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Academic Education

2002–2009: Princeton University, Department of Religion, PhD and MA

2009: PhD in Religion (Princeton University; awarded on 21.11.2009). **Dissertation title:** *The Scribes and Readers of Nag Hammadi Codex II: Book Production and Monastic Paideia in Fourth Century Egypt*. **Dissertation Advisor:** Elaine Pagels; **Dissertation Committee:** John Gager, Martha Himmelfarb, AnneMarie Luijendijk, Elaine Pagels, Michael A. Williams.

2006: MA in Religion (Princeton University). **Comprehensive examinations:** “The Social Context of the Nag Hammadi Literature” (Elaine Pagels); “Second-Temple Judaism and Rabbinic Judaism” (Martha Himmelfarb and Peter Schaefer); “The New Testament and Christian Origins” (John Gager); “Book Production, Religious Disputation, and Practices of Reading in Late Antiquity” (Peter Brown).

1999–2001: MA in Religious Studies (New York University, Program in Religious Studies, awarded in May 2001). **Advisors:** William Arnal and Elliot Wolfson; Final GPA: 3.884.

1991–1997: Bucharest University (Bucharest, Romania): BA and MA in Philosophy. **Advisor:** Cornel Mihai Ionescu.

Academic Positions and Academic Experience

Since July 2020: Associated member (*member associé*) of *Laboratoire d'Études sur les Monothéismes* (UMR 8584, Paris)

June–September 2021: Visiting researcher at the Sapienza University of Rome (*Dipartimento di Storia Antropologia Religioni Arte Spettacolo*)

2014–2021: Käte Hamburger Kolleg, Ruhr University Bochum, Postdoctoral Researcher

February–July 2016: International Consortium for Research in the Humanities, Erlangen University. Research Project: “Negotiating Fate in Late-Antique Magic and Apocalyptic Texts”

2009–2014: The Van Leer Jerusalem Institute, Postdoctoral Polonsky Fellow

2008–2009: New York University; Junior Scholar at the *Institute for the Study of the Ancient World* and research assistant for Prof. Roger Bagnall.

2003–2007: Princeton University; Research Assistant for Prof. Elaine Pagels.

Academic Publications

Books

Coping with Religious Change in the Late-antique Eastern Mediterranean (editor, with Chrysi Kotsifou, under contract with Mohr Siebeck)

Beyond the Gnostic Gospels: Studies Building on the Work of Elaine Pagels (editor, with Lance Jennot, Philippa Townsend, and Nicola Lewis, Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, 2013)

Heresy and Identity in Late Antiquity (editor, with Holger Zellentin, Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, 2008)

Guest Editor of Journals

Spiritual Scholarship and the Study of Religion as Self-Improvement: The Search for a Personalized History of Religion at the Eranos Meetings; in *Asdiwal. Revue genevoise d'anthropologie et d'histoire des religions*, 16/2021, 57–125 (guest editor, with Marianna Ferrara)

Formative Exchanges between the Sasanid Empire and Late Antique Rome: Zoroastrianism, Manichaeism and Christianity in Contact, *Entangled Religions* 2020, 11/2 (guest editor, with Kianoosh Rezaia, available online at <https://er.ceres.rub.de/index.php/ER/issue/view/170>)

Invoking a Strange God: Rituals of Power and Religious Contacts in the Late Antique Mediterranean World and Medieval Europe, *Entangled Religions*, 13/6: 2022(guest editor, with Alexandra Cuffel, available online at <https://er.ceres.rub.de/index.php/ER/issue/view/288>)

Academic Articles

“‘We rejoice all of us as we see your Bema’ (Psalm-Book 229, 24.19): Visualization and the Art of Memory in the Coptic Manichaean Psalms,” *Manichaeism in Egypt: The Medinet Madi Library after 90 Years* (eds. Iain Gardner, Jason BeDuhn, and Paul Dilley; Leiden: Brill, 2022)

“Mircea Eliade’s Perennial Conceptual Place-Holders: An Eranos Intellectual Itinerary,” *Asdiwal. Revue genevoise d'anthropologie et d'histoire des religions*, 16 (2021): 109–125

“Spiritual Scholarship and History of Religions as Self-Improvement at Ascona” (with Marianna Ferrara), *Asdiwal. Revue genevoise d’anthropologie et d’histoire des religions*, 16 (2021): 57–61

“Desiring Demons: War and Eros in Late Antique Manichaean Cosmogony,” *Uomo e cosmo nella storia. Paradigmi, miti, simboli: Atti del Convegno Internazionale Palermo, 18–20 settembre 2019* (eds. Ignazio Buttitta and Antonino La Barbera; Palermo: Fondazione Ignazio Buttitta, Acta diurna, 14, 2021), 251–267.

