr. et al. Berlin: de Gruyter, 2015.
- “Gift: Film.” Columns 254–55 in vol. 10 of *Encyclopedia of the Bible and Its Reception*. Edited by Dale C. Allison Jr. et al. Berlin: de Gruyter, 2015.
- “Foundation: NT.” Columns 513–14 in vol. 9 of *Encyclopedia of the Bible and Its Reception*. Edited by Dale C. Allison Jr. et al. Berlin: de Gruyter, 2014.
- “Boasting.” Columns 245–47 in vol. 4 of *Encyclopedia of the Bible and Its Reception*. Edited by Hans-Josef Klauck et al. Berlin: de Gruyter, 2011.
- “Belial: NT.” Columns 794–95 in vol. 3 of *Encyclopedia of the Bible and Its Reception*. Edited by Hans-Josef Klauck et al. Berlin: de Gruyter, 2011.
- “Antonia, Tower of.” Columns 294–96 in vol. 2 of *Encyclopedia of the Bible and Its Reception*. Edited by Hans-Josef Klauck et al. Berlin: de Gruyter, 2009.
- “Abilene.” Columns 91–92 in vol. 1 of *Encyclopedia of the Bible and Its Reception*. Edited by Hans-Josef Klauck et al. Berlin: de Gruyter, 2009.
- Entries in the *Contexticon of New Testament Language* (<http://contexticon.com/>): ἀναγινώσκω (“to read”); ἐξαίφνης (“suddenly”); εὕρισκεσθαι καθεύδοντες (“to be found sleeping”); θροέομαι (“to be distressed”); συντέλεια (“completion”); τέλος (“end”; “goal”); ὁ υἱὸς τοῦ ἀνθρώπου (“son of man”).

## Reviews

- Review of Jennifer A. Quigley, *Divine Accounting: Theo-Economics in Early Christianity*. Synkrisis: Comparative Approaches to Early Christianity in Greco-Roman Context. New Haven: Yale University Press, 2021. *Journal of Economics, Theology and Religion* 2, no. 1 (2022): 21–27. <https://j-etr.org/2022/04/26/review-of-divine-accounting-theo-economics-in-early-christianity/>. Invited review.
- Review of Neil Coffee, *Gift and Gain: How Money Transformed Ancient Rome*. New York: Oxford University Press, 2017. *Klio: Beiträge zur Alten Geschichte* 103, no. 2 (2021): 765–69. Invited review.
- Review of Timothy J. Murray, *Restricted Generosity in the New Testament*. WUNT 2/480. Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, 2018. *Review of Biblical Literature* 08/2021. Invited review.
- Review of Verlyn D. Verbrugge and Keith R. Krell, *Paul and Money: A Biblical and Theological Analysis of the Apostle’s Teachings and Practices*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2015. *Review of Biblical Literature* 10/2017. Invited review.
- Review of Paul Han, *Swimming in the Sea of Scripture: Paul’s Use of the Old Testament in 2 Corinthians 4.7–13.13*, LNTS 519. London: T&T Clark, 2014. *The Journal of Religion* 97 (2017): 278–79. Invited review.
- Review of Jennifer Houston McNeel, *Paul as Infant and Nursing Mother: Metaphor, Rhetoric, and Identity in 1 Thessalonians 2:5–8*. Early Christianity and Its Literature 12. Atlanta: SBL Press, 2014. *Review of Biblical Literature* 7/2015. Invited review.
- Review of Steven Friesen, Sarah James, and Daniel Schowalter, eds., *Corinth in Contrast: Studies in Inequality*. NovTSupp 155. Leiden and Boston: Brill, 2014. *Review of Biblical Literature* 4/2015.

Review of John Barclay and Simon Gathercole, eds., *Divine and Human Agency in Paul and His Cultural Environment*. JSNTSupp 335. London: T&T Clark, 2006. *Review of Biblical Literature* 11/2009.

Review of Kathy Ehrensperger, *Paul and the Dynamics of Power: Communication and Interaction in the Early Christ-Movement*. London: T&T Clark, 2007. *Review of Biblical Literature* 4/2009.

