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EMPLOYMENT

- 2025 – **Contract Instructor**, Department of General Education, Mount Royal University.
- 2024 – **Adjunct Assistant Professor**, Department of Classics & Religion, University of Calgary.
- 2018 – 2025 **Student Success Centre**, University of Calgary.
Coordinator, Scholars Programming, 2021, 2022 – 2025.
Academic Strategist, 2018, 2019–2020, 2022.
Academic Development Specialist, Early Alert System, 2018–2019.
- 2016–18 **Clinical Assistant Professor**, Department of History, Washington State University.
- 2012–16 **Collegiate Assistant Professor in the Humanities and Harper-Schmidt Fellow, Society of Fellows**; Affiliated Faculty Member, Departments of Classics and History, University of Chicago.

EDUCATION

- 2012 **Ph.D. Interdepartmental Program in Greek & Roman History, University of Michigan.**
Dissertation title: “Elites and Outsiders: The Greek-Speaking Scholars of Rome, 100 BCE – 200 CE.” Supervisors: Professors David S. Potter and Raymond Van Dam.
- 2006 **MA. Greek and Roman Studies, Specialization: Late Antiquity, University of Calgary.**
- 2004 **BA. First Class Honours, Ancient and Medieval History, University of Calgary.**
- 2004 **BComm. With Distinction, Haskayne School of Business, University of Calgary.**

PUBLICATIONS

Books

- 2023 Kristi Upson-Saia, Heidi Marx, and **Jared Secord**. *Medicine, Health, and Healing in the Ancient Mediterranean (500 BCE to 600 CE): A Sourcebook*. Berkeley: University of California Press. Paperback and Hardcover.

Engagements: Interview, [Biblical Time Machine Podcast](#), March 2024; Book-review panel, North American Patristics Society, May 2024; Book-review panel, Canadian Society of Patristic Studies, May 2024.

Reviews: [Classics for All](#) 2023; [Greece & Rome](#) 71.1 (2024), 180–1; [Studies in Religion](#) 2024; [Comitatus: A Journal of Medieval and Renaissance Studies](#) 55 (2024), 302–4; [Historische Zeitschrift](#) 319 (2024), 655–7; [Bollettino di Studi Latini](#) 54.2 (2024), 818–23; [Isis](#) 116.2 (2025), 384–5.

- 2020 *Christian Intellectuals and the Roman Empire: From Justin Martyr to Origen*. Inventing Christianity. College Park, PA: Pennsylvania State University Press. Released in paperback, 2022.

Engagements: Book-review panel, Canadian Society of Patristic Studies, May 2023; Interview, [PatristiCast Podcast/YouTube Channel](#), July 2023; Interview, [New Books Network](#), August 2023.

Reviews: [Bryn Mawr Classical Review](#) 2021.09.24; [Reading Religion](#) 2021; [Plekos](#) 23 (2021), 111–116; [La cultura](#) 3 (2021), 485–504; [Journal of Early Christian Studies](#) 30.1 (2022), 157–60; [Journal of Theological Studies](#) 73.1 (2022), 375–7; [SBL Review Central](#) 2022; [Journal of Roman Studies](#) 2023; [Anuario de Historia de la Iglesia](#) 32 (2023), 570–1; [Bibliotheca Augustiniana](#) 13 (2023), 390–1.

Articles in Refereed Journals

- 2019 **Jared Secord** and Jessica Wright, “Approaches to Teaching the History of Medicine in Late Antiquity.” *Studies in Late Antiquity* 3.4, 475–80.
- 2018 “The Celibate Athlete: Athletic Metaphors, Medical Thought, and Sexual Abstinence in the Second and Third Centuries CE.” *Studies in Late Antiquity* 2.4, 464–90.
- 2017 “Galen and the Theodotians: Embryology and Adoptionism in the Christian Schools of Rome.” *Studia Patristica* 81, 51–64.
- 2017 “Introduction: Medicine beyond Galen in the Roman Empire and Late Antiquity.” *Studia Patristica* 81, 1–10.
- 2017 “Julius Africanus, Origen, and the Politics of Intellectual Life under the Severans.” *Classical World* 110.2, 211–235.
- 2013 “Medicine and Sophistry in Hippolytus’ *Refutatio*.” *Studia Patristica* 65, 217–24.