“Lo studio delle religioni come esercizio salvifico e fuga dal totalitarismo,” *Ioan Petru Culianu, Argonauta della Quarta Dimensione* (eds. H.C. Cicortaş, R. Moretti, A. Scarabelli, *Rivista Antares*, Milan: Bietti), 18/2021: 50–55.

“How Gullible Were the Women of Late antique Rhone and Asia Minor? Redescribing the Valentinian Marcosians in Irenaeus of Lyon’s Against the Heresies (I,13–15),” *Asdiwal. Revue genevoise d’anthropologie et d’histoire des religions*, 15 (2020): 115–132

“Editorial: Formative Exchanges in Late Antique Eurasia (1): Zoroastrianism, Manichaeism, Judaism, and Christianity” *Entangled Religions* 11/2, 2020, available online at: <https://er.ceres.rub.de/index.php/ER/article/view/8745>

“Uplifting Emotional Scripts: Passions, Education, and Restoration in Valentinianism,” *Studi e materiali di Storia delle Religioni* (ed. A. Annese et F. Berno, “Multiple Religious Identities in Late Antique Egypt, 2nd–7th Centuries”), 86/1 (2020): 49–66

“‘They fabricate books in Ialdabaoth’s name’ (Pan. 25, 3): Threatening Religious Books in Epiphanius of Cyprus’ Heresiology and in the Nag Hammadi Writings,” Flavia Ruani et Joseph Sanzo (eds.), *Dangerous Books: Scribal Activity and Religious Boundaries in Late Antiquity and Beyond*,” *Henoch* 39 (2/2017), 247–269

“Biographical Metamorphoses in the History of Religion: Moshe Idel and Three Aspects of Mircea Eliade,” *Entangled Religions* 2 (2015), available online: <https://er.ceres.rub.de/index.php/ER/article/view/177>

“‘Souvenez-vous aussi de moi dans vos prières’. Scribes et codex dans l’Egypte du IV^e siècle,” Anne-Caroline Rendu Loisel, Daniel Barbu, Mélanie Lozat, Nicolas Meylan, Philippe Borgeaud, eds., *Le savoir des religions: Fragments d’historiographie religieuse*, Geneve: Infolio Editions, 2014, 169–203

“The Teaching Hidden in Silence (NHC II 1,4): Questions, Answers, and Secrets in a Fourth-Century Egyptian Book,” E. Iricinschi, L. Jennot, P. Townsend, and N. Lewis, ed. *Beyond the Gnostic Gospels: Studies Building on the Work of Elaine Pagels*, Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, 2013, 297–319

“*Interroga matricem mulieris: The Secret Life of the Womb in 4 Ezra and Sethian Cosmology*,” R. Boustan, K. Hermann, R. Leicht, A. Yoshiko Reed, G. Veltri, with A. Ramos, ed., *Envisioning Judaism: Studies in Honor of Peter Schäfer on the Occasion of his 70th Birthday*, Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, 2 vols., 2013

“*Tam pretiosi codices uestri: Hebrew Scriptures versus Persian Books in Augustine’s Anti-Manichaean Writings*,” in Philippa Townsend and Moulie Vidas, eds., *Revelation, Literature, and Community in Late Antiquity*, Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, 2011, 153–176

“Good Hebrew, Bad Hebrew: Christians as *Triton Genos* in Eusebius’ Apologetic Writings,” in Sabrina Inowlocki-Meister and Claudio Zamagni (eds.), *Reconsidering Eusebius: A Fresh Look at His Life, Work, and Thought*, Leiden: E.J. Brill, 2011, 69–86

“A Thousand Books Will Be Saved: Manichaean Writings and Religious Propaganda in the Roman Empire,” Craig Evans and Daniel Zacharias, eds., *Jewish and Christian Scripture as Artifact and Canon*, Scripture in Early Judaism and Christianity (SSEJC) 13, Edinburgh: T&T Clark, 2009, 261–272

“If You Got It, Flaunt It: Religious Advertising in the *Gospel of Philip*,” Eduard Iricinschi and Holger Zellentin (eds.), *Heresy and Self-Definition in Late Antiquity*, Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, 2008, 253–272

“Introduction: Making Selves and Marking Others: Identity and Late Antique Heresiologies” (with Holger Zellentin), Eduard Iricinschi and Holger Zellentin (eds.) *Heresy and Identity in Late Antiquity*, Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, 2008, 1–27

“Mircea Eliade and the Making of the *Encyclopedia of Religion*”, *Archaeus* VIII (2004): 365–84

“Where the Author Dwells: Searching for a Definition of Religion in the Introductions to Culianu’s Books”, in Sorin Antohi (ed.), *Religion, Fiction, and History: Essays in Memory of Ioan Petru Culianu*, vol. II, Bucharest: Nemira, 2001, 501–41

