# Jeremy Wade Barrier
# Curriculum Vitae

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## Current Academic Positions & Fellowships:

- Adjunct Professor of Religion, University of North Alabama, Florence, AL (January 2023–Present).
- Professor of Biblical Literature, Heritage Christian University, Florence, AL (1 July 2021–Present).
- Alexander von Humboldt Research Fellow (May 2026–August 2, 2026), Universität Regensburg.

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## Former Academic Positions & Fellowships:

- Alexander von Humboldt Research Fellow (May 2023–August 2023), Universität Regensburg.
- Associate Professor of Biblical Literature, Heritage Christian University, Florence, AL (1 July 2015–June 2021).
- Alexander von Humboldt Research Fellow (June 2018–August 2018), Universität Regensburg.
- Assistant Professor of Biblical Literature, Heritage Christian University, Florence, AL (1 July 2008–30 June 2015).
- Alexander von Humboldt Research Fellow (June 2012–November 2013), Universität Regensburg.
- Instructor in Bible, Heritage Christian University, Florence, AL (July 2005-May 2008).

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## Education:

- Brite Divinity School, Texas Christian University — Ph.D. (2008); Biblical Interpretation
  Dissertation: "*A Critical Introduction and Commentary on the* Acts of Paul and Thecla"
  Committee Members: Carolyn Osiek (Dissertation Director), David L. Balch & Warren Carter (Readers)
- Vanderbilt University — 15 hours, no degree (2002–03)
- Freed-Hardeman University — M.A., New Testament (2002), B.S., Mathematics and Natural Science, *magna cum laude* (2000)

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## Publications:

*Books:*

- *Witch Hunt in Galatia: Medicine, Magic, and Ritual and the Occasion of Paul's Letter to the Churches of Galatia*. (Lanham, MD: Lexington Books/Fortress Academic, 2020).
  - Reviews:
    -Heinsch, Ryan. *Review of Biblical Literature* (February 10, 2024).
    -Beavis, Mary Ann. *The Catholic Biblical Quarterly* 84, no. 2 (2022): 319-320. doi: 10.1353/cbq.2022.0061.

-Oakes, Peter S. *Journal for the Study of the New Testament* 44, no. 5 (2022): 58-59.
-Sanzo, Joseph E. *Biblica*, 103, no 4 (2022): 631-633.

- *Recreating the Cosmos: A Holistic Reading of Paul's Letter to the Galatians* (Eugene, OR: Cascade, 2017).
  - Reviews:
    *New Testament Abstracts* 61/2 (September 2017): 343.
    Sneed, Mark. *Restoration Quarterly* 60.3 (2018): 187–88.
- *The Acts of Paul and Thecla: A Critical Introduction and Commentary*. Edited by Jörg Frey. Wissenschaftliche Untersuchungen zum Neuen Testament 2. Reihe 270. Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, 2009.
  - Reviews:
    -Colín, Miguel Flores. *Mayéutica* 35 (2009): 421–22.
    -*Concilium* (2009): 1009
    -Elliott, John Keith. *Novum Testamentum* 52.4 (2010): 409–10.
    -Focant, Camille, *Revue Théologique de Louvain* 42.4 (2011): 602.
    -Foster, Paul. *Expository Times* 121.8 (2010): 409.
    -Gregory, Andrew. *Journal for the Study of the New Testament* 32.5 (2010): 131.
    -*International Review of Biblical Studies* 56 (2009–10): 6.
    -*New Testament Abstracts* 54.2 (2010): 407.
    -Pervo, Richard I. *Catholic Biblical Quarterly* 72.4 (2010): 822–23.
    -Sutton, Benjamin. *Theological Book Review* 22.1 (2010): 37.

