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BMBF Project “Cultural Exchange from Syria to Ethiopia”
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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

2019– Principal Investigator
BMBF Project “Cultural Exchange from Syria to Ethiopia”
Historisches Seminar, Abteilung für Alte Geschichte
Goethe-Universität Frankfurt am Main

2016–2019 Post-Doctoral Researcher in Late Antique Christianity in the Near East
Leibniz Project “Polyphony of Late Antique Christianity”
Historisches Seminar, Abteilung für Alte Geschichte
Goethe-Universität Frankfurt am Main

2015 Adjunct Instructor in Church History
Wartburg Theological Seminary

2012–2015 Program Coordinator of the Certificate in Theology and Ministry Program
Department of Continuing Education
Princeton Theological Seminary

EDUCATION

2019– Habilitation Candidate, History of Christianity, University of Heidelberg

2011–2016 Ph.D., History of Christianity, Princeton Theological Seminary
* *Dissertation Title*: “Preaching and Religious Debate: Jacob of Serugh and the Promotion of His Christology in the Roman Near East”
* *Comprehensive Exams*: (1) Early Christianity, (2) Medieval Christianity/History of Religions, (3) Reformation/Modern Church History, (4) Christianity in the Middle East and the Study of Eastern Christianity

2015–2016 Fulbright Graduate Fellow, Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München

2008–2011 M.Div., Princeton Theological Seminary

2003–2007 B.A., Valparaiso University (Majors: Classics, Theology; Minors: Hebrew, Humanities)

PUBLICATIONS

Monographs

- In Press *Jacob of Serugh: The Homily on the Apostle Thomas and the Resurrection of Our Lord*. Corpus Scriptorum Christianorum Orientalium 691, Scriptorum Syri 266. Leuven: Peeters. 284 pages (Introduction and Study: 152 pages; Critical Edition, Translation, Appendices: 132 pages).
- 2018 *Preaching Christology in the Roman Near East: A Study of Jacob of Serugh*. Oxford Early Christian Studies. Oxford: Oxford University Press. 322 pages.
- * Reviews (15): [Bogoslovlje](#) 78, no. 1 (2019): 180–183 (Eric Boško); [Bogoslov.ru](#), November 2020 (Chernov Vasily Vladimirovich); [Bryn Mawr Classical Review](#), August 2019 (Jacklyn Maxwell); [Church History](#) 89, no. 4 (2020): 909–911 (Daniel L. Schwartz); [Collectanea Christiana Orientalia](#) 16 (2019): 183–185 (Juan Pedro Monferrer-Sala); [Hugoye: The Journal of Syriac Studies](#) 23, no. 2 (2020): 471–421 (Kristian Heal); [Journal of Early Christian Studies](#) 28, no. 1 (2020): 149–151 (Volker L. Menze); [Journal of Orthodox Christian Studies](#) 3, no. 2 (2020): 215–222 (esp. 218–221) (Susan Ashbrook Harvey); [Religious Studies Review](#) 46, no. 1 (2020): 100–101 (Briar Bennett-Flammer); [Reviews in Religion & Theology](#) 26, no. 4 (2019): 625–628 (Jacob A. Lollar); [Review of Biblical Literature](#) October 15, 2021 (Anuj M. Amin); [Scrinium](#) 16 (2020): 399–404 (Dmitrij F. Bumazhnov); [Syriac Orthodox Patriarchal Journal](#) 57 (2019): 186–189 (Marie-Thérèse Elia); [The Harp](#) 33 (2018): 471–475 (Jacob Thekeparampil); [The Journal of Theological Studies](#), n.s., 71, no. 1 (2020): 376–378 (Sebastian P. Brock).
- * Book Review Session: Early Christian and Late Ancient Studies Reading Group, The University of Chicago (November 17, 2020). Online.

Edited Volume

- 2021 With Alexandra Hasse-Ungeheuer and Hartmut Leppin. *The Good Christian Ruler in the First Millennium: Views from the Wider Mediterranean World in Conversation*. Millennium-Studien 92. Berlin: De Gruyter. 464 pages.

Translation Volumes

- In Press *1 Maccabees According to the Syriac Peshitta Version with English Translation*. The Antioch Bible. Piscataway, NJ: Gorgias Press. 247 pages (Cultural Historical Introduction: 72 pages; Text and Translation: 175 pages).
- In Press *2 Maccabees According to the Syriac Peshitta Version with English Translation*. The Antioch Bible. Piscataway, NJ: Gorgias Press. 196 pages (Cultural Historical Introduction: 57 pages; Text and Translation: 139 pages).

Journal Articles

- In Press “Biblical Exegesis and the Manuscript Transmission of Letters: A Case Study on Jacob of Serugh’s *Letter to Maron (Letter 23)*.” *Δελτίο Βιβλικῶν Μελετῶν*. 34 pages (page proofs).