“‘Mareata e imparatia mintii’: Studiul religiei ca experienta salutară la Ioan Petru Culianu,” *Observator Cultural*, May 2021, 13–15 (in Romanian)

“‘Cind eruditia explodeaza in joc’: Deceniul linistit al olandezului Ioan Culianu,” “Introduction” to Ioan Petru Culianu, *Iter in silvis II: Gnoza si magie* (Iasi: Polirom, 2013), 7–34 (in Romanian)

“Ioan Petru Culianu si Ugo Bianchi: trickster-ul, fiinta suprema si studiul dualismelor religioase,” “Introduction” to Ioan Petru Culianu, *Iter in silvis I: Eseuri despre gnoza si alte studii*, Iasi: Polirom, 2012, 7–16 (in Romanian)

“Gnoza de la Messina: Hans Jonas, Ugo Bianchi si educatia dualista a lui Ioan Petru Culianu,” “Afterword” to Ioan Petru Culianu, *Gnosticism si gindire moderna: Hans Jonas*, Iasi: Polirom, 2006, 191–235 (in Romanian)

“In cautarea unei stiinte universale a religiei: Mircea Eliade, Ioan Petru Culianu si Enciclopedia Religiei,” “Afterword” to Ioan Petru Culianu, *Cult, magie, erezii: Articole din enciclopedii ale religiilor*, Iasi: Polirom, 2003, 199–262 (in Romanian)

“Ascensiunea celesta a sufletului. Interpretari, metode si controverse la Ioan Petru Culianu,” “Afterword” to Ioan Petru Culianu, *Experiente ale extazului*, Iasi: Polirom, 2004 (2nd ed., 2016), 297–318 (in Romanian)

Book-Reviews

Review of Paul C. Dilley, *Monasteries and the Care of Souls in Late Antique Christianity: Cognition and Discipline* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2017), *Emotions: History, Culture, Society (EHCS)*, 2022: 186–188

Review of Blake Leyerle, *The Narrative Shape of Emotion in the Preaching of John Chrysostom* (Berkeley, CA.: University of California Press, 2020) in *ASDIWAL. Revue genevoise d’anthropologie et d’histoire des religions*, 16 (2021): 178–180

Review of Andrew Mellas, *Liturgy and the Emotions in Byzantium: Compunction and Hymnody* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2020) in *Emotions: History, Culture, Society* 5 (2021) 174–177

Review of Matthijs den Dulk, *Between Jews and Heretics: Refiguring Justin Martyr’s Dialogue with Trypho* (Routledge Studies in the Early Christian World, London and New York: Routledge 2018), *Vigiliae Christianae* 73 (2019) 590–592

Review of Kazantzidis, Georgios, and Dimos G. Spatharas, eds., *Hope in Ancient Literature, History, and Art* (Berlin and Boston: Walter de Gruyter, 2018), *Emotions: History, Culture, Society* 3 (2019) 333–335

Review of Ann Taves, *Revelatory Events: Three Case Studies of the Emergence of New Spiritual Paths* (Princeton & Oxford: Princeton University Press, 2016) in *Journal of Religion in Europe*, 12, (2019): 226–228

Review of Philippe Borgeaud, P., *Exercices d’histoire des religions: Comparaison, rites, mythes et émotions*, eds. Daniel Barbu and Philippe Matthey (Leiden: Brill, 2016), *Emotions: History, Culture, Society (EHCS)* 2017/1, 195–97

Review of Ian Gardner, Jason BeDuhn, and Paul Dilley (eds.), *Mani at the Court of the Persian Kings: Studies on the Chester Beatty Kephalaia Codex, Nag Hammadi and Manichaean Studies*, v. 87. Leiden: Brill, 2015, in *Entangled Religions: Interdisciplinary Journal for the Study of Religious Contact and Transfer*, 3/2016: 51–57

Review of Todd S. Berzon, *Classifying Christians: Ethnography, Heresiology, and the Limits of Knowledge in Late Antiquity*, Oakland: University of California Press, 2016, in *Bryn Mawr Classical Review* 2017.05.41, available online at: <https://bmcr.brynmawr.edu/2017/2017.05.41/>

Review of Jörg Ulrich, Anders-Christian Jacobsen, and David Brakke, eds., *Invention, Rewriting, Usurpation: Discursive Fights over Religious Traditions in Antiquity* (Berlin: Peter Lang, 2012), in *Entangled Religions: Interdisciplinary Journal for the Study of Religious Contact and Transfer*, 3/2016: 64–69

Review of Moshe Idel, *Mircea Eliade: From Magic to Myth* (New York: Peter Lang; After Spirituality: Studies in Mystical Traditions, 2014), in *Asdiwal: Revue genevoise d'anthropologie et d'histoire des religions*, 10 (2015): 212–215

