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Education

Ph.D., History, 2009, Princeton University
M.A., History, 2003, Princeton University
Post-Baccalaureate Certificate in Classics, 2001, University of California, Los Angeles
M.A., Christian Thought, 1998, Trinity International University
B.A., Philosophy and Religious Studies, 1995, University of California, Santa Barbara

Academic Positions

Texas A&M University
 2016-present, Associate Professor, Department of History
 2015-present, Associate Director, Center of Digital Humanities Research
 2010-2016, Assistant Professor, Department of History
University of Oxford, 2009-2010, Andrew W. Mellon Post-doctoral Research Fellow
Westfälishe Wilhelms-Universität Münster, 2008-2009, Research Fellow
Bryn Mawr College, 2007-2008, Instructor of Medieval History

Fields

Late Antiquity, Byzantine Empire, Roman Empire, Syriac History and Culture, History of Christianity, Medieval Mediterranean World, Digital Humanities

Course Program

Fall 2018	**HIST/CLAS/RELS 220** – History of Christianity: Enrollment of 140
	HIST 628 – Historiography: Enrollment of 10
Spring 2018	**HIST/CLAS/RELS 220** – History of Christianity: Enrollment of 117
	HIST 103 – World History: Enrollment of 25
Fall 2017	**HIST 628** – Historiography: Enrollment of 7
	HIST 497 – Honors Study in Syriac Studies: Enrollment of 1
Spring 2017	**HIST/CLAS/RELS 220** – History of Christianity: Enrollment of 100
	HIST 685 – Directed Study, Digital Prosopography: Enrollment of 1
Fall 2016	**HIST 497** – Honors Study in Syriac Studies: Enrollment of 1
Spring 2016	**HIST/CLAS 429** – Roman Empire: Enrollment of 19
	HIST 497 – Honors Study in Syriac Studies: Enrollment of 1
Fall 2015	**HIST/RELS 220** – The History of Christianity: Enrollment of 23
	HIST 481 – Saints and Sinners in Late Antiquity: Enrollment of 10
	HIST 491 – Research in Digital Syriac Studies: Enrollment of 6
	HIST 497 – Honors Study in Digital Syriac Studies: Enrollment of 1
Spring 2015	**HIST/RELS 220** – The History of Christianity: Enrollment of 122
	HIST/CLAS 429 – Roman Empire: Enrollment of 40
Fall 2014	**HIST 103** – World History: Enrollment of 93
	HIST 481 – Saints and Sinners in Late Antiquity: Enrollment of 14
Spring 2014	**HIST 497** – Independent Honors Study: Enrollment of 1
Fall 2013	**HIST 685** – Eastern Christian Monasticism: Enrollment of 1
	HIST 485 – Eastern Christian Monasticism: Enrollment of 1
Spring 2013	**HIST/CLAS 428** – Roman Republic II: Enrollment of 33

Fall 2012	**HIST 103** – World History: Enrollment of 73
	HIST/CLAS 427 – Roman Republic I: Enrollment of 40
Spring 2012	**HIST/RELS 220** – The History of Christianity: Enrollment of 155
	HIST/CLAS 429 – Roman Empire: Enrollment of 41
Spring 2011	**HIST/RELS 220** – The History of Christianity: Enrollment of 182
	HIST/CLAS 429 – Roman Empire: Enrollment of 36
	HIST 481 – The Emperor Constantine: Enrollment of 16
Fall 2010	**HIST 103** – World History: Enrollment of 88
	HIST 481 – The Emperor Constantine: Enrollment of 16

Graduate Advising

Ph.D. Thesis Committee Member:
- Staci Willis, Anthropology, 2016
- Catherine Riley, Communication, 2015

M.A. Thesis Committee Member:
- Jeff Rutherford, History, 2015
- Nathan Cartagena, Philosophy, 2013
- Meko Kofahl, Anthropology, 2013
- Courtney Higgins, Anthropology, 2012

Research and Publications

Monographs
- *Paideia and Cult: Christian Initiation in Theodore of Mopsuestia*. Washington D.C. and Cambridge, MA: The Center for Hellenic Studies and Harvard University Press, 2013.

Edited Volumes
- *Conversion in Late Antiquity: Christianity, Islam, and Beyond*. Edited by Arietta Papaconstantinou with Neil McLynn and Daniel L. Schwartz. Farnham: Ashgate, 2015.

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles
- "From Manuscript Catalogues to a Handbook of Syriac Literature: Modeling an Infrastructure for Syriaca.org." Nathan P. Gibson, David A. Michelson, and Daniel L. Schwartz. *Journal of Data Mining and Digital Humanities*, Special Issue on Computer-Aided Processing of Intertextuality in Ancient Languages (May 2017), http://jdmdh.episciences.org/1395
- "Religious Violence and Eschatology in the *Syriac Julian Romance*." *Journal of Early Christian Studies* 19.4 (2011), 565-87.