- In Press “Curating the Syriac Literary Heritage in Egyptian Monasteries: A Newly Identified Numeral System in Syriac (British Library, Add. 14587).” *Journal of Semitic Studies*. 18 pages (page proofs).
- Forthcoming “Manuscript Discoveries and Debates over Orthodoxy in Early Christian Studies: The Case of the Syriac Poet-Theologian Jacob of Serugh.” *Harvard Theological Review*. 13,000 words.
- Forthcoming “New Evidence for Severus of Antioch’s Correspondence with the *patricia* Caesaria (CPG 7071,11): Ethiopic Fragments Related to the Origin of Evil and the Resurrection of the Dead.” *Zeitschrift für Antikes Christentum*. 17,300 words.
- 2021 “Christentum und Wissensbewahrung: Schriftkulturen, Schulen und Mönchtum.” *Antike Welt* 52, no. 6: 24–29.
- 2021 “The Anonymous Source for Marcion’s Gospel in British Library, Add. 17215: An Identification and Analysis,” *New Testament Studies* 67, no. 4: 541–559.
- 2021 “Reading Early Christian Authors in Medieval Monastic Communities: A Syriac Miscellany from Tur ‘Abdin (Harvard University, Syr. 108/18).” *Le Muséon* 134, no. 1–2: 79–102.
- 2020 “The First Book of Maccabees in Syriac: Dating and Context.” *Aramaic Studies* 18, no. 1: 99–123.
- 2018 “Cultural Exchange and Scholarship on Eastern Christianity: An Early Modern Debate over Jacob of Serugh’s Christology.” *Journal of Eastern Christian Studies* 70, no. 3–4: 257–284.
* Showcased as an open access feature article on the website *Theology Research News* of the Katholieke Universiteit Leuven’s Faculty of Theology from March to September 2019.
- 2017 “New Textual Evidence for Jacob of Serugh’s Letters: An Analysis and Collation of Five Monastic Miscellanies.” *Hugoye: Journal of Syriac Studies* 20, no. 1: 51–128.
- 2014 “Narrating History through the Bible in Late Antiquity: A Reading Community for the Syriac Peshitta Old Testament Manuscript in Milan (Ambrosian Library, B. 21 inf.).” *Le Muséon* 127, no. 1–2: 41–76.

Book Chapters

- In Press “Timothy Aelurus: Against the Definition of the Council of Chalcedon: Introduction [with Mark DelCogliano] and Part 1.” In *The Cambridge Edition of Early Christian Writings*, vol. 4, *Christ: Chalcedon and Afterward*, ed. Mark DelCogliano. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. 15 pages (page proofs).
- Forthcoming “A Mediator between the Greek and Syriac Exegetical Traditions: Jacob of Serugh and His Letter to Maron of Anazarbus.” In *The Year of Jacob of Serugh: Essays in Commemoration of the 1500th Anniversary of his Death*, edited by Armando Badih Elkhoury and Robert A. Kitchen. 12,500 words.

- Forthcoming “Die Annäherung und Abgrenzung zwischen Rom und Persien in den Konzilsakten der Kirche des Ostens von 410 bis 424.” In *„Grenzüberschreitungen“ im antiken Christentum*, edited by Joachim Braun and Katharina Reihl. Schriftenreihe des Patristischen Zentrums Koinonia-Oriens. Münster: Aschendorff. 8,000 words.
- Forthcoming “Cityscapes in Early Syriac Poetry: Nisibis, Amida, Edessa.” In *Imagery and Aesthetics of Cityscapes in Late Antiquity*, edited by Max Ritter and Elodie Turquois. Bibliothèque de l’Antiquité Tardive. Turnhout: Brepols. 14,000 words.
- Forthcoming “Narsai: The Commemoration of Peter and Paul.” In *Narsai: The Homilies*, edited by Aaron Michael Butts, Kristian S. Heal, and Robert A. Kitchen. Eastern Christian Texts in Translation. Leuven: Peeters. 10,250 words.
- Forthcoming “Syrische Predigten, *Material Philology* und Neo-Lachmann’sche Editionspraxis: Rekonstruktion von Archetyp und Überlieferungsgeschichte anhand der Homilie des Jakob von Serugh über Thomas und die Auferstehung.” In *Tagungsband für den 11. Deutschen Syrologentag*. 7,500 words.
- Forthcoming “Übersetzungen im Christentum.” In *Reallexikon für Antike und Christentum*. Stuttgart: Hiersemann. 9,500 words.
- 2021 With Alexandra Hasse-Ungeheuer and Hartmut Leppin. “Introduction: Expanding the Discourse on Good Christian Rulership.” In *The Good Christian Ruler in the First Millennium: Views from the Wider Mediterranean World in Conversation*, edited by Philip Michael Forness, Alexandra Hasse-Ungeheuer, and Hartmut Leppin, 1–36. Millennium-Studien 92. Berlin: De Gruyter.
- 2021 “Faithful Rulers and Theological Deviance: Ephrem the Syrian and Jacob of Serugh on the Roman Emperor.” In *The Good Christian Ruler in the First Millennium: Views from the Wider Mediterranean World in Conversation*, edited by Philip Michael Forness, Alexandra Hasse-Ungeheuer, and Hartmut Leppin, 141–167. Millennium-Studien 92. Berlin: De Gruyter.
- 2021 “Jacob of Serugh’s Fourth Metrical Homily on Cain and Abel.” In *Eastern Christianity: A Reader*, edited by J. Edward Walters, 55–68. Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans.
- 2021 “The Earliest Syriac Homiliaries: Authorship and Anonymity.” *Studia Patristica* 125: 123–140.
- 2020 “Representing Lay Involvement in the Christological Controversies: The *Acclamations of the People* and the Synod of Constantinople (518).” In *Konzilien und kanonisches Recht in Spätantike und frühem Mittelalter: Aspekte konziliarer Entscheidungsfindung*, edited by Wolfram Brandes, Alexandra Hasse-Ungeheuer, and Hartmut Leppin, 57–80. Forschungen zur Byzantinischen Rechtsgeschichte, n. F., 2. Berlin: De Gruyter.
- 2020 “The Construction of Metrical Poetry in the Homilies of Narsai of Nisibis and Jacob of Serugh.” In *Narsai: Rethinking His Work and His World*, edited by Aaron Michael Butts, Kristian S. Heal, and Robert A. Kitchen, 93–115. Studies and Texts in Antiquity and Christianity 121. Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck.