## Internet Resource / Digital Humanities

### Website and Blog

Joy Rivault, Thomas R. Blanton IV, Sandra Jaeggi-Richoz, and Philippe Guillaume, project leaders.

Genitalia & Co.: Representing Genitalia in the Ancient Mediterranean.

<https://genitaliaandco.hypotheses.org/category/accueil>. (Part of the *Imago Genitalium: Sex and Gender in Ancient Mediterranean Art* project.)

Project grant funding: 2,700.00 Swiss Francs (≈ \$2,959.60). Source: Faculté des lettres et des sciences humaines, Université de Fribourg, Nov. 24, 2020.

### Blog Posts

“Konnte Jesus lesen und schreiben? Die Frage nach der Bildung Jesu, seiner Jünger und Jüngerinnen.”  
katholisch.de: Das Nachrichtenportal der Katholischen Kirche in Deutschland. May 8, 2022.

<https://www.katholisch.de/artikel/34140-konnte-jesus-lesen-und-schreiben>. Invited post.

“*Imago Genitalium: Sex and Gender in Ancient Mediterranean Art*.” Genitalia & Co.: Representing Genitalia in the Ancient Mediterranean. Jan. 25, 2021. <https://genitaliaandco.hypotheses.org/808>.

“Philo of Alexandria, Circumcision, and the Construction of the Ethnic ‘Other’ in Greek and Roman Art.” Genitalia & Co.: Representing Genitalia in the Ancient Mediterranean. Sept. 20, 2020.

<https://genitaliaandco.hypotheses.org/648>.

“Taxation Past and Present: Jesus, Rome, and the Trump Tax Cuts.” We Talk. We Listen. Conversations about Diversity. Linda E. Thomas. <https://wetalkwelisten.wordpress.com/2018/04/16/taxation-past-and-present-jesus-rome-and-the-trump-tax-cuts-thomas-r-blanton-iv/>.

“Theorizing ‘the Ancient Economy’: Three Paradigms.” Ancient Jew Review. April 12, 2017.

<http://www.ancientjewreview.com/articles/2017/4/5/theorizing-the-ancient-economy- three-paradigms>; also at <http://tinyurl.com/AJRAncientEcon>. Invited post.

“The Gift Economy of the Earliest Christians.” Yale Books Unbound. Yale University Press. March 6, 2017. <http://blog.yupnet.org/2017/03/06/the-gift-economy-of-the-earliest- christians/>; also at <http://tinyurl.com/YUPGiftEconomy>. Invited post.

“(Field) Notes from a(n Archaeological) Newbie.” ASOR Blog. American Schools of Oriental Research. Nov. 2015. <http://asorblog.org/cause-view/field-notes-from-an-archaeological- newbie/>; also at <http://tinyurl.com/ASORBlogNewbie>. Invited post.

## Teaching Positions

Visiting Assistant Professor of Early Christianity. Department of Theology and Religion, John Carroll University. University Heights, OH (Fall 2022 to present)

New Testament

Myth Matters (an introduction to the Hebrew Bible and New Testament)

Origins of Christianity

Visiting Assistant Professional Specialist. Department of Theology, University of Notre Dame. South Bend, IN (Spring 2018)

Introduction to the New Testament (master’s level)

Auxiliary Professor in New Testament Studies. Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago. Chicago, IL (Spring 2014 to Spring 2018)

Greek for Ministry (introduction to Koine Greek)

Greek Pericopes (ELCA lectionary readings from the Greek New Testament)

Life and Letters of Paul (on-campus and online courses)

Visiting Assistant Professor of Religion. Department of Religion, Luther College. Decorah, IA (Fall 2007 to Spring 2013)

Apocalypse in Literature and Film

Apostle Paul: Discourse and Practice

Gift Exchange in Religion and Society

Hellenistic Religions

Introduction to Biblical Studies / Introduction to the New Testament

The World of the Bible: Dead Sea Scrolls

The World of the Bible: Ancient Mystery Religions

Lecturer in Religious Studies. Saint Xavier University. Chicago, IL (Fall 2006)