Articles in Edited, Peer-Reviewed Collections

- “Julius Africanus.” In *The Bible in Ancient Christian Historiography*. Handbooks of the Bible and Its Reception. Eds. Carson Bay, Jeremiah Coogan, and Peter Van Nuffelen. Leiden: De Gruyter, forthcoming.
- “Emperors and Courage in the Military Handbooks of the Roman Empire.” In *Brill’s Companion to Courage and Cowardice in Ancient Mediterranean Warfare*. Ed. Jenn Finn. Leiden: Brill, forthcoming.
- 2023 “Health, Medicine, and Philosophy in the School of Justin Martyr.” In *The Intellectual World of Late Antique Christianity: Reshaping the Classical Tradition*. Eds. Lewis Ayres, Matthew Crawford, and Michael Champion. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 47–65.
- 2021 “Irenaeus at Rome: The Greek Context of Christian Intellectual Life in the Second Century.” In *Irénée entre Asie et Occident*. Collection des Études Augustiniennes. Série Antiquité 201. Ed. Agnès Bastit. Turnhout: Brepols, 141–60.
- 2019 “Occult and Pulp Visions of Greece and Rome in Heavy Metal.” In *Classical Antiquity in Heavy Metal* Music. Eds. Kristopher Fletcher and Osman Umurhan. London: Bloomsbury, 155–71.
- 2015 “Overcoming Environmental Determinism: Introduced Species, Hybrid Plants and Animals, and Transformed Lands in the Hellenistic and Roman Worlds.” In *The Routledge Handbook of Identity and the Environment in the Classical and Medieval Worlds*. Eds. Rebecca Futo Kennedy and Molly Jones-Lewis. New York and London: Routledge, 210–29.
- 2012 “The Cultural Geography of a Greek Christian: Irenaeus from Smyrna to Lyons.” In *Irenaeus: Life, Scripture, Legacy*. Eds. Paul Foster and Sara Parvis. Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 25–33.

Translations

- 2023 Kristi Upson-Saia, Heidi Marx, and **Jared Secord**, *Medicine, Health, and Healing in the Ancient Mediterranean (500 BCE to 600 CE): A Sourcebook*. Berkeley: University of California Press.
- “Celsus, *On Medicine*, preface 1-57,” 86–94.
 “Celsus, *On Medicine*, 5.26,” 161–71.
 “Celsus, *On Medicine*, 3.3-4,” 188–92.
 “Celsus, *On Medicine*, 2.10.7-11.6,” 231–4.
 “Theophrastus, *Inquiry into Plants*, 9.8,” 242–4.
 “Celsus, *On Medicine*, 7.proem., 7.5, 7.7, and 7.16,” 261–7.
 “Inscriptions Related to Physicians,” 305–10.
 “Inscriptions Related to Patients,” 322–5.
 “Celsus, *On Medicine*, 2.1.17-22,” 338–9.
- 2022 *The Cambridge Edition of Early Christian Writings. Volume 3. Christ: Through the Nestorian Controversy*. Ed. Mark DelCogliano. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
- “Tertullian, *Apology* 21,” 137–143.
 “Tertullian, *Against Praxeas* 1-4, 27-30,” 173–186.
 “Tertullian, *On the Flesh of Christ* 1-16, 24-25,” 144–172.

Encyclopedia Entries

- Lexicon of the Greek and Roman Anatomists, Physicians, and Surgeons from Antiquity to the Byzantine Empire*. Ed. Hélène Perdicoyianni-Paleologou. Paris: L'Harmattan, forthcoming.
- “Abascantus of Lyons.”
 “Alcon of Rome.”
 “Apollonius of Pergamum.”
 “Charicles of Rome.”
 “Dionysius the Methodist.”
 “Zenon of Athens.”
- Encyclopedia of Medicine in the Greco-Roman World*. Eds. Karl-Heinz Leven and Nadine Metzger. Leiden: Brill, forthcoming.
- “Julian Apostata.”
 “Kosmas Indikopleustes.”
 “Philolaos of Tarentum.”
 “Thrasymachus of Sardes.”
- 2021 “Atheism/Atheist.” *Brill Encyclopedia of Early Christianity Online*.