*Edited Books:*

- Co-editor and author (book). Jeremy W. Barrier, Jan N. Bremmer, Tobias Nicklas, and Armang Puig i Tàrrech, eds., *Thecla: Paul's Disciple and Saint in the East and West*, Studies on Early Christian Apocrypha 12 (Leuven: Peeters, 2017).
  - Reviews:
    -Weimer, Jade. *Review of Biblical Literature,* September 2019.
- English Editor (book) for Tobias Nicklas, *Jews and Christians?: Second-century "Christian" perspectives on the "Parting of the Ways": (Annual Deichmann Lectures 2013)*. Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, 2013.

*Articles:*

- Author (article). "Physiology and the Material Pneuma in the Gospel of Judas," *Studia Patristica* (Leuven: Peeters, Forthcoming in 2026/2027); Proofs were finalized in October 2025.
- Author (article). "The Divine Mother: The Name of Thekla and Theoklia in the cave of the hidden virgin of Ephesus," *НАУКОВІ ЗАПИСКИ Українського католицького університету* or *Analecta of the Ukrainian Catholic University* 12 (2025): forthcoming.
- Author (article). "Middle Platonism in the Wisdom of Solomon: A Comparison of Wisdom to Plutarch of Chaeroneia," *Journal for the Study of the Pseudepigrapha* 32.3 (2023): 244–69. https://doi.org/10.1177/09518207221140559.
- Author (article). "The *Stoicheia Tou Kosmou* Again: Interpreting Cosmos in Gal 4.3 and 9 as Prepuce (or Foreskin)," *Zeitschrift für die neutestamentliche Wissenschaft* 114.1 (2023): 102–22.
- Author (article). "A Cainite Invocation of Thecla? The Reception of the *Acts of Paul* in North Africa as exemplified in Tertullian's *de Baptismo*," in *Thecla and Medieval Sainthood: The Acts of Paul and Thecla in Eastern and Western Hagiography*. Edited by Ghazzal Dabiri and Flavia Ruani. (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2022).

- Author (article). "Abraham's Seed: Tracing *Pneuma* as a Material Substance from Paul's Writings to the *Apocryphon of John*," in *Studia Patristica: Papers presented at the XVII. International Conference on Patristic Studies Held in Oxford, 10–14 August 2015: The First Two Centuries – Apocrypha and Gnostica*, ed. Markus Vinzent, StPatr 93 (Leuven: Peeters, 2017), 19:357–66.
- Author (article). "The Acts of Paul and Thecla: Historical Context," in Jan N. Bremmer, Jeremy W. Barrier, Tobias Nicklas, and Armang Puig i Tàrrech, eds., *Thecla: Paul's Disciple and Saint in the East and West*, Studies in Early Christian Apocrypha12 (Leuven: Peeters, 2017).
- "Jesus' Breath: A Physiological Analysis of *Pneuma* within Paul's Letter to the Galatians," *Journal for the Study of the New Testament* 37 (2014): 115–38.
- "Asceticism in the Beatitudes of the *Acts of Paul*: The Heidelberg Papyrus as an Exegetical Test Case." *Asceticism and Exegesis in Early Christianity: The Reception of New Testament Texts in Ancient Ascetic Discourses*. Edited by Hans-Ulrich Weidemann. NTOA/StUNT, Band 101; Göttingen: Vandenhoeck & Ruprecht, 2013.
- "Two Visions of the Lord: A Comparison of Paul's Revelation to his Opponents' Revelation in 2 Corinthians 12.1-10." *Finding a Woman's Place: Essays in Honor of Carolyn Osiek.* Edited by David L. Balch and Jason T. Lamoreaux. Princeton Theological Monograph Series; Eugene, Oregon: Pickwick, 2010, 272–90.
- "Marks of Oppression: A Postcolonial Reading of Paul's Stigmata in Galatians 6:17," *Biblical Interpretation* 16.4 (2008): 336-62.
- "Paul and His Master: Defining and Applying a Postcolonial Definition to Galatians 6:17," *The Council of Societies for the Study of Religion Bulletin* 35.2 (2006) 34-8.
- "Visions of Weakness: Apocalyptic Genre and the Identification of Paul's Opponents in 2 Corinthians 12.1-6." *Restoration Quarterly* 47.1 (2005) 33-42.