New Testament Christianity

Lecturer in Religious Studies. Albion College. Albion, MI (Fall 2005 to Spring 2006)

Introduction to Western Religions

Introduction to the Hebrew Bible

Introduction to the New Testament

Jewish Life and Thought

Introduction to Biblical Greek

Lecturer in Koine Greek. University of Chicago Divinity School. Chicago, IL

Introduction to Koine Greek I–III (Autumn 2002 to Spring 2004)

Instructor. The Graham School of General Studies. University of Chicago. Chicago, IL

Ancient Mediterranean Religions (Autumn 2006)

Politics, History, and Myth in the Dead Sea Scrolls (Autumn 2003)

Teaching Assistant. The Divinity School, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL (Winter 2000)

The Exodus Narrative in Jewish and Christian Traditions

## **Primary and Secondary Teaching Areas**

Primary: New Testament, Pauline Epistles, Koine Greek, Early Christianity and the Roman Economy

Secondary: Greco-Roman Contexts of early Christianity, Second Temple Judaism

## **Fellowships, Awards, and Grants**

Associated Fellow. Max Weber Centre for Advanced Cultural and Social Studies, University of Erfurt.

Research Centre “Dynamics of Jewish Ritual Practices in Pluralistic Contexts from Antiquity to the Present.” Project title: “The Circumcision of Abraham.” (August 8, 2020–Aug. 30, 2021; October 1, 2021–October 1, 2022)

Research Fellow. Max Weber Centre for Advanced Cultural and Social Studies, University of Erfurt.

Research Centre “Dynamics of Jewish Ritual Practices in Pluralistic Contexts from Antiquity to the Present.” Project title: “Abraham as Ritual Model.” (June 3–Nov. 15, 2019: \$13,000.00)

Research Fellow. Max Weber Centre for Advanced Cultural and Social Studies, University of Erfurt.

Research Centre “Dynamics of Jewish Ritual Practices in Pluralistic Contexts from Antiquity to the Present.” Project title: “Abraham as Ritual Model: Circumcision in Genesis, Jubilees, and Pauline Epistles.” (July 5–Dec. 20, 2018: \$14,000.00)

- William G. Dever Archaeological Fellowship for Biblical Scholars (May 19–July 24, 2015)  
The fellowship supported work in field archaeology as an Area Supervisor at Shikhin in Lower Galilee under the direction of James R. Strange and research at the W. F. Albright Institute of Archaeological Research in Jerusalem. Inaugural recipient. (\$6,000.00)
- Luther College Faculty Development Grant for language study at the Goethe Institut, Chicago (Summer 2008: ca. \$350.00)
- Wabash Fellowship in Pedagogy and the Study of Religion. University of Chicago. Chicago, IL (Spring 2005)
- Dissertation Fellow. Martin Marty Center. University of Chicago. Chicago, IL (2002–2003)
- Milo P. Jewett Prize. University of Chicago Divinity School. Chicago, IL (2002)

### **Conference, Workshop, and Webinar Organization**

- Co-organizer with Claudia D. Bergmann and Vera Henkelmann. Webinar “Reading the Torah Ritually: The Art and Architecture of Ancient and Medieval Synagogues.” Research Centre “Dynamics of Jewish Ritual Practices,” Max-Weber-Kolleg für kultur- und sozialwissenschaftliche Studien, Universität Erfurt. June 21, 2022.
- Co-organizer with Claudia D. Bergmann: “Abraham as Ritual Model: Second Workshop.” Universität Erfurt, Max-Weber-Kolleg für kultur- und sozialwissenschaftliche Studien; Oct. 22, 2019.  
Description: International workshop on depictions of Abraham as a ritual model in the Hebrew Bible, early Judaism, rabbinic literature, and early Christianity.  
Funding: 2.000 Euros (≈ \$2,351.55). Source: Bundesministerium für Bildung und Forschung.
- Co-organizer with Claudia D. Bergmann: “Abraham as Ritual Model.” Universität Erfurt, Max-Weber-Kolleg für kultur- und sozialwissenschaftliche Studien; Dec. 17, 2018. Description: International workshop on depictions of Abraham as a ritual model in the Hebrew Bible, early Judaism, rabbinic literature, and early Christianity.  
Funding: 2.000 Euros (≈ \$2,351.55). Source: Bundesministerium für Bildung und Forschung.
- Co-organizer with Raymond Pickett: “Paul and Economics”; Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago; Chicago, IL, Sept. 18–19, 2015. Description: International conference involving classicists, economic historians, and scholars of early Christianity surveying data on material conditions and exchange within early Christian assemblies in context of the Roman economy.  
Funding: \$2,000.00. Source: Dean’s Fund, Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago.

