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Education

Ph. D. in History, University of California, Santa Barbara, 1996.
M. A. in History, University of California, Santa Barbara, 1992.
M. A. in Psychology, The Johns Hopkins University, 1983.
B. A. in Psychology, State University of New York at Buffalo, 1981.

Academic Positions

2011- :	Professor of Roman History/Late Antiquity, Department of History, University of California, Santa Barbara, CA.
2005-	Affiliate Faculty, Department of Classics and Department of Religious Studies, University of California, Santa Barbara, CA.
2004-11:	Associate Professor of Roman History/Late Antiquity, Department of History, University of California, Santa Barbara, CA.
2003-2004:	Associate Professor of Roman History, McGill University, Montréal, QC.
1999-2003:	Assistant Professor of Roman History, McGill University, Montréal, QC.
1997-1999:	Assistant Professor of European History, St. Norbert College, DePere, WI, USA.
1996-1997:	Visiting Professor in Late Roman History, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY, USA.

Editorial Experience

2016-21:	Founding Editor, and Editor-in-Chief, *Studies in Late Antiquity*. University of California Press
2017-22:	Editorial Committee, UC Press. Chair: September 2020—August 21; Vice-Chair, September 2019-21; Member: September 2017—August 2022.
2014-	Area Editor (Christianity), *Oxford Classical Dictionary*, 2014-
2015-18:	Member, Advisory Board for the Routledge Series, Studies in the Archaeology, Culture, and History of the Ancient Near East
2014-	Member, International Advisory Board, North American Patristic Society monograph series, "Christianity in Late Antiquity,"
2008-	Member, Advisory Board, Journal of Early Christian Studies, 2008-

Publications

Books

Constantine, the Once and Future King: The Rise of Christian Autocracy in Late Ancient Gaul (Berkeley: UC Press, 2027).

A Threat to Public Piety: Christians, Platonists and the Great Persecution. Cornell University Press, 2012.

The Making of a Christian Empire: Lactantius and Rome. Ithaca: Cornell University Press, 2000. Paperback, released 2012.

The Rhetoric of Power in Late Antiquity: Religion and Politics in Byzantium, Europe and the Early Islamic World, ed. with Justin Stephens, R. M. Frakes. London: I. B. Tauris, 2010; repr. Bloomsbury (paper), 2019.

Religious Identity in Late Antiquity, R. M. Frakes and Elizabeth Digeser, edd. Toronto: Edgar Kent, 2006.

Articles and Book Chapters

"Challenging Jerome: Exploring Lactantius' Biography beyond *De viris illustribus*," *Studia Patristica*. In press.

"Apocalyptic Sovereignty in Late Ancient Gaul: Lactantius, Constantine, and Christian Political Culture," in *Christian Political Cultures in Late Antiquity*, ed. Richard Flower, Meaghan McEvoy, and Robin Whelan (Liverpool University Press), in press.

"Plotinus, Gallienus, and the Third-Century Senatorial Game of Thrones," for *The Senate in Roman History*, ed. Michele Renée Salzman and Ed Watts (UC Press), in press.

"Hermes in Gaul: The Appropriation of Local Culture," in *Appropriation: A New Approach to Religion in Antiquity*, J. Dijkstra and A. Bendlin, eds. (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2026).

"Apocalyptic Ideology during Civil War: The Archangel Michael and Constantine's Christian Subjects," in *War and Community in Late Antiquity*, T. Sessa and S. Elm, eds. (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2026), 329-52.

"Pauline Influence on Methodius," in *The Apologists and Paul*, Todd D. Still and David E. Wilhite, eds. (London: T&T Clark, 2024), 282-290.

"The Effect of Persecution on Religious Communities," in *Being Pagan, Being Christian in Late Antiquity and Early Middle Ages*, Katja Ritari, Jan R. Stenger and William Andringa, eds. (Helsinki: Helsinki University Press, 2023), 121-44.

"Shifting Economic Power in Autun: The Donation of Constantine," *Religion and Urbanity Online* (De Gruyter, 2021).

"Lactantius' Euhemerism and Its Reception," with Avery Barboza. For *Euhemerism and Its Uses: The Mortal Gods*, edited by Syrithe Pugh (Routledge, 2021), 78-103.

"The Violent Legacy of Constantine's Militant Piety." For *Religious Violence in the Ancient World*, edited by Jitse Dijkstra and Christian Raschle (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2020), 228-248.

"Apollo, Christ, and Mithras: Constantine in Gallia Belgica." In *Reconsidering Roman Power: Roman, Greek, Jewish and Christian Perceptions and Reactions*. Katell Berthelot, ed. Rome: Ecole Française de Rome Open Edition Books, 2020.

"Breaking the Apocalyptic Frame: Persecution and the Rise of Constantine." In *Heirs of Roman Persecution: Studies on a Christian and Para-Christian Discourse in Late Antiquity*, ed. Eric Fournier and Wendy Mayer (Routledge, 2019), 25-43.

"Lactantius." For *Great Christian Jurists and Legal Collections in the First Millennium*, edited by Philip Reynolds. Cambridge Studies on Law and Christianity: Great Christian Legal Thinkers (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, June 2019).

"Crisis as Opportunity: Urban Renewal and Christianization in Constantine's Gaul," *Religion in the Roman Empire* 5 (2019): 103-124.

"Pseudo-Justin's *Cohortatio ad Graecos* and the Great Persecution," *Studia Patristica* 95 (2017): 3-12.

"Persecution and the Art of Reading: Lactantius, Porphyry, and the Rules for Reading Sacred Texts," *Studia Patristica* 80 (2017): 139-54.

"Collaboration and Identity in the Aftermath of Persecution: Religious Conflict and Its Legacy." In *Reconceiving Religious Conflict*, ed. Christopher De Wet and Wendy Mayer (Taylor & Francis), 261-81.