Review of Love L. Sechrest, *A Former Jew: Paul and the Dialectics of Race* (London/New York: Clark, 2009), *Catholic Biblical Quarterly* 73/2, 2011: 632–633

Review of Dan Dana, *Zalmoxis de la Herodot la Mircea Eliade* (Iasi: Polirom Publishing House, 2008), *Asdiwal, revue genevoise d'anthropologie et d'histoire des religions*, 5 (2010): 185–187

Popular Publication

“Wie man das Spiel der Heldin des Lichts spielt: Eine Schöpfungsgeschichte aus dem Manichäismus,” *Wie die Sterne an der Himmel kamen: Elf Geschichten aus der Zeit unserer Vorfahren* (eds. K. Rezanian, J. Stander-Dulisch, F. Burstyn; Leipzig: Edition Hamouda, 2021), 43–49 [a retelling of Manichaean cosmology as a children’s book story]

Organized Academic Events

November 2019: “Invoking a Strange God: Rituals of Power and Religious Contacts in the Late Antique Mediterranean World and Medieval Europe” (workshop organized with Alexandra Cuffel, at the Käte Hamburger Kolleg, Ruhr University Bochum)

November 2019: Book Review panel on *The Chapters of the Wisdom of My Lord Mani Dublin Kephalaia* (Brill, 2019) organized at the SBL Annual meeting (San Diego, USA)

June 2019: “Formative Exchanges in the Islamicate World: Zoroastrianism, Manichaeism, and Islam in Contact” (workshop organized with Kianoosh Rezanian, at the Käte Hamburger Kolleg, Ruhr University Bochum)

May 2019: “Ritual, Normativity, and Representation: New Methods and Theories in the Study of Religious Contacts” (workshop organized with Giulia Evolvi and Marianna Ferrara, at the Käte Hamburger Kolleg, Ruhr University Bochum)

June 2018: “Formative Exchanges in Western and Central Asia: Zoroastrianism, Manichaeism, and Buddhism in Contact (workshop organized with Kianoosh Rezaia, at the Käte Hamburger Kolleg, Ruhr University Bochum)

June 2018: “Late Antique Geographies of Heresiology: Fashioning Local Orthodoxies in Early Christianity and Manichaeism”; Panel organized at the 16th Annual Conference of the European Association for the Study of Religions (EASR) (with Flavia Ruani)

September 2017: “Pulp Religion: Popularizing the Study of Religion in the Late 19th and the 20th Century”; Panel organized at the 15th Annual Conference of the European Association for the Study of Religions (EASR) (with Annelies Lannoy)

June 2017: “Formative Exchanges between the Sasanian Empire and Late Antique Rome: Zoroastrianism, Manichaeism, and Christianity in Contact (workshop organized with Kianoosh Rezaia, at the Käte Hamburger Kolleg, Ruhr University Bochum)

May 2015: “Books as Material and Symbolic Artifacts in Religious Book Cultures” (workshop organized at the Käte Hamburger Kolleg, Ruhr University Bochum)

June 2013: “Coping with Change: Adapting Religions and Adopting Transformations in the Late Antique Eastern Mediterranean” (workshop organized with Chrysi Kotsifou, at the Van Leer Jerusalem Institute)

January 2005: “Making Selves and Marking Others: Heresy and Self-Definition in Late Antiquity” (workshop organized with Holger Zellentin, at the Department of Religion, Princeton University)

Delivered Papers and Academic Talks

2022

September 2022: “Imagine There’s a New Heaven: Eschatological Images and Their Political Use in Late Antique Manichaeism,” paper delivered at the 2022 Annual Meeting on Christian Origins of the Italian Centre for Advanced Studies on Religions, at Centro Residenziale Universitario di Bertinoro, Italy

‘Talking It Over’: Dialogue, Mastery of Emotions, and the Mind in the Nag Hammadi Literature,” paper delivered at the 2022 Annual Meeting on Christian Origins of the Italian Centre for Advanced Studies on Religions, at Centro Residenziale Universitario di Bertinoro, Italy

August 2022: “‘The Enthymēsis of the Eyes’: Stoic and Peripatetic Theories of Perception in the Kephalaia of the Teacher, 56”, paper delivered at the Xth Conference of the International Association of Manichaean Studies Aarhus University, Denmark

May 2022: “Meetings at Ascona: Eranos, Mircea Eliade, and Carl Gustav Jung,” Guest lecture for the 2021-2022 “Scienza, conoscenza,” Interdisciplinary Doctoral Seminar for PhD students in history, anthropology, and religion at the Sapienza University of Rome

March 2022: “The Art of Memory in Ioan Petru Culianu’s Writings,” at the Workshop on “The Many Faces of Renaissance Thought in the Work of Ioan Petru Culianu,” organized by Douglas Hedley and Bogdan-Antoniou Deznau at the *Cambridge Centre for the Study of Platonism* (Cambridge University) (invited lecture)

