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EMPLOYMENT

University of Edinburgh, Edinburgh, UK

Issachar Fund Post-doctoral Research Fellow, Christian-Muslim Studies, 2021-2022.

Organizing international scholarly workshops and editing a volume for the Issachar Fund sponsored “Loyalty: Christian and Muslim Perspectives” project.

University of Edinburgh, Edinburgh, UK

Issachar Fund Post-doctoral Research Fellow, Christian-Muslim Studies, 2020-2020.

This position is sponsored by the Issachar Fund for the editing of a volume following from the “Gratitude: Christian and Muslim Perspectives” project, 2018-2020 (Grant Number 1510003102RB0622).

University of Edinburgh, Edinburgh, UK

Research Assistant, Christian-Muslim Studies, 2018-2019.

Research assistant to Prof Mona Siddiqui in organizing three exploratory academic workshops at the University of Edinburgh, Yale University, and the British University in Dubai, hosting a community event at Bradford Cathedral, and administering the Issachar Fund Art Prize and Issachar Fund Community Prize as part of the Issachar Fund sponsored “Gratitude: Christian and Muslim Perspectives” project.

TEACHING

University of Edinburgh, Edinburgh, UK

Lecturer and Course Manager, School of Divinity, Semester 1, 2021

- The New Testament in its World (THET07005).

University of Edinburgh, Edinburgh, UK

Tutor, School of Divinity, 2017-2019.

For the following courses:

- The Bible in Literature, Semester 1, 2019
- Studying Religions, Semester 1, 2019
- Global Religions A, Semester 1, 2018
- Jesus and the Gospels, Semester 2, 2018
- Christianity in Formation: 100-313, Semester 1, 2017

EDUCATION

University of Edinburgh, Edinburgh, UK

PhD, New Testament & Christian Origins, 2016-2019.

Dissertation: “How Mark Wrote: Scripturalization in the Gospel of Mark and the Second Temple Period.”

Advisor: Prof Helen K. Bond.
Associate Advisor: Prof Paul Foster.
Internal Examiner: Prof Timothy Lim.
External Examiner: Prof Mark Goodacre (Duke University).

Macquarie University, Sydney, Australia
MRes, Early Christian & Jewish Studies, 2015.

Macquarie University, Sydney, Australia
MA, *summa cum laude*, Early Christian & Jewish Studies, 2013-2014.

University of New South Wales, Sydney, Australia
BA, Majors: English and History, 2008-2011.

BOOKS

- *Writing with Scripture: Scripturalized Narrative in the Gospel of Mark and Second Temple Literature*, forthcoming in the LNTS series with Bloomsbury T&T Clark.
- Editor with Mona Siddiqui, *Gratitude: Christian and Muslim Perspectives*, under review with Cambridge University Press.

ARTICLES AND CHAPTERS

- "The Many Fiery Furnaces of Daniel 3: The Evolution of a Literary Model," *Biblical Interpretation* 29 (2021), forthcoming.
- "Ungrateful Jews": The Imperial Origins of Early Christian Anti-Semitic Polemic," in *Gratitude: Christian and Muslim Perspectives* (ed. Siddiqui and Vette), forthcoming.
- "Kenaz: A Figure Invented Out of the Scriptures?" *Journal for the Study of the Pseudepigrapha* 29 (2020): 245-259.
- "Who is Elijah in the Gospel of Mark?" *Reading the Gospel of Mark in the Twenty-First Century* (ed. Geert Van Oyen; BETL 301; Leuven: Peeters, 2019), 799-810.
- "Was John the Baptist Raised from the Dead? The Origins of Mark 6:14-29," with Will Robinson, *The Biblical Annals* 9 (2019): 335-354.
- Entry on "Palace. New Testament," *The Encyclopedia of the Bible and Its Reception* (eds. Christine Hemer, Steven L. McKenzie, Thomas Römer, Jens Schröter, Barry Dov Walfish and Eric Ziolkowski; Berlin: Walter de Gruyter, 2009-2020).

