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## CURRICULUM VITAE

**1. Stanley Stowers, Professor of Religious Studies Emeritus**

**2. 50 Windmill Hill Rd., Tiverton, RI 02878**

**3. Education**

Ph.D., Yale University, 1979 (Religious Studies)

M.A., Princeton Theological Seminary, 1974 (Religion)

A.B., Abilene Christian University, 1970 (History and Greek)

**4. Academic Appointments**

Professor, Brown University, 1992-, Emeritus 2013

Associate Professor, Brown University, 1987-92

Assistant Professor, Brown University, 1981-86

Assistant Professor, Phillips University, 1979-80

**5. Academic Honors, Grants, and Fellowships**

Cogut Humanities Fellow, Cogut Center Fellowship, Fall 2006

Edith Goldthwaite Miller Faculty Fellow, Pembroke Center, 2003-04.

Elected president of the New England Region of the Society of Biblical Literature for 2003-04 and vice president for 2002-03.

Harriet W. Sheridan Award for Distinguished Contribution to Teaching and Learning, 1997.

Woodrow Wilson Center (Washington, DC) Fellowship, 1992.

National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Fellowship, 1991 (declined).

National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship for University Teachers 1991.

Wayland Collegium Grant, Brown University, 1991.

FIAT Fellowship to the Officina dei Papiri, the Biblioteca Nazionale, Naples, Italy, July-August 1990.

Elected to the *Studiorum Novi Testamenti Societas*, 1988.

Nomination for the National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Fellowship by Brown University, 1982-83.

Wayland Collegium Grant, Brown University, 1982.

National Endowment for the Humanities Seminar for College Teachers, Columbia University, 1980.

**6. Publications**

**A. Books**

*A Rereading of Romans: Justice, Jews and Gentiles* (New Haven, CT: Yale University Press, 1994). Selections reprinted in *The Writings of St. Paul* 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. (Norton Critical Editions: New York: Norton, 2007).

*Letter Writing in Greco-Roman Antiquity in the Library of Early Christianity* ed. Wayne A. Meeks (Philadelphia: Westminster Press, 1986).

*The Diatribe and Paul's Letter to the Romans* (SBLDS 57: Chico, CA: Scholars Press, 1981; reprinted 2008).

## B. **Chapters in Books**

“The Secrets of the Gods and the End of Interpretation,” *Tra Pratiche e Credenze: Traiettorie Antropologiche e Storiche, Un Omaggio ad Adriana Destro* ed. Claudio Gianotto e Francesca Sbardella (Brescia: Morcelliana, 2017), 335-46.

“Why Expert Versus Non-Expert is Not Elite Versus Popular Religion: The Case of the Third Century,” *Religious Competition in Late Antiquity* ed. Nathaniel DesRosiers and Lilly C. Vuong (Atlanta, GA: Society of Biblical Literature, 2016), 139-53.

“The Dilemma of Paul’s Physics: Features Stoic-Platonist or Platonist-Stoic?” *From Stoicism to Platonism: The Development of Philosophy 100 BCE-100CE.* ed. Troels Engberg Pedersen (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2017).

“The Social Formations of Paul and His Romans,” *A Most Reliable Witness: Essays in Honor of Ross Shepard Kraemer* ed. Susan A. Harvey, Nathaniel DesRosiers, Shira Lander, Jacqueline Pastis, Daniel Ullucci et al. (BJS 358; Providence, RI: Brown University, 2015), 77-87.

“Kinds of Myth, Meals and Power: Paul and the Corinthians,” and “Does Pauline Christianity Resemble a Hellenistic Philosophy” in *Redescribing Paul and the Corinthians* ed. Ron Cameron and Merrill P. Miller (Atlanta, GA: Society of Biblical Literature, 2011), 105-149, 219-243.

“Paul’s Four Discourses About Sin,” *Celebrating Paul: Essays in Honor of Jerome Murphy O’Connor, O.P., and Joseph Fitzmyer, S.J.* ed Peter Spitaler (Catholic Biblical Quarterly Monograph Series 48; Washington, DC: Catholic Biblical Association of America, 2011)

“The Religion of Plant and Animal Offerings Versus the Religion of Meanings, Essences and Textual Mysteries,” *Ancient Mediterranean Sacrifice: Images, Acts, Meanings* ed. Jennifer Knust and Zsuzsa Varhelyi (New York: Oxford University Press, 2011), 35-56.

“Jesus as Teacher and Stoic Ethics in the Gospel of Matthew,” *Stoicism in Early Christianity* ed. Ismo Dunderberg, Troels Engberg-Pedersen, Tuomas Rasimus (Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Academic, 2010), 59-76.

“The Apostle Paul,” *Ancient Philosophy of Religion: The History of the Western Philosophy of Religion*, ed. Graham Oppy and N. N. Trakakis, (Durham: Acumen, 2009), 145-157.

