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## CURRENT ACADEMIC POSTS

*Associate Professor of Religious Studies, Saint Martin's University (2011 - present)*  
*Director, Spiritual Life Institute, Saint Martin's University (2006 - present)*

## PREVIOUS ACADEMIC POSTS

2006 - 2011      *Assistant Professor - Religious Studies*  
                         Saint Martin's University, Lacey, Washington, USA

2005 - 2006      *Adjunct Professor - Religious Studies*  
                         Saint Martin's University, Lacey, Washington, USA

2003 - 2005      *Honors Level Tutor and Invigilator - Biblical Studies*  
                         University of St Andrews, St Andrews, Fife, Scotland, UK

1999 - 2000      *Adjunct Lecturer - Religious Studies*  
                         Saint Martin's College, Lacey, Washington, USA

1997 - 1999      *Teaching Assistant and Guest Lecturer - Biblical Studies*  
                         Trinity Western University, Langley, British Columbia, Canada

## EDUCATION

2006              Ph.D., Biblical Studies and Second Temple Judaism  
                         University of St Andrews, St Andrews, Fife, Scotland, UK  
*Dissertation Topic: "Ritual Purity and the Dead Sea Scrolls"*  
*Supervisor: Dr. James Davila*  
*Examination Committee: Dr. Charlotte Hempel and Dr. Nathan MacDonald*

2000              M.A. Biblical Studies (with great distinction)  
                         Trinity Western University, Langley, British Columbia, Canada  
*Dissertation Topic: "John the Baptist and the Dead Sea Scrolls"*  
*Supervisor: Dr. Craig Evans*  
*Examination Committee: Dr. Martin Abegg Jr. and Dr. Craig Broyles*

1996              B.A., English Literature  
                         Saint Martin's College, Lacey, Washington, USA  
*Minor: Religious Studies*  
*Supervisors: Dr. Gloria Martin and Dr. David Suter*

## TEACHING COMPETENCY

Introductory and Advanced Courses in Hebrew Scriptures/Old Testament, New Testament, Biblical Exegesis, Dead Sea Scrolls, Second Temple Judaism, Comparative Religions (Judaism, Christianity, Islam, Hinduism, Buddhism), Literature and Theology, Christianity and the Arts, Biblical Hebrew and Biblical Aramaic.

CLASSES TAUGHT

RLS 111	Introduction to Religious Studies
RLS 201	Introduction to the Hebrew Scriptures
RLS 202	Introduction to the New Testament
RLS 301	Christianity and the Arts
RLS 303	Dead Sea Scrolls
RLS 320	Literature and Theology
RLS 321	Religion in America
RLS 395	Ethics and Contemporary Fiction
RLS 395	The Talmud and the Hadith
RLS 395	Biblical Hebrew I
RLS 396	Biblical Hebrew II
RLS 397	Advanced Readings in Biblical Hebrew
RLS 494	Spiritual Life Institute
ENG 101	English Composition I
ENG 102	English Composition II

AWARDS, SCHOLARSHIPS AND GRANTS

2012	<i>Sabbatical</i> , Faculty Development Committee, Saint Martin's University
2011	<i>Travel Grant</i> , Faculty Development Committee, Saint Martin's University
2011 – 2012	<i>Outstanding Faculty Member of the Year</i> , Saint Martin's University
2010	<i>Travel Grant</i> , Faculty Development Committee, Saint Martin's University
2009	<i>Research Grant</i> , Religious Studies Department, Saint Martin's University
2008	<i>Travel Grant</i> , Faculty Development Committee, Saint Martin's University
2007	<i>Travel Grant</i> , Faculty Development Committee, Saint Martin's University
2007	<i>Research Grant</i> , Religious Studies Department, Saint Martin's University
2006	<i>Travel Grant</i> , Faculty Development Committee, Saint Martin's University
2005	<i>SCIAF Scholarship for French Studies</i> , L'institut Catholique de Paris
2005	<i>Malcolm Edwards Award</i> , University of St Andrews
2005	<i>Anthony Tudor Award</i> , University of St Andrews
2002	<i>Matthew Black Research Scholarship</i> , University of St Andrews
2000	<i>Graduate Studies Valedictorian</i> , Trinity Western University
2000	<i>Biblical Studies Award</i> , Trinity Western University
1998	<i>Graduate Studies Academic Scholarship</i> , Trinity Western University
1996	<i>First Place</i> , SBL/AAR Northwest Region Undergraduate Paper Contest

PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS HELD

2013 – 2014	<i>Faculty President</i> , Saint Martin's University
2013 – 2014	<i>Chair, Faculty Senate</i> , Saint Martin's University
2013	<i>Section Chair</i> , Pacific Northwest Renaissance Society, Annual Meeting
2012 – 2013	<i>Faculty President Elect</i> , Saint Martin's University
2011 – 2012	<i>Acting Chair</i> , Religious Studies Department, Saint Martin's University
2010 – 2013	<i>At Large Member</i> , Faculty Senate, Saint Martin's University
2010 – 2012	<i>Chair</i> , Education Policies Curriculum Committee, Saint Martin's University
2009 – 2011	<i>Member</i> , Website Development Committee, Saint Martin's University
2009 – 2013	<i>Member</i> , Professional Issues Consultation, Society of Biblical Literature
2008 – 2009	<i>Member</i> , Distance Education Task Force, Saint Martin's University
2007 – 2013	<i>Member</i> , Education Policies Curriculum Committee, Saint Martin's University
2007 – 2010	<i>Chair</i> , Catholic Benedictine Leadership Team, Saint Martin's University
2007 – 2008	<i>Peer Reader</i> , Editorial Review Board, <i>Association for Jewish Studies Review</i>
2006	<i>Presenter</i> , Speakers Bureau, Pacific Science Center, Seattle, Washington

**PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS HELD (continued)**

- 2004 - 2005 *Postgraduate Convener*, St Mary's College, University of St Andrews  
 2004 *Research Fellow*, Tyndale House, Cambridge, England  
 2003 - 2005 *Research Assistant*, *More Old Testament Pseudepigrapha* publication project, University of St Andrews  
 1997 - 1999 *Research Assistant*, *Dead Sea Scrolls at Fifty* publication project, Trinity Western University  
 1996 – 1997 *Support Staff*, for the Hebrew University's archaeological excavations of Ein Gedi – Supervisors: Dr. Yitzhar Hirschfeld and Dr. Ann Killebrew

**RESEARCH INTERESTS**

Second Temple Judaism, Ritual Purity, Qumranic and Rabbinic Halakha, Biblical Law, Ancient Libraries, Dead Sea Scrolls, Jewish Sectarian Communities

**PUBLICATIONS**

- 2015 *Article* – “Is Qumran a Library?” in *The ‘Library’ of the Dead Sea Scrolls*, an edited volume in the *Studies on the Texts from the Judaean Desert* series by Brill Academic Publishers (Submitted December 31, 2013).
- 2015 *Article* – “Purity in War: What is it good for?” in *The War Scroll, War and Peace in the Dead Sea Scrolls and Related Literature* by Brill Academic Publishers (Submitted June 10, 2014).
- 2015 *Article* – “Walking over the Dead: Burial Practices and Ritual Innovation at Qumran” in *Ritual Innovation*, an edited volume in the *Beihefte zur Zeitschrift für die alttestamentliche Wissenschaft* series by de Gruyter Publishers (Submitted October 15, 2014).
- 2015 *Book Review* – Jacobs, Sandra. *The Body as Property: Physical Disfigurement in Biblical Law*. (New York and London: Bloomsbury T&T Clark, 2014). *Review of Biblical Literature* (Submitted March 31, 2015).
- 2015 *Book Review* – Hempel, Charlotte. *The Qumran Rule Texts in Context*. (Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, 2013). *Journal for the Study of Judaism*. (forthcoming).
- 2015 *Book Review* – Stacey, David and Gregory Doudna. *Qumran Revisited: A Reassessment of the Archaeology of the Site and its Texts*. (London: Archaeopress, 2013). *Review of Biblical Literature*: [http://www.bookreviews.org/pdf/9403\\_10379.pdf](http://www.bookreviews.org/pdf/9403_10379.pdf)
- 2015 *Book Review* – de Troyer, Kristin and Armin Lange (eds.), *The Qumran Legal Texts between the Hebrew Bible and Its Interpretation*. (Leuven, Peeters, 2011). *Revue de Qumran* 104 (2015).
- 2014 *Article* – “John the Baptist” for the Society of Biblical Literature’s *Bible Odyssey Project*: <http://www.bibleodyssey.org/people/main-articles/john-the-baptist.aspx>
- 2014 *Article* – “Ask a Scholar – John the Baptist” for the Society of Biblical Literature’s *Bible Odyssey Project*: <http://www.bibleodyssey.com/tools/ask-a-scholar/john-the-baptist.aspx>
- 2013 *Translations* – provided English translations of the Hebrew Bible and Dead Sea Scrolls for Reza Aslan’s monograph *Zealot: The Life and Times of Jesus of Nazareth*. (New York: Random House, 2013).
- 2013 *Book Review* – Collins, Matthew. *The Use of Sobriquets in the Qumran Dead Sea Scrolls*. (London: T&T Clark, 2009). *Review of Biblical Literature*: <http://www.bookreviews.org/BookDetail.asp?Titled=8200>