"The Usefulness of Borderlands Concepts in Ancient History: The Case of Origen as Monster." In John W. I. Lee and Michael North, edd., *Globalizing Borderlands Studies in Europe and North America* (University of Nebraska Press, 2016), 15-32.

"Platonism in the Palace: The Character of Constantine's Theology," in *The Life and Legacy of Constantine*, ed. Shane Bjornlie (Routledge, 2016), 49-61.

"Lactantius on Religious Liberty and His Influence on Constantine," in *Christianity and Freedom: Vol. 1 Historical Perspectives*, edd. Timothy Samuel Shah and Allen D. Hertzke (Cambridge, University Press, 2016), 90-102.

"The Education of Constantine (Formazione di Costantino)." In *Costantino il Grande: Alle radici dell'Europa*, Enrico dal Colvolo and Guilia Gasparro Sfameni, edd. (Vatican City: Libreria Editrice Vaticana, 2014), 137-149.

"Persecution and the Art of Writing between the Lines: *De vita beata*, Lactantius, and the Great Persecution," *Revue Belge*, 92 (2014): 167-185.

"The Edict of Serdica: Why Has It Been Ignored?" For *Serdica Edict (311 AD): Concepts and Realizations of the Idea of Religious Toleration*. Vesselina Vachkova and Dimitar Dimitrov, edd. (Sofia: Tangra TanNakRa Publishing House, 2014), 15-28.

"Exegesis and Identity among Platonist Hellenes and Christians," in *Philosophy and the Abrahamic Religions: Scriptural Hermeneutics and Epistemology*, Torrance Kirby, ed. Newcastle upon Tyne: Cambridge Scholars Press, 2013), 45-56.

"Hellenes, Barbarians, and Christians: Religion and Identity Politics in Diocletian's Rome," in R. Mathisen and D. Shanzer, edd. *Shifting Frontiers VI* (Surrey: Ashgate, 2011), 121-132.

"The Late Roman Empire from the Antonines to Constantine." For *The Cambridge History of Philosophy in Late Antiquity*, Lloyd Gerson, ed. (Cambridge University Press, 2010), 1:13-24.

"Philosophy in a Christian Empire: From the Great Persecution to Theodosius I." For *The Cambridge History of Philosophy in Late Antiquity*, Lloyd Gerson, ed. (Cambridge University Press, 2010), 1:376-96

"From Constantine to Justinian." For *The Cambridge History of Philosophy in Late Antiquity*, Lloyd Gerson, ed. (Cambridge University Press, 2010), 2:585-607.

"Origen on the *Limes*: Rhetoric and the Polarization of Identity in the Late Third Century." In *The Rhetoric of Power in Late Antiquity: Religion and Politics in Byzantium, Europe and the Early Islamic World*, ed. *idem* with Justin Stephens, R. M. Frakes (London: I. B. Tauris, 2010), 197-218

"Methodius and Porphyry." *Studia Patristica* 46 (2010), 21-26.

"The Power of Religious Rituals: A Philosophical Quarrel on the Eve of the Great Persecution," in N. Lenski and A. Cain, edd., *The Power of Religion in Late Antiquity* (Shifting Frontiers in Late Antiquity, VII) (Ashgate, 2010), 81-92.

"Lactantius, Eusebius, and Arnobius: Evidence for the Causes of the Great Persecution." *Studia Patristica* 39 (2006): 33-46.

"Christian or Hellene? The Great Persecution and the Problem of Christian Identity," in R. M. Frakes and Elizabeth Digeser, *Religious Identity in Late Antiquity* (Toronto: Edgar Kent, 2006), 36-57.

"Religion, Law and the Roman Polity: The Era of the Great Persecution," in Clifford Ando and Jörg Rüpke, edd., *Law and Religion in Classical and Christian Rome* (Stuttgart: Franz Steiner Verlag, 2006), 68-84.

"An Oracle of Apollo at Daphne and the Great Persecution," *Classical Philology* 99 (2004): 57-77.

"Citizenship and the Roman *Res publica*: Cicero and a Christian Corollary," *Critical Review of International Social and Political Philosophy* 6 (2003): 5-21.

"Porphyry, Julian, or Hierokles? The Anonymous Hellene in Makarios Magnes' *Apokritikos*," *Journal of Theological Studies* n. s. 53 (2002): 466-502.

"Porphyry, Lactantius, and the Paths to God," *Studia Patristica* 34 (2001): 521-528.

"Casinensis 595, Parisinus lat. 1664, Palatino-Vaticanus 161 and the *Divine Institutes*' Second Edition," *Hermes: Zeitschrift für klassische Philologie* 127 (1999): 75-98.

"Lactantius, Porphyry, and the Debate over Religious Toleration," *Journal of Roman Studies* 88 (1998): 129-46.

"Lactantius and the 'Edict of Milan': Does it Determine his Venue?" *Studia Patristica: Papers Presented to the Twelfth International Conference on Patristic Studies* 31 (1997): 287-95.

"Lactantius and Constantine's Letter to Arles: Dating the *Divine Institutes*," *Journal of Early Christian Studies* 2 (1994): 33-52.

Reviews

Noel Lenski, *Constantine and the Cities: Imperial Authority and Civic Politics* (Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, 2016) for *American Historical Review* (2018): 1368-69.

Aaron Johnson, *Religion and Identity in Porphyry of Tyre: The Limits of Hellenism in Late Antiquity* (Cambridge: 2013) for *Journal of Theological Studies* 68 (2017): 353-56.

Le traité de Porphyre contre les chrétiens. Un siècle de recherches, nouvelles questions. Actes du colloque international organisé les8 et 9 septembre 2009 à l'Université de Paris IV-Sorbonne. Edited by Sébastien Morlet. (Collection des Etudes Augustiniennes, Série Antiquité, 190). Turnhout: Brepols, 2011 for *Journal of Theological Studies* 67 (2016): 792-97.

