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## EDUCATION

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### **University of Chicago, The Divinity School**

*PhD in Biblical Studies* (June 2017):

- Dissertation “The Therapeutae as the Best Paradigm for the Contemplative Life: A Contextual Reading of Philo's *De Vita Contemplativa*”
- Committee members: Dr. Hans-Josef Klauck, University of Chicago, Divinity School (advisor), Dr. David Martinez, University of Chicago, Classics Department (reader), and Dr. Gregory Sterling, Dean of Yale Divinity School (reader)

*MA in Religious Studies* (Spring 2006)

### **University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign**

*MS, Library and Information Science* (May 2017)

### **Trinity Western University, Langley, British Columbia, Canada**

*MA, Business Administration* (August 2004)

### **West University of Timisoara, Timisoara, Romania**

*MA, Philosophy of Science* (June 2001)

*BA, Philosophy* (June 1999)

### **University of Bucharest, Bucharest, Romania**

*BA, Journalism* (June 1997)

## EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

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**Director, School of Theology Library; Assistant Professor of Theological Bibliography** (since July 2018) – Jessie Ball DuPont Library, University of the South, Sewanee, TN

Duties:

- Directing the School of Theology (SoT) Library
- Overseeing collection management, budgets, School of Theology reference & research transactions, and writing center operations
- Teaching and Instruction in the area of *Theological Research and Writing*; teaching elective courses and workshops in Early Christianity and Hellenistic Judaism
- Research in the area of *information seeking behavior* for religious study students
- Advising and mentoring graduate students from the School of Theology
- Professional and community service (ATLA, LITS Committee, Leadership Committee, Leases Committee, School of Theology Grants Committee)

**School of Theology Librarian and Faculty** (July 2016 – June 2018) – Jessie Ball DuPont Library

University of the South, Sewanee, TN

Duties:

- Teaching and Instruction in the area of Theological Bibliography, Research and Writing for Theology and Religious Studies; elective courses and workshops in Early Christianity and Judaism
- Advising and mentoring graduate students
- Collection development and management for both the general School of Theological Library, as well as for the Theological Special Collections and Archives
- School of Theology policies, budget, and resources management
- School of Theology library staff supervision

**Head, Receiving and Rapid Cataloging** (December 2014 - September, 2015) – Joseph Regenstein Library, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL

Duties:

- Managing a team of 8 full time and 6 student employees (hiring, instruction & training, workflow operations, performance evaluation, budget oversight)
- Assisting with collection management the bibliographer for Religion and Philosophy (focusing on German Theological selections from Harrassowitz)
- Writing and updating documentation for OLE, the Receiving and Acquire modules
- Receiving and rapid cataloging periodicals, serials and monographs (about 150,000 issues are added per year by the University of Chicago Library)
- Searching gifts and adding them to the collection, as needed

**Circulation & Access Services Supervisor** (November 2011 – December 2014) - Joe and Rika Mansueto Library, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL

Duties:

- Managing a group of 14-20 student employees (hiring, instruction & training, workflow operations, performance evaluation, budget oversight)
- participated in reference and instruction during evening hours and orientation week
- Maintaining a scholarly environment in the most futuristic Library in the world
- Basic cataloging and maintenance of the automatic storage and retrieval system
- Co-teaching Quali OLE modules Deliver 1 & 2; making OLE video training clips
- Giving architectural tours and promoting the vision of the Mansueto Library to visitors

**Instructor / Writing Intern, University of Chicago Writing Program** (2011 - 2015) - University of Chicago, Chicago, IL

Duties:

- Teaching research and academic writing to College students
- Running writing seminars in the Humanities Core program
- Grading research papers
- Advising individual students how to improve their writing skills

**Lecturer in the Religion Department** (2012 - 2015), Lake Forest College, Lake Forest, IL

Duties:

- Designing the course and teaching the classes
- Grading quizzes and papers
- Holding office hours and consultations
- Posting readings, assignment, and grades on 'Moodle'
- In the department, I was involved in the process of reviewing and appointing the new Department Chair
- Right now we are in the middle of a comprehensive evaluation of the Department goals in an effort to improve the curriculum, the instruction process, and ultimately to attract more students.