**PUBLICATIONS (continued)**

- 2013 *Book Review* – Heger, Paul. *Cult as a Catalyst for Division: Cult Disputes as the Motive for Schism in the Pre-70 Pluralistic Environment*. (Leiden: Brill, 2007). *Dead Sea Discoveries* 20/1 (2013).
- 2012 *Article* – “The Evolution of Purity at Qumran” in *Purity and the Forming of Religious Traditions in the Ancient Mediterranean World and Ancient Judaism* (DHR 3; Leiden: Brill, 2012): 493-518.
- 2012 *Book Review* – Duquesne, Jacques and Francois Lebrette. *History of the Church through 100 Masterpieces and Lives of the Saints through 100 Masterpieces*. (Pittsburg: Duquesne University Press, 2011). *Catholic Education: A Journal of Inquiry and Practice* 16/1 (2012): 234-237.
- 2011 *Article* – “Salvation Through Emulation: The Book of Jubilees at Qumran” in *This World and the World to Come: Soteriology in Early Judaism* (London: T&T Clark, 2011): 211-228.
- 2010 *Book Review* – Hughes, Aaron. *Muslim Identities: An Introduction*. (New York: Oxford University Press, 2010). Internal review for Oxford University Press.
- 2009 *Article* – “The Perils of Prepublication in the Digital Age: Essenes, Latrines, and the Dead Sea Scrolls” in *Society of Biblical Literature - Forum* (April 2009).
- 2009 *Article* – “The Reconstruction of 4QMMT: A Critical Assessment” in *Northern Lights on the Dead Sea Scrolls: Proceedings of the Nordic Qumran Network 2003-2006* (STDJ 80; Leiden: Brill, 2009).
- 2008 *Article* – “The Scrolls in One Hand and A Mattock in the other: Latrines, Essenes, and the Dead Sea Scrolls” *Revue de Qumran* 23/4 (2008): 475-489.
- 2008 *Book Review* – Metso, Serrianna. *The Serekh Texts*. Companion to the Qumran Scrolls 9. (New York: T&T Clark, 2007). *Review of Biblical Literature*: [http://www.bookreviews.org/pdf/6012\\_6723.pdf](http://www.bookreviews.org/pdf/6012_6723.pdf)
- 2007 *Monograph* – *Ritual Purity and the Dead Sea Scrolls* (STDJ 72; Leiden: Brill, 2007) – A revised and updated version of my Ph.D. dissertation, which was written and defended at the University of St Andrews, St Andrews, Scotland.
- 2007 *Article* – “4Q472a in Infrared Light: Latrine Manual Down the Drain” *Revue de Qumran* 23/2 (2007): 109-116.
- 2007 *Book Review* – Schuller, Eileen M. *The Dead Sea Scrolls: What Have We Learned?* (Louisville: Westminster/John Knox Press, 2006). *Review of Biblical Literature*: [http://www.bookreviews.org/pdf/5825\\_6150.pdf](http://www.bookreviews.org/pdf/5825_6150.pdf).
- 2006 *Article* – “The Inaugural Meeting of the Graduate Enoch Seminar” *HENOCH* 28/2 (2006): 7-10.
- 2005 *Book Review* - Harrington, Hannah. *The Purity Texts*. Companion to the Qumran Scrolls 5. (New York: T&T Clark, 2004). *Review of Biblical Literature*: [http://www.bookreviews.org/pdf/4477\\_4543.pdf](http://www.bookreviews.org/pdf/4477_4543.pdf)
- 2005 *Book Review* - Goff, Matthew J. *The Worldly and Heavenly Wisdom of 4QInstruction*. Studies on the Texts of the Desert of Judah 50. (Leiden: Brill, 2003). *Journal of Biblical Literature* 124/1 (2005): 173-176.
- 2004 *Book Review* - Doudna, Gregory L. *4QPeshar Nahum: A Critical Edition*. (JSPSS 35; Sheffield, Sheffield Academic Press, 2001). *Review of Biblical Literature*: [http://www.bookreviews.org/pdf/2904\\_3961.pdf](http://www.bookreviews.org/pdf/2904_3961.pdf)
- 2004 *Book Review* - Goff, Matthew J. *The Worldly and Heavenly Wisdom of 4QInstruction*. *Review of Biblical Literature*. [<http://www.bookreviews.org>]
- 2002 *Book Note* - Baumgarten, Joseph. *Qumran Cave 4 XIII. The Damascus Document (4Q266-273)*. (DJD XVIII. Oxford: Clarendon Press, 1996). *Ioudaios Review*.
- 2002 *Book Note* - Ulrich, Eugene, Frank Moore Cross, James R. Davila, Nathan Jastram, Judith E. Sanderson, and Emanuel Tov. *Qumran Cave 4. VII. Genesis to Numbers*. (DJD XII. Oxford: Clarendon Press, 1994). *Ioudaios Review*.