Peter Brown, *Through the Eye of a Needle: Wealth, the Fall of Rome, and the Making of Christianity in the West, 350-550 AD* Princeton, 2012. H-Net Reviews (http://www.h-net.org/reviews/home.php).

Jeremy Schott, *Christianity, Empire and the Making of Religion in Late Antiquity* (Philadelphia, 2008), *History of Religions* 51 (2012): 273-76.

Noel Lenski, ed., *The Cambridge Companion to the Age of Constantine* (Cambridge, 2005) for *The Classical Bulletin* 84.1 (2009): 148-150.

John T. Fitzgerald, Thomas H. Olbricht, and L. Michael White, edd., *Early Christianity and Classical Culture. Comparative Studies in Honor of Abraham J. Malherbe* (Leiden: Brill, 2003), for the *Bryn Mawr Classical Review* (2007.04.71) (http://ccat.sas.upenn.edu/bmcr/2007/2007-04-71.html).

Lactantius, *Divine Institutes*, Anthony Bowen and Peter Garnsey, edd. (Liverpool: Liverpool University Press, 2003), for the *Journal of Theological Studies* 57 (2006): 713-15.

Charles Matson Odall, *Constantine and the Christian Empire* (Routledge, 2004), for *Journal of Early Christian Studies* 13 (2005): 527-528.
M. R. Salzman, *The Making of a Christian Aristocracy* (Harvard, 2002) for *Phoenix: Journal of the Classical Association of Canada* 58 (2004): 183-85.
H. Gregory Snyder, *Teachers and Texts in the Ancient World. Philosophers, Jews and Christians* (Routledge, 2000), for *Journal of Religious History* 27 (2003): 86-88.
Birgir A. Pearson, *The Emergence of the Christian Religion: Essays on Early Christianity*, (Trinity, 1997) for *Journal of Early Christian Studies* 7 (1999): 306-7.

Journal Introductions
"Being in a Place," *Studies in Late Antiquity* 5.4 (2021): 475-77.
"Dealing with Disaster," *Studies in Late Antiquity* 5.2 (2021): 173-75.
"Diversity," *Studies in Late Antiquity* 4.4 (2020): 367-369.
"Representation," *Studies in Late Antiquity* 4.3 (2020): 257-259.
"The Past as Exemplar," *Studies in Late Antiquity* 4.2 (2020): 151-152.
"Building Community in Late Antiquity," *Studies in Late Antiquity* 4.1 (2020): 1-3.
"Considering Context," *Studies in Late Antiquity* 3.4 (2020): 473-474.
"Hidden Figures," *Studies in Late Antiquity* 3.2 (2019): 125-127.
"Embodying the Past," *Studies in Late Antiquity* 3.1 (2019): 1-3.
"Christian Ethics in the Public Sphere," *Studies in Late Antiquity* 2.3 (2018): 263-65.
"The Chain of Hermes: Late Ancient Founders and Traditions," *Studies in Late Antiquity* 2.2 (2018): 145-46.
"Stories from Syria: A Crossroads and Its Legacy," *Studies in Late Antiquity* 2.1 (2018): 1-3.
"Heritage and Identity," *Studies in Late Antiquity* 1.4 (2017): 333-334.
"Excavations and Revelations," *Studies in Late Antiquity* 1.3 (2017): 223-224.
"Crossing Borders/Constructing Identities," *Studies in Late Antiquity* 1.2 (2017): 105-106.
"Community Matters," *Studies in Late Antiquity* 1.1 (2017): 4-7.
"Why Does the World Need a New Journal in Late Antiquity?" *Studies in Late Antiquity* 1.1 (2017): 1-3 (with Emily Albu, Ra'anan Boustan, Michele Salzman, and Ed Watts).

Work in Progress

"Veil Politics in Constantine's Gaul: Constructing Divine Right Ideology, in *Constantinian Representations: Ideology, Power, and Propaganda*, N. Baker-Brian, N. Ernst, R. Flower, and W. Lewis, eds. (Liverpool University Press), submitted.

Fellowships, Grants and Awards

2025:	UCSB Faculty Senate Research Grant ($14,700)
2023:	UCSB College of Letters & Science Deans Conference Grant ($2000).
2023:	Conference grant ($5000), Academy of American Franciscan History.
2021:	University of Michigan, Humanities Center, Freehling Visiting Professor.
2019:	UCSB College of Letters & Science Deans Conference Grant ($1000).
2018:	UCSB College of Letters & Science Deans Conference Grant ($2500).
2017-18:	UCSB Critical Issues in America Grant ($25,000) with Helen Morales, Classics.
2016:	UCSB IHC Collaborative Research Grant ($750).

