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### EMPLOYMENT

**Associate Professor**, Humanities, MacEwan University (Edmonton), July 2021 – Present.

**Assistant Professor**, Humanities, MacEwan University (Edmonton), July 2016 – June 2021.

### EDUCATION

**Ph.D. University of Chicago** (Chicago, IL), 2016

*Awarded with Distinction*

Discipline: Divinity (History of Christianity)

Dissertation: “Belatedness: Augustine on Transformation in Time and History”

Committee: Willemien Otten (Advisor); Jean-Luc Marion and David Nirenberg (Readers)

Qualifying Exams (2012): Ancient Christianity (Margaret Mitchell); Medieval

Christianity (Willemien Otten); Early Modern Christianity (Susan Schreiner);

Philosophy of Religion – Kant through Heidegger (Jean-Luc Marion)

**M.A. University of Chicago** (Chicago, IL), 2008

Discipline: Social Sciences (History)

Thesis: “The Essence of Relation: Eternity and Trinity in Augustine’s *De Trinitate*”

**B.A. University of Alberta** (Edmonton, AB, Canada), History (with Honors), 2007

*Awarded with Honours*

Discipline: History

Thesis: “The Specter of Theology in Husserl’s Phenomenology of Time-Consciousness”

### BOOKS

[\*Mysticism and Materialism in the Wake of German Idealism\*](#). Co-authored with W. Ezekiel Goggin.

London: Routledge, 2022.

[\*On Time, Change, History, and Conversion\*](#). Part of the *Reading Augustine* Series, edited by Miles

Hollingworth. London: Bloomsbury, 2020.

### CO-EDITED VOLUMES

[\*Augustine and Ethics\*](#). Edited by Kim Paffenroth and Sean Hannan. Lanham: Rowman and Littlefield, 2023.

[\*Mystical Theology and Platonism in the Time of Cusanus\*](#). Edited by Jason Aleksander, Joshua Hollmann, Michael Edward Moore, and Sean Hannan. Leiden: Brill, 2023.

[\*Augustine and Time\*](#). Edited by John Doody, Kim Paffenroth, and Sean Hannan. Lanham: Rowman and Littlefield, 2021.

## ARTICLES & CHAPTERS

“Truth and Timelessness in Augustine and Cusanus.” *Nicholas of Cusa and his Legacy: Creativity, Change, and Transformation*. Eds. William Hyland & Simon Burton. Leiden: Brill. In Preparation.

“African Temporalities: Race and the Augustinian Philosophy of Time.” *Augustine: Frontiers of Pluralism*. Ed. Bolek Kabala. London: Routledge. In Preparation.

“Optatus of Milevis and the Improvisation of Universalism.” *Proceedings of the Lived Ancient Religion in North Africa Conference (Madrid, Feb. 19-21, 2020)*. In Preparation.

“Christian Messianism and African Universalism in the Classicism of W. E. B. Du Bois.” *W. E. B. Du Bois and the Ancient Mediterranean*. In Preparation.

“The Temporality of *Eudaimonia* in Plato, Plotinus, and Augustine.” *Plato in Late Antiquity and the Middle Ages*. Berlin: De Gruyter, In Preparation.

“Through a Clock Darkly: the Time of the Eye in Nicholas of Cusa’s *De Visione Dei*.” In [\*Mystical Theology and Platonism in the Time of Cusanus\*](#). Eds. Jason Aleksander, Joshua Hollmann, Michael E. Moore, & Sean Hannan. Leiden: Brill, 2023.

“Pedagogical Reflections on *New Testament Apocrypha: More Noncanonical Scriptures*, Volume 2.” [\*Studies in Religion / Sciences Religieuses\*](#) (2023), 1-8.

“Introduction.” [\*Religious Studies and Theology\*](#) 41, no. 2 (2022), Special Issue on Texts and Textuality, 139-144.

“Individuating Time: the Indivisible Moment in Augustine and Ancient Atomism.” [\*The Unique, the Singular, and the Individual: the Debate about the Non-Comparable\*](#). Eds. Ingolf U. Dalferth and Trevor W. Kimball. Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, 2022. 225-242.

“Herbert McCabe’s Augustinian Account of Violence and Divine Involvement.” [\*Divus Thomas\*](#) 125, no. 1 (2022), 139-159.

“The Camp of God: Reimagining Pilgrimage as Migrancy in Augustine’s *City of God* 1.” [\*Political Theology\*](#) 22, no. 1 (2021), 10-26.

“The Enforcement of Violence and the Force of Love in Augustine: Epistle 93 and its Aftermath.” [\*Studia Patristica\*](#) CXVIII, vol. 15 (2021), 71-79.