*Contributions to Reference Works:*

- Author (article). "Corinthians, Third Epistle to the", pages 580–82 in *Brill Encyclopedia of Early Christianity: Authors, Texts, and Ideas. Volume II: Bib – Div*, eds. David G. Hunter, Paul J.J. van Geest, and Bert Jan Lietaert Peerbolte (Leiden and Boston: Brill, 2024).
- Author (article). "Paul, Acts of", pages 179–86 in *Brill Encyclopedia of Early Christianity: Authors, Texts, and Ideas*. *Volume V: Ori – She*, eds. David G. Hunter, Paul J.J. van Geest, and Bert Jan Lietaert Peerbolte (Leiden and Boston: Brill, 2024).
- Author (article). "Paul and Thecla, Acts of", pages 268–73 in *Brill Encyclopedia of Early Christianity: Authors, Texts, and Ideas*. *Volume V: Ori – She*, eds. David G. Hunter, Paul J.J. van Geest, and Bert Jan Lietaert Peerbolte (Leiden and Boston: Brill, 2024).
- Author (article). "Thekla," columns 117–136 in *Reallexikon für Antike und Christentum: Sachwörterbuch zur Auseinandersetzung des Christentums mit der Antiken Welt* (RAC), Edited by G. Schöllgen et al. Band 32; Lfg. 250/257 (Nordrhein-Westfälischen Akademie der Wissenschaften und der Künste: Bonn, 2024).
- Author (article). "Corinthians, Third Epistle to the". In Brill Encyclopedia of Early Christianity Online, (Brill, 2018) doi: https://doi.org/10.1163/2589-7993_EECO_SIM_036363.
- Author (article). "Paul, Acts of". In Brill Encyclopedia of Early Christianity Online, (Brill, 2018) doi: https://doi.org/10.1163/2589-7993_EECO_SIM_00002621.
- Author (article). "Paul and Thecla, Acts of". In Brill Encyclopedia of Early Christianity Online, (Brill, 2018) doi: https://doi.org/10.1163/2589-7993_EECO_SIM_00002591.

*Book Review:*

- Book Review. David Wyman: *Benefaction in Galatians WUNT 2/627* (Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, 2025) in *Theologische Revue* 122 (März 2026). DOI: https://doi.org/10.17879/thrv-2026-9423.
- Review of David L. Balch's *Jesus, Paul, Luke-Acts, and 1 Clement: Studies in Class, Ethnicity, Gender, and Orientation* (Eugene, OR: Cascade, 2023) in *Catholic Biblical Quarterly* 87.3 (2025): 559–563.
- Review of Johnathan F. Harris' *Christ-faith and Abraham in Galatians 3–4: Paul's Tale of Two Siblings* (Biblical Interpretation Series 214; Leiden: Brill, 2023) in *Theologische Revue* 121 (May 2025).
- Review of Vincent Skemp and Gina Christ's *Reclaiming Thecla: An Introduction to the* Acts of Thecla (Claremont: Claremont, 2022) in *Catholic Biblical Quarterly* 86.2 (2024): 396–97.
- Review of Tobias Nicklas, Janet Spittler, and Jan Bremmer's *The Apostles Peter, Paul, John, Thomas and Philip with Their Companions in Late Antiquity* (Leuven: Peeters, 2021) in *Review of Biblical Literature*, March 2023.
- Review of Simon Butticaz' *La crise galate ou l'anthropologie en question* (BZNW 229; Berlin/Boston: De Gruyter, 2018) in *Review of Biblical Literature*, February 2023.
- Review of Neil Martin's *Regression in Galatians: Paul and the Gentile Response to Jewish Law* (WUNT II 530; Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, 2020) in *Catholic Biblical Quarterly* 84.3 (2022): 503–04.