2016:	UCSB Letters and Science Deans Conference Grant ($3000).
2016-:	UCSB IHC Research Focus Group in Ancient Borderlands; Co- PI.
2015:	UCSB Graduate Division Crossroads Grant. Co-PI.
2012:	UCSB Faculty Senate Annual Research Grant
2011:	UC Humanities Research Institute, Ancient Borderlands Multi-Campus Research Grant.
2009:	UCSB Interdisciplinary Humanities Center, Collaborative Project Grant. With Prof. Christine Thomas.
2008:	UCSB Regents Humanities Faculty Fellowship (for 2008-2010).
2008:	UCSB Academic Senate Distinguished Teaching Award (for 2007-2008)
2005-:	UCSB Interdisciplinary Humanities Center annual Awards for Research Focus Group in Ancient Borderlands
2005-2007:	UCSB Faculty Senate annual Research Grant.
2004:	McGill University History Students Association Award for Excellence in Teaching.
2003-2006:	Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada, Standard Research Grant ($74,300 over three years); declined after 31 August 2004.
2002-3:	McGill University Travel Grants.
2001-3:	McGill University Research Grants (SSHRC).
1999-2000:	Junior Fellowship, American Council of Learned Societies; Resident Fellow, Interdisciplinary Humanities Center, University of California, Santa Barbara.
1997-98:	Faculty Development Grant, St. Norbert College.
1996-97:	Mellon Postdoctoral Fellowship in the Humanities, Cornell University.
1995-96:	Finalist, National Council of Graduate Schools, Dissertation Competition. Lancaster Prize (best dissertation), UCSB Graduate Division. Commencement Speaker, UCSB Commencement. Dissertation Fellowship, National Endowment for the Humanities.
1995-96:	Ellison Prize (best seminar paper), UCSB Department of History. Fee Fellowship, UCSB Graduate Division.
1994-95:	Richard K. Mayberry Award (outstanding graduate student), UCSB Department of History, co-winner. Graduate Student Travel Grant, UCSB Graduate Division. Travel Grant, UCSB Department of History. Dissertation Fellowship, UCSB Department of History.
1993-94:	Humanities/Social Sciences Research Grant, UCSB Graduate Division. Esme Frost Fellowship (for research in Ancient History), UCSB Department of History. J. Bruce Anderson Award (for teaching), UCSB Department of History.
1991-1992:	History Associates Fellowship, UCSB History Associates.
1990:	Three-year Teaching Assistantship, UCSB Department of History, awarded upon entry, taken 1990-92, 1993-94.
1981:	Four-year Departmental Fellowship, The Johns Hopkins University Department of Psychology, taken 1981-82.
1981:	Phi Beta Kappa, SUNY at Buffalo.
1977-81:	New York State Regents' Scholarship.
1977-79:	Women's Educational and Industrial Union Scholarship.

Conference Papers and Lectures

"Constantine's Vision of Apollo: Why Location Matters." Invited talk for Radboud Universiteit, Department of Ancient & Medieval Studies, Nijmegen, NL, 6 October 2025.

"Echoes of Irenaeus in Late Ancient Gaul." Invited talk for KU Leuven Faculty of Theology and Religious Studies, Leuven, BE, 25 September 2025.

"Constantine's Vision in the *Templum Pulcherrimum*: Where Was It? Does It Matter?" Invited talk for the Late Antiquity Research Seminar, The Denbo Center for Humanities and the Arts, University of Tennessee – Knoxville, 25 April 2025.

"Tensions in Rome: Plotinus and the Third-Century CE Roman Senate." Invited lecture for the conference, "The Senate of Rome from Antiquity to Modern Times," 22-24 October 2024, Curia of the Roman Forum and the American Academy in Rome.

"Challenging Jerome: Exploring Lactantius' Biography beyond *De viris illustribus*." Paper for the International Patristics Society Conference, Oxford University, Oxford, UK, 5-10 August 2024.

"Apocalyptic Sovereignty in Late Ancient Gaul," presentation for the international conference, "Christian Political Cultures in Late Antiquity," University of Liverpool, 21-22 June 2023, University of Liverpool, Liverpool, UK.

"Hermes in Gaul: Lactantius and the Appropriation of Local Culture," invited presentation for the international workshop, "Appropriation: A New Approach to Religion in Antiquity," University of Ottawa, 29 September – 1 October 2022. Ottawa, ON, Canada.

"Patronage and Propaganda in Constantinian Gaul," invited presentation for the conference, "Constantinian Propaganda," University of Exeter, 8-9 September 2022. Exeter, UK.

"Breaking the Apocalyptic Frame: Constantinian Propaganda and the Longue Durée," invited keynote address for the American Association of Ancient Historians/Annual Vassiliadis lecture, 28 April 2022. Zoom.

"Breaking the Apocalyptic Frame: The Impact of Lactantius' Historical Vision," invited lecture for the Classical Association of Scotland, 26 April 2022. Zoom.

"Securing Power in Gaul: The Donation of Constantine," invited lecture at Simon Fraser University, Vancouver, B.C. 18 March 2022.

"Shifting Economic Power in Autun: The Donation of Constantine," talk for UCSB Crossing Borderlands research focus group, 16 March 2022.

"A Short History of *Studies in Late Antiquity*," Pacific Partnership in Late Antiquity, 18 February 2022. Zoom.

"Patronage in Precarity: Constantine's Intervention in Autun.: Invited lecture for the Department of History, Ohio State University. 5 November 2021.

"Constantine, Christians, and *Civitates*: A Case Study of Autun (Augustodunum)." Invited presentation for the Elizabeth A. Clark Center for Late Ancient Studies. 30 September 2021. Zoom.

"Best Practices for Succeeding in Academic Publishing at All Stages of Your Career." Invited presentation for the Society for Biblical Literature Status of Women in the Profession Committee. 25 November 2019, San Diego, CA.

"Excavating Lactantius' *Divine Institutes* within the Religious Topography of Constantine's Gaul." Invited presentation for the workshop, "Speaking Religion: Religious Discourse and Public Speaking in Classical Athens and Beyond." University of Cyprus, Nicosia, Cyprus. 19 June 2018.

"Crisis as Opportunity: Urban Renewal and Christianization in Constantine's Gaul." Plenary Lecture for the North American Patristics Association Conference, Chicago, IL. 26 May 2018.

"Schism, Heresy and (Conceptual) Exile in the Late Roman Empire." Keynote speech for the workshop, "Exile in Late Antiquity." Yale University, New Haven, CT. 24 April 2018.

"The Legacy of Constantine's Image as God's Warrior." Invited presentation for the conference, "Religious Violence in Antiquity: A Religious Studies Approach across the *Longue Durée*. Université de Montréal and University of Ottawa, 28-30 September 2017.

"Decoding the Apocalypse: Lactantius' Use of Euhemerus." Invited presentation for the symposium, "The Uses of Euhemerism," 17-18 July 2017, University of Aberdeen (Scotland), sponsored by the Sir Herbert Grierson Centre for Textual Criticism and Comparative Literary History in association with the Centre for Early Modern Studies, University of Aberdeen.