“Nineveh Overturned: Augustine and Chrysostom on the Threat of Jonah.” [\*Journal of Early Christian Studies\*](#) 28, no. 1 (2020), 61-87.

“Knife-Edge & Saddleback: Augustine & William James on the Psychology of the Specious Present.” [\*Consensus\*](#) 40, no. 2 (2019), 5.1-12.

“Augustine’s Time of Death in *City of God* 13.” [\*Augustinian Studies\*](#) 50, no. 1 (2019), 43-63.

“Demonic Historiography & the Historical Sublime in Augustine’s *City of God*.”  
[\*Studia Patristica\*](#) XCVIII, vol. 24 (2017), 553-560.

“To See Coming: Augustine and Heidegger on the Arising and Passing Away of Things.”  
[\*Medieval Mystical Theology: the Journal of the Eckhart Society\*](#) 21, no. 1 (2012), 75-91.

## JOURNAL EDITING

Editor: *Religious Studies & Theology* (Equinox).

Peer-Reviewer: *Augustinian Studies*, *Heythrop Journal*, *Journal of the History of Philosophy*, *Journal of Religion*, *Journal of Religious History*, *Literature & Theology*, *Political Theology*, *Religious Studies & Theology*.

## AWARDS

- 2024 MacEwan University Research Dissemination Grant
- 2024 MacEwan University Faculty Development Support Grant
- 2023 MacEwan University Research Dissemination Grant
- 2023 MacEwan University Faculty Development Support Grant
- 2020 MacEwan University Distinguished Teaching Award (Nominated)
- 2019 MacEwan University Research Dissemination Grant
- 2019 MacEwan University Just-in-Time Funding Grant
- 2018 North American Patristics Society Research Grant
- 2018 MacEwan University Research Dissemination Grant
- 2018 Forum Humanum Grant from the Udo Keller Stiftung
- 2017 MacEwan University Supplemental Professional Development Grant
- 2014 Mellon Humanities Dissertation Fellowship
- 2014 Martin Marty Center Dissertation Fellowship
- 2009 Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada Doctoral Award

## BOOK REVIEWS

*Pilgrimage as Moral and Aesthetic Formation in Augustine’s Thought*, by Sarah Stewart-Kroecker,  
*Journal of Religion* (forthcoming).

*Retrieving Augustine’s Doctrine of Creation: Ancient Wisdom for Current Controversy*, by Gavin Ortlund,  
*Augustiniana* 72, no. 3/4 (2022), 423-427.

*Christian Platonism: a History*, ed. Alexander J.B. Hampton & John Peter Kenney, [\*Reading Religion\*](#)  
(September 2022).

*Eckhart, Heidegger, and the Imperative of Releasement*, by Ian Alexander Moore, [\*Journal of the History of Philosophy\*](#) 60, no. 1 (2022), 169-171.

- On Creation, Science, Disenchantment, and the Contours of Being & Knowing*, by Matthew Knotts, [\*Augustinian Studies\*](#) 52, no. 1 (2021), 97-99.
- In the Fullness of Time: Essays on Christology, Creation, and Eschatology in Honor of Richard Bauckham*, edited by Daniel M. Gurtner, Grant Macaskill, and Jonathan T. Pennington, [\*Anglican Theological Review\*](#) 102, no. 4 (2020), 688-690.
- Cultural Anatomies of the Heart in Aristotle, Augustine, Aquinas, Calvin, and Harvey*, by Marjorie O'Rourke Boyle, [\*Reading Religion\*](#) (May 2019).
- Sin, Grace, and Free Will: a Historical Survey of Christian Thought, vol. 1: the Apostolic Fathers to Augustine*, by Matthew Knell, [\*Augustinian Studies\*](#) 50, no. 1 (January 2019), 118-121.
- Life in the Spirit: Trinitarian Grammar and Pneumatic Community in Hegel and Augustine*, by Douglas Finn, [\*Journal of Religion\*](#) 98, no. 4 (October 2018), 564-565.
- Suffering and Evil in Early Christian Thought*, edited by Nonna Verna Harrison and David G. Hunter, [\*Augustinian Studies\*](#) 49, no. 2 (July 2018), 297-300.
- Eros and Self-Emptying: the Intersections of Augustine and Kierkegaard*, by Lee C. Barrett, [\*Journal of Religion\*](#) 98, no. 3 (July 2018), 398-399.
- Augustine's Confessions*, translated by Sarah Ruden, & *Augustine's Confessions*, translated by Peter Constantine, [\*Christian Century\*](#) (June 2018).
- Augustine and Kierkegaard*, edited by John Doody, Kim Paffenroth, and Helene Tallon Russell, [\*Reading Religion\*](#) (May 2018).
- Augustine and the Environment*, edited by John Doody, Kim Paffenroth, and Mark Smillie, [\*Reading Religion\*](#) (January 2018).
- Discerning the Good in the Letters and Sermons of Augustine*, by Joseph Clair, [\*Reading Religion\*](#) (September 2017).
- The Cambridge Companion to Augustine*, Second Edition, edited by David Vincent Meconi and Eleonore Stump, [\*Augustinian Studies\*](#) 46, no. 2 (2015), 286-289.
- Reason, Faith, and Otherness in Neoplatonic and Early Christian Thought*, by Kevin Corrigan, [\*Journal of Religion\*](#) 95, no. 2 (April 2015), 261-262.
- The Space of Time: a Sensualist Interpretation of Time in Augustine, Confessions X to XII*, by David van Dusen, *Louvain Studies* 38 (2014), 386-388.
- Memory in Augustine's Theological Anthropology*, by Paige E. Hochschild, [\*Journal of Religion\*](#) 94, no. 4 (October 2014), 536-538.
- Orosius and the Rhetoric of History*, by Peter Van Nuffelen, [\*Journal of Religion\*](#) 94, no. 1 (January 2014), 111-112.