### **Conference Papers and Invited Lectures**

- “Apotropaic Amulets from Pompeii: A Study in ‘Material Religion.’” Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, Nov. 19, 2022 (Denver).
- “Wages, Prestige, and Ideology in Paul’s Letters.” Is It Good to Be Rich? Answers from Antiquity and the Bible conference. University of Halle-Wittenberg, June 24–26, 2022 (invited lecture).
- “On the Recently Discovered Apotropaic Amulets from Pompeii: Viewing Ritual Objects from the Perspective of ‘Lived Ancient Religion.’” Institute for the Study of Christian Origins / Institut für antikes Judentum und hellenistische Religionsgeschichte, University of Tübingen, July 13, 2021 (virtual lecture).

- “Remunerating Paul’s Labor, Viewed in Light of Roman Price and Wage Data.” Labor in Early Christianity panel. Early Christianity and the Ancient Economy / Social Scientific Criticism of the New Testament. Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting. Nov. 20, 2021 (virtual session).
- “Did Jewish Women Perform Circumcisions in Antiquity? A Reassessment of the Evidence.” Circumcision, Gender, and Ethnicity in Ancient Judaism and Early Christianity conference. Centre for the Study of Christian Origins, University of Edinburgh. August 16, 23, 30, 2021 (online; invited paper).
- “Circumcising Jesus and John: Querying Structure, Agency, and Ritual Performance.” Institute for the Study of Christian Origins / Institut für antikes Judentum und hellenistische Religionsgeschichte, University of Tübingen, July 13, 2021 (virtual lecture).
- “Circumcision in Early Judaism and Christianity: Structure, Agency, and ‘Lived Ancient Religion.’” Dynamik ritueller Praktiken im Judentum in pluralistischen Kontexten von der Antike bis zur Gegenwart, Max Weber Kolleg für kultur- und sozialwissenschaftliche Studien, University of Erfurt, June 14, 2021.
- “Education in the New Testament and Early Christian Literature in Greco-Roman and Jewish Contexts.” Ringvorlesung, Wintersemester 2020–2021. Jüdisch lernen: Konzepte und Medien der Bildung im und über das Judentum, Nov. 10, 2020 ([https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ouw\\_OR6Aj8E](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ouw_OR6Aj8E)).
- “Toward a Framework for Interpreting the ‘Ancient Economy.’” Early Christianity and the Ancient Economy program unit. Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, Nov. 25, 2019 (San Diego).
- “Paul and Jerusalem: Assessing an Interassembly Donation.” Polis and Ekklesia program unit. Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, Nov. 25, 2019 (San Diego; invited lecture).
- “Textual Surgery: Philo’s Exegesis of Biblical Narratives on Abraham and Circumcision.” Dynamik ritueller Praktiken im Judentum in pluralistischen Kontexten von der Antike bis zur Gegenwart, Max Weber Kolleg für kultur- und sozialwissenschaftliche Studien, University of Erfurt, Nov. 11, 2019 (guest lecture).
- “Abraham, Covenant, and Circumcision: Philo’s Revisionist Exegesis of Genesis 17.” English-German Colloquium in New Testament. Institute for the Study of Christian Origins / Institut für antikes Judentum und hellenistische Religionsgeschichte, University of Tübingen, Oct. 29, 2019.
- “Was Paul a *Skēnopoios*? A Critical Assessment of the Linguistic and Literary Evidence.” Studiorum Novi Testamenti Societas General Meeting, Marburg, Germany, August 1, 2019 (invited lecture).
- “Wealth, Poverty, and Economy in the Synoptic Gospels.” Early Christianity and the Ancient Economy program unit. Society of Biblical Literature International Meeting, July 1–5, 2019 (Rome).
- “The Expressive Prepuce: Jewish Circumcision in Its Greco-Roman Contexts.” “Abraham as Ritual Model” workshop, Max Weber Kolleg für kultur- und sozialwissenschaftliche Studien, University of Erfurt, Dec. 17, 2018.
- “Abraham as Ritual Model in Genesis, Jubilees, and Pauline Epistles: A ‘Loop of Social Reproduction?’” Dynamik ritueller Praktiken im Judentum in pluralistischen Kontexten von der Antike bis zur Gegenwart, Max-Weber-Kolleg für kultur- und sozialwissenschaftliche Studien, University of Erfurt, Dec. 10, 2018 (guest lecture).
- “Was Paul a *Skēnopoios*? And What Does *Skēnopoios* Mean, Anyway?” The Historical Paul program unit. Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, 2018 (Denver; invited lecture).
- “Abraham as Ritual Model in Genesis, Jubilees, and Pauline Epistles.” “Interpreting Rituals: Historiographical Perspectives and Pluralistic Contexts” conference. Leiden University Centre for the Study of Religion, October 29–31, 2018 (invited lecture).