“The Ontology of Religion,” *Introducing Religion: Essays in Honor of Jonathan Z. Smith*, ed. Willi Braun and Russell T. McCutcheon (London: Equinox, 2008), 434-49.

“Paul as Hero of Subjectivity,” *Paul and the Philosophers* ed. Hent DeVries and Ward Blanton (New York: Fordham University Press, 2013), 159-185.

“Paul and Luther, Two Kinds of Selves: A Response to Ekkehard W. Stegemann” *Reformation Readings of Romans* ed. Kathy Ehrensperger and R. Ward Holder (London: T&T Clark, 2008), 50-56.

“Theorizing the Religion of Ancient Households and Families,” in *Household and Family Religion in Mediterranean and West Asian Perspectives* ed. John Bodel and Saul Olyan (Oxford: Blackwell, 2008), 5-19.

“What is Pauline Participation in Christ,” in *New Views of Jewish and Christian Self-Definition: Essays in Honor of E. P. Sanders* (Notre Dame, IN: Notre Dame University Press, 2008), 352-71. Reprinted in *The Holy Spirit: Classic and Contemporary Readings* ed. Eugene Rogers (Wiley-Blackwell, 2009), 91-105.

“Mythmaking, Social Formation and Varieties of Social Theory,” in *Redescribing Christian Origins* ed. Ron Cameron and Merrill P. Miller (Atlanta, GA: Society of Biblical Literature, 2004), 489-05

“Self-Mastery,” in *Paul and the Greco-Roman World* ed. J. Paul Sampley (Harrisburg, PA: Trinity Press International, 2003), 524-50. Revised and expanded ed. J. Paul Sampley (Bloomsbury T&T Clark, 2016).

“Apostrophe, *prosvpopoia* and Paul’s Rhetorical Education,” *Early Christianity and Classical Culture: Comparative Studies in Honor of Abraham J. Malherbe* ed. John T. Fitzgerald, Thomas Olbricht and L. Michel White (Brill, 2003), 351-69.

“Does Pauline Christianity Resemble a Hellenistic Philosophy?,” *Paul Beyond the Hellenism-Judaism Dualism* ed. Troels Engberg-Pedersen (Louisville, KY: Westminster John Knox, 2001) 81-102. Reprinted in *Redescribing Paul and the Corinthians* ed. Ron Cameron and Merrill P. Miller (Atlanta, GA: Society of Biblical Literature, 2011), 105-149, 219-243.

“On the Comparison of Blood in Ancient Israelite and Greek Sacrifice,” *Hesed ve-emet: Essays in Honor of Ernest Frerichs* ed. Jodi Magness and Seymour Gitin (Atlanta, GA: Scholars Press, 1998), 179-94.

“A Cult from Philadelphia: Oikos Religion or Cultic Association?,” *The Early Church and Its Context: Essays in Honor of Everett Ferguson* ed. Abraham J. Malherbe, Frederick Norris and James W. Thompson (Leiden: Brill, 1998), 287-301.

“Elusive Coherence: Ritual and Rhetoric in 1 Corinthians 10-11,” *Rethinking Christian Origins: A Colloquium Honoring Burton L. Mack* ed. Elizabeth Castelli and Hal Taussig (Valley Forge, PA: Trinity International, 1996).

"Greeks Who Sacrifice and Those Who Do Not: Toward an Anthropology of Greek Religion," *The Social World of the First Christians: Essays in Honor of Wayne A. Meeks* ed. L. Michael White and O. Larry Yarbrough (Philadelphia: Fortress, 1995), 293-333.

"Romans 7: 7-25 as Construction of a Character (*Prosopopoïia*)," *Paul in His Hellenistic Context* ed. T. Engberg-Pedersen (Philadelphia: Fortress, 1994), 180-202.

"Friends and Enemies in the Politics of Heaven," *Pauline Theology: Volume 1: Thessalonians, Philippians, Galatians, Philemon* ed. Jouette Bassler (Minneapolis, MN: Fortress, 1991).

"Paul on the Use and the Abuse of Reason", *Greeks, Romans, and Christians: Essays in Honor of Abraham J. Malherbe* ed. David L. Balch, Everett Ferguson, Wayne A. Meeks (Philadelphia: Fortress, 1990), 253-286.

"*Diatribē*", *Historisches Wörterbuch der Rhetorik* (1994).

"*Doxa*", *Historisches Wörterbuch der Rhetorik* eds. G. Ueding and W. Jens (1994).

"Epistle", *Dictionary of Biblical Interpretation* ed. R. Coggins and L. Houlden (London: SCM Press, 1990).

"Letters, Greek and Latin", *Anchor Bible Dictionary* (Doubleday, 1992)

"*Diatribē*," *Anchor Bible Dictionary* (Doubleday, 1992)

"What Does 'Unpauline' Mean?" in *Paul and the Legacies of Paul* ed. W.S. Babcock (Dallas, Tx: Southern Methodist University Press, 1990) 70-78.