**Council for Advanced Studies, Workshop Coordinator** (September 2007 - June 2012), University of Chicago, Chicago, IL

Duties:

- Planning and implementing the workshop's research program with the sponsoring faculty
- Budgeting the workshop's award allocation to support workshop activities
- Arranging travel, lodging, and honorarium payments for visiting speakers
- Organizing refreshments and/or receptions and dinners
- Advertising our events through email, the workshop's web page, and social media

**Evening Library Supervisor** (August 2002 - May 2003) - **Dordt College Library**, Sioux Center, Iowa

Duties:

- Supervising student employees performing standard circulation activities
- Providing reference services during evening hours
- Offering customer service to patrons
- Closing the library at the end of the evening

**Assistant Professor** (1997-2001) - University of Banat, Timisoara, Romania

Duties:

- Teaching Media and Philosophy classes
- Advising students with academic issues
- Acting dean of students for the senior year
- Chairing the Media department (2000-2001)
- Editing the Department's publication (TEMPO)

**Director of the Journalism Library** (1998-2001) - University of Banat, Timisoara, Romania

Duties:

- Developing an entire collection for Journalism and Communications.
- Acquisition and cataloguing of almost 10,000 materials (in English, French, German, and Dutch) including monographs, periodicals, and video documentaries.
- Developing a reserves system and a reading room to facilitate quick and efficient access for teaching and research.
- Hiring, training and evaluating student staff
- editor assistant TEMPO (1998-9)
- Editor in Chief *Student Plus* (2000-1)

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**TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

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**Assistant Professor – University of the South, School of Theology**

Johannine Literature (Spring 2019)

Research for English as a Second Language (ESL) Students (Spring 2019, 2020)

Theological Bibliography, Research, and Writing (Fall 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019)

The Seven Letters of Ignatius of Antioch: a close-reading workshop (Spring 2017)

Augustine's Confessions: a close-reading workshop (Fall 2017)

Philo of Alexandria: a close-reading workshop (Spring 2017)

The Apostolic Fathers: a close-reading workshop (Fall 2016)

**LECTURER - Wright College**

Bible: New Testament (Spring & Fall 2014, 2015)

Bible: Hebrew Bible/ Old Testament (Spring & Fall 2014, 2015)

Comparative Religions (Spring 2014)

**LECTURER - Lake Forest College**

Global Christianity (Fall 2014)

Early Christianity (Fall 2012, Fall 2013)

Hebrew Bible: The Literature and History of Ancient Israel (Fall 2013)

**WRITING INSTRUCTOR - The College, University of Chicago**

Philosophical Perspectives (Fall 2012 - 2005).

Human Being and Citizen (Spring and Winter 2013)

World Literature (Winter 2012)

**TEACHING ASSISTANT - The Divinity School, University of Chicago**

Koine Greek

- Led a New Testament Greek Reading section for the Introduction to the New Testament class (Winter 2012)
- Private tutor for students from the Hyde Park Theological Schools (2011-12)

Introduction to the New Testament: Texts and Contexts

- Teaching Assistant for Prof. Hans-Josef Klauck (Winter 2012 and Winter 2013)
- Teaching Assistant for Prof. Margaret M. Mitchell (Winter 2010 and Winter 2011)

Jewish Thought and Literature: Introduction to the Hebrew Bible

- Teaching Assistant for Prof. Jeffrey Stackert (Fall 2008 and Fall 2009).

## **INSTRUCTOR - Banat University**

Ancient Rhetoric and Modern Communication Theory (Spring 2000, 2001)  
History of Ancient Greek Philosophy (Fall 1998, 2000)  
Interview Techniques (Winter 1998, 1999, 2000)  
News Gathering Techniques (Spring 1999)  
Sociology of Mass Communication (Spring, 2001)

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## **PEDAGOGICAL TRAINING**

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### **Harvard Graduate School of Education**

Coursework: *Immunity to Change* (Fall 2017)

### **Chicago Center for Teaching, University of Chicago**

*Certificate in University Teaching* (September 2014)

### **The Divinity School, University of Chicago**

Certification in the *Craft of Teaching in the Academic Study of Religion*

- Craft of Teaching Seminars (Fall 2012-present)
- Pedagogies of Writing, The University Writing Program, Spring 2011
- Teaching Enhancement Seminars for Writing interns (Fall 2011, Winter 2012)

### **University of British Columbia**

*Learning and the Art of Teaching* (with Prof. Thena Ayers), Summer 2002

### **West University of Timisoara**

*Pedagogical Seminar* (a three course sequence plus internship: Pedagogy, Didactics, Teaching Methodology, Classroom Internship) September 2000 – May 2001

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## **LIBRARY EXHIBITS**

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“Resisting Toxic Faith” (Sewanee, duPont Library Fall 2019 – present)