*Current Projects: Presentations, Writing Projects, and Conference Organization:*

- Editor (book). *Jesus: A Historical and Theological Approach*, written by Armand Puig I Tarrech, in collaboration with Marcos Aceituno Donoso, WUNT 1/Series no. TBD (Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, Forthcoming in 2026).

  *[Beginning in August 2023, I am working with Armand Puig i Tarrech (Barcelona, Spain) on the collation, translation, and editing of approximately 25–30 articles (on Jesus, early Christian worship, etc.) to be published together in one volume. Presently, the work is approximately 1,000 pages, and the work could be published in two volumes and has already been received by Mohr Siebeck. Puig i Tarrech is a a retired Dean and Professor of the Faculty of Theology of Catalonia. In mid-2023, he was appointed by Pope Frances as the President of the Holy See's Agency for the Evaluation and Promotion of the Quality of Universities and Ecclesiastical Faculties (https://omnesmag.com/en/newsroom/tarrech-avepro/).]*

- Author (article & presentation), "Physiology and Medicine in Earliest Christianity: Further Test Cases in the Gospel of Judas," presentation for the *Beyond Canon Research Colloquium* from 10:00am–12:00am on June 3, 2026 in Regensburg, Germany.

- Author (presentation), "Physiology and Medicine in Earliest Christianity: Further Test Cases in the Gospel of Judas," presentation at the *Universität Wien* (University of Vienna) for the *Institut für Christentumsgeschichte mit Protestantismusgeschichte Österreichs* on June 9, 2026.

- Author (article & presentation), "Holy Words, Sacred Lexicon: The Unpublished Correspondences of Frederick W. Danker with F. Wilbur Gingrich and the University of Chicago from 1957–2010," presented at the *International Society of Biblical Literature "*Hellenistic Greek Language and Linguistics Section program unit", July 5–9, 2026 in Adelaide, Australia.

- Conference co-organizer with Luc Bulundwe and Priscille Andres Marschall, "Thècle à Avenches. Fondements textuels et trajectoires" / Conference "Thecla in Avenches: Textual Foundations and Trajectories", on February 11–13, 2027 in Avenches, Switzerland. There will be a publication of the findings following the conference.

- Author (article), "Physiology and Medicine in Earliest Christianity: Further Test Cases in the Gospel of Judas," for the *Festschrift* of Tobias Nicklas (Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, TBD).

- Co-author (book) with Peter W. Dunn. *Commentary on the* Acta Pauli. Possible Publication in the *Corpus Christianorum, Series Apocryphorum*, (Turnhout, Belgium: Brepols, no date).

  *[Beginning in August 2023, I am working and collaborating with Peter W. Dunn on the CCSA project to publish a commentary as 1/3 of the project to publish both the Greek text and the Coptic text of the Acta Pauli*. The collaboration enters a live "trial run" period between August and December 2023.*]*

- Author (article). "Tracing Domna Thekla to Donatyre: the spread of the Cult of Thekla in Helvetica," Article submission is not certain yet (2027/2028).

  *[At present, I am researching the spread of the Thekla cult to the city of Aventicum in Roman Helvetica. It appears that the church had a bishop by the fourth century, and a church devoted to Thekla by the 6th/7th century. I am currently working on organizing a conference in Avenche, Switzerland to attempt to draw together an international cooperation of scholars who can bring as much light as is possible to the subject of Thekla's cult residing in Avenche.]*

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ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS:

"Physiology in the Gospel of Judas," to be presented on November 25, 2024 for the "Nag Hammadi and Gnosticism" unit of the Annual meeting of the *Society of Biblical Literature (SBL)* in San Diego, California.

"Physiology in the Gospel of Judas," presented at the *XIX. International Conference on Patristic Studies*, Oxford, U.K., 5–9 August 2024, for the "Pseudepigrapha" section of the 'short communications' taking place in room 12 of the 'East' Examination School from 9:00am–1:00pm.