"Fourth Maccabees," *Harper's Bible Commentary* (Harper & Row and The Society of Biblical Literature, 1988; rev. ed. ).

"Social Typifications and the Classification of Ancient Letters," *The Social World of Formative Christianity and Judaism: Essays in Tribute to Howard Clark Kee* ed., Borgen, Frerichs et. al. (Fortress Press, 1988).

"The *Diatribē*," *Greco-Roman Literature and the New Testament* ed., D. Aune (Scholar Press, 1988)

"Text as Interpretation: Paul and Ancient Readings of Paul" *New Perspectives on Ancient Judaism: Judaic and Christian Interpretation of Texts* ed., J. Neusner and E. Frerichs (Scholars Press, 1987) 17-28.

"The Social Sciences and the Study of Early Christianity," *Approaches to Ancient Judaism* Vol. 5 ed., W. Green (Scholars Press, 1985) 149-181.

"A 'Debate' Concerning Freedom: I Corinthians 6:12-20," in *Christian Teaching: Essays in Honor of Lemoine G. Lewis*, ed., E. Ferguson (ACU Press, 1980) 59-71.

"The Epistles of Socrates and the Socratics 1-25," in *The Cynic Epistles*, ed., A.J. Malherbe (Scholars Press, 1978) 218-279.

### **C. Journal Articles**

"Paul and the Terrain of Philosophy," *Early Christianity* 6.2 (2015) 141-56.

"The Concept of Community and the History of Early Christianity," *Method and Theory in the Study of Religion* 23 (2011) 238-256.

"The Concepts of 'Religion,' and 'Political Religion' in the Study of Nazism," *Journal of Contemporary History* 42.1 (2007)

"Slavery and Earliest Christianity," *Semeia: Slavery and Early Christianity* 83/4 (1998) 295-311 ed. R. Horsley.

"*Peri men gar* and the Integrity of 2 Corinthians 8 and 9," *Novum Testamentum* 32 (1990) 340-348.

"*Ek pisteos* and *dia tes pisteos* in Romans 3:30," *Journal of Biblical Literature* 108 (1989) 665-675.

"Paul's Dialogue with a Fellow Jew in Romans 3:1-9," *Catholic Biblical Quarterly* 46 (1984) 707-722.

"Social Status, Public Speaking, and Private Teaching: The Circumstances of Paul's Preaching Activity," *Novum Testamentum* 26 (1984) 59-82.

### **D. Selected Book Reviews and Review Articles**

George van Kooten, *Paul's Anthropology in Context* (WUNT 232; Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, 2008) in *Catholic Biblical Quarterly*

Denise Kimber Buell, *Why this New Race: Ethnic Reasoning in Early Christianity* (Columbia University Press, 2005), in the *Journal of the American Academy of Religion*. 75.3 (2007), 727-30

R. Thorsteinsson, *Paul's Interlocutor in Romans 2*, in *Journal of Theological Studies* 56.2 (2005), 561-65

Simon Gathercole, *Where is Boasting?* in *Biblical Interpretation* (forthcoming).

Troels Engberg-Pederson *On Stoicism in Romans*, *Review of Biblical Literature* (forthcoming).

Richard Bell, *No One Seeks for God* in the *Journal of Biblical Literature* forthcoming.

"An Assessment of Mark Nanos's *Mystery of Romans*," *Critical Review of Books in Religion* 1998 (Scholars Press, 1998) 163-66.

J. Murphy-O'Connor, *Paul the Letter Writer* in *Journal of Biblical Literature* 115 (1996) 755-756.

*The Anchor Bible Commentary on Romans* by Joseph Fitzmeyer for the *Catholic Biblical Quarterly* 57 (1995) 591-92.

Theo Heckel, *Der Innere Mensch* in *Journal of Biblical Literature* (1995).

Walter T. Wilson, *Love Without Pretense* in *CBQ* (1993).

D. Trobisch, *Die Entstehung der Paulusbriefsammlung* in *CBQ* (1991).

A.J. Malherbe, *Ancient Epistolary Theorists* in *CBQ* (1990).

A.J. Malherbe, *Moral Exhortation: A Greco-Roman Sourcebook* in *JBL* 108 (1989) 359-60.

Thomas Schmeller, "Paulus und die 'Diatriben'" in *JBL* 108 (1989) 538-42.

H.D. Betz, 2 "Corinthians 8 and 9: A Commentary on Two Administrative Letters of the Apostle Paul" in *Journal of Biblical Literature* 106 (1988) 727-730.

Norman Petersen, *Rediscovering Paul: Philemon and the Sociology of Paul's Narrative World* in *RelStR* 12 (1986) 165.

Folker Siegert, *Argumentation bei Paulus Gezeigt Rom 9-11* in *RelSt RS* 12 (1986) 295.