## ONLINE PUBLICATIONS

- ["Augustine, Africa, and a Plurality of Times,"](#) July 2024, *The Augustine Blog* (Villanova).
- ["Publication Piece: On Time, Change, History, & Conversion,"](#) September 2020, *Ancient Jew Review*.
- ["We're Not Actually Living in Groundhog Day,"](#) July 2020, *Religion News Service*.
- ["Time in Coronatide,"](#) May 2020, *Sightings*.
- ["Love and Violence in Augustine and Arendt,"](#) August 2018, *Political Theology*.
- ["Letting Augustine Be Augustine,"](#) June 2018, *Christian Century*.
- ["Digital Pedagogy in the Humanities at MacEwan,"](#) July 2017, *Digital Humanities Resources*, MacEwan University Library.
- ["Scholarly Labour and the Fantasy of Self-Fulfillment,"](#) May 2017, *Craft of Teaching*.
- ["The Travails of Trying to Go Digital: from the Humanities to the Digital Humanities,"](#) January 2017, *Craft of Teaching*.
- ["Twilight of the Textbooks: Smashing Idols through Classroom Debate & Dialogue,"](#) November 2016, *Craft of Teaching*.
- ["A Hypothetical Miracle That Could Occur: Rudy Giuliani's Augustine & Trump's Future,"](#) November 2016, *Sightings*.

## WEBSITES CURATED

[American Cusanus Society](#)  
[Christianity in its Contexts: an Interdisciplinary Undergraduate Conference](#)  
[Humanities Commons Research Site](#)  
[History of Christian Thought: Digital Tools and Resources for the Study of Christianity](#)  
[Academia.edu Research Site](#)

## TEACHING COMPETENCY

Medieval and Early Modern History; Introduction to the Study of Religion; History of Christianity, Judaism, and Islam; Early Christianity; Religion and Art; Religion and Gender; Religion and the Environment; Digital Humanities; Legal, Political, and Social Theory; Great Books; North Africa

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

### University of Alberta (Edmonton, AB)

#### **Dissertation Committee, 2024**

Was invited to serve as an external reader on Grace Nicoll's PhD dissertation on the history of the papal tiara and its role in the political landscape of high medieval Latin Christian Europe.

### Aarhus University (Aarhus Denmark)

#### **Dissertation Committee, 2024**

Was invited to serve as an external reader on Eva Elisabeth Houth Vrangbaek's PhD dissertation on the use of computational methods in the analysis of the Augustinian corpus.

### St. Joseph's College at the University of Alberta (Edmonton, AB)

#### **The Philosophy of Augustine, Winter 2023**

Arranged to teach a third-year undergraduate Philosophy course on the writings of Augustine of Hippo, organized around a range of themes including: the philosophy of time, the influence of Neoplatonism, and modern attempts to revive 'Augustinian' thought for a new age.

### MacEwan University (Edmonton, AB)

#### **Mysticism & Gender, Winter 2021 – Present**

Outlined a new senior-level seminar on the relationship between mystical rhetoric and gender politics in the history of religion, with a special focus on the visionary voices of medieval women. Readings include Hildegard of Bingen, Hadewijch, & Marguerite Porete.

#### **Death & Dying in the Ancient Mediterranean World, Fall 2020**

Conducted a senior-level directed reading course on the shifting attitudes toward mortality and burial practices in the Mediterranean world during later antiquity. Relevant areas of inquiry included approaches to death in Greek epic, Mesopotamian myth, & Roman-era philosophy.