- 2020 “The Rise of the Church of the East.” In *The Rowman & Littlefield Handbook of Christianity in the Middle East*, edited by Mitri Raheb and Mark A. Lamport, 27–43. Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield Publishers.
- 2019 “An Ecclesiology of Monastic and Clerical Vocations in the Letters of Jacob of Serugh to Daniel the Monk.” In *Monasticism Meeting Modernity: Oriental Christian and Indian Perspectives and Challenges*, edited by Geevarghese Shajan Kuttiyil and George Ayyaneth, 325–356. Pune, India: Bethany Vedavijnana Peeth.

Book Reviews

- Forthcoming Edward G. Mathews Jr., trans., *Jacob of Sarug’s Homilies on the Six Days of Creation: The Fourth Day*, Texts from Christian Late Antiquity 52, The Metrical Homilies of Mar Jacob of Sarug (Piscataway, NJ: Gorgias Press, 2018).” *Review of Biblical Literature*.
- 2021 Chris L. de Wet and Wendy Mayer, eds., *Revisioning John Chrysostom: New Approaches, New Perspectives*, Critical Approaches to Early Christianity 1 (Leiden: Brill, 2019).” *The Medieval Review* (4 August 2021). <https://scholarworks.iu.edu/journals/index.php/tmr/article/view/33155/36783>
- 2021 Tanios Bou Mansour, *Le ministère sacerdotal dans la tradition syriaque primitive: Aphraate, Ephrem, Jacques de Saroug et Narsai*, Supplements to Vigiliae Christianae 156 (Leiden: Brill, 2020). *Journal of Early Christian Studies* 29, no. 2: 298–300.
- 2020 Tomas Bokedal, *The Formation and Significance of the Christian Biblical Canon: A Study in Text, Ritual and Interpretation* (New York: Bloomsbury T & T Clark, 2014). *Reviews in Religion & Theology* 27, no. 2: 185–186.
- 2020 Richard M. Price, trans., *The Acts of the Second Council of Nicaea (787)*, 2 vols., Translated Texts for Historians 68 (Liverpool: Liverpool University Press, 2018). *The Journal of Ecclesiastical History* 70, no. 2: 399–401.
- 2019 Khalil Alwan, *Anthropologie de Jacques de Saroug*, 2 vols., *Études du Proche-Orient chrétien* 4–5 (Beirut: Centre de recherches et de publications de l’Orient-Chrétien, 2016). *Revue d’histoire ecclésiastique* 114, no. 1–2: 413–415.
- 2018 Robin Orton, trans., *St. Gregory of Nyssa: Anti-Apollinarian Writings*, Fathers of the Church 131 (Washington, D.C.: The Catholic University of America Press, 2015). *Reviews in Religion & Theology* 25, no. 4: 732–733.
- 2018 Alessandro Bausi, ed., *Comparative Oriental Manuscript Studies: An Introduction* (Hamburg: Tredition, 2015). *Hugoye: Journal of Syriac Studies* 20, no. 2: 429–433.
- 2017 Garth Fowden, *Abraham or Aristotle? First Millennium Empires and Exegetical Traditions* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2015). *Reviews in Religion & Theology* 24, no. 1: 89–91.

- 2016 Amir Harrak, trans., *Jacob of Sarug's Homily on the Partaking of the Holy Mysteries*; Scott F. Johnson, trans., *Jacob of Sarug's Homily on the Sinful Woman*; Edward G. Mathews, trans., *Jacob of Sarug's Homily on the Creation of Adam and the Resurrection of the Dead*; Adam C. McCollum, trans., *Jacob of Sarug's Homilies on Jesus' Temptation*, Texts from Christian Late Antiquity 19, 33, 37–38, The Metrical Homilies of Mar Jacob of Sarug 17, 31–33 (Piscataway, NJ: Gorgias Press, 2013–2014). *Hugoye: Journal of Syriac Studies* 19, no. 1: 267–271.
- 2016 David Rylaarsdam, *John Chrysostom on Divine Pedagogy: The Coherence of his Theology and Preaching*, Oxford Early Christian Studies (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2014). *Reviews in Religion & Theology* 23, no. 3: 367–369.
- 2015 Thomas O'Loughlin, *Early Medieval Exegesis in the Latin West*, Variorum Collected Studies Series (Farnham, VT: Ashgate Publishing, 2013). *Relegere: Studies in Religion and Reception* 5, no. 2: 245–249.
- 2013 Susanna Elm, *Sons of Hellenism, Fathers of the Church: Emperor Julian, Gregory of Nazianzus, and the Vision of Rome*, Transformation of the Classical Heritage 49 (Berkeley: University of California, 2012). *Religious Studies Review* 39, no. 2: 116.
- 2013 Stephen J. Shoemaker, trans., *The Life of the Virgin: Maximus the Confessor* (New Haven: Yale University Press, 2012). *Religious Studies Review* 39, no. 2: 117.
- 2012 Khaled Anatolios, *Retrieving Nicaea: The Development and Meaning of Trinitarian Doctrine* (Grand Rapids: Baker Academic, 2011). *Word & World* 32, no. 4: 420–422.
- 2012 John Behr, *The Case Against Diodore and Theodore*, Oxford Early Christian Texts (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2011). *Religious Studies Review* 38, no. 2: 100–101.
- 2012 Douglas B. Farrow, *Ascension Theology* (New York: T&T Clark, 2011). *Currents in Theology and Mission* 39, no. 6: 466.
- 2012 Michael N. Jagessar and Stephen Burns, eds., *Christian Worship: Postcolonial Perspectives*, Cross Cultural Theologies (London: Equinox, 2011). *The Bible and Critical Theory* 8, no. 2: 93–94.
- 2012 Pope Benedict XVI, *Great Christian Thinkers: From the Early Church through the Middle Ages* (Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 2011). *Currents in Theology and Mission* 39, no. 6: 470–471.
- 2012 Adam M. Schor, *Theodoret's People: Social Networks and Religious Conflict in Late Roman Syria*, Transformation of the Classical Heritage 48 (Berkeley: University of California Press, 2011). *Religious Studies Review* 38, no. 2: 101.
- 2012 Peter J. Leithart, *Athanasius, Foundations of Theological Exegesis and Christian Spirituality* (Grand Rapids: Baker Academic, 2011). *Religious Studies Review* 38, no. 1: 25.
- 2011 Gregory A. Barker and Stephen E. Gregg, eds., *Jesus Beyond Christianity: The Classic Texts* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2010). *Theological Book Review* 23, no. 1: 111.