Vilho Riekkinen, *Romer 13: Aufzeichnung und Weiterführung der Exegetischen Diskussion* in *RelStR* 9 (1983) 379.

Franz J. Ortkemper, *Leben aus dem Glauben: Christliche Grundhaltungen nach Rom 12-13* in *RelStR* 8 (1982) 285.

Peter Richardson, *Paul's Ethic of Freedom* in *RestQ* 24 (1981) 188-90.

Victor P. Furnish, *The Moral Teaching of Paul* in *RestQ* 24 (1981) 186-8.

E.N. O'Neill, *Teles: The Cynic Teacher* in *RelStR* 4 (1978) 45-6.

## **E. Invited lectures/Papers (selected)**

"What Was the Goal of Paul's Religious Program," Craigie Lecture, Annual National Meeting of the Canadian Society of Biblical Studies, Toronto, May 28, 2017.

"From Communities to Critical Analysis of Social Complexity, Including Religion," Early Christianity, Early Judaism and the Study of Religion Seminar," Canadian

Society of Biblical Studies, Annual National Meeting of the Canadian Society of Biblical Studies, Toronto, May 29, 2017.

“Religion as a Social Kind,” Religion Before Religion. Bowdoin College, October 2016.

“The Dilemma of Paul’s Physics: Features Stoic-Platonist or Platonist-Stoic,” From Stoicism to Platonism? On a Possibly Asymmetrical Relationship of the Two Philosophical Schools in the Period 100 BCE-100 CE, Conference Copenhagen 19th – 23th August 2014

“Why Expert Versus Non-Expert is Not Elite Versus Popular Religion: The Case of the Third Century,” Religious Competition in Late Antiquity Group, Annual National Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, San Diego, CA, 11/2014

“Paul and the Terrain of Philosophy,” Corpus Hellenisticum Novi Testamenti Section, 2013 (in honor of Abraham Malherbe)

Response to 5 papers in two sessions devoted to the review and use of my scholarship in the Redescribing Christian Origins Group, Annual National Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, San Francisco, CA, 11, 2011.

“Theorizing Paul’s Cosmology,” Pauline Epistles section, annual national meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, Atlanta, GA, 11/2010

“Types of Ancient Mediterranean Ritual and Their Fit in Social Life,” Workshop on Ritual in Early Judaism and Early Christianity, Helsinki Collegium for Advanced Studies, Helsinki, August 27, 2009

“The History of Ancient Christianity as the Study of Religion,” North American Association for the Study of Religion, New Orleans, November 2009

“Types of Ancient Mediterranean Ritual and Their Fit in Social Life,” Workshop on Ritual in Early Judaism and Early Christianity, Helsinki Collegium for Advanced Studies, Helsinki, August 27, 2009

“The Religion of Plant and Animal Offerings Versus the Religion of Meanings, Essences and Textual Mysteries,” What the Gods Demand: Blood Sacrifice in Mediterranean Antiquity, Boston University, 11/19/08

“The Secrets of the Gods and the End of Interpretation,” Secrecy and Social Practice from Antiquity to the Present,” February, ’08.

“Towards a Social Explanation for the Formation of Christian Anti-Judaism,” Jews and Christians in Antiquity: A Colloquium Honoring John Gager. Princeton University, May 7, 2006.

“The Use of the Concept of Political Religion in the Study of Nazism,” Lessons and Legacies Holocaust Conference, 11/7/04.

“Distinctive Moves in Reading Romans,” Yale University, 2/20/03.

“Meals, Myths and Power,” Invited paper for the Seminar, Myths and Christian Origins, Annual National Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, Denver, 11/19/01

“Paul and Hellenistic Philosophy,” Pre-circulated paper discussed at the Seminar on Ancient Myths and Modern Theories of Christian Origins at the annual national meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, Nashville, 11/18/2000.

"Blood in Greek Cult," Text, Artifact and Image. Conference, University of Pennsylvania, 4/27-29/98.

"Authority and Practices: A Response to Loveday Alexander," Paul Between Judaism and Hellenism: The Corinthian Correspondence in Context. An International Conference, Copenhagen (Rolighed), 8/29/97.

"Meals, Mythmaking and Power in the World of Paul," Invited programmatic paper for the Consultation, Ancient Myths and Modern Theories of Christian Origins, at the Annual National Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, New Orleans, 11/23/96.

"Current Trends in Pauline Studies: In Search of the Greek Paul," Keynote paper at the Symposium "Current Trends in Pauline Studies," St. Andrews College, Sydney, Australia, 6/17/96.

"Paul's Critique of the Gentiles," 1996 Annual Visiting Fellow Lecture, School of History, Macquarie University and the Society for the Study of Early Christianity, Sydney, Australia, 6/11/96.