- “The Expressive Prepuce: Jewish Circumcision in Its Greco-Roman Contexts” (public lecture).  
 “Abraham as Ritual Model in Genesis, Jubilees, and Pauline Epistles: To Circumcise or Not to Circumcise?” (keynote address). “Phallus in All Its ‘Glory’: International Colloquium.”  
 University of Fribourg, Oct. 11, 2018.
- (With David B. Hollander) “The Extramercantile Economy: Problematizing the New Institutional Economics Paradigm in Recent Studies of Ancient Greece and Rome.” Early Christianity and the Ancient Economy program unit. Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, 2017 (Boston).
- “Following the Model of Abraham: Imitation and Exemplification in Genesis 15 and 17, Jubilees 15, and Romans 4.” Christianity and Judaism in Antiquity Colloquium. Department of Theology, University of Notre Dame, Oct. 11, 2017 (invited lecture).
- “Theorizing ‘the Ancient Economy.’” Early Christianity and the Ancient Economy program unit. Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, 2016 (San Antonio).
- “Domestic Architecture and Economic Status in Early Christian Assemblies.” The Role of Texts and Archaeology in the Study of New Testament Backgrounds: Essays in Honor of James F. Strange session. American Schools of Oriental Research Annual Meeting, 2015 (Atlanta; invited lecture).
- “The Economic Functions of Gift Exchange in Pauline Assemblies.” Paul and Economics conference. Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago, Sept. 18–19, 2015.
- “*De caelo patrociniūm*: The Economy of Divine Patronage in Apuleius’ *Metamorphoses*.” *Corpus Hellenisticum Novi Testamenti* program unit. Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, 2014 (San Diego; invited lecture).
- “Did Paul Have a ‘Policy’ Regarding Financial Support?” Early Christianity and the Ancient Economy program unit. Society of Biblical Literature International Meeting, 2014 (Vienna, Austria).
- “Commodity or Gift? On the Classification of Paul’s Unremunerated Labor.” Early Christianity and the Ancient Economy program unit. Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, 2013 (Baltimore); SBL International Meeting, 2013 (St. Andrews).
- “Interpreting Paul’s Collection: From ‘Capitalist Criticism’ to Capitalism’s Troubled Conscience?” Early Christianity and the Ancient Economy program unit. Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, 2012 (Chicago)
- “Invocation and the ‘Language of the Gods’ in the Great Tablet from Thurii.” *Corpus Hellenisticum Novi Testamenti* program unit. Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, 2012 (Chicago).
- “Significant Nonsense: Denotation and Connotation in the ‘Great’ Tablet from Thurii.” Religion in Pieces Interdisciplinary Conference. Brown University, Apr. 27–29, 2012.
- “The Benefactor’s Account-book: The Rhetoric of Gift Reciprocation in Seneca and Paul.” Early Christianity and the Ancient Economy program unit. Society of Biblical Literature 2011 Annual Meeting (San Francisco)
- “Saved by Obedience: Matthew 1:21 and Jesus’ Teaching on the Torah.” Matthew program unit. Society of Biblical Literature 2011 Annual Meeting (San Francisco).
- “Symbolic Goods as Media of Exchange in Paul’s Gift Economy.” Society for the Study of Early Christianity Annual Conference. Macquarie University, May 14, 2011 (Sydney, Australia; invited lecture).
- “Religious Economies of Symbolic Goods? Apuleius’ The Golden Ass as Test Case.” Sociology and Biblical Studies program unit. Society of Biblical Literature International Meeting, 2010 (Tartu, Estonia).
- “Religious Economies of Symbolic Goods? Pauline Epistles as Test Cases.” Paul and Pauline Literature program unit. Society of Biblical Literature International Meeting, 2010 (Tartu, Estonia).