"Physiology and the Material Spirit in the Gospel of Judas," presented on Wednesday, July 24, 2024 at the *Studiorum Novi Testamenti Societas* General Meeting "Simultaneous Short Papers — Session I" from 17:30-18:15, on the campus of Australia Catholic University in Melbourne, Australia.

"An Examination of *ta stoicheia tou kosmou*: Considering Galatians 4:3 as a Reference to the Foreskin," presented on Thursday, July 28, 2022 at the *Studiorum Novi Testamenti Societas* General Meeting "Simultaneous Short Papers — Session IV" from 15:30-16:15, on the campus of Katholieke Universiteit Leuven in Leuven, Belgium.

"New Information on Thekla from the Cave of St. Paul of Ephesus," presented on Thursday, July 21, 2022 at the *International Society of Biblical Literature "*SBL Apocrypha and Pseudepigrapha Section" from 10:30am-12:00pm, at the Universität Salzburg in Salzburg, Austria.

"The *Stoicheia Tou Kosmou* Again: Interpreting Cosmos in Gal 4.3 and 9 as Prepuce," presented on Saturday, February 29, 2020 at the *SBL: New Testament III* session from 2:30-4:15pm, at the University of Georgia in Athens, Georgia at the regional joint meeting of *SBL* and *AAR*.

"Middle Platonism in the Wisdom of Solomon: A Comparison of Wisdom to Plutarch of Chaeroneia," presented on November 24, 2019 between 9:00AM–11:30AM for the "SBL Wisdom in Israelite Cognate Traditions Section" section of the Annual meeting of the *Society of Biblical Literature (SBL)* in San Diego, California.

"The Occasion of Paul's Letter to the Galatians: A Proposal," presented to the Katholisch-Theologische Fakultät Oberseminar at the Universität Regensburg, on 18 July 2018 in Regensburg, Germany.

"Who Has the Evil Eye? Various Interpretations of Sarai and Hagar in Genesis 12–21," presented June 6-8, 2018 for the "Old Testament/Hebrew Bible" section of the *Christian Scholars' Conference* in Nashville, TN on the campus of Lipscomb University.

"The Evil Eye and a Phallus: The relationship between circumcision, the evil eye and Paul's counter curses in Galatians," presented on November 19, 2016 for the "Social Scientific Criticism of the New Testament" section of the Annual meeting of the *Society of Biblical Literature (SBL)* in San Antonio, Texas.

"Abraham's Seed: Tracing *pneuma* as a corporeal substance from Paul's writings to the *Apocryphon of John*." presented at the *XVII. International Conference on Patristic Studies*, Oxford, U.K., 10–14 August 2015.

"Jesus' Breath: A Physiological Analysis of πνεῦμα within Paul's Letter to the Galatians," presented on November 22, 2014 between 4:00-6:15pm for the "Development of Early Christian Theology" section of the Annual meeting of the *Society of Biblical Literature (SBL)* in San Diego, California.

"Jesus' Breath in Gal 4.4–7," presented in the "New Testament Exegesis II" session V on June 6, 2014 for the *Christian Scholars' Conference* in Nashville, TN on the campus of Lipscomb University.

"You Have Bad Breath: A Physiological Analysis of Paul's Conception of Breath in the Human Body," presented to the Berlin–Leuven–Regensburg Oberseminar at the Universität Regensburg, on 28 September 2013 in Regensburg, Germany.

"The Apostle Paul on Medicine, Magic and Ministry in Galatians: A Social-Scientific Study of Paul's Anthropology," presented to the Katholisch-Theologische Fakultät Oberseminar at the Universität Regensburg, on 28 July 2012 in Regensburg, Germany.

"Asceticism in the *Acts of Paul*: The Heidelberg Papyrus as an Exegetical Test Case," presented at the meeting of *Novum Testamentum Patristicum* discussing *Askese und Exegese im Frühen Christentum*, at 6:30pm on Friday, 28 October 2011 in Siegen, Germany.