"Truth, Identity and Sacrifice in Classical Athens," Seminar of the Ancient History Documentary Research Centre, Macquarie University, Sydney, Australia, 6/14/96.

"Romans 11 and Rereading the Letter," Uniting Theological Centre, North Parramatta, Australia, 6/16/96.

"Sacrificial Practices in the Athenian Orators," Boston University Seminar on Myth and Religion in Ancient World, April 9, 1996.

"The Work of Nils A. Dahl and the Future of Pauline Studies," Symposium on the occasion of the 80th Birthday of Nils A. Dahl. University of Oslo, Oslo, Norway, 1991.

"Adaptability and *Prosopopoiia* in Paul's Letters," Conference on Paul in His Hellenistic Context, Rolighed Denmark, 1991.



"Critical Approaches to the Hellenistic Moralists," Consultation on Hellenistic Moral Philosophy and Early Christianity. Annual National Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, 1990. New Orleans, LA.

"Cynicism in the Environment of Jesus?," Historical Jesus Section, Annual National Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, 1990. New Orleans, LA.

"Sociology and Early Christianity", Sociology and History session, Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, National Annual Meeting, Louisville, KY, October 1987.

"The Structure of Pauline Ethics", Christian Ethics Conference, Pepperdine University, July 1987

"Dennis MacDonald's 'Early Christian Apocryphal and Hagiographical Narratives about Paul'", at "Paul and the Legacies of Paul: An International Research Conference," The Center for the Study of Religion in the Greco-Roman World, Southern Methodist University, March 1987.

#### **F. Papers Read/Lectures/Colloquia (selected)**

"Prosociality in History and Historiography: Can Big Gods Tip the Balance in World History?", University of British Columbia, Oct. 17-19, 2014

"Gods, Monotheism and Ancient Mediterranean Religion," Culture and Religion of the Ancient Mediterranean Seminar," 9/11/12

"The Gospel of Matthew and Stoicism, Culture and Religion of the Ancient Mediterranean Seminar," 10/2008

"Approaching 1 Corinthians and the Idea of a Community," Harvard Divinity School, 4/19/05.

"Teleology and Shame in Early Cynic and Stoic Thought." Pembroke Seminar 6/04.

"Bourdieu, Weber and Explaining Christian Origins," Yale University, 10/9/03.

"Ancient Christian Thinkers on War and Peace," conference War, Peace and Reconciliation in the Ancient World, Brown University, 3/8/03.

"The Development of the Concept of Self-Mastery in the Hellenistic Period," Paper read at the Seminar on the Culture and Religion of the Ancient Mediterranean, Brown University, 3/5/01.

"Troels Engberg-Pederson on Romans" Hellenistic Moral Philosophy and Early Christianity Group, annual national meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, Nashville, 11/19/2000.

“Blood in Greek and Israelite Cult,” Harvard University, 10/13/2000.

“A Response to Robert Parker’s ‘What are Sacred Laws’” at the conference “Law and Literature in Athens and Rome, 1/22/99.

“A Response to D. Konstan’s ‘Pity and Law in Greece and Rome’” at the conference “Law and Lit. in Athens and Rome.”

"A Critical Assessment of 'Socio-Rhetorical Criticism,'" Annual Meeting of the New England Region of the Society of Biblical Literature, 4/17/98.

"A Critique of Mark Nanos on Romans," Early Jewish/Christian Relations Section, Annual National Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, San Francisco, 11/25/97.

"Truth and Testing Practices in Greek Sacrifice," Brown Seminar for Religions of the Ancient Mediterranean, 3/96.

"Violence and Sacrifice," Pembroke Seminar, Brown University, 10/95.

"Toward an Anthropology of Greek Animal Sacrifice," Brown University Seminar on Religions of the Ancient Mediterranean, 9-23-92.

"Greek Literature on a CD Rom: New Models for Research", Academic Computing Information Services Conference (IBM), Boston, MA, June 1987.

"The Social Contexts of Epistolary Types," Social History of Early Christianity Group, Annual National Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, 1985.

"The Greek Concept of Sophrosyne and Romans 12:3," New England Regional Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, Spring, 1983.

"The Circumstances of Paul's Preaching Activity," New England Regional Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature and the Catholic Biblical Association, Spring, 1982.

"A Critique of the E.P. Sanders' *Paul and Palestinian Judaism*," Southwest Section of the American Academy of Religion and Society of Biblical Literature, Spring, 1980.

"Hebrew Scriptures, Homeric Epic, and the Concept of Canon," Kansas-Oklahoma Biblical Studies Association, Fall, 1979.

**G. Other:** For more popular publications, e.g., *World Book Encyclopedia*, see under "Service To the Community."

## 7. Research in Progress

Book on history as the study of religion with ancient Christianity as the major example of a type of Mediterranean religion.

“Religion as a Social Kind,” 70 pp. pre-circulated for the Symposium, Religion Before Religion. Bowdoin College 10/14-15, 2016.