Peer-Reviewed Book Chapters
- "Discourses of Religious Violence and Christian Charity: The Christianization of Syria in Jacob of Sarug's *On the Fall of the Idols*," in *Motions of Late Antiquity: Essays on Religion, Politics, and Society in Honor of Peter Brown*, edited by Jamie Kreiner and Helmut Reimitz. Turnhout: Brepols, 2016.
- "Keeping Secrets and Making Christians: Catechesis and the Revelation of the Christian Mysteries." In *Revelation, Literature and Community in Late Antiquity*, edited by Philippa Townsend and Moulie Vidas, 131-51. Texts and Studies in Ancient Judaism. Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, 2011.

Book Chapters
- "Syriaca.org: New Digital Tools for the Study of the Medieval Middle East." (Co-written with David A. Michelson.) In *Исторический Опыт Мировых Цивилизаций И Россия: Материалы IV Международной Научно-Практической Конференции 13 Ноября 2015 Г.*, edited by И. К. Лапшина and О. В. Захарова, 19–23. Владимир: Владимирский

государственный университет, 2016. [In *Historical Research in World and Russian Civilizations: Papers of the IV International Conference of Scholars and Practitioners 13 November 2015*, edited by I. K. Lapshina and O. V. Zakharova, 19–23. Vladimir: Vladimir State University, 2016.]

Digital Publications

- *Gorgias Encyclopedic Dictionary of the Syriac Heritage: Electronic Edition*. Technical Editors: David Michelson, Ute Possekel and Daniel L. Schwartz. A digital edition of the *Gorgias Encyclopedic Dictionary of the Syriac Heritage*. Edited by Sebastian P. Brock, Aaron M. Butts, George A. Kiraz, and Lucas Van Rompay. Piscataway, NJ: Gorgias Press, 2011. Digital edition, 2018. https://gedsh.bethmardutho.org
- *The Syriac Biographical Dictionary (SBD)*. General Editor, David A. Michelson. Associate Editors, Nathan Gibson, Jeanne-Nicole Mellon Saint-Laurent, and Daniel L. Schwartz. http://syriaca.org/persons/index.html. Initial publication date, August 2016.

Entries in Reference Works

- "Conversion," "Fasting," "Godparenthood," "Kinship, spiritual," "Sermons, Late Antiquity," and "Theodore of Mopsuestia" in *The Encyclopedia of Ancient History*, edited by Roger Bagnall, et alt. Oxford: Wiley-Blackwell, 2012.
- "Basil of Caesarea," "Gregory of Nazianzos," and "Gregory of Nussa," (with G. Karamanolis); in *The Encyclopedia of Ancient Natural Scientists: The Greek Tradition and Its Many Heirs*. Edited by Paul T. Keyser & Georgia L. Irby-Massie. New York: Routledge 2008.

Book Reviews

- Review of Nathan Witkamp, *Tradition and Innovation: Baptismal Rite and Mystagogy in Theodore of Mopsuestia and Narsai of Nisibis*. Vigiliae Christianae, Supplements 149. (Leiden: Brill, 2018), *Church History* 88, no. 2 (June 2019): 482–84. https://doi.org/10.1017/S0009640719001318.

Scholarly Blogs

- "Blog CXXVI (126): Eight Questions: Ancient History," *In the Service of Clio: Essays on Career Management in the Historical Profession* (blog), 27 July 2012, http://sarantakes.blogspot.com/2012/07/blog-cxxvi-126-antiquity.html.

Fellowships and Research Grants

Nationally Competitive Grants and Fellowships

- $300,000 from the National Endowment for the Humanities, "Syriaca.org: Advanced Reference Resources for Middle Eastern History," PI: Daniel L. Schwartz, 28 month project, 2015-2017
- $249,711 (sub-contract PI share, $39,498) from the National Endowment for the Humanities, "The Syriac Reference Portal: New Access to Sources for the History of the Middle East," PI: David A. Michelson, Vanderbilt, 36 month project, 2012-2014

Competitive College and University Grants and Fellowships, Texas A&M University

- $1,500 from the College of Liberal Arts for International Travel Support, 2019
- $1,700 from the Southeastern Conference Visiting Faculty Travel Grant, 2019
- $1,500 from the College of Liberal Arts for International Travel Support, 2016
- $5,250 from the College of Liberal Arts Cluster Advancement and Success Award, "Controversies over Evaluating Digital Work: Implications for Career Development in Academia," 2015 (with Laura Mandell)
- $15,000 from the Arts and Humanities Fellowship, 2015-2018
- $15,000 from the College of Liberal Arts Seed Grant Program, 2014

- $1,700 from the Southeastern Conference Visiting Faculty Travel Grant, 2014
- $1,250 from the Initiative for Digital Humanities, Media, and Culture, Digital Humanities Summer Institute Tuition Scholarship, 2013
- $15,000 from the College of Liberal Arts Strategic Development Fund, "Classical Transformations at TAMU," 2011 (with Federica Ciccolella, Craig Kallendorf, Justin Lake, Steve Oberhelman, and Ada Palmer)