- 2011 Silke-Petra Bergjan and Karla Pollman, eds., *Patristic Tradition and Intellectual Paradigms in the 17th Century* (Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, 2010). *Theological Book Review* 23, no. 1: 99–100.
- 2011 Terrence G. Kardong, *The Life of St. Benedict by Gregory the Great: Translation and Commentary* (Collegeville, MN: Liturgical Press, 2009). *Religious Studies Review* 37, no. 1: 67.
- 2011 Gail P. C. Streete, *Redeemed Bodies: Women Martyrs in Early Christianity* (Louisville: Westminster John Knox Press, 2009). *The Bible and Critical Theory* 7, no. 2: 139–140.
- 2010 Laura Nasrallah and Elisabeth Schüssler Fiorenza, eds., *Prejudice and Christian Beginnings: Investigating Race, Gender, and Ethnicity in Early Christian Studies* (Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 2009). *Theological Book Review* 22, no. 2: 101–102.

Dictionary/Encyclopedia Entries

- Forthcoming “Мемра (Memra).” In *Лексикон Библијске Езегезе (Lexicon of Biblical Exegesis)*, edited by Rodoljub Kubat and Predrag Dragutinović. Belgrade.
- 2012 “Leaven” and “Trumpets, Feast of” in Mary Ann Beavis and Michael Gilmour, eds., *Dictionary of the Bible and Western Culture: A Handbook for Students* (Sheffield: Sheffield Phoenix Press), 291, 561.

Digital Humanities Projects

- Forthcoming *A Clavis to Syriac Homilies*, part 1, *Syriac Translations of Greek Homilies*. Co-edited with Nathan Gibson and David Allen Michelson. The New Handbook of Syriac Literature. Syriaca.org: The Syriac Reference Portal.
- 2016– *A Guide to Syriac Homilies*. Edited by Scott Fitzgerald Johnson and Jack Tannous. Syri.ac: An Annotated Bibliography of Syriac Resources Online. <http://www.syri.ac/homilies/>

Other Contributions

- Forthcoming Translation from German: Manfred Kropp, “Ethiopic Arabesques in the Qur’ān: Afro-Asiatic Pearls Arranged on a String, Individually or as Pairs, Diffusely Distributed or Concentrated at Points of Brilliance,” in *The Qur’ān and Ethiopia: Context and Reception*, edited by Aaron Michael Butts, Routledge Studies in the Qur’an (London: Routledge).
- 2021 Translation from French: Nicolas Atas, “Principles of Syriac Lemmatisation,” *The Online Corpus of the GREgORI Project*. August 2021. https://www.gregorioproject.com/pdf/Rules_SYC.pdf
- 2020 With Deanna F. Womack. “Introducing Edinburgh Studies in Middle Eastern Christianity.” *Edinburgh University Press Blog* (blog), November 24, 2020. <https://eupublishingblog.com/2020/11/24/introducing-edinburgh-studies-in-middle-eastern-christianity/>

- 2019 With Omar El Manfalouty. “Tagungsbericht: The Transmission of Early Christian Homilies from Late Antiquity to the Middle Ages, 21.06.2018–23.06.2018 Bad Homburg.” *H-Soz-Kult: Kommunikation und Fachinformation für die Geschichtswissenschaften*. February 5, 2019. www.hsozkult.de/conferencereport/id/tagungsberichte-8092/
- 2017 Translation of *RIT* 937 (Géza Alföldy, *Die römischen Inschriften von Tarraco*, 2 vols., *Madriker Forschungen* 10 [Berlin: Walter de Gruyter, 1975], 1:412, 2:Tafel CLXVII) in Theodor Hauschild, “Tarragona,” in *The Eerdmans Encyclopedia of Early Christian Art and Archaeology*, edited by Paul Corby Finney (Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans), 2:567.
- 2015 “Within the Cover of a Manuscript,” *Houghton Library Blog, Harvard University* (blog), August 21, 2015, <https://blogs.harvard.edu/houghton/2015/08/21/within-the-cover-of-a-manuscript/>
- 2012–2013 Translations of entries for Περσεύς, Περσεύς Μακεδών, Πεφοργγμένον, Πεφουρμένος, Πεφουσιγγωμένοι, Πείρησαν, Πειρῶν, and Πειρῶντα. *Suda On Line: Byzantine Lexicography*: <http://www.stoa.org/sol-bin/search.pl?db=REAL&login=plkm2&enlogin=2ce707063f50a12324fd6d6330c75794&searchstr=plkm2&field=tid>
- 2012 Translation of *ILabraunda* 2.56 (Jonas Crampa, ed., *Labraunda: Swedish Excavations and Researches*, vol. 3.2, *The Greek Inscriptions, Part 2* [Stockholm: Svenska Institutet i Athen, 1972], 2:92–96), in Christopher Brian Zeichmann, “Οἱ στρατηγοὶ τοῦ ἱεροῦ and the Location of Luke-Acts’ Composition,” *Early Christianity* 3, no. 2: 181–182.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Goethe-Universität Frankfurt am Main