“The Secrets of the Gods and the End of Interpretation.” 18 pp.

## **8. Service**

### **G. Service to the University**

Coordinator for Religions of the Ancient Mediterranean, Ancient Christianity and Religion, Culture and Comparison graduate areas, 2010-2011.

Sheridan Center Faculty liaison, 2010-11.

- . Promotion Committee, 2008
- . Mellon Assistant Professor search committee 2008
- Member search committee for Post-Doctoral position, joint RS/Archeology, 2007
- Chair Department of Religious Studies 7/1-12/30, 1990; 12/30, 1999 – 7/1, 2005.
- 2 search committees
- Edith Goldthwaite Miller Faculty Fellow, Pembroke Seminar, 2003.
  - Participant of the Pembroke Seminar, fall 2000.
  - Representative to the Council on Graduate Studies in Religion, 1999
  - Fellow in Judaic Studies, 1999-
  - Concentration advisor for sophomores, juniors, transfer credit and study abroad, Fall 1998.
  - Departmental Library representative, 1998.
  - Planned and organized Harvard/Yale/Brown Colloquium for Graduate Studies in Early Christianity, 10/1998.
  - Director of the Brown Seminar for Religions of the Ancient Mediterranean, 1997-98.
  - Organized and wrote most of annual newsletter 1998.
  - Fellow in Judaic Studies.
  - Organized, wrote and edited most of the second annual departmental newsletter, 1997.
  - Departmental library representative, 1997.
  - Departmental Newsletter 1997, organized, edited and wrote much of it.
  - Departmental Library Representative '97-98.
  - Concentration Advisor, Sophomores and Juniors, '97-98.
  - Sophomore Advisor, '97-98.
  - Director of the Brown Seminar on Religion in the Ancient Mediterranean, '97-98.
  - UTRA/Odyssey Committee, '97-98.
  - Coordinated writing of a Graduate Handbook for the Dept. of Religious Studies, 1996.
  - Organized first annual Newsletter for the Dept., 1996.
  - CAP Advising, RS 71, 1996-97.
  - Co-director of the Brown Seminar on Religions in the Ancient Mediterranean, 1996-97.
  - Fellow in Judaic Studies, 1995-96, 1996-97.

- An Organizer for and Session Chair of conference "Sexual Orientation and Human Rights in American Religious Discourse," Brown U., Spring 1995.
- Member Department of Religious Studies Committee on publications (Fall 1995-).
- Member Department of Religious Studies committee on long range planning and development (1994-95).
- Graduate Advisor, 1989-90, 1990-91 (Spring term only), 1992-93, 1993-94, 1994-9/95.
- Concentration Advisor, 1982-83, 1983-84.
- CAP Advising, 1986-87.
- CAP Advising, 1988-89.
- Member Search Committee for position in Hebrew Bible and Jewish exegesis for Program in Judaic Studies, Fall, 1991.
- Member Search Committee for position in Judaism in Late Antiquity for Program in Judaic Studies, 1991.
- Acting Chair, Department of Religious Studies, July-December 1990.
- Graduate Committee 1988-89, 1990-91.
- Chair, Search Committee for Mellon Post-doc. in Islam, 1988-89.
- Search Committee for position, East Asian Religions, 1986-87.
- Search Committee for position, Christianity in Late Antiquity and the Early Medieval Period, 1986-87.
- Graduate Committee, 1986-87, 1987-88.
- Undergraduate Committee, Fall 1986.
- Graduate Committee 1985-86.
- Chair, Search Committee for Graduate Seminars in History of Religions: Early Christianity 1985-86.
- Coordinator for the graduate program in the History of Religions: Early Christianity 1985-86, 1986-87.
- Chair, Lectures and Colloquia Committee, Spring 1985.
- Search Committee, Mellon Post Doctoral Fellowship in East Asian Religions, 1984-85 (both Fall and Spring).
- Graduate Committee, Spring 1985.
- Member, Search Committee for Mellon Position in East Asian Religions, Spring, 1984.
- Sabbatic Leave, Fall 1984.
- Member, Lectures and Colloquia Committee, 1983-84.
- Member, Advisory Planning Committee for Position in History of Christianity, 1982-83, 1983-84.
- Undergraduate Concentration Advisor, 1982-83, 1983-84.
- Chair, Committee on Undergraduate Studies, 1983-84.
- Member, Committee on Undergraduate Studies, 1981-82, 1982-83.
- Recording Secretary, 1981-82.
- Chair, Lectures and Colloquia Committee, 1981-82.
- Solicited and negotiated gift of ancient coins and antiquities (e.g., Greek vases, bronzesculptures) to the University at the Center for Old World Archeology and Art from John Lewis. Appraised at approximately \$100,000.
- Fellow of the Program in Judaic Studies, 1990-95.