#### **History of Christianity, Fall 2019 – Present**

Built from scratch a third-year course on the history of global Christianities from the first century through the fifteenth. Incorporated topics ranging from the New Testament, Ethiopian Christianity, and Manichaeism to Latin Averroism, mysticism, and questions of gender.

#### **Secrets of Early Christianity, Fall 2018 – Present**

Built from scratch a fourth-year seminar on the question of 'apocryphal' texts (broadly construed) in the first few centuries of Christian culture. Challenged categories of orthodoxy, heterodoxy, and gnosis via readings of the Apostolic Fathers and the Nag Hammadi codices.

#### **Religion, Science, and Superstition in Medieval Europe, Fall 2018**

Conducted a senior-level directed reading course on the contested boundaries separating licit from illicit ways of knowing in Western Europe during the Middle Ages. Relevant areas of inquiry included alchemy, astrology, naturopathy, necromancy, and theophagy.

#### **Introduction to Judaism, Christianity, & Islam, Fall 2018 – Present**

Inaugurated, for the first time at MacEwan, a second-year survey of the intertwined lineages of Judaism, Christianity, and Islam, with a focus on late antiquity and the Middle Ages. Readings were drawn from the Scriptures and authoritative theological texts of all three traditions.

#### **Comparative Mysticism: Judaism, Christianity, Islam, Winter 2018**

Designed a third-year topics course interrogating the category of 'mysticism' as applied to Jewish, Christian, and Islamic texts from the medieval period. Authors included Hildegard of

Bingen, Hadewijch, Marguerite Porete, Ibn 'Arabi, & the Zohar.

**Witchcraft & Gender in the Late Middle Ages & Early Modernity**, Winter 2018

Conducted a senior-level thesis course on major witchcraft treatises from the fifteenth and sixteenth centuries, including the *Malleus Maleficarum* and Tinctore's anti-Waldensian tract. Methodological readings provided an intersectional dimension to our reappraisal of these texts.

**Humans, Nature, & the Divine**, Winter 2018 – Present

Invited second-year students to consider the diversity of ways in which relations between divinity, humankind, and the natural (animal) world have been imagined and reimagined throughout history. Readings included Gilgamesh, Genesis, Augustine, Aquinas, & Locke.

**Women's Voices in Medieval Christianity**, Fall 2017

Constructed a senior-level directed reading course on the interventions made by women authors during the Middle Ages, ranging from Christine de Pizan to Julian of Norwich. Special attention was paid to Christian mysticism as a medium for medieval women's voices.

**Medieval Foundations of Early Modern Political Theory**, Winter 2017

Conducted a senior-level thesis course on seminal works in political theory, ranging from the thirteenth through early seventeenth centuries. Authors included Dante, Christine de Pizan, Marsilius of Padua, Nicholas of Cusa, Thomas More, and King James I.

**Time in Antiquity**, Winter 2017

Built from scratch a fourth-year undergraduate seminar on the theme of temporality in the ancient and medieval worlds. Topics included scientific, philosophical, and religious notions of time in certain pre-modern contexts, as well as the emergence of historical consciousness.

**Foundations of the Modern World Before 1500 CE**, Winter 2017 – Present

Taught an expansive yet substantive survey of global history between the years 500 and 1500 CE. Digital tools—for mapping, timeline-building, and text analysis—enhanced our study alongside methodologies drawn from social, political, intellectual, and material history.

**Humanism**, Fall 2016 – Present

As part of a pilot project in the interdisciplinary Humanities, guided students through a collection of great works drawn from the global canon of the liberal arts. Authors included Aeschylus, Plato, Ibn Tufayl, Jean-Jacques Rousseau, and Mary Shelley.

**Medieval European History**, Fall 2016 – Present

Conducted a survey on the European Middle Ages, stretching from the waning of late antiquity to the crisis moments of the fourteenth century. Digital resources brought students into closer contact with still-relevant social and religious questions posed by this period.

**Renaissance and Reformation History**, Fall 2016 – Present

Led a blended course on Europe in the fifteenth and sixteenth centuries, with a special focus on the connections between humanism and early modern theology. Assignment design engaged students in active learning about this period through presentations and sustained discussion.

**Saint Xavier University (Chicago, IL)**

**The Examined Life**, Fall 2015 – Spring 2016

Served as a stand-alone instructor for two concurrent sections of an introductory great books course in philosophy and the liberal arts, centered on Plato's *Apology of Socrates* and Augustine's *Confessions*.

## **The University of Chicago (Chicago, IL)**

**Undergraduate Program in Religious Studies – BA Preceptor**, Fall 2015 – Spring 2016  
Guided senior undergraduates through the process of writing their final BA thesis, especially through seminars targeted at composition skills and research methodologies.