"Collaboration and Identity after Persecution: Liminality and Religious Conflict." Invited presentation for the conference, "Killing Christians, Christians Killing: Violence, Trauma and Identity in Early Christianity." Erfurt, Germany, Augustinerkloster, 14-16 July 2017.

"Apollo, Christ, or Mithras? Constantine's Gallic Legacy." Invited presentation for the symposium, "Spécificités et limites du pouvoir romain aux yeux des Anciens : Regards croisés entre Grecs, Romains, Juifs et Chrétiens," sponsored by the European Research Council group, Judaism and Rome, 10-12 May 2017, Ecole Française, Rome, Italy.

"Constantine, the Sun and the Serpent." Invited presentation for the First Annual Meeting of the Pacific Partnership in Late Antiquity, UC San Diego, 21-22 April 2017.

"Cities and Empires: Integrating the Study of Islam within World and Mediterranean History." Presentation for a pedagogical panel sponsored by the Society for Ancient Mediterranean Religions together with The International Quranic Studies Association and the Society for Biblical Literature Student Advisory Board, at the Society for Biblical Literature Conference, San Antonio, TX, 21 November 2016.

"Heretics and Collaborators: The Effect of Persecution on Multiple Identities." Invited paper for the symposium, "Being Pagan, Being Christian in Late Antiquity and the Early Middle Ages," sponsored by the Helsinki Collegium for Advanced Studies, 2-3 November 2016.

"The Other in Fragments: Arguments with Silence." Paper presented at the North American Patristic Society Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, 26-28 May 2016.

"Apollo or Christ? Constantine in Context." Paper presented at the Conference, Shape Shifters: Journeys across Terrains of Race and Identity," University of California, Santa Barbara, 18-20 March 2016.

"Collaboration, Corruption, and Identity in the Wake of Persecution: Religious Conflict and Its Legacy." The 2015-16 Weltin Lecture in Early Christianity, Washington University, St. Louis, MO, 25 February 2016.

"Pseudo-Justin's *Cohortatio ad Graecos* and the Great Persecution," The 17th International Conference on Patristic Studies, Oxford, UK, 12 August 2015.

"Collaboration and Identity in the Aftermath of Persecution: Religious Conflict and Its Legacy," The Sixth Annual UNISA Symposium for New Testament and Early Christian Studies, Pretoria, South Africa, 15-17 September 2014.

"Constantine as Heavenly King." Paper presented at the North American Patristic Society Conference, Chicago, IL, 23 May 2014 and at University of Ottawa, 17 November 2014.

"Constantine and the Idea of Religious Liberty," Western Michigan University, 19 March 2014.

"Lactantius' Doctrine of Religious Freedom and Its Influence on Constantine's Religious Policy," for the Religious Freedom Project, Conference, Rome, Italy 12-15 December 2013. Sponsored by the Berkley Center for Religion, Peace and World Affairs, Georgetown University.

"Constantine and the Origins of Christian Sacral Kingship." Seminar for UCLA Late Antiquity-Middle Ages-Renaissance group. 14 October 2013.

"Constantinople, Nodes of Power and Religious Violence: Redrawing the Map of Christian Authority in the Fourth-Century Roman Empire," for Ancient Borderlands MRG workshop, "Spaces Between: An Interdisciplinary Study of Ancient Borderlands," UCSB 1 June 2013.

Response to a panel discussion of *A Threat to Public Piety*. North American Patristics Association Conference, Chicago, 24 May 2013.

"The Edict of Milan in Its Historical Context," for a conference commemorating the 1700th Anniversary of the Edict of Milan (313-2013) in Tirana, Albania, 27 April 2013.

Response for panel discussion, "Intellectual Culture in the Third Century CE: Philosophy, Religion and Rhetoric between the Second and Third Sophistic." American Philological Association Conference, 5 January 2013, Seattle, WA.

"Platonism in the Palace: The Character of Constantine's Theology." Paper presented by invitation at "The Life and Legacy of Constantine: A Symposium of the Intercollegiate Late Antiquity-Medieval Studies program at the Claremont Colleges, 23 February 2013.

"Persecution and the Art of Writing between the Lines," paper circulated for workshop on "Freedom of Speech and Self-Censorship in Late Antiquity," University of California, San Diego, 8 February 2013.

"The Edict of Serdica: Why Has It Been Ignored?" Invited paper for "The Edict of Serdica (311): Concepts and Realizations of the Idea of Religious Toleration," Sofia, Bulgaria 27-28 April 2012, an international interdisciplinary conference sponsored in part by the municipality of Sofia.

"The Education of Constantine (Formazione di Costantino)." For the published proceedings of the conference, "Costantino il Grande: Alle Radici dell'Europa," sponsored by the Pontificio Comitato di Scienze Storiche, Vatican City, 18-21 April 2012.

"Religion and the Law" (with Prof. Kate Cooper). Models of Piety in Late Antiquity Workshop. San Francisco, CA, 18 November 2011.

"From Virgin Goddess to the Virgin Mary: The Conversion of Space in Late Antiquity." Keynote address presented at the conference, "Geographies of Place," UCSB Interdisciplinary Humanities Center, 29April 2011.

"From Virgin Goddess to Virgin Mother: Conversion in Space and Time." Paper presented at the Center for Late Ancient Studies Symposium, Duke University, 18 February 2011.

"Exegesis and Identity among Platonist Hellenes and Christians." Paper presented at the "Philosophy and Abrahamic Religions: Scriptural Authority and Theories of Knowledge" conference, Istanbul, Turkey 10-12 December 2010.

"Athena, Zosimus of Syracuse and the Virgin Mary: A Bishop's Role in Temple Conversion." Paper presented at the North American Patristic Association Conference, Chicago, IL 27-29 May 2010.