“Toxic Language Awareness Week” (University of the South, duPont Library, March 25-31)

“Hymnody and Liturgy from the Marion Hatchett Special Collection” (Sewanee School of Theology, duPont Library Fall 2018 – present)

“Biblical Manuscripts, Illuminations, and Dissertations from The School of Theology Special Collections” (Sewanee, duPont Library Fall 2017 – Summer 2018)

“Sewanee Treasures of the Book of Common Prayer” (Fall 2016 – Summer 2017)

“School of Theology Faculty Publications” (Spring 2017-present)

“Journeys to the West: An Exhibit in memory of Anthony C. Yu, 1934-2015” (co-curated with Anne Knafl, Library News, The University of Chicago, Summer-Fall 2016)

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## **PUBLICATIONS**

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“Therapy of Desire in Philo of Alexandria: Towards a Jewish Hellenistic Synthesis” (upcoming in *Studia Patristica*, Peeters Publishers, 2020)

Book: *Philo's Treatise of the Contemplative Life*. Mohr Siebeck. WUNT II series (under contract, Spring, 2020)

“Little Free Libraries. A Community Impact Study” coauthored with Dr. Kate Williams *et alii* in *Library Journal* (Summer 2018)

“Information Seeking Behavior for Theological Students. A READ Scale Survey for Reference Transactions” 2017 ATLA Conference Proceedings

“The Therapeutae as the Best Paradigm for the Contemplative Life: A Contextual Reading of Philo's *De Vita Contemplativa*” ProQuest Electronic Thesis and Dissertations, 2017

- “The Letters of Ignatius of Antioch. Introduction and the History of Research” *Parintii Apostolici*, vol. 2, Editura Polirom (Spring 2016)
- “Journeys to the West: An Exhibit in memory of Anthony C. Yu, 1934-2015” (co-authored with Anne Knafl, Library News, The University of Chicago, Summer 2016)
- “Homicide: New Testament and Early Christian Literature” *The Oxford Encyclopedia of the Bible and Law* (Oxford University Press, Fall 2015)
- “Eucharistic Theology and Martyrdom in Ignatius of Antioch” *Studia Patristica* LXV, Peeters Publishers, 2013, pp. 39-47
- “From Logos to Mythos: The Apocalypse of Paul and Plato's Phaedo in Dialogue” in *Christian Body, Christian Self: Essays on Early Christian Concepts of Personhood and Possible Derivations*, edited by Clare K. Rothschild and Trevor Thompson; Mohr Siebeck, 2011, pp. 217-233
- “Discipleship and Death: An Investigation into the New Testament and the Apostolic Fathers”, Garrett Theological Seminary, Student Conference Proceedings, Chicago, April 2008
- “Conceptul de paradigma in teoria mass-media” (“The Concept of ‘Paradigm’ in Mass Media Theory”) an article published in the *Festschrift* honouring Professor Ion Iliescu entitled: *Omagiu Profesorului Ion Iliescu*, Editura Presa Universitara Romana, Timisoara, 1999, pp. 161-177
- Book review*: Mihai Coman, *Introducere in Sistemul Mass-Media*, Revista Orizont, 1998

### **TALKS and PRESENTATIONS**

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- “ATS Accreditation Standards: Can Librarians Make a difference?” (presentation at the Tennessee Theological Library Association, November 8, 2019)
- “Therapy of Desire in Philo of Alexandria: Towards a Jewish Hellenistic Synthesis” (International Conferenc on Patristic Studies, Oxford University, August 2019)
- “Toxic Language Awareness: A Campus Climate Survey” (University of the South, Center for Leadership, November 9, 2018)
- “Examples of Applied Mysticism in Philo of Alexandria” (guest presentation for Dr. Paul Holloway’s class on *Jewish Mysticism*, November 8, 2018)
- “Keeping up with the Latest Scholarship by Using Table of Content (ToC) Services” (Center for Teaching presentation, October 4, 2018)
- “Me and MEVO: Enabling Video’s Portfolio Creation for our Faculty and Students” (Consortium of Liberal Arts Colleges, Annual Meeting, June 20, 2018)
- “Religion and Theological Literacy goals for the Age of e-Resources” (American Theological Library Association, Annual Meeting in Indianapolis, IN, June 14, 2018)
- “Annotating Theological Bibliography: Tips and Techniques” (guest presentation for Dr. Cynthia Crysdale’s class on *Introduction to Moral Theology*, March 12, 2018)
- “The Book(s) of Common Prayer in the Anglican Tradition: History and Holdings from Jessie Ball duPont Library” (guest lecture for Dr. John Gatta’s class on *The Spirit and Forms of Anglicanism* February 13, 2018)
- “Streaming and Video Recording Technologies in the Classroom: the Case for Adopting MEVO (TechTalks Series, February 1, 2018)
- “Video Recording Technologies in the Classroom: Carrying your SWIVL Videographer with You (TechTalks Series at Dean’s Forum (October, 12, 2017)
- “Sources and Resources for Biblical Exegesis” (guest lecture for Dr. Rebecca Wright’s *Old Testament Foundations’* class, October 15, 2017)
- “Discovering the Discovery Layers Embedded in the Library Catalogue” (New Faculty Orientation, July 2017)
- “Remus, the Book-worm on Theological Librarianship”. Staff Presentation (LITS, April 2017)