Book Reviews

- Review of Sebastian Hanstein, *Werbung für das Christentum und Häresiographie: Die ‚Peraten‘ und die redaktionelle Gestaltung der Refutatio omnium haeresium des sog., Hippolyt von Rom*. Forthcoming in *Church History*.
- Review of Laura Salah Nasrallah, *Ancient Christians and the Power of Curses: Magic, Aesthetics, and Justice*. Forthcoming in *Reading Religion*.

- 2025 Review of *Soul and Body Diseases, Remedies and Healing in Middle Eastern Religious Cultures and Traditions*. Ed. Catalin-Stefan Popa. *Journal of Early Christian Studies* 33.1, 178–80.
- 2024 Review of Colin Elliott, *Pox Romana: The Plague that Shook the Roman World*. *Classical Journal Online*.
- 2023 Review of Michael F. Bird, *Jesus among the Gods: Early Christology in the Greco-Roman World*. *Church History* 92, 932–3.
- 2023 Review of *The Gospel of Tatian: Exploring the Nature and Text of the Diatessaron*. Eds. Matthew R. Crawford and Nicholas J. Zola. *Review of Biblical Literature*.
- 2023 Review of *Platonism and Christian Thought in Late Antiquity*. Eds. Panagiotis G. Pavlos, Lars Fredrik Janby, Eyjólfur Kjalar Emilsson, and Torstein Theodor Tollefsen. *Review of Biblical Literature*.
- 2022 Review of Vincent Hunink, *Acta Martyrum Scillitanorum. A literary commentary*. *Rhea Classical Reviews*.
- 2022 Review of Brandon Cline, *Petition and Performance in Ancient Rome: The Apologies of Justin Martyr*. *Journal of Early Christian Studies* 30.1, 149–51.
- 2021 Review of Christian Thrué Djurslev, *Alexander the Great in the Early Christian Tradition: Classical Reception and Patristic Literature*. *Classical Journal* 116.4, 503–5.
- 2019 Review of Philip Bosman, *Intellectual and Empire in Greco-Roman Antiquity*. *Bryn Mawr Classical Review*, 2019.8.24.
- 2015 Review of Steven D. Smith, *Man and Animal in Severan Rome: The Literary Imagination of Claudius Aelianus*. *Classical Journal Online*.

FELLOWSHIPS

- 2011 Fellow, Sweetland Dissertation Writing Institute, University of Michigan.
- 2010 Fellow, Mellon Humanities Dissertation Seminar, University of Michigan.
- 2006–10 Doctoral Fellowship, Social Sciences & Humanities Research Council of Canada.
- 2005 Canada Graduate Scholarship – Master’s, SSHRC.
- 2005 Province of Alberta Graduate Student Scholarship.
- 2004 Province of Alberta Graduate Student Scholarship.

AWARDS AND HONORS

- 2010 Michigan Center for Early Christian Studies Graduate Student Award.
- 2006 Graduate Student Essay Prize, Canadian Society of Patristic Studies.

FIELDWORK

- 2007 Geographical Information System Specialist and Field Archaeologist. Aphrodisias Regional Survey, Turkey.

TEACHING

At Mount Royal University, as Contract Instructor

- Aesthetic Experience and Ideas: Board and Tabletop Games. Fall 2025.
- Texts and Ideas: History of Health and Medicine. 2x. Fall 2025.

At Washington State University, as Clinical Assistant Professor

Classical and Christian Europe. Lecture course, introductory level. 2x. 2016, 2017.
Greek History. Lecture course. 2x. 2016, 2018.
Roman History. Lecture course. 1x. 2017.
Seminar in History: Greek and Roman History. Graduate independent study course. 1x. 2018.
World History I, to 1500 CE. Lecture course. 3x. 2016, 2017, 2018.
Writing about History: Histories of Medicine. Seminar course. 6x. 2016, 2017, 2018.