**Graham School – Instructor in the Basic Program**, Fall 2015 – Spring 2016  
Led seminars as part of a broad liberal arts curriculum for continuing students, which reaches from Plato, Sophocles, and Euripides to Shakespeare, Swift, and Darwin.

**Classics of Social & Political Thought I-III – Lecturer**, Fall 2014 – Spring 2016  
Served as a stand-alone lecturer for a three-quarter undergraduate course on political theory from Plato, Aristotle, and Aquinas to Mill, Marx, and King.

**Classics of Social & Political Thought I-III – Teaching Intern**, Fall 2013 – Spring 2014  
Helped conduct seminars and grade papers for a three-quarter undergraduate course on political theory from the ancients and Machiavelli to Rousseau, Tocqueville, and Du Bois. Prepared and led sessions on Aquinas, Hobbes, Nietzsche, and Du Bois.

**Introduction to the Study of Religion – Teaching Assistant**, Fall 2013  
Conducted discussion sections and assisted in the assignment of grades for a course aimed at introducing M.A. students to the interaction between theory and method in religious studies.

**History of Christian Thought I – Teaching Assistant**, Winter 2013  
Conducted discussion groups and assisted in the assignment of grades for a course covering the history and theology of early Christianity from the first century to the fifth.

## **TEACHING TRAINING**

### **MacEwan University, Edmonton, AB**

**Faculty Development via the Centre for the Advancement of Faculty Excellence.**  
Participated in New Faculty Orientation, a year-long sequence of sessions focused on the pedagogical practices that work best at a teaching-first institution like MacEwan. Annually attended Faculty Development Day to stay up to date with new course designs.

### **The University of Chicago, Chicago, IL**

**Certificate in the Craft of Teaching in the Academic Study of Religion**, Spring 2014.  
Completed the requirements for the Divinity School's certification in religious studies pedagogy, which included: an intensive syllabus workshop; a multi-day, university-wide pedagogy seminar; and a number of more targeted training events.

**University of Chicago Writing Program Training**, Spring 2014.  
Trained in the pedagogical methods and compositional strategies of the University of Chicago Writing Program, which helps undergraduates develop writing skills through seminars attached to their Humanities courses.



## RESEARCH PRESENTATIONS

- “Rereading Augustine as Algerian,” UBC Medieval Workshop, October 2024.
- “*Peregrinus* as Migrant in Augustine’s *City of God*,” Invited Lecture at the Centre for the Study of Antiquity and Christianity, Aarhus University, Aarhus, Denmark, September 2024.
- “Migrant Crises in the Ancient & Modern Mediterranean: Augustinian Care for the Neighbour from Abroad,” International Conference on Patristic Studies, Oxford, UK, August 2024.
- “The Phenomenological Present and the Mystical Now,” North American Society for Early Phenomenology, University of New Brunswick, Fredericton NB, June 2024.
- “Calendrical Reform and the Philosophy of Time in Nicholas of Cusa,” Patristic, Medieval, and Renaissance Conference, Villanova University, Villanova PA, October 2023.
- “Truth and Timelessness in Augustine & Cusanus,” First Annual Conference of the Cusanus Society of the United Kingdom and Ireland, St. Andrews, UK, June 2023.
- “Using Technology in the Religious Studies Classroom,” Craft of Teaching Workshop, University of Chicago Divinity School, Chicago, IL, May 2023.
- “The Birthing of Economic Mysticism in Meister Eckhart and Johann Tauler,” Medievalist Mini-Conference, University of Alberta, Edmonton, AB, March 2023.
- “The Eye and the ‘I’ in Hegel, Eckhart, and Nicholas of Cusa,” Renaissance Society of America Annual Meeting, San Juan, Puerto Rico, USA, March 2023.
- “Should a Non-Presentist Philosophy of Time Be Considered a *Praeambulum* to an Augustinian Sense of the Divine?” American Catholic Philosophical Association Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA, November 2022.
- “The Temporality of Truth and Contradiction in Augustine of Hippo and Nicholas of Cusa,” Truth and Contradiction in Christian Neoplatonism, Hong Kong, November 2022.
- “Meister Eckhart, Max Weber, and the Economic Exegesis of Mary and Martha,” Patristic, Medieval, and Renaissance Conference, Villanova University, Villanova PA, October 2022.
- “Queen Poverty and the Politics of *Carità* in Catherine of Siena,” Mysticism and Lived Experience Conference, UK, June 2022.
- “Pedagogical Reflections on the Second Volume of Tony Burke’s *New Testament Apocrypha*,” Annual Meeting of the Canadian Society of Patristic Studies, Canada, May 2022.
- “The Eye With Which I See: All-Seeing Eyes in Hegel, Eckhart, and Nicholas of Cusa,” Critical History of Philosophy Workshop, USA, May 2022.
- “Pilgrimage, Migrancy, and Time according to Augustine of Hippo,” Implicit Religion Conference, Bishop Grosseteste University, Lincoln, UK, May 2022.
- “New Approaches to Mysticism and Materiality in Medieval Studies,” International Congress on Medieval Studies, Kalamazoo, MI, May 2022.