"Las Acta Pauli et Theclae: contexto historigráphico," presented at the *Congreso de Santa Tecla* for the *Instituto Superior de Ciencias Religiosas San Fructuoso Arzobispado de Tarragona*, 27 October 2011 in Tarragona, Spain.

"The Earliest Christian Novels: an analysis of the manuscript evidence and literary evidence for Christian novel writing in the Pre-Constantinian Era." presented on March 7, 2010 between 8:30-10:15am for the "New Testament IV" section of the Southeastern Regional meeting of the *Society of Biblical Literature (SBL)* in Atlanta, GA.

"How Gnostic is Thecla?: Understanding the Relationship of the *Acts of Paul and Thecla*, Tertullian's *de Baptismo*, and the *Gospel of Judas,*" presented June 25-27, 2009 for the *Christian Scholars' Conference* in Nashville, TN on the campus of Lipscomb University.

"Reception of the Pastorals in the Second Century: A Test Case Looking at the *Acts of Paul and Thecla*," presented on Saturday, March 14, 2009 for the Southeastern Regional meeting of the *SBL* in Greensboro, NC.

"A Critical Introduction and Commentary on the *Acts of Paul and Thecla*: A Synopsis" presented on January, 10-2009 for the *Association pour l'Étude de la literature Apocryphe Chrétiennes (AELAC)* in Bex, Switzerland.

"Thecla's Forbidden Love for Paul: The Telling of an Ancient Romance under the Shadow of the Empire," presented on Saturday, November 22, 2008 between 1:00 and 3:30 P.M. at the "Ancient Fiction and Early Christian and Jewish Narrative Section" for the *2008 Annual Meeting of the SBL* in Boston, Massachusetts.

"Stigmata as a Language of Torture in Galatians 6.17: Paul's Body within a Postcolonial Optic," presented on Nov. 20, 2006 at the "Bible and Cultural Studies" section for the *2006 Annual Meeting of the SBL* in Washington, D. C.

"Tertullian and the Acts of Thecla or Paul? Readership of the Ancient Christian Novel and the Invocation of Thecline and Pauline Authority," presented on Monday, November 20, 2006 between 4:00 and 6:30 P.M. at the "Christian Apocrypha" section for the *2006 Annual Meeting of the SBL* in Washington, D. C.

"Marks of Oppression: A Postcolonial Reading of Paul's Stigmata in Galatians 6:17," on June 26, 2005 at the "Critical Theory and Biblical Interpretation" section for the *2005 International Meeting of the SBL*, Singapore.

"Reassessing the Influence of Marcion: An Issue of Pauline Hermeneutics," on March 12, 2005 at the *Southwest Regional SBL* meeting in Irving, Texas.

"Visions of Weakness: Apocalyptic Genre and the Identification of Paul's Opponents in 2 Corinthians 12.1-6." on March 6, 2004 at 1:30 P.M. at the *Southwest Regional SBL* meeting in Irving, TX.

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FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS:

*Academic/Travel/Language Grants:*

- 2026 (1 May–August 2)- Research Fellowship for advanced researchers by the *Alexander von Humboldt Foundation*, hosted by Tobias Nicklas, Universität Regensburg and the *Beyond Canon Centre*, Regensburg, Germany. 2023- Research Fellowship for advanced researchers by the *Alexander von Humboldt Foundation*, hosted by Tobias Nicklas, Universität Regensburg and the *Beyond Canon Centre*, Regensburg, Germany.
- *July 1, 2022–January 1, 2023*- Research Leave of Absence from *Heritage Christian University*.
- 2022 (January)- Research Grant from *Heritage Christian University* to study the wall frescos of the St. Paul Grotto, Ephesus.
- 2018- Research Fellowship for advanced researchers by the *Alexander von Humboldt Foundation*, hosted by Tobias Nicklas, Universität Regensburg, Germany.
- *Society of Biblical Literature* "Paul J. Achtemeier Award for New Testament Scholarship" Finalist.
- 2012–2013- Research Fellowship for postdoctoral researchers by the *Alexander von Humboldt Foundation*, hosted by Tobias Nicklas, Universität Regensburg, Germany.
- 2011- Travel Grant from *Institut Superior de Ciencias Religiosas San Fructuoso Arzobispado de Tarragona* (ISCRS).
- 2011- Travel Grant from *Heritage Christian University* to attend a conference hosted by *ISCRS* in Tarragona, Spain, October 2011.
- 2011- Travel Grant from *Novum Testamentum Patristicum*/*Fritz Thyssen Stiftung für Wissenschaftsförderung* to attend a *Novum Testamentum Patristicum* conference in October 2011.