2019–2020 Instructor, Buchkultur und Wissensvermittlung in der Kaiserzeit

Wartburg Theological Seminary

2015 Instructor, Church History for the Practice of Ministry (designed course)

Princeton Theological Seminary

2014 (Fall) Teaching Fellow, Introduction to Early and Medieval Church History
 2013 (Fall) Teaching Assistant, East Asian Christianity 1500–1800
 2013 (Spring) Teaching Assistant, The Radical Reformation
 2012 (Fall) Teaching Assistant, Introduction to Early and Medieval Church History
 2009 (Summer) Teaching Assistant, Introduction to New Testament Greek

Department of Continuing Education at Princeton Theological Seminary

2014 (Oct/Nov) Co-Instructor, Hymns and Poems through the Ages

- 2015 (May/June) Teaching Fellow, Theology for Faith and Life
 2015 (Apr/May) Teaching Fellow, Forgiveness and Reconciliation
 2015 (Feb/Mar) Teaching Fellow, Understanding the New Testament
 2015 (Jan/Feb) Teaching Fellow, Old Testament Resources for Faith and Life
 2014 (Sept/Oct) Teaching Fellow, Introduction to Practical Theology
 2014 (July) Teaching Fellow, Congregational Leadership
 2014 (May/June) Teaching Fellow, The Gospel of Mark: Discipleship for Faith and Life
 2014 (Mar/Apr) Teaching Fellow, Theology for Faith and Life
 2014 (Jan/Feb) Teaching Fellow, Old Testament Resources for Faith and Life
 2013 (Nov/Dec) Teaching Fellow, Introduction to Practical Theology
 2013 (Oct) Teaching Fellow, Introduction to Missional Theology
 2013 (Aug) Teaching Fellow, Going Up Together: The Psalms and Spiritual Practices
 2013 (May/Jun) Teaching Fellow, The Gospel in Context: The Apostle Paul in the Cities of the Roman Empire
 2013 (Apr/May) Teaching Fellow, Theology for Faith and Life
 2013 (Feb/Mar) Teaching Fellow, Old Testament Resources for Faith and Life

PRESENTATIONS AND CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

Conferences Organized

- 2021 “Preaching in the Syriac Tradition: Reassessing the Homiletical Genre in Syriac Literature.” Co-Organized with J. Edward Walters. Goethe-Universität Frankfurt am Main (October 1–2).
 2018 “The Transmission of Early Christian Homilies from Late Antiquity to the Middle Ages.” Forschungskolleg Humanwissenschaften der Goethe-Universität Frankfurt am Main, Bad Homburg, Germany (June 21–23).

Panels Organized

- 2019 “Ordering Knowledge and Modes of Knowing in Ascetic Theory and Practice,” “Ordering Knowledge and Modes of Knowing: Philosophical Inheritances,” “Ordering Knowledge and Modes of Knowing: Tradition, Authority, and Communal Formation,” and “Ordering Knowledge within Manuscripts.” Co-Organized with Jeremiah Coogan and the “Modes of Knowing and the Ordering of Knowledge in Early Christianity c. 100-700” Project at Australian Catholic University. XVIII. International Conference on Patristic Studies, Oxford, United Kingdom (August 20–23).
 2018 “Organizing Knowledge in Late Antiquity I, II, and III.” Co-Sponsored with Jeremiah Coogan. The 2018 Annual Meeting of the North American Patristics Society, Chicago, Illinois (May 25–26).

- 2017 “Expanding the Map of Late Antique Christianity I: Hagiographical and Martyrological Literature” and “Expanding the Map of Late Antique Christianity II: The Development and Transmission of Literary Genres.” Co-Organized with Kyle Smith and J. Edward Walters. The 2017 Annual Meeting of the North American Patristics Society, Chicago, Illinois (May 24–26).
- 2015 “Jacob of Serugh on Asceticism.” Co-Organized with Dina Boero. The Seventh North American Syriac Symposium, The Catholic University of America (June 22).

Invited Presentations

- 2022 (planned) “Creating the Homilist Jacob of Serugh: *Opera omnia* in Manuscripts from the Eleventh and Twelfth Centuries (Syriac Orthodox Patriarchate 12/13–12/16).” “All Who Encounter This Book”: The Transmission and Reception of Late Antique and Medieval Texts in Syriac Manuscripts, The Louvain Centre for Eastern and Oriental Christianity, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven (December 14–16).
- 2022 (planned) “Translations and the Exchange of Manuscripts among Eastern Christian Communities: An Analysis of the Late Antique Syriac Evidence.” Illuminating the Eastern Christian World, University of Hamburg (June 30–July 1).
- 2022 (planned) “Übersetzungsverständnis und die Grenzen der Sprache: Theologische und philologische Reflexionen in syrischen Quellen aus der Spätantike.” Sprache – Religion – Grenzen: Spätantike und Frühmittelalter: Verläufe und Vergleiche, Historisches Kolleg München (May 19–21).
- 2022 (planned) “An Early Miaphysite Letter Collection and Its Circulation in the Sixth Century: The *Hypomnestikon* of Severus of Antioch and the Noblewoman Caesaria.” Evidencing the Challenges of Change: Crisis and Community Dynamics according to the Miaphysite documentary Collections and Narratives in the Second Half of the VIth Century, Université Angers (March 17–18).
- 2022 “Weisheit als Begriff der syrisch-christlichen Literaturgeschichte: Griechisches Wissen und syrische Bildung in der Spätantike.” Hermeneutiken der Weisheit: Interreligiöse Perspektiven auf eine vormoderne Episteme, Heidelberg, Germany (January 13).
- 2021 “Echoes of Jacob of Serugh in the Qur’ān and Late Antique Reading Culture.” Corpus-Coranicum-Lecture 2021, Berlin-Brandenburgische Akademie der Wissenschaften, Berlin (December 7).
- 2021 “Jacob of Serugh and his Relationship to Edessa.” 1500 Jahre Jakob von Serugh: Ein Symposium zu Werk und Wirkung des großen syrischen Malphono (gest. 521), Freie Universität Berlin (November 27).
- 2021 “Reading Jacob of Serugh in the Environment of the Qur’ān.” Beth Mardutho: The Syriac Institute, Piscataway, New Jersey (August 6). Online.
- 2021 “Othering the Roman Church in the East Syriac Acts of the Synod of Dadisho’ 424.” Narrating the Other: Narrative Techniques Used in Characterising Strangers, Foreigners, Opponents, etc. in Late Antique and Medieval Eastern Literary Sources, Universiteit Leiden (August 3). Online.