- “Spiritual Alchemy: Mary Shelley, Franz von Baader, & the Modern Revival of Mysticism,”  
Concordia University of Edmonton, Edmonton, AB, November 2021.
- “A Response to Matthew Knotts on Augustine’s Theology of Nature,” Newman Centre, McGill  
University, Montreal, QC, October 2021.
- “Love as a Product of Objective Practice in Augustine,” International Medieval Congress,  
Leeds, UK, July 2021.
- “Plotinus and Augustine on *Timaeus* 37D and the Temporality of *Eudaimonia*,” The Reception of  
Plato in Late Antiquity and the Middle Ages, University of Athens, Greece, June 2021.
- “Through a Clock Darkly: the Time of the Eye in Nicholas of Cusa’s *De Visione Dei*,” International  
Congress on Medieval Studies, Kalamazoo, MI, May 2021.
- “Christian Messianism and African Universalism in Du Bois’s Classicism,” W. E. B. Du Bois and  
the Ancient Mediterranean, Pennsylvania State University, State College, PA, March 2021.
- “‘They’re Killing It Right Now:’ On the Weirdness of Catholic Twitter,” Invited Lecture,  
St. Joseph’s College, University of Alberta, Edmonton, AB, September 2020.
- “The Reception of Augustine in Modern Theories of Time and History,” Invited Lecture,  
University of Lethbridge, Lethbridge, AB March 2020.
- “Optatus of Milevis and the Improvisation of Universalism,” Lived Ancient Religion in North  
Africa (LARNA) Conference, Universidad Carlos III, Madrid, Spain, February 2020.
- “Augustine, Gregory of Nyssa, and the ‘Stretchiness’ of Paul in Philippians 3:13-14,” American  
Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA, November 2019.
- “Love as a Violent Force in Augustine and Arendt,” Invited Lecture at the Centre for the Study of  
Antiquity and Christianity, Aarhus University, Aarhus, Denmark, August 2019.
- “The Enforcement of Violence and the Force of Love in Augustine: Epistle 93 and its Aftermath,”  
International Conference on Patristic Studies, Oxford, UK, August 2019.
- “Knife-Edge and Saddleback: Augustine of Hippo and William James on the Psychology of the  
Specious Present,” Annual Meeting of *Cheiron*: the International Society for the History of  
Behavioral and Social Sciences, Edmonton, AB, June 2019.
- “Augustine, Alypius, and the Question of a Virtuous Character: a Response to Rashad Rehman,”  
Annual Meeting of the Canadian Philosophical Association, held at the Canadian Congress  
of the Humanities and Social Sciences, Vancouver, BC, June 2019.
- “The Killing Spirit: Augustine’s Anti-Manichaean Reception of the Apocryphal Act of Peter,”  
Annual Meeting of the Canadian Society of Patristic Studies, held at the Canadian Congress  
of the Humanities and Social Sciences, Vancouver, BC, June 2019.
- “Messianic Politics and the Present Time: Augustine’s *Distentio* Against Agamben’s *Kairos*,”  
Theologies of the Political, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, BC, March 2019.
- “Love as an Anti-Political Force According to Augustine of Hippo and Hannah Arendt,” Political

