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### Education

*Syracuse University, Syracuse, NY*

Doctor of Philosophy in Religion, Candidate/ABD.

Dissertation Advisor: Dr. Virginia Burrus

Dissertation Title: “Genealogies of Religion in Lactantius’ *Divine Institutes*”

*Syracuse University, Syracuse, NY*

Master of Philosophy in Religion, 2021.

*Lehigh University, Bethlehem, PA*

Master of Arts, English, Literature and Social Justice, 2016.

*Lebanon Valley College, Annville, PA*

Bachelor of Arts, English and Religion, 2014.

Literature and Philosophy of Religion Specializations;

Minor, World Classics;

*Summa Cum Laude* and Departmental Honors.

### Areas of Specialization and Research Interests

Religion & Magic in Classical and Late Antiquity, Religions in the Roman Empire, History of Christianity, Neoplatonism & Theurgy, Method & Theory in the Study of Religion.

### Academic Presentations

“Platonism, Theurgy, and Lactantius’ *Divine Institutes*.” Presented at the American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting; Unit: Platonism and Neoplatonism; Thematic Session: One and Many in Plato and the Platonic Tradition: Varieties of Platonism. Denver, CO. November 2022.

“Written on ‘Empire’s Palimpsest’ Alone?: Religion and Justice in Lactantius’ *Divine Institutes*.” Presented at the North America Patristics Society 52<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting; Thematic Session: Apologetics in the Fourth Century. Chicago, IL. May 2022.

“Resignifying Religio(n): Lactantius and the *Divine Institutes*.” Presented at the North American Patristics Society 50<sup>th</sup>/51<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting. Online. May 2021. *Awarded the NAPS 2021 Outstanding Graduate Student Paper Prize.*

## **Language Proficiencies**

Latin (Reading), Ancient Greek (Reading), French (Reading), German (Reading)

## **Certificates**

Certificate of University Teaching, Syracuse University (Forthcoming 2024)

Teacher Development Program Certificate, Level II, Lehigh University (Spring 2015)

Teacher Development Program Certificate, Level I, Lehigh University (Fall 2014)

LVC Interfaith Certificate, Lebanon Valley College (Spring 2014)

## **Comprehensive Doctoral Exams**

*Field:* “Method and Theory in the Study of Religion.” Drs. M. Gail Hamner & Joanne Punzo Waghorne. (May 2019)

*Methodological Concentration:* “Texts & Contexts: Historiography, Performativity, Rhetoric.” Drs. William Robert & Virginia Burrus. (October 2020)

*Region/Tradition:* “Religions of the Classical and Late Ancient Mediterranean, 500 BCE to 500 CE.” Dr. Virginia Burrus. (February 2021)

*Pre-Dissertation:* “Classifications: Religion, Magic, and Daemonology in (Late) Antiquity.” Drs. Virginia Burrus, James W. Watts, & William Robert. (June 2021) (Written exams defended orally, August 2021—passed with no revisions)

## **Teaching Experience**

*Instructor of Record*, Religion Department, Syracuse University

- Ancient Magic in the Greco-Roman World
- Greco-Roman Religion

*Teaching Assistant*, Religion Department, Syracuse University

- Greco-Roman Religion, Dr. Virginia Burrus
- Ancient Greek Religion, Dr. Virginia Burrus
- The Bible in History, Culture, and Religion, Dr. James Watts
- Christianity, Dr. Marcia Robinson
- Judaism, Dr. Zachary Braiterman
- Religions of the World, Dr. Joanne Punzo Waghorne

*Teaching Fellow (Instructor)*, English Department, Lehigh University

- Introduction to Composition, Literature, and Rhetoric I
- Introduction to Composition, Literature, and Rhetoric II

### **Professional Associations**

The North American Patristics Society (Since 2020)

The American Academy of Religion (Since 2021)

### **Professional Activities & Service**

*Steering Committee Member*, Platonism and Neoplatonism Unit of the American Academy of Religion (2022-Present)

*President of the Student Body & Chief Executive Officer*, Graduate Student Organization, Syracuse University (2023-2024)

*Vice President of Internal Affairs & Chair of the Senate*, Graduate Student Organization, Syracuse University (2021-2022; 2022-2023)

*Co-President*, Religion Graduate Organization, Syracuse University (2019-2020; 2020-2021; 2021-2022)

*Admissions Representative*, Religion Graduate Organization, Syracuse University (2021-2022)

*Graduate Representative*, Vice Chancellor, Provost, and Chief Academic Officer Search Committee, Syracuse University (Spring 2021)

*University Senator*, Graduate Student Organization, Syracuse University (2018-2019; 2019-2020; 2020-2021)

### **Academic Honors & Awards**

Graduate University Fellowship, Syracuse University (2022-2023)

North American Patristics Society Outstanding Graduate Student Paper Prize (2021)

Theta Alpha Kappa National Honor Society for Religious Studies and Theology, Syracuse University Theta Chi Beta Chapter (Spring 2020)

Martha U. Peiffer and Dr. Harold S. Peiffer '42 Award for Highest GPA in Religion, Lebanon Valley College (Spring 2014)

Dr. George R. Struble Memorial Award for Highest GPA in English, Lebanon Valley College (Spring 2014)

National Undergraduate Achievement Award of Theta Alpha Kappa (Spring 2014)

Phi Alpha Epsilon Scholarship Society of Lebanon Valley College (Spring 2014)

Sigma Tau Delta International English Honor Society (Spring 2013)

Theta Alpha Kappa National Honor Society for Religious Studies and Theology, Lebanon Valley College Chapter (Spring 2013)

Gold Community Service Award, for 100 hours of Community Service, Lebanon Valley College (Spring 2012)

Pallas Society, National Honor Society on Social Justice, Lebanon Valley College (Spring 2012)

## **Professional References**

Dr. Virginia Burrus, Bishop W. Earl Ledden Professor of Religion

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Dr. James Watts, Professor of Religion

Email: [jwwatts@syr.edu](mailto:jwwatts@syr.edu)

Dr. Marquis Bey, Assistant Professor of African American Studies & English

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