- 2021 “Christentum und Christentümer: Übersetzungen als Zugang zu einer transkonfessionellen Kirchengeschichte.” Martin-Luther-Universität Halle-Wittenberg (July 2).
- 2021 “Übersetzungen ins Syrische in der Spätantike: Akteure, Auswahl, Praxis.” Leibniz-WissenschaftsCampus – Byzanz zwischen Orient und Okzident – Mainz/Frankfurt am Main (June 30). Online.
- 2021 Invited Response to Panel on Jacob of Serugh. The Seventh Dorushe Graduate Student Conference on Syriac Studies, Saint Louis University (May 19). Online.
- 2021 „Die Annäherung und Abgrenzung von Rom und Persien in den Konzilien der Kirche des Ostens von 410 bis 424.” „Grenzenüberschreitungen“ im Antiken Christentum, Jahrestagung der Arbeitskreises Patristik, Katholische Universität Eichstätt-Ingolstadt (April 17). Online.
- 2021 “A Mediator between Exegetical Traditions: Jacob of Serugh and His Letters on Biblical Interpretation.” The Year of Jacob of Serugh, The Maronite Eparchy of Los Angeles (February 17). Online.
- 2020 “Mündlichkeit und Schriftlichkeit in spätantiken Homilien.” DFG Project, “Predigt als Vorgang religiöser Bildung im spätantiken Christentum,” Georg-August-Universität Göttingen (November 26). Online
- 2020 “The Manuscript Transmission of Jacob of Serugh’s Homilies.” Syriac Seminar, Tel Aviv University (May 6). Online.
- 2020 Response to Lea Niccolai, “From Constantinople to Edessa: Syriac Historiography and the Justinianic City.” Imagery and Aesthetics of Cityscapes in Late Antiquity, Johannes Gutenberg-Universität Mainz (February 13).
- 2019 “From Spoken Word to Written Text and Back Again: The Transmission of Homilies in the Eastern Mediterranean.” New Perspectives and Contexts in the Study of Islamic Origins (Early Islamic Studies Seminar: International Scholarship on the Qur’an and Islamic Origins), Gazzada Schiano, Italy (June 18).
- 2019 “Monastic Discernment in the Letters of Jacob of Serugh to Daniel the Monk.” Fifth Bethany Vedavijnana Peeth Theological Colloquium: Monasticism Meeting Modernity: Oriental Christian & Indian Perspectives and Challenges, Bethany Ashram, Pune, India (January 6).
- 2018 “Arabic Evidence for Syriac Texts: Addressing Problems of Dating and Provenance.” Textual Criticism and Scholarly Editing of Syriac Sources: Ongoing Projects, Current Issues, and Methods in Practice, Goethe-Universität Frankfurt am Main (July 7).
- 2018 “Scholarship on Syriac Christianity and Cultural Exchange in Early Modern Europe.” Syriac and its Users in the Early Modern World, c.1500–c.1750, University of Oxford (March 16).
- 2018 “Reframing the Christological Controversies: An Inclusive Approach to Early Church History.” Union Theological Seminary (New York City) (February 21).

- 2017 “Reading Homilies in Late Antique Syria: Early Manuscript Evidence for the Transmission of a Literary Genre.” Vortragsreihe „Mainz in Byzanz,“ Der Leibniz-WissenschaftsCampus Mainz: Byzanz zwischen Orient und Okzident, Römisch-Germanisches Zentralmuseum and Johannes Gutenberg-Universität Mainz (July 11).
- 2017 “The Construction of Metrical Poetry in the Homilies of Narsai and Jacob of Serugh.” Narsai: Rethinking His Work and His Thought, Brigham Young University (June 23).
- 2017 “Revisiting Jacob of Serugh’s *Homily on the Council of Chalcedon: Authenticity and Context*.” Open Lectures in Syriac Christian Studies, Sankt Ignatios Theological Academy, Stockholm School of Theology (May 20).
- 2016 “The Audience(s) of Late Antique Homilies: From Oral Delivery to Circulating Collections.” International Workshop: Law and Lawmaking in the Acts of the Ecumenical Councils, Otto-Friedrich-Universität Bamberg (July 7).
- 2016 “Manuscripts and Cultural Exchange: Early Christian Literature on the Journey from Syria to Ethiopia.” Forschungskolloquium Arabistik/Islamwissenschaft und Judaistik, Institut für den Nahen und Mittleren Osten, Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München (April 26).
- 2015 “Ecclesiastical Leadership in the Roman Near East: The Letters of Jacob of Serugh in their Context.” Workshop on Jacob of Serugh, Department of Near Eastern Studies, Princeton University (January 31).