- Member Search Committee for position in Late Antiquity, Department of Classics, 1989.
- Member, CCC Subcommittee on Science and the Liberal Arts 1988-89, 1989-90.
- Member, College Curriculum Council 1988-89, 1989-90.
- Member, Search Committee, Department of Classics for position in Late Antiquity, Fall 1988.
- Participant in Ancient Studies program, 1987-88, 1989-90.
- Member, "Great Books Then and Now" committee 1986-87, 1987-88, 1988-89, 1989-90 (Including grant writing and fund raising) 1985-86, 1986-87 participated in the *Thesaurus Linguae Graecae* CD Rom project directed by Paul Kahn at IRIS.
- E.P.C. Subcommittee on independent concentrations 1985-86, 1986-87, 1987-88.
- Wayland Collegium Selection Committee, Spring 1984.
- Member, Board of Foreign Study Counselors, 1982-83, 1983-84.

#### **B. Professional Service Outside of Brown (selected)**

Presided at Joint Session of the Philo and Catholic Epistles units at the national meeting of the SBL in Boston, 11/'08

- Steering Committee, Seminar, Hellenistic Moral Philosophy and Early Christianity.
- Served on two search committees at Harvard University 2002.
- Member Steering Committees for Society of Biblical Literature Seminar, Ancient Myths and Modern Theories of Christian Origins and Seminar, Hellenistic Moral Philosophy and Early Christianity (2002).
- First opponent for the (6.5 hr.) defense of a Habilitationsschrift, U. Copenhagen, 6/2000.
- Reviewed two mss. For publication as books in 2000.
- Reader for Yale U. dissertation of Harlow Snyder, 1999.
- Evaluator for *Habilitationsschrift* at Copenhagen University, 1999.
- Member of Steering Committee of the Society of Biblical Literature Consultation on Ancient Myths and Modern Theories of Christian Origins, 1997-2001.
- Member of the Steering Committee of the Society of Biblical Literature Group, Hellenistic Moral Philosophy and Early Christianity, 1997-2003..
- A reviewer of fellowship applicants for the Woodrow Wilson International Center, 1998.
- A reviewer of fellowship applicants for the Woodrow Wilson International Center, 1997.
- Member Steering Committee for Hellenistic Moral Philosophy and E. C. Group, '97-98.
- Member Steering Committee of Ancient Myths and Modern Theories of Christian Origins Consultation, '97-98.
- Representative to the annual meeting of the Council on Graduate Studies in Religion, 1996.

- Presided at section on "The Passions and Emotions," of the Hellenistic Moral Philosophy and Early Christianity Group, Annual National Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, New Orleans, 11/96. (papers from this session will be published as a volume by E. J. Brill).
- Member of Steering Committee of Consultation on Ancient Myths and Modern Theories of Christian Origins, 1996-97.
- Member of the Steering Committee of the Society of Biblical Literature Group, Hellenistic Moral Philosophy and Early Christianity, 1996-97.
- Member Steering Committee Society of Biblical Literature Group on Rhetorical Criticism of the New Testament, 1995-96, 96-97.
- Organized and Chaired Section of Hellenistic Moral Philosophy Seminar, at Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, Nov. 95, Philadelphia
- Directed international translation team on Philodemus', *Peri parrhsiaiw* and ran working sessions at Philadelphia meeting (above) (The Society of Biblical literature has agreed to publish the translation.)
- Member Steering committee Society of Biblical Literature Seminar on Hellenistic Moral Philosophy, 1995.
- Presider, session organizer and member of steering committee for session on Philodemus, *On Frank Speech* of the Seminar on Hellenistic Moral philosophy at the 1993 Annual National Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature. Member, steering committee 1994-95.
- Member of the steering committee and session organizer and presider for the SBL seminar 1992 on Hellenistic Moral Philosophy and Early Christianity ("Friendship in Philippians") at the Annual National Meeting. (volume from papers published by E. J. Brill, 1995).
- Session organizer and presider Social History of Formative Christianity and Judaism (Marxist historiography), National Annual Meeting of Society of Biblical Literature, 1991.
- Member Steering Committee for Rhetoric and New Testament section, Society of Biblical Literature, 1991-95.
- Member of joint American Philological Association and Society of Biblical Literature Committee, monograph Series in Greco-Roman Religion and Society, 1991.
- Representative to the Council on Graduate Study in Religion, 1989-95 (including travel to national meeting each year, committee work, and reporting on statistics for Brown University).
- Editorial board of the *Journal of Biblical Literature* 1989-1992.
- Member of planning group for a new consultation in the Society of Biblical Literature on "Hellenistic Moral Philosophy and Early Christianity" (1988) Met November 1989 in Anaheim, CA. and November 1990 in New Orleans, LA.
- Responded to papers in sessions of national meetings of the Society of Biblical Literature and the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, 1987.
- Book length manuscripts evaluated for scholarly publication, 8 (1982-91).
- Participant of the Social Facets Seminar, 1986: a seminar devoted to cooperative research and publication in social-historical approaches to early Christianity.