**PUBLICATIONS (continued)**

- 2002 *Book Note* - Brooke, George, John Collins, Torleif Elgvin, Peter Flint, Jonas Greenfield, Erik Larson, Carol Newsom, Emile Puech, Lawrence H. Schiffman, Michael Stone, and Julio Trebolle Barrera; in consultation with James Vanderkam. *Qumran Cave 4. XVII. Parabiblical Texts, Part 3*. (DJD XXII. Oxford: Clarendon Press, 1996). *Ioudaios Review*.

**CONFERENCE AND SYMPOSIUM PAPERS**

- 2014 *Conference Paper* – “Is Qumran a Library?” Presented during the annual meeting of the *Society of Biblical Literature*, San Diego, California.
- 2014 *Symposium Paper* – “Difficult Texts: 4QPseudoJubilees and CD 3.” Presented during the annual meeting of the *West Coast Qumran Study Group*, Portland, Oregon.
- 2013 *Conference Paper* – “Walking over the Dead: Burial Practices and Ritual Innovation at Qumran.” Presented during the annual meeting of the *International Society of Biblical Literature* in St. Andrews, Scotland.
- 2012 *Symposium Paper* – “The Library of Qumran.” Presented during the annual meeting of the *West Coast Qumran Study Group* in Lacey, Washington.
- 2008 *Conference Paper* – “The Evidence at Our Disposal: Toilets, Excrement, and the Dead Sea Scrolls.” Presented during the annual meeting of the *Society of Biblical Literature* in Boston, Massachusetts.
- 2008 *Conference Paper* – “A Scroll in One Hand and a Hatchet in the Other: Essenes, Latrines, and the Dead Sea Scrolls.” Presented during the annual meeting of the *Society of Biblical Literature* in Boston, Massachusetts.
- 2007 *Symposium Paper* – “Latrines, Essenes, and 4Q472a: A Reappraisal of Qumran’s Position on the Impurity of Excrement.” Presented at the *Nordic Network for Qumran Studies* symposium, University of Uppsala, Sweden.
- 2007 *Symposium Paper* - “Cleanliness is Next to Godliness: Ritual Purity and the Dead Sea Scrolls.” Presented during a special session of the *Ritual, Memory and Identity* group at the University of Helsinki, Finland.
- 2006 *Conference Paper* – “When is a System not a System?” Presented during the annual meeting of the *Society of Biblical Literature*, in Washington, D.C.
- 2006 *Symposium Paper* – “Multiple Meanings: The Myth of the Watchers in the Damascus Document.” Presented during the first annual *Graduate Enoch Seminar* in Ann Arbor, Michigan.
- 2005 *Symposium Paper* - “The Reconstruction of 4QMMT: A Critical Assessment.” Presented during the *Nordic Network for Qumran Studies* Symposium at the École Biblique, Jerusalem, Israel.
- 2004 *Symposium Paper* - “Ritual Purity and the Dead Sea Scrolls: Severity or Particularity?” Presented during the biannual meeting of the *International Organization for Qumran Studies* in Groningen, Netherlands.