Participant in Workshop, "Religious Identity, Conversion and Ethnic Identity in Late Antiquity." Gladstone Library, Hawarden, Wales, UK. February, 2010.

"Who Was Ammonius Saccas?" Paper presented at the North American Patristic Association Conference, Chicago, IL 21-24 May 2009.

"Images and Rituals in Late Antiquity." Paper presented at the Ephesos Workshop, Crisler Library, Selçuk, Turkey, 28 June 2008.

"Origen on the *Limes*: Rhetoric and the Polarization of Identity in the Late Third Century." Paper presented at the North American Patristic Association Conference, Chicago, IL, 22-24 May 2008.

"Methodius and Porphyry." Paper presented at the 15th Annual International Conference on Patristics, Oxford, England, August 2007.

"Ritual, Philosophical Religion and Power." Paper presented at the 7th biennial Shifting Frontiers in Late Antiquity conference, Boulder, CO, March 2007.

"Methodius' Change of Heart." Paper given at the North American Patristic Association Conference, Chicago, IL. June 2006.

"Late Antique Textual Traditions and Community Identity." Panel commentary presented at the 30th Anniversary International Patristic, Medieval, and Renaissance Studies Conference, the Augustinian Institute, Villanova University, 14 October 2005, Villanova, PA.

"Lactantius and Neoplatonism." Paper given at the North American Patristic Association Conference, Chicago, IL. June 2005.

"Hellenes, Barbarians, and Christians: Religion and Identity Politics in Diocletian's Rome." Paper given at the Sixth Annual Conference on Shifting Frontiers in Late Antiquity, Urbana-Champaign, 17-20 March 2005.

"How to Distinguish True from False Prophets." Workshop for the "Colloquium on the Late Antique Roots of the Quranic Concept of Prophets," Princeton Institute of Advanced Studies, June 2-4, 2004.

"Les voix païennes de la Grande Persécution." Given at the 3 April 2004 colloquium of the Société des Études Anciennes du Québec, Ottawa, ON.

"Christian Transformations of the Greco-Roman Landscape." Panel commentary presented at the American Society of Church History Conference, 11 January 2004, Washington, D. C.

"Ius Publicum and the Great Persecution." Paper presented at "Public Dimensions of Private Religiosity," a conference sponsored by the University of Southern California Center for Law, History and Culture, 10 October 2003, Los Angeles, California.

"Pagan Theology and the Great Persecution." Paper presented at The Changing Face of Judaism, Christianity and Other Greco-Roman Religions in Antiquity, an International Conference organized by the Faculty of Religious Studies, McGill University, 15 September 2003, Montréal, Québec.

"Criticisms of Traditional Religion in Lactantius, Eusebius, and Arnobius: What They Say about the Causes of the Great Persecution." Seminar given at the XIV International Conference on Patristic Studies, August 18, 2003, Oxford, England.

"The Strategic Use of Violence in Diocletian's Religious Policy." Given at the Fifth Bi-Annual Conference on Shifting Frontiers in Late Antiquity, March 22, 2003, Santa Barbara, CA.

"Christian or Hellene? The Great Persecution and the Problem of Christian Identity." Given at the American Society of Church History conference meeting in conjunction with the American Historical Association Conference, January 2-5, 2003, Chicago, IL USA.

"Pagan Factions and the Great Persecution." Paper delivered at Concordia University, Montréal, QC, 8 November 2002.

"Oracles and the Great Persecution." Paper delivered at the North American Patristics Society Meeting. Loyola University, Chicago, IL. 25 May 2002.

"Citizenship and the Roman *Res publica*: Cicero and a Christian Corollary." Paper delivered at "Republicanism: History, Theory and Practice," international colloquium sponsored by the Centre de Recherche en Éthique de l'Université de Montréal. Montréal, 15-17 March 2002.

"A Pagan Critique and the Great Persecution." Paper delivered at "Archaeological Mondays" at la Musée des Beaux Arts, Montréal, 18 February 2002.

"A Pagan-Christian Debate on the Eve of the Great Persecution?" Workshop chaired for PENATES, the Late Antiquity Research Group of Southern California. University of California-Los Angeles, 2 June 2001.

"Persecution and the Art of Reading: Lactantius, Porphyry, and the Rules for Reading Sacred Texts." Given at l'Université de Montréal, 15 March 2001 and at the University of California, Santa Barbara, 12 April 2001.

"Pagan Proselytizing and Episcopal Authority: Eusebius' *Praeparatio evangelica*." Given at the August 2000 meeting of the Pacific Coast Branch of the American Historical Association, Park City, UT.

"Pagan Apologetics and the Great Persecution." Given at the Interdisciplinary Humanities Center at the University of California, Santa Barbara in May, 2000.

"Lactantius and the Fourth-Century Culture Wars." Given at the Center for Medieval Studies at the University of Minnesota conference on "The First Christian Humanist: Lactantius in Late Antiquity and the Renaissance," March 3-4, 2000.

"Porphyry, Lactantius, and the Paths to God." Given at the Thirteenth International Conference on Patristic Studies, August 16-20, 1999, Oxford, England.

"Lactantius' Inclusive Christianity." Given at the 1998 Annual Meeting of the North American Patristic Society, 30 May, Chicago, IL.

"Porphyry and the Arians: Christianity and Mainstream Roman Culture." Given at the 1998 Annual Meeting of the American Catholic Historical Association, 9-11 January 1998, Seattle, WA.

"Lactantius and Porphyry." Given at the Spring 1997 Meeting of the American Catholic Historical Association, April 1997, Charlottesville, VA.

"Christians and Romans: The Audience of *De mortibus persecutorum*." Given at the 110th Annual Meeting of the American Historical Association, January 4-7, 1996, Atlanta, GA.