- Theology: Promise and Prospects, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL, November 2018.
- “Social Grace: Marx, Tauler, & Catherine of Siena on the Violence of Alienated Labour,” American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Denver, CO, November 2018.
- “In Defense of Plotinus: a Response to Emily Kotow,” Annual Meeting of the Western Canadian Philosophical Association, University of Calgary, Calgary, AB, October 2018.
- “Bradwardine and Valla: the Post-Scholastic Intersection of Predestination and the Philosophy of Time,” International Medieval Congress, Leeds, UK, July 2018.
- “A Modicum of Time: Augustine’s Elusive Presence in the Sermons of Meister Eckhart,” International Congress on Medieval Studies, Kalamazoo, MI, May 2018.
- “Individuating Time: the Indivisible Moment in Augustine and Ancient Atomism,” 39<sup>th</sup> Annual Philosophy of Religion Conference, Claremont, CA, February 2018.
- “Digital Pedagogy: Does It Exist? Or: Is That a Thing?” Humanities Department Teaching Workshop, MacEwan University, Edmonton, AB, January 2018.
- “*Tempus Refugit*: Reimagining Pilgrimage as Migrancy in Augustine’s *City of God*,” American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Boston, MA, November 2017.
- “The Temporality of Grief & Joy in Augustine’s *Confessions*,” North American Patristics Society Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, May 2017.
- “Monica’s Visionary Hermeneutics: Augustine & Gerson on the Uncertainty of Dreams,” International Congress on Medieval Studies, Kalamazoo, MI, May 2017.
- “Augustine’s Alienation of Interiority: A Response to Pablo Irizar,” University of Alberta Graduate and Post-Graduate Philosophy Conference, Edmonton, AB, May 2017.
- “Unmindfulness: Augustine on How Not to Live in the Moment,” Invited Talk, Concordia University of Edmonton, AB, March 2017.
- “Is Love Transcendent in Augustine’s *Confessions*?” American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, San Antonio, TX, November 2016.
- “Language and the Grammar of Death in Augustine’s *City of God*,” Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, San Antonio, TX, November 2016.
- “Was Time an Object for Augustine of Hippo?” Ways of Knowing Conference on Religion, Harvard University, October 2016.
- “The Envious Instant: Material Conditions of Truth in Thomas Bradwardine,” Patristic, Medieval, and Renaissance Conference, Villanova University, Villanova, PA, October 2016.
- “The Alienated Interiority of *Cogitatio*,” North American Patristics Society Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, May 2016.
- “The Meaning of Present History in Augustine’s *City of God*,” Medieval Studies Workshop, Council on Advanced Studies, University of Chicago, October 2015.

- “Scripture, Death, and Time in Book XIII of Augustine’s *City of God*,” Patristic, Medieval, and Renaissance Conference, Villanova University, Villanova, PA, October 2015.
- “Augustine on Angels, Demons, & Historical Knowledge in *City of God* IX,” International Conference on Patristic Studies, Oxford University, August 2015 (accepted).
- “John Henry Cardinal Newman and Satire,” Seminar on the Thought of John Henry Newman, Merton College, Oxford University, July 2015.
- “Demonic Historiography and the Historical Sublime in Book IX of Augustine’s *City of God*,” Early Christian Studies Workshop, University of Chicago, March 2015.
- “A New Realist Philosophy of Time and its Augustinian Critique,” Philosophy of Religions Workshop, Council on Advanced Studies, University of Chicago, February 2015.
- “The Proliferation of Mental Images in Book XI of Augustine’s *De Trinitate*,” American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA, November 2014.
- “Augustine’s Use of Paul in *Confessions* XI,” Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA, November 2014.
- “Love and the Temporal Contours of Community according to Augustine,” Patristic, Medieval, and Renaissance Conference, Villanova University, Villanova, PA, October 2014.
- “Does Augustine’s Threefold Present Solve the Question of Time in *Confessions* XI?” North American Patristics Society Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, May 2014.
- “Nineveh Overturned: Augustine on Repentance and the City,” Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, Baltimore, MD, November 2013.
- “Augustine and the Mysterious Temporality of Conversion,” Patristic, Medieval, and Renaissance Conference, Villanova University, Villanova, PA, October 2013.
- “How Exegetical is Augustine’s Argument in *Confessions* XI?” North American Patristics Society Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, May 2013.
- “Retention Machine: the Possibility of Repetition in Augustine and Hegel,” Repetition: the Future Remembered, the Self Dismembered, Johns Hopkins Humanities Center, Baltimore, MD, February 2013.
- “To See Coming: Heidegger and Augustine on the Arising and Passing Away of Things,” Medieval Voices and Postmodern Theory, the University of California at Santa Barbara, March 2011; also A Past That Has Never Been Present, University of King’s College, Halifax, June 2011.
- “Augustine, Boethius, and Maximus the Confessor on Eternity,” Archbishop Iakovos Conference in Patristic Studies, Pappas Patristic Institute, Brookline, MA, April 2008.

## MEDIA & PODCAST APPEARANCES

“An August Assembly: an Interview with Dr. Sean Hannan,” [Holy Watermelon](#), July 29, 2024.

“Sean Hannan, *On Time, Change, History, and Conversion*,” [New Books Network](#), February 4, 2023.

“Sean Hannan on Meister Eckhart,” [My Favourite Mystic](#), Episode 40, August 17, 2022.

“The History of Valentine’s Day,” *CBC RadioActive*, February 11, 2019.

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

### MacEwan University, Edmonton, AB

**Research Manager** for the Teaching-Related Student Research Assistantship, 2021  
Supervising a student-driven research project funded by a grant from the Humanities Department at MacEwan University. The project, which involves both virtual pedagogy & the digital humanities, aims to refine the video lectures I crafted for my HIST & HUMN courses.