At University of Chicago, as Collegiate Assistant Professor

* GTL = Greek Thought and Literature; an introductory seminar for freshmen *

Greek. Lucian. Winter 2016. Advanced undergraduates and graduate students.
GTL I, Homer to Aeschylus. Autumn quarters, 2012–2015.
GTL II, Sophocles to Aristotle. Winter quarters, 2013–2016.
GTL III, Greek Historiography and Its Legacy: Xenophon to Anna Comnena. Spring 2013, 2016.
GTL III, Greeks, Romans, and Others: Ethnographic Writing in Antiquity. Spring 2014.

At University of Michigan, as Instructor of Record

Elementary Latin I. Winter 2010.
Elementary Latin II. Fall 2010.

At University of Michigan, as Graduate Student Instructor

Emperors of Rome. Winter 2012.
Great Books, Homer to Plato. Fall 2008, Fall 2011.
Great Books, Plato to Boccaccio. Winter 2009.
History of Greece. Fall 2007.
History of Rome. Winter 2008.

At University of Calgary, as Teaching Assistant

Introduction to Greece and Rome. Fall 2005, Winter 2006.
Classical Mythology and Literature. Fall 2004, Winter 2005.

PAPERS PRESENTED

* APA = American Philological Association; CAC = Classical Association of Canada; CACW = Classical Association of the Canadian West; CAMWS = Classical Association of the Middle West and South; CSPS = Canadian Society of Patristic Studies; NAPS = North American Patristics Society; SCS = Society for Classical Studies. *

- 2025 “Un-Christian Creativity? Magic and Warfare in Julius Africanus’s *Cesti*,” The Second Sophistic Colloquium, UCLA.
- 2024 “Un-Christian Creativity? Magic and Warfare in Julius Africanus’s *Cesti*,” NAPS, Chicago.
- 2024 “Emperors and Courage in the Military Handbooks of the Roman Empire,” The Second Sophistic Colloquium, University of Virginia.
- 2022 “Who Was Agrippa Castor (Euseb. *HE* 4.7.5-8)? Onomastics, Barbarian Wisdom, and the Development of Christian Heresiology,” CSPS, Online.
- 2018 “Tatian and the Greeks,” The Second Sophistic Colloquium, UNC-Chapel Hill.

- 2017 "Rivalry and Persecution among Intellectuals in the Second Century: Galen, Lucian, and Justin Martyr," NAPS, Chicago.
- 2016 "The Celibate Athlete: Christian and Medical Perspectives on Abstinence from Sex in the Second and Third Centuries," NAPS, Chicago.
- 2015 "Third-Century Intellectual Transformations and the Beginnings of Late Antiquity," Cities, Saints and Memory in Late Antiquity: A Conference in Honor of Raymond Van Dam, University of Michigan.
- 2015 "Galen and the Theodotians: Embryology and Adoptionism in the Christian Schools of Rome," 17th International Conference on Patristic Studies, University of Oxford.
- 2015 "Diogenes Laertius and Cross-Cultural Intellectual Debates in the Third Century," SCS, New Orleans. *Selected as an honorable mention for best paper in the Sunday midday sessions.*
- 2014 "Barbarization, Good Birth, and the Determinants of Hellenic Identity in Plutarch," International Plutarch Society, North American Section, Banff.
- 2014 "Christians, Money, and the Politics of Intellectual Life under the Severans," APA, Chicago.
- 2013 "The Author as Architect: Julius Africanus' *Cesti* and Technical Literature," NAPS, Chicago.
- 2013 "Barbarous Peacocks and Hellenized Elephants: Geography and Identity in Aelian's *On the Nature of Animals*," CAMWS, Iowa City.
- 2013 "Julius Africanus and the Beginnings of Late Antiquity," Shifting Frontiers in Late Antiquity X, University of Ottawa.
- 2013 "Classicists, Methodists, and Jews: Rethinking the Second Sophistic," APA, Seattle.
- 2012 "Tatian's Opposition to Greek Culture in Context," NAPS, Chicago.
- 2011 "Medicine and Sophistry in Hippolytus' *Refutatio*," 16th International Conference on Patristic Studies, University of Oxford.
- 2011 "Galen and the Shoe-Maker: Medicine, Philosophy, and the Banausic Classes at Rome," CACW, University of Calgary.
- 2010 "Galenic Medicine and Christianity at Rome," NAPS, Chicago.
- 2009 "Irenaeus 'Among the Romans': The Greek (Christian) Geography of *Against the Heresies*," Irenaeus and his Traditions, University of Edinburgh.
- 2009 "Christians, Doctors, Sophists, and Philosophers: Aspects of Greek Intellectual Life at Rome in the Age of Galen and Hippolytus," CAC, University of British Columbia.
- 2008 "Aeschines: The Founder of the Second Sophistic," CAC, Université de Montréal.
- 2006 "Antony and Athanasius: Hellenism, Illiteracy, and Literacy in Late Antique Egypt," CSPA, York University, Toronto.
- 2006 "Religious Conflict and Violence in Fourth Century Egypt in the Light of P.Lond. VI 1914," NAPS, Chicago, and CAC, University of Toronto.
- 2005 "Monastic Education and Simplicity from Athanasius to Theodoret," CAC, Banff and University of Calgary.