- 2009- Travel Grant from Heritage Christian University to (1) present a paper at the January meeting of the *Association pour l'Étude de la littérature Apocryphe Chrétiennes (AELAC)* in Bex, Switzerland, (2) spend two days with Willy Rordorf and Peter Dunn in Neuchâtel, Switzerland to discuss the *Acta Pauli* & *Corpus Christianorum*, series *Apocryphorum*, and (3) travel to Western Turkey to visit several archaeological sites, such as Pergamum and Ephesus.
- 2008- Academic/Language Grant–*Graduate Fellowship Award* from *The Christian Scholarship Foundation Inc.*, (668 Clifton Road NE, Atlanta, GA 30307-1789), for the purpose of performing research to develop my dissertation by (1) researching at several archaeological sites in Turkey and (2) attending the Second International Summer School in Coptic Papyrology at the Universität Leipzig located in Leipzig, Germany.
- 2006- *Patrons of Faith and the Arts Program* (Full Expense Travel Program to Italy, Greece, and Turkey).
- 2005- Brite Divinity School Travel Grant to Singapore
- 1999- *Delta Scholarship Award* to research at British Library (London) and Bodleian Library, Oxford, England

*Educational Stipends/Scholarships:*

- 2003–08- Brite Divinity School, Texas Christian University- Brite Divinity School Ph.D. Fellowship and Stipend
- 2002–03- Vanderbilt University- Tuition Scholarship
- 1997-2002- Freed-Hardeman University- All-American Scholar Award, Alpha Chi, Graduated an Honors College Scholar with University Honors, Honors College Charter Member, Noel and Stevie Cuff Bible Scholarship, Outstanding Freshman Honors Award, Presidential Honors Scholarship, Seth and Miriam Styers Endowed Scholarship, Southside-Dresden Bible Scholarship, Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges

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CONFERENCE REVIEWS, CONFERENCE SERVICE & REFEREE WORK:

- I am currently organizing a conference in Avenches, Switzerland in collaboration with K. Luc Bulundwe, Simon Butticaz, and Priscilla Marschall that is designed to draw attention to the Cult of St. Thekla in and around Aventicum. The conference should be in the spring 2027. The specifics of the publication have not been outlined.
- Presiding participant for the "SBL Apocrypha and Pseudepigrapha Section" from 10:30AM–12:00PM at the International Society of Biblical Literature Meeting on July 18, 2022.
- Member of the Scientific Committee overseeing the *First International Conference on Early Christian Literature, Late Antique and Byzantine Hagiography*, Valencia, 1–3 July 2020. Dala de Mapes. Departament de Filologia Clàssica. Facultat de Filologia, Traducció i Comunicació. Organized by Ángel Narro (Universitat de València).
- Review and report provided to Ángel Narro & Juan M. Torres, editors of *Studia Philologica Valentina* concerning the article "Fantasía y simbología en los Hechos Apócrifos: El relato del león bautizado en *Acta Pauli*," on August 23, 2018.
- Review and report provided to David Brakke, editor of the *Journal of Early Christian Studies* concerning the article "New Testament Parallels and Changes of Roles in the *Acts of Paul and Thecla"* on June 5, 2014.