2021

September 2021: “‘I did not cease seeking a place’ (Zostrianos, 3.20-21): Scenarios of Resilience in the Late Sethian Tradition” (Paper presented at the 2021 EASR Meeting (Pisa): “Resilient Gnosis”)

January 2021: “Manichaeism in Late Antique Egypt: History, Geography, Communities” (Guest lecture for prof. Carmen Meinert course at Ruhr University Bochum)

2020

March 2020: “‘The ancient books have added to my writings’ (1 Ke 151.372): The Egyptian Literary Innovation of Manichaeism” (Paper delivered at the Conference “Mani in Cambridge II,” March 14–16, Cambridge, UK)

February 2020: “‘The ancient books have added to my writings’ (1 Ke 151.372): The Egyptian Literary Renovation of Manichaeism” (Invited speaker at the research seminar on “Religious and Intellectual Traditions in Antiquity” at the Institute of Religious Studies of the Jagiellonian University in Krakow)

January 2020: “‘A person of the law of the Jews’ (2Ke 433.21): Law, Ethnicity, and Wisdom in the Chester Beatty *Kephalaia* Codex” (Paper presented at the Käte Hamburger Kolleg workshop on “Jewish Encounters in the Persianate World from the Sassanians to the Qajjars,” at Ruhr University Bochum)

January 2020: “Forging ‘Interreligious’ and ‘Intrareligious’ Religious Contacts: Wisdom Encounters in the Chester Beatty *Kephalaia*” (Paper delivered at the Käte Hamburger Kolleg, Ruhr University Bochum)

2019

November 2019: “How Gullible Were the Women of Late-Antique Rhone and Asia Minor? Redescribing the Valentinian Marcosians in Irenaeus of Lyon’s *Against the Heresies* (1.13–15)” (paper presented at the annual meeting of the Westar Institute, as an invited speaker, at the Annual Meeting of the SBL, San Diego, USA)

November 2019: “Reorganizing History of Religion as System: Ioan Petru Culianu, Mircea Eliade, and Claude Lévi-Strauss” (Paper delivered at the Käte Hamburger Kolleg, Ruhr University Bochum)

November 2019: “‘The seal and likeness of the image of the Father’: (*Psalm-Book*, 2, 22): The Art of Memory in the Late Antique Manichaean Ritual of the Bēma” (Paper presented at the workshop on “Invoking a Strange God: Rituals of Power and Religious Contacts in the Late Antique Mediterranean World and Medieval Europe,” at the KHK, Ruhr University Bochum)

October 2019: “We rejoice all of us as we see your Bema” (*Psalm-Book* 229, 24:19): Visualization and the Art of Memory in the Coptic Manichaean Psalms” (Paper presented at conference on “Manichaeism in Egypt: The Medinet Madi Library after 90 Years,” organized by the Chester Beatty Library, Dublin, Ireland)

September 2019: “The Beauty that the Archons Beheld: Unravelling War and Eros in Late Antique Manichaean Cosmology” (Paper presented at the conference on “L’Uomo e il cosmo nella storia: Paradigmi, miti, simboli,” Fundazioni Ignazio Buttitta, Palermo)

June 2019: “‘Prey to Nightmares’ (*Gos.Truth*, 28): Adopting a Platonic Vocabulary of Emotions in Fourth Century Egypt” (Paper presented at the EASR Meeting in Tartu, Estonia)

June 2019: “The Religion is like the World Ocean’ (*Azandname*, 4.2): ‘Formative Religion’ as a Propaedeutic Concept for the History of Late Antique Manichaeism” (Paper presented at the Workshop on “Formative Exchanges in the Islamicate World: Zoroastrianism, Manichaeism, and Islam in Contact,” Käte Hamburger Kolleg, Ruhr University Bochum)

May 2019: “Ten Good Reasons to Become a Manichaean: ‘Formative Religion’ as a Typological Concept for the History of Late Antique Manichaeism in Contact” (Paper presented at the Käte Hamburger Kolleg, Ruhr University Bochum)

May 2019: “Virgins, Serpents, and Traveling Heroes: Gender, Embodiment, and Transhuman Entities in the *Acts of Philip*” (Paper delivered at the Käte Hamburger Kolleg Workshop on “Ritual, Normativity, and Representation: New Methods and Theories in the Study of Religious Contacts,” Ruhr University Bochum)

May 2019: “Sketches for a Better Religion in the Late Antique Eastern Mediterranean: Strategies of Religious Encounters between Manichaeism and Christianity” (invited lecture to prof. Alexandra Cuffel’s class at Ruhr University Bochum)

March 2019: “‘Magic’ as an Analytic Category in the Study of Ancient Mediterranean Religions” (Paper delivered at The Sapienza University of Rome; March 9, 2019)