"Lactantius and the 'Edict of Milan': Does it Determine his Venue?" Given at the Twelfth International Conference on Patristic Studies, August 21-26, 1995, Oxford, England.

"A Free Opportunity to Engage in One's Chosen Religion: Lactantius, Constantine and the Question of Religious Toleration." Given at the 88th Annual Meeting of the American Historical Association, Pacific Coast Branch, August 4-7, 1995, Kihei, Maui, HI.

"Christians as Romans: Lactantius' *De mortibus persecutorum* and the Classical Historiographical Tradition." Given at the Duquesne University History Forum, October 20-22, 1994, Pittsburgh, PA.

DePalma, E. R. (née) "Health Care for the Unemployed: Recommendations for Product Development," released within Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Maryland, October, 1983. Presented as testimony before the Maryland State Legislature, 1984.

DePalma, E. R. and M. L. Raulin. "Feature-Specific Inhibition in Intensely Ambivalent Subjects." Given at the Eastern Psychological Association Convention, April, 1982, Baltimore, MD.

Field Work

Study of material culture relevant to women's religious leadership in Roman Gaul (Lyon, Vienne, Marseille, St.-Maximin-la-Sainte-Baume, Narbonne, Saint-Bertrand-de-Comminges, Aire-sur-l'Adour, Bordeaux, Clermont-Ferrand), Summer and Fall 2026.

Study of 3-4C material culture pertaining to the religious affiliations of urban residents of Gallia Belgica (Cologne, Trier, Autun, Grand), Vienne, Lyon, and Provence. Summer 2015 and September 2019, July 2022.

Study of Constantinian monuments in Rome and the imperial settlement at Trier for Constantine monograph. Summer, 2013.

Study of the cathedral in Siracusa, Sicily for project on the reuse of virgin goddess temples, summer 2009.

Participation in the Ephesos Seminar at the Crisler Library, Selçuk, Turkey: an introduction to the material culture of western Asia Minor, June 2008.

Study of medieval copies of Lactantius' *Divine Institutes* at the Bibliothèque Nationale (Paris), Stiftsbibliothek (St. Gallen, Switzerland), the Biblioteca Universitaria di Bologna, and the Vatican Library. Fall 1994.

Public Humanities

"Constantine the Crusader: The Roman Emperor as Christian Soldier." Santa Barbara History Associates, 16 April 2023.

Panel Discussion on "The First Thousand Years: Christianity's Early Relationship to Freedom (as Persecuted and Persecutor). For *Christianity and Freedom: Historical and Contemporary Perspectives.* A conference sponsored by Georgetown University's Religious Freedom Project, Rome, Italy, 12 December 2013.

"The Edict of Milan in Its Historical Context," for a conference commemorating the 1700th Anniversary of the Edict of Milan (313-2013) in Tirana, Albania, 27 April 2013.

"When Popes Resign: What Will Happen When There are Two Living Popes?" presentation and discussion for History Associates, 5 March 2013, University Club, Santa Barbara, CA.

"Why Has the Edict of AD 311 Been Ignored?" Paper presented by invitation at The Edict of Serdica (AD 311): Concepts and Realizations of the Idea of Religious Toleration." International Interdisciplinary Conference. Organized by the Municipality of Sofia, the Bulgarian Academy of Science, and TANGRA TanNakRa All-Bulgarian Foundation. Sofia, Bulgaria, 27-28 April 2012 (see also under Conference Papers & Lectures above).

"The Education of Constantine (Formazione di Costantino)." Paper presented by invitation at "Costantino il Grande: Alle radici dell'Europa." 1700th Anniversary of the Battle of the Milvian Bridge and the Conversion of Constantine. Convegno Internazionale di Studio. Pontificio Comitato di Scienze Storiche, Vatican City, 18-21 April 2012 (see also under Conference Papers & Lectures above)

"Citizenship and War in Athens and Rome," a presentation for Long Beach Teachers' Association Workshop, July 2011.

Professional Activities

Vice-President, North American Patristics Society, May 2026-

Lead organizer, Shifting Frontiers in Late Antiquity XV: Romans in New Worlds: Considering "Global Late Antiquity," September 21-24, 2023, UC Santa Barbara and the Old Mission Santa Barbara.

Reviewed and helped organize papers and panels for the subtheme "Affective Geographies of Secular, Religious and Sacred for the Berkshire Conference of Women Historians, 2023

Editor Emerita, *Studies in Late Antiquity: A Journal*. UC Press. July 2022-.

Chair, Editorial Committee, UC Press. September 2020—August 21; Vice-Chair, September 2019-21; Member: September 2017—August 2022.

Area Editor (Christianity), *Oxford Classical Dictionary*, 2014-

Member, Advisory Board for the Routledge Series, Studies in the Archaeology, Culture, and History of the Ancient Near East, 2015-18.

Member, UCSB Hellenic Studies Advisory Committee, 2013-

Member, Steering Committee for 2019 conference, Shifting Frontiers in Late Antiquity (Claremont, CA).

Chair, UC Multi-Campus Research Group in Ancient Borderlands, 2011-12

Director, California Consortium on Late Antiquity, 2010-

Member, International Advisory Board, North American Patristic Society monograph series, "Christianity in Late Antiquity," 2014-

Member, Advisory Board, Journal of Early Christian Studies, 2008-

Member, North American Patristics Society Best Student Paper Award Committee, 2012; Best First Publication Award Committee, 2022.

Co-convener, Research Focus Group in Ancient Borderlands, Interdisciplinary Humanities Center, UCSB, 2005-12; 2016-.

Member, Advisory Board for the Ancient Mediterranean Studies Ph.D. emphasis, 2009-.

External reviewer for dissertation in Ancient History, Macquarie University, Australia. September 2012, December 2013; for dissertation at McGill University (Department of Religious Studies), April 2014; for dissertation at University of Ottawa (Department of Classics and Religious Studies), October 2014; for research proposal, University of Gent (2015) and the Social Science and Humanities Research Council of Canada (2015), Netherlands Organization for Scientific Research (2018).