- “Recent Research on 2 Corinthians 3: Implications for the New Perspective.” Second Corinthians: Pauline Theology in the Making Seminar. Society of Biblical Literature 2009 Annual Meeting (New Orleans).
- “Paul’s Covenantal Theology in 2 Cor 2:14–7:4.” New Perspectives on Paul and the Jews Seminar. Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, Sept. 14–15, 2009 (invited paper).
- “Were Paul’s Opponents in 2 Corinthians Emissaries of the Jerusalem Church?” Society of Biblical Literature Midwest Region Meeting, 2005.
- “The Damascus Document’s ‘Critique of the Princes of Judah’: A Veiled Criticism of Aristobulus I and Alexander Jannaeus.” American Oriental Society / American Schools of Oriental Research / Society of Biblical Literature Midwest Region Joint Meeting, 2003.

### **Professional Service and Administration**

- Undergraduate Committee. Department of Theology and Religious Studies, John Carroll University (Fall 2022 to present)
- Faculty Advisor. Fitness Club, John Carroll University (Fall 2022 to present)
- Cochair. Early Christianity and the Ancient Economy, Annual Meeting Program Unit. Society of Biblical Literature (2017–2019 [first term]; 2020–2022 [second term])
- Cochair. Early Christianity and the Ancient Economy, International Meeting Program Unit. Society of Biblical Literature (2014–2016 [first term]; 2017–2019 [second term])
- Steering Committee. Early Christianity and the Ancient Economy, Annual Meeting Program Unit. Society of Biblical Literature (2014–2016)
- Program Director. Poly Summer School in America, Shattuck St. Mary’s School; Faribault, MN. (Summer 2013) (A summer school program of intensive English language study and cultural immersion for South Korean elementary school students; duties included operations oversight, budget management, and acting as a liaison between students, teachers, and staff.)
- Referee. *Journal of the Jesus Movement in Its Jewish Setting* (2021, 2023)
- Referee. *Journal of Theological Studies* (2022)
- External reviewer. Fortress Academic Press (2017)
- Referee. *Journal of Theological Studies* (2013)
- Referee. *Journal of Biblical Literature* (2010)

### **Language Skills**

- English (native speaker)
- German (basic speaking and reading proficiency: B1/B2)
- French (basic reading knowledge)
- Classical and Koine Greek (regularly teach courses from beginning Greek to advanced readings)
- Biblical and post-Biblical Hebrew (reading and research proficiency)
- Aramaic, Syriac, Ethiopic, Coptic (reading knowledge with significant recourse to dictionaries)

### **Professional Affiliations**

- Society of Biblical Literature
- Studiorum Novi Testamenti Societas (Society for New Testament Studies)
- American Society of Overseas Research (ASOR)