**Research Manager** for the Undergraduate Student Research Initiative, 2020 – 2021  
Supervising a student-driven research project funded by a \$2940 grant from the Office of Research Services at MacEwan University. The project, which involves both traditional scholarship & the digital humanities, is called: “Gender, Death, & Dying in Medieval Europe.”

**Principal Investigator** for the [Digital Humanities Feedback Project](#), 2016 –  
Leading a multi-year statistical project measuring undergraduate feedback regarding assignment designs informed by digital pedagogy (e.g., maps, timelines, quantitative textual analysis).  
Received Research Ethics Board approval for the tracking & visualization of feedback data.

### The University of Chicago, Chicago, IL

**Institutional Data Intern** at UChicagoGRAD, 2015 – 2016  
Strengthened institutional ties with alumni through social media, built fresh datasets through online research, and used data-tuning to integrate results with preexisting databases in order to better inform administrative strategies for producing competitive PhD outcomes.

**125<sup>th</sup> Departmental Histories Fellow**, Summer 2015  
Built faculty and alumni databases, acted as a departmental liaison, and created visual products commemorating the anniversary of the University of Chicago and its Divinity School.

**Research Assistant** for David Nirenberg, 2010-2011  
Contributed to the research for *Anti-Judaism: the Western Tradition* (New York: Norton, 2013).  
Worked with EndNote reference software and the University’s online Chalk system.

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

### [Religious Studies & Theology](#)

Editor, 2024 –

Editorial Board Member, 2022 – 2024

[Augustine & Augustinianisms Program Unit](#) (American Academy of Religion)

Steering Committee Member, 2022 –

[Canadian Society of Patristic Studies](#)

Program Chair, 2023 – 2024

Nomination Committee Member, 2022 –

[American Cusanus Society](#)

Secretary & Social Media Manager, 2020 –

Executive Committee Member, 2019 –

**MacEwan University, Edmonton, AB**

**Committee Member**, Emerging Technologies Subcommittee, August 2024 –

**HIST Hiring Committee Member**, Humanities Department, November 2022 – March 2023

**History Discipline Coordinator**, Humanities Department, July 1, 2022 –

**Acting Chair**, Humanities Department, August 3 – August 13, 2021; June 30 – July 8, 2022

**Committee Member**, Departmental Curriculum Committee, July 1, 2022 –

**Committee Member**, Canadian Society of Patristic Studies Nominations Committee, 2022 –

**Transfer Course Reviewer (Religious Studies)**, Faculty of Arts and Science, July 1, 2022 –

**Focus Group Member**, MacEwan Competency Model Initiative, June 2022

**Speaker**, New Faculty Orientation Panel, August 24, 2021

**Moderator**, Student Research Day, April 26, 2021

**Committee Member**, Faculty Ad Hoc Committee on Teaching & Learning, 2020 – 2021

**Committee Member**, Student Recruitment & Retention Committee, 2019 –

**Committee Member**, Faculty Program & Curriculum Committee, 2019 – 2020

**Committee Member**, Humanities Chair Search Committee, 2019 – 2020

**Hiring Committee Member**, Assistant Professor Search (Creative Writing), 2019

**Speaker**, History & Classics Club Year-End Symposium, 2019

**Speaker**, Spotlight on Humanities Faculty Research, 2019

**Speaker**, Storytelling in the Humanities, 2019

**Committee Member**, Humanities Website Committee, 2018 –

**Webmaster & Co-Organizer**, *Christianity in its Contexts* Conference, 2018 –

**Coordinator**, Online Humanities Hub, 2017 – 2018

**Committee Member**, Humanities Teaching Committee, 2017 – 2019

**Hiring Committee Member**, Assistant Professor Search (Spanish), 2016 – 2017

**Community Member**, Digital Humanities Learning Community, 2016 –  
**The University of Chicago**, Chicago, IL  
**Craft of Teaching Blogger**, University of Chicago Divinity School, 2016 – 2017  
**Sightings Contributor**, University of Chicago Divinity School, Fall 2016  
**CityDesk Scholar** for Shakespeare 400 Chicago, 2016  
**Tutor** at the Writing Program, 2015 – 2016  
**Panelist** at the Divinity School Visiting Committee Meeting, Spring 2014  
**Student Representative**, Assistant Professor Search (Byzantine Culture), Winter 2014  
**Graduate Mentor** at the curriculum vitae workshop put on by University of Chicago Career Advancement, Winter 2014  
**Panelist** on the Divinity School Qualifying Exams Preparation Panel, Autumn 2012

## LANGUAGES

*Classical*: Proficiency in *koinē* Greek, high proficiency in Latin.  
*Research*: Reading proficiency in German and French.

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American Academy of Religion, North American Patristics Society, Canadian Society of Patristic Studies, American Cusanus Society

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