Select Presentations

Papers Presented at Professional Meetings
- "Syriac Persons, Events, and Relations: A Linked Open Factoid-based Prosopography," The Association of Digital Humanities Organizations, Utrecht, Netherlands, July 2019.
- "Leveraging Core Data for the Cultural Heritage of the Medieval Middle East," part of the workshop on "Shaping Humanities Data: Use, Reuse, and Paths Toward Computationally Amenable Cultural Heritage Collections," part of Association of Digital Humanities Organizations 2017, Montréal, Canada, August 2017
- "SPEAR: Syriac Persons, Events, and Relations," The International Syriac Symposium, Rome, Italy, August 2016
- "Linked-Open Data and the Promise of a Syriac Prosopography," The American Society of Church History/American Historical Association, New York, January 2015
- "Networks beyond Borders: The Potential of a Syriac Prosopography," The North American Patristics Society, Chicago, IL, May 2014
- "Preaching with their Feet: Liturgical Procession as a Means of Lay Participation in Christianization," The American Society of Church History/American Historical Association, Washington, DC, January 2014
- "Religious Violence and Care for the Poor in Jacob of Sarug's *On the Fall of the Idols,*" International Syriac Studies Symposium: Syriac in its Multi-Cultural Context, Mardin Artuklu Üniversitesi, Mardin, Turkey, April 2012
- "Teaching the Faith in Theodore of Mopsuestia's Catechetical Orations," Patristic, Medieval, and Renaissance Studies Conference, Villanova University, October, 2007
- "Disciplina Arcani: Catechesis and the Revelation of the Christian Mysteries," Workshop on Revelation, Literature & Community in Antiquity, Princeton, NJ, January 2007
- "Catechesis and Conversion in Late Antiquity," International Byzantine Congress, London, U.K., 21-26 August 2006
- "Liturgy and Christian Paideia in Theodore of Mopsuestia's Catechetical Homilies," Byzantine Studies Conference, University of Georgia, Athens, October 2005

Invited Talks
- "From Text to Data and Back Again: Modeling Syriac Heritage with TEI and Linked Data," Cultural Heritage at Scale: Encoding Cultural Heritage at Scale, Vanderbilt University Libraries, Nashville, Tennessee, May 2019
- "Syriaca.org," LinkSyr: Linking Syriac Data, a workshop sponsored by the Eep Talstra Centre for Bible and Computer (ETCBC), Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, March 2018
- "Liturgical *Ekphrasis* in Theodore of Mopsuestia's *Catechetical Homilies*," Medieval and Renaissance Transformations of Antiquity, Villa Vergiliana, Cuma, Italy, September 2013
- "Coercion, Persuasion, and Belief: Understanding the Christianization of the Roman Empire" Late Roman Seminar, University of Oxford, 4 March, 2010

Session Chair or Commentator
- Chair, "Disaster, Disunity, and Dispersion: Theological and Ecclesiastical Challenges from Byzantium to Central Asia," American Society of Church History, 6 January, 2013

- Moderator, "Politics, Religion, and Society," Princeton University, 5-7 May, 2011

Research Agenda
- **Syriaca.org:** I am the Director of Syriaca.org, a digital humanities project that has received funding from the National Endowment for the Humanities, the Mellon Foundation, and the International Balzan Foundation. This project aims to make available online a wide variety of resources for the study of Syriac language, literature, and history. I am the General Editor of *SPEAR* (Syriac Persons, Events, and Relations), a digital prosopography publication of Syriaca.org. I am the Co-editor of Syriaca.org's subject keyword taxonomy.

Select Professional Service

Service to the Department
- Executive Committee, June 2019-present
- Graduate Student Committee, June 2012-May 2014
- Graduate Placement Director, June 2012-May 2014
- Executive Committee, June 2011-May 2013
- Diversity Committee, June 2011-May 2012

Service to the College and University
- Associate Director, Center of Digital Humanities Research, 2015-present
- Co-Convener, Religion and Culture Working Group, Glasscock Center, 2014-2015
- Co-Convener, Religion and Culture Working Group, Glasscock Center, 2012-2013
- Co-Convener, Religion and Culture Working Group, Glasscock Center, 2011-2012

Service to the Profession
- Moderator, BodoArXiv: Open Repository of Medieval Studies, 2019-present
- Editorial Board, The Digital Syriac Corpus, 2017-present
- Director, Syriaca.org, 2015-present
- Advisory Committee for the Syriac Reference Portal Project, 2010-2012

Select Digital Humanities Experience
- "XPath for Document Archaeology and Project Management" Digital Humanities Summer Institute, University of Victoria, June 2018
- "Linked Open Data and the Semantic Web" Digital Humanities Summer Institute, University of Victoria, June 2018
- "Digital Humanities Pedagogy: Integration in the Curriculum," Digital Humanities Summer Institute, University of Victoria, June 2016
- "Advanced TEI Concepts/TEI Customization," Digital Humanities Summer Institute, University of Victoria, June 2016
- Participant in Workshop hosted by Standards for Networking Ancient Prosopographies: Data and Relations in Greco-Roman Names, University College London, April, 2014
- "Programming 4 Humanists," Initiative for Digital Humanities, Media, and Culture, Texas A&M University, certificate completed spring 2014
- "A Collaborative Approach to XSLT," Digital Humanities Summer Institute, University of Victoria, June 2014

Digital Research Skills
- Schematron, TEI, TEI customization, XSLT