January 2019: “Clothing as Communication in Western Manichaeism: The Manichaean Community of Kellis (Egypt) as a Study Case” (Paper delivered at the KHK Bochum, Ruhr University Bochum)

2018

November 2018: “Ancient Books as Living Legal Entities: *The Gospel of Truth* (NHC I,3), Jewish Pseudepigrapha, and Roman Law Tablets” (Paper delivered at the SBL Meeting, Denver, CO, November 17, 2018)

August 2018: “Decoding *Facebook*’s Internal Desire Machines: Rhizomatic Principles, Mimetic Rivalry, and Modern Magicians” (Paper presented at the conference on “Media, Religion, and Culture” in Boulder, Colorado)

June 2018: “Because of the negligent, weak mind” (*Xwāstwānift*): Visions, Confessions, and Emotional Landscapes in Eastern Manichaeism” (Paper delivered at the workshop on “Formative Exchanges in Western and Central Asia: Zoroastrianism, Manichaeism, and Buddhism in Contact” 27–28 June 2018, Ruhr University Bochum)

June 2018: “How Gullible Were the Women of Late Antique Rhone and Asia Minor? Redescribing the Valentinian Marcosians in Irenaeus of Lyon’s *Against the Heresies* (1.13-21)” (Paper delivered at the 16th Annual Conference of the European Association for the Study of Religions, EASR)

April 2018: “Emotions Running High: Sophia’s Passions, Mysteries, and Theatricality in Irenaeus of Lyon’s *Heresiology*” (Paper delivered at the Käte Hamburger Kolleg, Ruhr University Bochum)

March 2018: “Manichaeans and Christians in Fourth-Century Egypt: A Building-Block Approach to Understanding Hybrid Religious Identities” (Paper presented at the workshop

“Ideas and Identities in Late Antiquity: Jews, Christians, and Muslims” at the Helsinki Collegium for Advanced Studies, Helsinki, Finland)

2017

December 2017: “Why am I sometimes at peace, and troubled at other times? (*Keph.* 86): The Question-and-Answer Genre in Manichaean Education” (Paper delivered at the KHK Bochum)

November 2017: “Never Trust a Skinny Vegetarian? Manichaean Books as Junk Food in Augustine’s Anti-Manichaean Writings” (Paper delivered at the SBL Meeting, Boston)

November 2017: “Epiphanius of Cyprus and the Illusions of Heretic Books: The Epistemology of Deception in Early Christian Heresiology” (Paper delivered at the SBL Meeting, Boston, USA)

November 2017: “Secrecy as Ascetic Education in Fourth-Century Egypt: Reading the Nag Hammadi Codex II as a Book” (Paper delivered at the KHK Bochum)

September 2017: “Shared Communication in Late-Antique Egypt: Informal Care, Health, and Illness between Manichaeans and Christians” (Paper delivered at the EASR 2017 Meeting, Leuven, Belgium)

September 2017: “Popularizing Religion as System: Culianu and Eliade’s *Dictionnaire des religions* (1990) (Paper delivered at the EASR Meeting, Leuven, Belgium)

July 2017: “Why Did the Manichaeans Read the Legend of *Barlaam and Josaphat*? Books, Prophetic Wisdom, and Conversions in Manichaeism” (Paper delivered at the workshop on “The Legend of Barlaam and Josaphat as a Paradigm for Cultural and Religious East-West”, Käte hamburger Kolleg, Ruh University Bochum)

June 2017: “Four Conversions and a Change of Heart: Versions of the “Inner Self” in Augustine’s *Confessions* and the *Cologne Mani Codex*” (Paper delivered at the KHK Bochum, June 30, 2017)

June 2017: “Mani’s Martyrdom and Manichaean Meditation on Violence and Death” (Paper delivered at the conference on “Religioni e Violenza: Ideologie, Riti, Conflitti”; Velletri, Italy)

2016

November 2016: “Emotions Running High: Ancient Mysteries and Sophia’s Passions in Irenaeus of Lyon’s Heresiology” (Paper presented at the 2016 Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature; Program Unit: Esotericism and Mysticism in Antiquity, San Antonio, USA)

June 2016: “Sharing Religious Practices between Manichaeans and Christians in Fourth-Century Egypt (Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the European Association for the Study of Religion, EASR, Program Unit: “The Words of Religious Pluralism,” Helsinki, Finland)

June 2016: “... *habent sua fata libelli*: Negotiating Fate in Late Antique Magic, Sethian, and Manichaean Books” (Paper presented at the International Consortium for Research in the Humanities, IKGF, Friedrich-Alexander Erlangen University)