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COURSES OF INSTRUCTION:

*Undergraduate Courses:* Biblical Exegesis, Corinthians, Critical Introduction to the New Testament, Old Testament Introduction, Eighth Century Prophets, Elementary Greek A and B, Elementary Hebrew A and B, Elementary Coptic 1 & 2, History of Missions, Introduction to Christian Theology, Pauline Epistles, Wisdom Literature, The Story of Israel, The Sayings of Jesus, World Religions

*Graduate Courses:* Elementary Coptic A & B, 1-2 Corinthians, Elementary Hebrew 1, Hebrew 2, Hebrew 3, Greek 3, Greek 4, Directed Studies in Early Judaism/Early Christianity: The Canon (co-taught with Edmon L. Gallagher, PhD), Introduction to Earliest Christianity, Methods of Biblical Interpretation, Micropolitan Church Growth in the New Testament, New Testament Backgrounds, The Pastoral Epistles, The Synoptic Gospels, James, Revelation, Philippians, Galatians, Paul's Use of Scripture in the New Testament, The Parting of the Ways for Jews and Christians, The New Perspective on Paul

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PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS:

American Academy of Religion (member since 2005)
Society of Biblical Literature (member since 2002)
Studiorum Novi Testamenti Societas (SNTS) (since August 1, 2021)
Verein zur Förderung der Christlichen Archäologie Österreichs (2009–2012, 2021–present).

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ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE:

2025–Present- Secretary for the Faculty Senate
2025–Present- member of the *Faculty Affairs* committee
2023–2025- Chair of the *Research* Committee of the Faculty Senate
2023–2025- member of the *Distance Learning* Committee of the Faculty Senate
2023–2025- member of the *Faculty Development* Committee of the Faculty Senate
2021–2023- *Research* Committee of the Faculty Senate
2020–Present- *Graduate* Subcommittee
2020–2023- *Academic Policies and Procedures* Committee
2009–December 2019- Director of the Graduate Program
2011–June 30, 2019- Chair of the *Academic Policies and Procedures* Committee
2011–June 30, 2019- Member of the *Faculty Development* Committee
2011—March 2018- Co-chair for the *Ezell Institute for Biblical Research*
2009–2011- Chair of the Faculty Senate
2008–2009- Member of the *Graduate Acceptance Committee*
2005–2008- Council of Deans for the Department of Student Affairs
2005–2008- Member of the *Undergraduate Acceptance Committee*

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LANGUAGES AND SPECIALIZED LANGUAGE STUDY:

*Ancient Languages:* Coptic, Greek (Classical and Koine), Hebrew, Latin
*Modern Languages:* English, French, German, Spanish
*Certificates:* Coptic (Second International Summer School in Coptic Papyrology at the Universität Leipzig, 2008); German (Received an A1 certificate for completing an intensive German course at *Horizonte: Language School in Germany*, Regensburg, Germany, 2012 and again in 2023).

## Public Lectures

"Why is the Gospel of Thomas not in the Bible? Jesus, Scribes, and Forgeries," 7:30 pm, Thursday, September 23, 2010 at Rivertown Coffee, Florence, AL. Part one of four lectures by Edmon L. Gallagher and Jeremy W. Barrier

"Female Apostles and other Early Christian Apocryphal Scriptures," 5:30pm, Thursday, November 4, 2010 at the Florence-Lauderdale Public Library, Florence, AL. Part one of four lectures by Edmon L. Gallagher and Jeremy W. Barrier

## International Travel:

I travel extensively internationally and have lived outside of the USA on several occasions. The countries where I travel regularly are as follows: Austria, Argentina, Brazil, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, India, Italy, Liberia, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Netherlands, Paraguay, Perú, the Philippines, Singapore, Spain, Sri Lanka, Switzerland, Turkey, the United Kingdom, and Vietnam.