Conference Presentations

- 2022 (planned) “Syriac Manuscripts and Armenian Translations: A Case Study on Jacob of Serugh’s *Homily on New Sunday and the Apostle Thomas*.” XIII Symposium Syriacum, Paris, France (July 4–9).
- 2021 “The Festal Letters of Jacob of Serugh.” Symposium on Saint Jacob of Serugh, Mor Apherem Center, Paramus, New Jersey (December 4).
- 2021 “Alexandria und die kirchliche Geschichte Nubiens und Äthiopiens.” 53. Deutscher Historikertag, Munich, Germany (October 5).
- 2021 “Syriac Homily Collections in Late Antiquity.” Preaching in the Syriac Tradition: Reassessing the Homiletical Genre in Syriac Literature, Goethe-Universität Frankfurt am Main (October 1).
- 2020 “Die Edition der Homilie über den Neuen Sonntag und den Ungläubigen Thomas des Jakob von Serugh.” 11. Deutscher Syrologentag, Martin-Luther-Universität Halle-Wittenberg (December 17). Online.
- 2019 “Liturgical Manuscripts as Archives: The Earliest Syriac Homiliaries.” XVIII. International Conference on Patristic Studies, Oxford, United Kingdom (August 21).
- 2018 “The Books of Maccabees in Syriac: A Context for their Translation.” The 2018 Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, Denver, Colorado (November 18).

- 2018 “Transforming the Literary Heritage of Late Antiquity: A Previously Unknown Letter of Severos of Antioch Preserved in Ethiopic.” The 2018 Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, Denver, Colorado (November 18).
- 2018 “A New Letter of Severos of Antioch Preserved in Ethiopic: The Ethiopian Tradition and the Heritage of Late Antiquity.” 20th International Conference of Ethiopian Studies, Mekelle University, Ethiopia (October 4).
- 2018 “Poetry and the Transformation of Christological Language in Jacob of Serugh’s *Homily on the Faith*.” 9th World Syriac Conference, St. Ephrem Ecumenical Research Institute, Kottayam, India (September 12).
- 2018 “The Homilies of John Chrysostom and Jacob of Serugh in Syriac Manuscripts from Late Antiquity.” The Transmission of Early Christian Homilies from Late Antiquity to the Middle Ages, Forschungskolleg Humanwissenschaften der Goethe-Universität Frankfurt am Main, Bad Homburg, Germany (June 23).
- 2018 “Shaping the Interpretation of Texts through Synodal Acts.” The 2018 Annual Meeting of the North American Patristics Society, Chicago, Illinois (May 25).
- 2017 “The Audience and Readership of Late Antique Homilies.” The 2017 Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, Boston, Massachusetts (November 20).
- 2017 “The Acclamations of the People and the Synod of Constantinople (518).” *Konziliare Entscheidungsfindung in Spätantike und frühem Mittelalter (6.–Mitte 9. Jh.)*, Max-Planck-Institut für europäische Rechtsgeschichte, Frankfurt am Main (October 5).
- 2017 “Syriac Literature in Ethiopic: Jacob of Serugh’s Homily on Thomas and New Sunday.” Der 33. Deutsche Orientalistentag, Friedrich-Schiller-Universität Jena (September 20).
- 2017 “Meter and Meaning in the Homilies of Narsai and Jacob of Serugh.” The 2017 International Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, Berlin (August 10).
- 2017 “A New Approach to Homilies as Sources for Late Antique History.” The 2017 Annual Meeting of the North American Patristics Society, Chicago, Illinois (May 26).
- 2016 “The Transmission and Translation of Syriac Literature into Ethiopic: A Case Study on Jacob of Serugh’s Homily on Thomas and New Sunday.” The 2016 Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, San Antonio, Texas (November 21).
- 2016 “Homilies as Tools for Exegesis: Scholarly Uses of Syriac Homiletical Collections in Late Antiquity.” The 2016 Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, San Antonio, Texas (November 19).
- 2016 “Images of Christian Rulers and Empires during Doctrinal Conflicts.” *Images of the Good Christian Ruler in the Mediterranean and the Near East (4th–10th Century)*, Goethe-Universität Frankfurt am Main (November 9).
- 2016 “Manuscript Collections and the Preservation of Christian Literature from Late Antiquity.” Hiob Ludolf Centre for Ethiopian Studies, Universität Hamburg (September 29).
- 2016 “Tools for Biblical Exegesis and Syriac Collections of Homilies in Late Antiquity.” XII Symposium Syriacum, Rome, Italy (August 20).

- 2016 “Tracing Patterns of Cultural Exchange through Manuscripts: The Transmission of a Homily from Late Antique Syria to Early Solomonic Ethiopia.” Eröffnungskolloquium, Leibniz-Projekt „Polyphonie des spätantiken Christentums,“ Historisches Seminar, Abteilung für Alte Geschichte, Goethe-Universität Frankfurt am Main (May 10).
- 2015 “Homilies in Circulation: Producers and Readers of Syriac Homily Collections in Late Antiquity.” The 2015 Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, Atlanta, Georgia (November 22).
- 2015 “Asceticism and Christology: Paired Themes in the Letters of Jacob of Serugh.” The Seventh North American Syriac Symposium, The Catholic University of America (June 22).
- 2014 “Transmission as Interpretation: A Case Study on Jacob of Sarug’s *Homily on the Blasphemer*.” The 2014 Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, San Diego, California (November 23).
- 2014 “Syriac Homilies at the Turn of the Sixth Century: A New Approach at Contextualization.” Patristic Homilies and their Reception History, Pappas Patristic Institute, Brookline, Massachusetts (October 10).
- 2014 “Cataloguing the Manuscripts of Princeton Theological Seminary.” Hugoye Symposium III: Colophons in the Syriac Tradition, Rutgers University (May 16).
- 2014 “Miracles and Sufferings: A Case Study on the Legacy of Chalcedon in the Homilies of Jacob of Sarug.” The Fifth Dorushe Graduate Student Conference on Syriac Studies, Duke University (March 28).
- 2013 “Narrating History through the Bible: A Reading Community for the Codex Ambrosianus (7a1).” The 2013 Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, Baltimore, Maryland (November 23).
- 2013 “Homilies and the Mystery of God: A Case Study on Jacob of Sarug’s *Homily on the Hexaemeron*.” 38th Annual International Patristics, Medieval, and Renaissance Conference, Villanova University (October 18).
- 2013 “The Identities of a Saint: An Initial Inquiry into the Manuscript Tradition of Jacob of Sarug.” Identity and Authenticity: Creating, Preserving & Transmitting Identities Across Time & Place, A Symposium of the Research Group on Manuscript Evidence, Princeton University (March 23).
- 2012 “Ousting Emperors from their Throne: Ephrem’s *Hymns against Julian*.” The 2012 Annual Meeting of the North American Patristics Society, Chicago, Illinois (May 25).
- 2012 “The Bishop as a Place of Divine Action in Ephrem’s *Carmina Nisibena*.” The Second Annual Symposium in Honor of Fr. Florovsky, Princeton University and Princeton Theological Seminary (February 10).