June 2016: “Grief, Fear, and Confusion: Sophia’s Passions as an Anti-Mystery Motif in Irenaeus of Lyon’s Heresiology” (Paper presented at the Workshop on “‘Mystères’ et ‘hérésies’: polémiques, idéntites, interactions,” University of Geneva)

April 2016: “*My living books, my wisdom, my knowledge: Mani’s Revelation and Manichaean Religious Literacy*” (Paper presented at the Workshop on “Seeing, Touching, Holding, and Tasting Sacred Texts,” at the Käte Hamburger Kolleg, Ruhr University Bochum,

March 2016: “Religious Education and Spiritual Healing in the Egyptian Manichaean Community of Kellis (4th. cent. CE)” (Paper presented at the Workshop on “Faith and Community around the Mediterranean in Late Antiquity and the Middle Ages,” New Europe College, Bucharest, Romania)

2015

November 2015: “*It is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly* (Eph 12:5): The Function of Secrecy in Epiphanius’ Depiction of the Nicolaitans and the Gnostics” (Paper presented at the Paper presented at the 2015 Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature; Program Unit: Esotericism and Mysticism in Antiquity)

August 2015: “*Gnosis, Hairesis, Mani: Fourth-Century Religious Vocabulary and Its Modern Adjustments*,” (Paper presented at the XXI World Congress of IAHR, Program Unit: “Taxonomies of Religion in the Ancient and Modern Worlds, Erfurt, Germany)

June 2015: “Charismatic Healthcare and Religious Rivalries between Manichaeans and Christians in Fourth-century Egypt” (Paper presented at Workshop on “‘Ils disent que...’ – La controverse religieuse: Zoroastriens et manichéens” at the International Colloquium, College de France, Paris)

2014

November 2014: “Books, Letters, and Missions: Three Models of Tradition in Late-antique Western Manichaeism” (Paper presented at the Käte Hamburger Kolleg, Ruhr University Bochum, November 3, 2014)

October 2014: “‘Write a daily example, for I need you to write books here’ (P. Kell. Copt 19): Manichaean Education, Business, and Health in Fourth-century Egypt” (Paper presented at the Workshop on “Education and Literary Activity in Early Palestinian Monasticism,” organized by the Van Leer Jerusalem Institute and Lund University, Jerusalem)

July 2014: “I wrote three wooden tablets and left them as knowledge” (Zostrianos, NHC VIII, 130): The Art of Memory and Ecstatic Experiences in Platonizing Sethian Treatises (Paper presented at the SBL International Meeting, Vienna 2014, Nag Hammadi and Gnosticism Section; Theme: “Religious Experience in the Nag Hammadi Codices”)

May 2014: “They fabricate books in Ialdabaoth’s name” (*Panarion*, 1.II.3.5): Books as Ambiguous Religious Artifacts in Epiphanius’ Heresiology (Paper presented at the Colloquium on “Books of Threats and Threatening Books: Perceptions of Threat in Late Antiquity Book Culture,” at the Center for the Study of Christianity, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem)

January 2014: “‘Into what place have we been cast?’” Misunderstanding Gnosis and Its Advantages for the Study of Religion” (Paper presented at the Joint Seminar of the Polonsky Fellowship at the Van Leer Jerusalem Institute and the Martin Buber Society of Fellows in Humanities and Social Sciences, Jerusalem)

2013

November 2013: “‘Do not think it is as Moses Said’ (NHC II,1,13): Domesticating the *Secret Book of John* in NHC II, III, and IV, and in BG” (Paper presented at the 2013 Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature; Program Unit: “Nag Hammadi and Gnosticism,” Baltimore, USA)

September 2013: “Christian and Manichaean Readers: Who Copied and Read Coptic Religious Literature in Fourth-century Egypt?” (Paper presented at the Eighth International Meeting of the Association of Manichaean Studies, School of Oriental Studies, London, UK)

June 2013: “‘Write this Book in Hieroglyphic Characters’ (NHC VI,6): Egyptian Antiquity in Coptic Antiquity” (Paper presented at the Colloquium on “Coping with Change: Adapting Religions and Adopting Transformations in the Late Antique Eastern Mediterranean” held at the Van Leer Jerusalem Institute)

May 2013: “Books for the Immortal Generation: Pseudepigrapha as Model for the Production of Sethian Literature” (Paper presented at the Colloquium for the Retirement of Prof. Peter Schaefer on “Ancient Judaism and Christianity in Formation and Transformation”; Department of Religion, Princeton University)

2012

November 2012: “The Teaching Hidden in Silence” (NH II 1,4): Questions, Answers, and Secrets in a Fourth-Century Egyptian Book” (Paper presented at the 2012 Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature; Program Unit: Esotericism and Mysticism in Antiquity; Theme: “Gnosticism, Esotericism and Mysticism in the Ancient Mediterranean World,” Chicago, US)