“Keeping up with Scholarship: Journal Table of Content Services” (Center for Teaching, Faculty Development Session, January 2017)

“The Life of Moses, According to Philo of Alexandria” (November 2016)

“Research and Citation Management Tools for Graduate Students in Theology” (TechTalk Series, September 2016)

“Quantitative Research Methods for Theological Research” (Advance Degree Programs, School of Theology, June 2017)

"British and American Editions of the Book of Common Prayer" (University of the South, March 2017)

"The Cult of Zalmoxis in Ancient Dacia and Medieval Romania: Myth and Realities" (Georgia Gwinnett College, May 2016)

"The Future of Theology Libraries: User-centered Services" (University of the South, Sewanee, DuPont Library, April 2016)

"User-Centered Library Services: A Response to Calvin's Library 2014-19 Strategic Plan" (Calvin College and Seminary, November 2015)

"On the Contemplative Life according to Philo" (Martin Marty Center, The Divinity School, University of Chicago, May 21, 2014)

"The Genre of *De Vita Contemplativa* as a Vehicle for *Bios Theoretikos*" (Council for Advanced Studies, University of Chicago, March 5, 2014)

“*Between the Scylla and Charybdis*: A Response to Nathan Phillips” (Martin Marty Center, The Divinity School, University of Chicago, March 5, 2013)

“*Logos Protreptikos*: Exploring the Genera of Philo’s *De Vita Contemplativa*” (Martin Marty Center, The Divinity School, February 19, 2013)

“Philosophy as Therapy of the Soul in Philo of Alexandria’s *De Vita Contemplativa*” (North American Patristics Conference, May, 2013)

“Theology and Teleology in Philo of Alexandria: the Puzzling Case of the Therapeutae” (Early Christian Studies Workshop, University of Chicago, April 22, 2013)

“Eucharistic Theology in Ignatius of Antioch’s Epistle to the Romans” (International Conference on Patristic Studies, Oxford University, August 2011)

“The Criterion of Truth and the Truth of the Criterion in 1 John” (Annual Meeting, Society for Biblical Literature, November 2010)

"Stoic Epistemology in the argumentation of 1 John" (Annual Meeting, Society for Biblical Literature, November 2010)

"From *Logos* to *Mythos*: The Apocalypse of Paul and Plato's *Phaedo* in Dialogue" (Midwest Region, Society for Biblical Literature, February, 2010)

“Martyrdom as Eucharistic Discipleship in Ignatius of Antioch” (North American Patristics Conference, May 2010)

“Hellenistic Epistemology and the Epistle of 1 John” (Early Christian Studies Workshop, University of Chicago, March 9, 2009)

"Second Apocalypse of James: its rhetorical structure and language in relation to the New Testament" (Early Christian Studies Workshop, University of Chicago, January 28, 2008)

“Discipleship and Death: An Investigation into the New Testament and the Apostolic Fathers” (Student Theological Conference, Garrett Theological Seminary, April 18, 2008)

“The Influence of Mass-Media in the Romanian Contemporary Society: Critical Remarks”; (Timisoara - May 2000; Areopagus Center)

## **AWARDS AND HONORS**

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**Conant Grant** (received for the improvement of Seminary-based Theological Education)

**Center for Leadership Certificate** (graduated as part of the first Leadership Cohort, University of the South, December 2018)

**Professional Development Award** (University of the South, March 2018)

**Dartmouth Medal for Excellence in Library Reference** (awarded for an article submitted to the Oxford Encyclopedia of Bible and Law, January 2016)

Prize: <http://www.ala.org/news/press-releases/2016/01/dartmouth-medal-excellence-reference-awarded-oxford-encyclopedia-bible-and>