GRADUATE SUPERVISION

- 2016 Advisor for thesis, MA Program in the Humanities, University of Chicago. Charles Burke, "Which Persona Speaks? Ambiguity and the Reader's Role in Lucian's Satire."

DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE

- 2017–18 Undergraduate Studies Committee, Department of History, Washington State University.
2017–18 Faculty Advisor, Phi Alpha Theta History Honors Society, Washington State University.

SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

- 2025 Chapter manuscript review for Trivent.
2024 Article manuscript review (x4) for *Vox Patrum*.
2024 Article manuscript review for *Antigüedad, Religiones y Sociedades*.
2023 Article manuscript review (x2) for *Zeitschrift für Antikes Christentum*.
2023 – Member, Editorial Board, *Rhea Classical Reviews*.
2023 Article manuscript review for *Cogent Arts and Humanities*.
2022 Article manuscript review for *Journal of Early Christian Studies*.
2022 Article manuscript review for *Church History*.
2020 Workshop Organizer, with Heidi Marx and Kristi Upson-Saia: "Ancient Medicine Pedagogy."
2020 Book series proposal review for Routledge.
2019 Editor, with Jessica Wright, of a multi-authored Viewpoint Essay published in *Studies in Late Antiquity* 3.4, 475–507.
2018 Book manuscript review for Brill, Supplements to *Vigiliae Christianae*.
2018 Assessor of Faculty Insight Grant for Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada.
2017 Textbook proposal review for Oxford University Press.
2017 Textbook review for Bedford/St. Martin's.
2017 Workshop Organizer, with Kristi Upson-Saia and Jessica Wright: "Teaching Medicine and Religion in Late Antiquity." NAPS, Chicago.
2016–8 Board Member of ReMedHe: Working Group for Religion, Medicine, Disability, and Health in Late Antiquity.
2015–7 Co-editor, with Heidi Marx-Wolf and Christoph Marksches, of a special issue of *Studia Patristica*: "Christianity and Medicine, Health and Disability."
2015 Member of Organizing Committee: "Cities, Saints, and Memory in Late Antiquity: A Conference in Honor of Raymond Van Dam." University of Michigan.
2015 Panel Co-Organizer and Chair of Session, with Kristina Meinking: "The Intellectual Culture of the Second to Fourth Centuries CE: Christians, Jews, Philosophers, and Sophists." SCS, New Orleans.

2014 Panel Organizer and Chair of Session: "Christianity and Sophistic Culture in the Second and Third Centuries." NAPS, Chicago.

CERTIFICATIONS

2019 ASIST Suicide Prevention Certification.

2019 Higher Education Administration Certificate, University of Manitoba Continuing Education.

LANGUAGES

Reading knowledge of: Greek, Latin, French, German, and Italian.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

North American Patristics Society
Society for Classical Studies
Canadian Society of Patristic Studies