Reviews for *American Journal of Philology* (2025), *Journal of Religious History* (2022) Penn State University Press (2017; proposal), Cornell University Press (1999), University of Pennsylvania Press (2007), *Traditio* (2006), *Journal of Early Christian Studies* (2008, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013 [twice], 2014, 2015, 2017, 2018, 2020, 2021, 2022), *Classical Philology* (2010, 2019), Catholic University of America (Patristic Monograph Series) (2010), Oxford University Press (2011, 2013 – twice; 2018 - blurb), *Journal of Late Antiquity* (2012, 2014, 2015), Bristol Classical Press (2012), *Classical Antiquity* (2012), Routledge (2012), University of California Press (2014, 2016, 2018-proposal, 2019) *COLLegIUM* (2015), *Jahrbuch für Antike und Christentum* (2024).

Promotion cases for Claremont McKenna College, Elon University, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, Indiana University, Louisiana State University, University of Michigan (2), Tel Aviv University, Ohio State University (2), Old Dominion University, University of California (Riverside), University of Iowa, University of San Diego, University of Toronto, UC Davis, UC San Diego.

Member at Large, North American Patristic Association, May 2008-10
Board member, Shifting Frontiers in Late Antiquity, 2003-05.
Wallace Ferguson Prize jury member (best non-Canadian monograph by a Canadian historian), 2003-4.

Professional Memberships

American Historical Association
American Association of University Professors
Coordinating Council for Women in History
European Academy of Religion
North American Patristic Society
Society for Biblical Literature

Service

Chair, Search Committee for the University Librarian, 2024-25.
Chair, Chancellor's Advisory Committee on the Status of Women, UC Santa Barbara, 2023-
Member, Systemwide Advisory Committee on the Status of Women, 2024-
Chair, Canvass Committee, Department of History, UC Santa Barbara, 2023.
Director of Graduate Studies, Department of History, UC Santa Barbara, 2023-25
Member Board of Directors, UC Press, 2020-21
Chair, Ad Hoc Merit Committee, 2018.
Member, Ad Hoc Committee to Consider Professor VI Guidelines Revision, 2018.
Member, McGee Retirement Committee, 2018.
Member, UCSB History Department, Diversity Committee, 2018- 19.
Chair, UCSB History Department, Personnel Committee, 2017 – 18.
Member, University of California Press, Editorial Committee, 2017- present; Vice Chair, 2019-21; Chair, 2020-21.
Member, UCSB History Department, Colloquium Committee, 2017-18.
Treasurer, History Associates, 2016-20.
Member, University Charges Committee. 2016-18
Chair, UCSB Department of History Assessment Committee, 2017-18.
Department Convener for Europe, 2016-17.
Member Curriculum Committee, 2016-17.
Member Graduate Admissions Committee, 2016-17.
Chair, UCSB Department of History, July 2012 – July 2015
Acting Chair, UCSB Department of History, April – June 2012.
Chancellor's Advisory Committee on the Status of Women (CACSW) for 2014-16.
Participant, UCSB Faculty Forum: Envisioning the Future of Teaching and Learning at UCSB, 29 April 2015.
Member, UCSB Faculty Senate Award for Distinguished Teaching Selection Committee, 2012.
Member, UCSB Phi Beta Kappa Faculty Election Committee, 2004-6; Vice-President, 2006-9, President, 2009-12.
Member, Committee on Graduate Student Excellence, 2010-12.
Vice-chair, UCSB Department of History, 2007-2008, 2009-12.
Member, UCSB History Department Academic Planning Committee, 2004-5, Chair 2011-12.

Member, UCSB Department of History Committee on Community Relations/Development, 2011-12.
Member, UCSB Department of History, Ad Hoc Committee on Teaching Effectiveness, 2010-12.
Chair, UCSB Department of History, Curriculum Committee, 2007-2008, 2009-11
Member, UCSB Graduate Council, 2007-2008, 2009-11
Convener, Pre-Modern Caucus, Department of History, UCSB, 2005-2006, 2010-11.
Member, UCSB Committee on Student Conduct, 2006-10, Co-Chair: 2009-10
Member, UCSB Committee on Graduate Funding and Fellowships, 2007-2008
Member, UCSB Central Fellowship Committee, Graduate Division, 2008-2008
Co-facilitator, Faculty-Student Discussion for New Student Convocation, September 2005, 2006, 2007.
Member, UCSB Department of History Personnel Committee, 2005-2006, 2015-16; co-chair 2006-2007.
Member, UCSB History Department Graduate Placement Committee, 2004-7.
Department representative at UCSB's Spring Insight (2006).
Participant, UCSB Department of Classics, Academic Program Review, Affiliated and Cognate Faculty, 2005, 2014
Member, Search Committee for the MacNaughton Chair in Greek History and for Roman History, 2003-4.
Member, McGill University Department of History Tenure and Promotion Committee, September 2003-4.
Alternate member, University Admissions Appeals Committee, March 2003-.4
Member, Faculty of Arts Curriculum Committee, October 2002-4.
Chair, Honours Programme and Honours Committee, McGill University Department of History September 2001-4.
Member, Curriculum Committee, McGill University Department of History, September 2001-4.
Member, Library Advisory Committee, September 2001-4.
Member of Classics Programme Committee, September 2000-4.
Chair, Search Committee for the History of International Relations, 2002-3.
Chair, Faculty of Arts Committee on Student Standing, September 2002-April 2003.
Member, Ad-Hoc Advisory Committee on Classics at McGill University, March – August 2002.
Member of Faculty of Arts Student Affairs Committee, September 2000 – August 2003.
Faculty Secretary, St. Norbert College, 1998-99.