Campus and Departmental Presentations

- 2019 “Frühchristliche Predigt in verschiedenen kulturellen Kontexten.” Haupt-/Oberseminar, Lehrstuhl für Historische Theologie (Antike und Mittelalter), Ruprecht-Karls-Universität Heidelberg (June 14).

- 2018 “Kirchliche Selbstdarstellung und die Übersetzung frühchristlicher Literatur im mittelalterlichen Äthiopien.” Oberseminar, Lehrstuhl für Mittelalterliche Geschichte II, Goethe-Universität Frankfurt am Main (December 7).
- 2017 “Traces of the Maccabees in the Syriac Tradition: Transmission, Commemoration, and Creation.” Kolloquium, Leibniz-Project „Polyphonie des spätantiken Christentums,“ Goethe-Universität Frankfurt am Main (October 24).
- 2015 “From Letters to Homilies: Christological Polemics in the *Homily on the Faith*.” Late Antique, Medieval, and Byzantine Workshop, Department of History, Princeton University (May 13).
- 2013 Response to J. Edward Walters, “Show Me, O Sage: Aphrahat’s Rhetorical Use of a Jewish Interlocutor.” History Department Colloquium, Princeton Theological Seminary (November 5).

MAJOR GRANTS

- 2022–[2031] “Commentary on the Ecclesiastical History of John of Ephesus”
 * *Principal Investigator*: Hartmut Leppin (Goethe-Universität Frankfurt am Main)
 * *Roll in Project*: Co-authorship of application; conception of project; establishment of partnerships with five digital humanities projects; publication agreement with De Gruyter in the series “Texte und Untersuchungen”
 * *Funding Body*: German Research Foundation (DFG), Germany
 * *Duration*: 9 Years (approved for an initial period of 3 years)
 * *Approved Funds*: € 532,632.00 for first 3 years (applied for € 1,901,475.53 over 9 years)
- 2019–2022 “Cultural Exchange from Syria to Ethiopia through the Transmission and Translation of Early Christian Literature”
 * *Roll in Project*: Principal Investigator
 * *Funding Body*: Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF), Germany
 * *Duration*: 38 Months (February 2019–March 2022)
 * *Approved Funds*: € 297,148.16

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Peer Review

- Projects (1) University of Haifa (2020)
 Monographs (1) Centre de recherches et de publications de l’Orient Chrétien (2018)
 Chapters (1) Brepols (2020)
 Articles (10) *Aramaic Studies* (2018), *Hamsa: Journal of Judaic and Arabic Studies* (2021), *Hugoye: Journal of Syriac Studies* (2015, 2016, 2018, 2021), *Journal of Early Christian Studies* (2020), *Laval théologique et philosophique* (2020), *Millennium Jahrbuch* (2021), *Syriac Orthodox Patriarchal Journal* (2022)

Other Activities

- 2016 – Reviewer of Fellowship Applications, The Roothbert Fund

2014–2016	Student Representative, North American Syriac Symposium Supervisory Board
2014–	Area Editor for Pre-Islamic Syria and Upper Mesopotamia, <i>Syriaca.org: The Syriac Gazetteer</i>
2013–2015	Professional Development Coordinator for Ph.D. Students, Princeton Theological Seminary
2012–2015	Member of the Sexual Harassment Panel, Princeton Theological Seminary
2012–2014	Fellow Representative, Board of Trustees, The Roothbert Fund
2012–2013	Co-Moderator, History and Ecumenics Department Colloquium, Princeton Theological Seminary
2011–2012	Member of the Library Committee, Princeton Theological Seminary

HONORS, MINOR GRANTS, AND AWARDS

2017	Small Research Grant, North American Patristics Society
2016	Vatican Film Library Mellon Fellowship, Saint Louis University
2015–2016	Fulbright Graduate Fellowship, U.S. Department of State
2015–2016	Dissertation Award, Educational Grant Program, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
2015	Second Prize, Gorgias Book Grant, Gorgias Press
2014	Katharine F. Pantzer Jr. Fellowship in Descriptive Bibliography, Houghton Library, Harvard University
2012	First Prize, Ministerial Student Writing Contest, Ministry Magazine
2011–2016	Roothbert Fellowship, The Roothbert Fund
2011–2015	Grant for Advanced Theological Studies, Educational Grant Program, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
2011–2015	Trustees' Merit Scholarship, Princeton Theological Seminary
2011–2015	Doctoral Fellowship, Princeton Theological Seminary
2011–2015	Merit Tuition Scholarship, Princeton Theological Seminary
2011–2014	Lilly Graduate Fellow, Lilly Fellows Program in Humanities and the Arts
2011	Abdel Ross Wentz Prize in American Lutheran History
2007	Phi Beta Kappa