EDITORIAL WORK

- Bibliography and indexing for Helen K. Bond, *The First Biography of Jesus: Genre and Meaning in Mark's Gospel* (Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans, 2020).

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

- School of Divinity Scholarship, University of Edinburgh, 2016-2019.
- Research Training Pathways Scholarship, Macquarie University, 2015.
- Vice-Chancellors Commendation for Academic Excellence, Macquarie University, 2014.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- “Grateful for the Gentiles?: Ethnic Conflict and Reconciliation in Jewish Antiquity,” Gratitude, Injury & Restoration in a Pandemic Age, Center for Religious Wisdom & World Affairs, Seattle University, April 2021.
- “Scripturalized Narrative in the Gospel of Mark and the Second Temple Period,” Gospel of Mark Seminar, SBL Annual Meeting, Boston, November, 2020.
- ““What Have the Romans Ever Done for Us?” Gratitude for the Romans in the New Testament,” Gratitude: Inclusion or Privilege?, British University of Dubai, January 2020.
- “How Mark Wrote: Scripturalization in the Gospel of Mark and Second Temple Literature,” New Testament and Second Temple Judaism Seminar, British New Testament Conference, Liverpool Hope University, September 2019.
- “A Compositional Turn in Biblical Studies? Expository and Compositional Approaches to the Use of the Jewish Scriptures in the Gospel of Mark,” Annual Seminar on the OT in the NT, Gladstone’s Library, Hawarden, April 2019.
- “Was John the Baptist Raised from the Dead?: The Origins of Mark 6:14-29,” Resurrection in the Bible and the Ancient Mediterranean World, John Paul II Catholic University of Lublin, Poland, October 2018.
- “How Mark Wrote: Scripturalization in the Gospel of Mark and the Second Temple Period,” Biblical Studies Research Seminar, University of Edinburgh, October 2018.
- “How Mark Wrote: Scripturalization in the Gospel of Mark and the Second Temple Period,” Northern Universities Postgraduate Day: Biblical Studies, May 2018.
- “Who is Elijah in the Gospel of Mark?” Colloquium Biblicum Lovaniense LVXI: Reading the Gospel of Mark in the Twenty-First Century: Method and Meaning, July 2017.
- “Scripturalization as a Compositional Technique in the Gospel of Mark,” Sixth University of Birmingham Biblical Studies Postgraduate Conference, May 2017.

CONFERENCES AND EVENTS

- Center Scholar, Gratitude, Injury & Restoration in a Pandemic Age, Center for Religious Wisdom & World Affairs, Seattle University, 2021.
- Panelist, Gospel of Mark Seminar, SBL Annual Meeting, Boston, November, 2020.
- Organized “Gratitude: Inclusion or Privilege?” British University in Dubai, January 2020. Chaired by Mona Siddiqui. Keynote speakers: Miroslav Volf and Mona Siddiqui.
- Organized “Gratitude in Community Work,” Bradford Cathedral, December 2019. Hosted by Bishop Toby Howarth and Mona Siddiqui. The event celebrated the role of gratitude in charity work in the Bradford-Leeds area in West Yorkshire.
- Organized “Gratitude: Love, Power and Indebtedness,” Yale Divinity School, August 2019. Chaired by Mona Siddiqui. Keynote speakers: Martin Nguyen and Peter Leithart.
- Organized “Gratitude: Hope or Burden?” School of Divinity, University of Edinburgh, December 2018. Chaired by Mona Siddiqui. Keynote speakers: Tom Greggs and Joseph Lombard.

COMMUNITY WORK

- Administered and adjudicated the “Staying Grateful during a Global Pandemic” writing competition, in partnership with ResLife, at the University of Edinburgh.
- Administered the Issachar Fund Community Prize to Wellsprings Together and BIASAN, two charities working with recent immigrants and asylum seekers in West Yorkshire (2019).
- Administered and adjudicated the Issachar Fund Art Prize in partnership with the Glasgow School of Art, awarded to Soniya Ahmed (2019).

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

- Member, Society of Biblical Literature, 2018 to present.
- Member, British New Testament Society, 2017 to present.