**PUBLIC LECTURES**

- 2015 “Ancient Libraries” – An invited lecture for the Pacific Northwest American Theological Library Association. George Fox University, Portland, Oregon.
- 2014 “Researching the Dead Sea Scrolls” - An invited lecture for the Pacific Northwest American Theological Library Association. Saint Martin’s University, Olympia, Washington
- 2014 “The Bible and Dead Sea Scrolls.” Jubilee Living Community, Olympia, Washington
- 2013 “The Gnostic Gospels.” The United Churches of Olympia, Olympia, Washington (Four-week lecture series)

**PUBLIC LECTURES (continued)**

- 2013 "The Dead Sea Scrolls." Jubilee Living Community, Olympia, Washington
- 2013 "The Mystery of the Dead Sea Scrolls." Rolling Bay Presbyterian Church, Bainbridge Island, Washington (Four-week lecture series)
- 2013 "How to Use Translations in the Classroom." Co-presentation with Jamie Olson, Ph.D. Saint Martin's University, Lacey, Washington
- 2013 "Walking over the Dead: Burial Practices and Ritual Innovation at Qumran." Faculty Presentation, Saint Martin's University, Lacey, Washington
- 2012 "The Ideological Underpinnings of Ancient Libraries." Faculty Presentation, Saint Martin's University, Lacey, Washington
- 2011 "Engaging the Other: The Power of Active Listening." The Last Lecture, Saint Martin's University, Lacey, Washington.
- 2011 "Salvation through Emulation: The Book of Jubilees and the Dead Sea Scrolls." Faculty Presentation, Saint Martin's University, Lacey, Washington
- 2011 "The Dead Sea Scrolls, the Bible, and Christian Theology." The United Churches of Olympia, Olympia, Washington (Four-week lecture series)
- 2011 "The Importance of Interfaith Dialog." Interfaith Lecture Series, Saint Martin's University, Lacey, Washington
- 2009 "The Dead Sea Scrolls." The United Churches of Olympia, Olympia, Washington – (Six-week lecture series)
- 2009 "The Dead Sea Scrolls and the History of the Bible." Saint Cecilia's Parish, Bainbridge Island, Washington
- 2009 "The Catholic Benedictine Tradition at Saint Martin's University." Faculty Presentation, Saint Martin's University, Lacey, Washington
- 2009 "The Catholic Benedictine Tradition at Saint Martin's University." Society of Fellows, Saint Martin's University, Lacey, Washington
- 2009 "Rituals and the Concept of Liminality." Baccalaureate Address, Saint Martin's University, Lacey, Washington
- 2008 "A Scroll in One Hand and a Plunger in the Other: Latrines, Essenes, and the Dead Sea Scrolls." Faculty Presentation, Saint Martin's University, Lacey, Washington
- 2006 "Cleanliness is Next to Godliness: Ritual Purity and the Dead Sea Scrolls." Panel discussion, Seattle Pacific University, Seattle, Washington
- 2006 "An Introduction to the Dead Sea Scrolls." Evergreen State College, Olympia, Washington
- 2006 "The Mysteries of the Dead Sea Scrolls." Centralia Community College, Centralia, Washington
- 2006 "The Dead Sea Scrolls: What Have We Learned?" Panel discussion with Dr. George Nickelsberg, Saint Martin's University, Lacey, Washington
- 2006 "An Introduction to the Dead Sea Scrolls." Trinity Lutheran Church, Olympia, Washington
- 2006 "An Introduction to the Dead Sea Scrolls." Olympia First Baptist Church, Olympia, Washington