Book Review: <http://rblnewsletter.blogspot.com/2016/06/20160639-strawn-oxford-encyclopedia-of.html>

**Martin Marty Junior Fellowship** (for dissertation research, teaching, and forum presentations involving public interlocutors, 2013-14)

<https://divinity.uchicago.edu/romulus-stefanut>

**Perrin Travel Award** (for paper presentation and travel at the 16<sup>th</sup> International Patristics Conference, Oxford University, Summer 2011)

**Midwest SBL Graduate Student Paper Award** (winner of the competition in the area of NT/Christian Origins, February 2010)

[https://www.sbl-site.org/assets/pdfs/2010MidwestSBL\\_AOS\\_ASORProgramAbstracts.pdf](https://www.sbl-site.org/assets/pdfs/2010MidwestSBL_AOS_ASORProgramAbstracts.pdf)

**Divinity School Fellowship and Living Stipend** (University of Chicago, The Divinity School, 2006-10)

**Milo P. Jewett Travel Award** (for participation at the *Studiorum Novi Testamenti Societas* Conference in Sibiu, Romania, Summer 2007)

**Summer Language Fellowship** (tuition and Living Stipend offered by The Divinity School to study Attic Greek at the Graham School of General Studies, University of Chicago, Summer 2004)

**ProFamilia Scholarship** (tuition and living stipend to study at Trinity Western University, Canada, 2001-2002)

## **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP and SERVICE**

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**American Academy of Religion / Society for Biblical Literature** (member, 2005 - present)

**American Library Association** (member, 2011 - present)

**American Theological Library Association** (member, 2014 - present)

**Association of Theological Schools**

*The Commission on Accrediting* (external evaluator, since December 2017)

**North American Patristics Society** (member, 2007 - present)

**Tennessee Theological Library Association** (member since 2016; president elect 2018-2020)

<https://www.atla.com/Members/divisions/regional/TTLA/Pages/default.aspx>

*Annual Meetinsg: Fall 2017, 2019* (co-organized meeting with Betsy Grant)

**University of the South / School of Theology**

*Center for Teaching* (elected Advisory Board member since August 2018)

*Center for Leadership* (elected Advisory Board member since August 2019)

*Academic Library and Instruction Technology Committee* (member since August 2016)

*Cross-Cultural Grants Committee* (member since August 2017)

*Jessie Ball duPont Friends of the Library* (*ex officio* member since August 2016)

*Sewanee Lease Committee* (August 2017 - May 2019)

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## LINGUISTIC COMPETENCIES

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**Attic & Koine Greek** – research (high-passed U. Chicago Divinity School competency exam)

**Biblical Hebrew** – research (high-passed U. Chicago Divinity School competency exam)

**Coptic** - research

**English** - fluent

**French** –research (high-passed University of Chicago competency exam)

**German** – research (high-passed University of Chicago competency exam)

**Latin** – research

**Romanian** – fluent (native language)

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## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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**Early Christian History and Literature:** *New Testament* (Johannine Literature, Synoptic Gospels, Call Narratives); *Apostolic Fathers* (Ignatius of Antioch, Polycarp of Smyrna)

**Hellenistic Judaism:** Philo of Alexandria, Josephus

**Librarianship:**

- Information Seeking Behavior for Religion/Theology Students
- Ancient Scholars and their Libraries (Philo of Alexandria, Eusebius of Caesarea)

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## TECHNICAL SKILLS

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**Library software:** KualiOLE, Millenium, Sierra, Horizon, OCLC, EMS, ILLiad, Tipasa, LibGuides, W2W,

**Archival Software:** ArchivesSpace, DSpace, EAD, Oxygen, ArtStor

**Biblical Exegesis software:** Accordance, Logos, BibleWorks

**Operating Systems:** MS Dos, Windows95 - Windows 10, Linux, Unix (Ubuntu), iOS 11

**Data processing:** MS Office (Word, Excel, Access, Power Point, Outlook)

**Emulators and Networking:** VMWare, Parallels, FTP, SQL 7, Fugu, NetMeeting, Skype

**Graphics software:** Page Maker, Adobe (Acrobat, Distiller, Photoshop), iLife

**Teaching/Instructional software:** Blackboard, Moodle, iTunesU, eLearning, Populi

**Web design applications:** HTML, Front Page, iWeb 2006-2012 website designer for:

<http://cas.uchicago.edu/workshops/earlychristianstudies/>

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## PROFESSIONAL REFERENCES

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Available upon request!