July 2012: “Restoration of the Scriptures in 4 Ezra 14 as a Model for Early Christian Book Production” (Paper presented at the 2012 Colloquium Biblicum Lovaniense on “Old Testament Pseudepigrapha and the Scriptures,” the Catholic University Leuven)

July 2012: “The Divine Library on Mountain Charaxio: Editorial Authority in Sethian Texts and Jewish Pseudepigrapha” (Paper presented at the 2012 International Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, The Nag Hammadi and Gnosticism Section, Amsterdam, Netherlands)

2011

November 2011: “‘The Beauty that Came to me in the Books’ (NH VI. 6.54): Scribal Cultures in the Nag Hammadi Codices” (Paper presented at the 2011 Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature; Program Unit: “Nag Hammadi and Gnosticism,” San Francisco, USA)

2010

November 2010: “Remember me in your Prayers: Scribal Cultures in the Nag Hammadi Codices” (Paper presented at the Project FNS Sinergia “Acteurs de la fabrique des savoirs et construction de nouveaux champs disciplinaires” at the University of Geneva)

November 2010: “The Beauty of Gnosis: Dualist Taxonomies and Religious Studies” (Paper presented at Philippe Bourgeaud’s seminar on “Mythologies savantes: aux origines de l’histoire des religions” at the University of Geneva)

November 2010: “Mircea Eliade and the Making of the Encyclopedia of Religion” (Paper presented at Philippe Bourgeaud and Philippe Matthey’s seminar on “Méthodologie en histoire des religions,” at the University of Geneva)

April 2010: “Hans Jonas’ Children: The Concept of Gnosticism in Religious Studies,” (Paper presented at the “Research Group for the History of Concepts” at the Van Leer Jerusalem Institute)

2008

November 2008: “Whose Synagogue is This Anyway? Disputing Prophetic Traditions in Matthew’s Textual Community” (Paper presented at the 2008 Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, Boston; Program Unit: “Scripture as Artifact”)

November 2008: “Teaching the Bible in the Bridal Chamber: A Thematic Analysis of the Nag Hammadi Codex II” (Paper presented at the 2008 Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, Boston; Program Unit: “Nag Hammadi and Gnosticism”)

March 2008: “Good Hebrew, Bad Hebrew: Christians as *Triton Genos* in Eusebius’ Apologetic Writings” (Paper presented at the International Research Seminar on “Reconsidering Eusebius: A Fresh Look at His Life, Work, and Thought,” Free University, Brussels, Belgium)

2007

November 2007: “‘A Thousand Books will be Saved’: Manichean Manuscripts and Religious Propaganda in the Roman Empire,” (Paper presented at the 2007 Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, San Diego; Program Unit: “Scripture as Artifact”)

March 2007: “Will the Real Historical Jesus Please Stand Up?” (Talk presented within the “What Is...?” Graduate Series of Lectures in the Department of Religion at Princeton University)

January 2007: “‘They Did Not Write their Wisdom in Books’: Cycles of Revelation and Religious Propaganda in Manichaeism” (Paper presented at “Revelation, Literature and Community in Late Antiquity,” Colloquium at Princeton University)

2006

November 2006: “What is in a Double Name? The Polemic against the ‘Hebrews’ in the Gospel of Philip” (Paper presented at the 2006 Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, Washington DC; Program Unit: “Nag Hammadi and Gnosticism”)

November 2006: “Christian Hebrews versus Egyptian Jews: Appropriation and Displacement of Ethnic Features in Eusebius’ Apologetic Writings” (Paper presented at the 2006 Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, Washington DC; Program Unit: “Early Jewish-Christian Relations”)

October 2006: “The Gospel of Judas” (Joint talk, presented with Lance Jenott and Philippa Townsend, in the Religion Department at Amherst College, Amherst, Mass., USA)

July 2006: “*Interroga Matricem Mulieris*: Feminine Procreative Metaphors in the Fourth Book of Ezra” (Paper presented at the 2006 International Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, Edinburgh, Scotland)

January 2006: “‘A New Track in a Pathless Desert’: Christians as *Triton Genos* in Eusebius’ Apologetic Writings” (Paper presented at “Antiquity in Antiquity: Jewish and Christian Pasts in the Greco-Roman World,” Colloquium at Princeton University)

2005

November 2005: “Meet the Author of Secret Books: The Role of the Woe Sayings in the Apocryphon of James” (Paper presented at the 2005 Annual Meeting of Society of Biblical Literature, Philadelphia, 2005, Program Unit: “Nag Hammadi and Gnosticism”)

January 2005: “If You Got It, Flaunt It: Religious Advertising in the *Gospel of Philip*” (Paper presented at “Making Selves and Marking Others: Heresy and Self-Definition in Late Antiquity,” Colloquium at Princeton University, January 16–18, 2005)

Professional Membership

European Association for the Study of Religion (EASR)

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