**ACADEMIC PROGRAMS DIRECTED AND PROFESSIONAL MEETINGS HOSTED**

- 2014 *Academic Program* – "Jesus and Judaism" – The Spiritual Life Institute, Saint Martin's University. Speakers: Dr. Agnes Choi, Dr. Thomas Hatina, Dr. Amy-Jill Levine, Dr. Richard Bauckham, and Dr. Reza Aslan
- 2013 *Academic Program* – "Gnosticism in Greco-Roman Egypt" – The Spiritual Life Institute, Saint Martin's University. Speakers: Dr. Jason BeDuhn, Dr. Robert Kugler, and Dr. Michael Williams

**ACADEMIC PROGRAMS DIRECTED AND PROFESSIONAL MEETINGS HOSTED (continued)**

- 2012 *Academic Program* - "The Dead Sea Scrolls: History, Religion, and Scripture" - The Spiritual Life Institute, Saint Martin's University. Speakers: Dr. Mladen Popovic, Dr. Hanne von Weissenberg, and Dr. Ian Werrett
- 2012 *Professional Meeting* - West Coast Dead Sea Scrolls Study Group, Saint Martin's University. Attendees: Dr. Martin Abegg, Jr., Dr. Hanne von Weissenberg, Dr. George Nickelsburg, Dr. Dorothy Peters, Dr. David Suter, Dr. Steve Delamarter, Dr. Catherine Murphy, Dr. Mladen Popovic, Dr. Christopher Davis
- 2011 *Academic Program* - "For God and Glory: The Religion of Sports" – The Spiritual Life Institute, Saint Martin's University. Speakers: Dr. Christopher Evans, Alon Raab, and Fr. Patrick Kelly, S.J., Ph.D.
- 2010 *Academic Program* - "Religion and Violence" – The Spiritual Life Institute, Saint Martin's University. Speakers: Dr. Reza Aslan, Dr. Ken Butigan, Dr. Charles Kimball, and Dr. James Wellman
- 2009 *Academic Program* - "The Heart in a Heartless World: Religion, Suffering, and the Problem of Evil" – The Spiritual Life Institute, Saint Martin's University. Speakers: Dr. Patrick McCormick, Dr. Michiko Yusa, and Dr. David Suter
- 2008 *Professional Meeting* - West Coast Dead Sea Scrolls Study Group, Saint Martin's University. Attendees: Dr. Robert Kugler, Dr. Cecilia Wassen, Dr. Hanne von Weissenberg, Dr. George Nickelsburg, Dr. Daniel Falk, Dr. Dorothy Peters, Dr. David Suter, and Dr. Christopher Davis
- 2008 *Academic Program* - "The Dead Sea Scrolls at Sixty: Past, Present, and Future Prospects" - The Spiritual Life Institute, Saint Martin's University. Speakers: Dr. Robert Kugler, Dr. Cecilia Wassen, and Dr. Hanne von Weissenberg
- 2007 *Academic Program* - "Performance and Practice: Religion, Popular Culture and the Arts" - The Spiritual Life Institute, Saint Martin's University. Speakers: Dr. Paul Kidder, Dr. Andrew Rawnley, and Professor David Hlavsa
- 2006 *Academic Program* - "One God: Three Faiths" - The Spiritual Life Institute, Saint Martin's University. Speakers: Dr. Reza Aslan, Dr. Martin Jaffee, and Sr. Marianne Farina

**LANGUAGES**

Ancient: Biblical Hebrew, Qumranic Hebrew, Biblical Aramaic, Koine Greek  
 Modern: English (native speaker), Spanish, French

**PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

- 2005 - Present West Coast Qumran Study Group  
 2005 - 2007 Nordic Network in Qumran Studies (now defunct)  
 2004 - Present International Organization for Qumran Studies  
 1997 - Present The Society of Biblical Literature  
 1997 - 2001 American Academy of Religion

**REFERENCES****Dr. Reza Aslan**

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