- Participant (respondent) in SBL Pauline Theology Consultation, 1987-1990.
- Invited member of the consultation on "Social Science and New Testament Interpretation" of the Society of Biblical Literature, 1982.
- Founding member of the "Social History of Early Christianity Group" of the Society of Biblical Literature, 1983-.

**C. Service to the Community (selected)**

- Taught classes at Warwick Veterans High School as part of NEH program in connection with CL 61.
- A one hour program on a nationally aired (NPR and commercial stations) for "Dialogue" on "Reassessing St. Paul"; produced by the Woodrow Wilson Center and the Smithsonian Institution, Sept. 1992.
- Several lectures given for local Rhode Island organizations.
- Teacher for the session of the Brown Humanities Institute, January 1991.
- I have written or revised the following articles for the forthcoming *World Book Encyclopedia*:
- Irenaeus, Saint; Valentine, Saint; Christopher, Saint; Cecilia, Saint, Antioch, Chalice of;
- Prester John; Gamaliel I; Sebastian, Saint; Nicholas, Saint; Denis (Dionysius), Saint; Iganthus, Saint; Transfiguration; Gethsamane, Alpha and Omega; Assumption; Beatitudes; Resurrection, Calvary 1986-1988. Additional entries forthcoming.
- I have been an active participant (e.g., letter writing) in the work of Amnesty International for the last four years.
- I did a one-hour program on "The Formation of the New Testament Canon" for Channel 13 in January 1986.

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**Recent Teaching**

- Sem. II, 2002 RS 231 Early Christian Apocalypticism (6)  
 RS 291 Survey of Greco-Roman Philosophy and Religion (3)  
 RS 292 (4)
- Sem. I, 2002 Leave on special assignment
- Sem. II, 2003 RS 231 Paul's Letter to the Galatians (6)  
 RS 291 (1)  
 RS 292 (3)  
 RS 192 (1)
- Sem. I, 2003 RS 200 Theory of Religion (7)  
 RS 291 Greek and Hellenistic Philosophy and Early Christianity (2)  
 RS 292 (4)
- Sem II, 2004 RS 231 Moral Economies of Greco-Roman Households (4)  
 RS 292 (3), Reader (5) dissertations  
 RS 245 (3)
- Sem. I, 2004 RS 188 The Origins of Western Morality (13)  
 RS 188 2 Corinthians (3)  
 RS 245 (1)

- Sem. II, 2005 RS 231 Philosophy and Religion in Lucian of Samasota  
RS 291
- Sem I, 2006 RS 200 Theory of Religion  
RS 231 Paul's Letter to the Romans  
RS 291 (2)  
Fall, Sabbatic leave
- Sem. II, 2007 RS 188 The Origins of Western Morality  
RS 291  
RS 292
- Sem. II, 2008 RELS 1320 "The Origins of Western Morality (38)  
RELS 2200K "Issues in Pauline Studies" (6)  
RELS 2910 (1)  
RELS 1990 (1)
- Sem. I, 2008 RELS 1320 The Origins of Western Morality  
RELS 2200 "The Historiography of Earliest Christianity" (10)  
RELS 2910 (3)
- Sem. II, 2009 RELS 1220 Paul and the Philosophers  
RELS 2500 Description, Redescription and Comparison in the Study of Religion
- Sem. I, 2009 RELS 1320 Origins of Western Morality  
RELS 1610 Sacrifice and Society  
RELS 2910
- Sem. II, 2010 RELS 1220 Paul and the Philosophers  
RELS 2200 Issues in Pauline Studies
- Sem. I, 2010 RELS 1320 Origins of Western Morality  
RELS 1350 Paul and the Corinthians
- Sem. II, 2011 RELS 0290F Paul and the Philosophers  
RELS 2200P Esotericism in the Ancient Mediterranean and Early Christianity

**Ph.D. Dissertations, Second or Third Reader or Co-Director :**

William R. Long, "The Trial of Paul in the Book of Acts: Historical, Literary and Theological Considerations," 1982.

Robert M. Berchman, "*The Peri archon (De principiis)*: Origen of Alexandria's *Apodeixis euangelike* 1984.

Karen L. King, "The Quiescent Eye of the Revelation: Nag Hammadi: Nag Hammadi XI.3 'Allogenes': A Critical Edition, 1984.

Michael Foat, "The Representation of Humanity in the Writings of Apa Shenute of Atripe," 1996.

J. Samuel Houser, "The Philosophy of Musonius Rufus: A Study of Applied Ethics in the Late Stoa" (Classics Dept.) 1997.



- H. Gregory Snyder, "Teachers and Texts in the Ancient World," (Yale Dissertation), 1999
- Susan Holman, "The Body of the Poor in 4th Century Cappadocia: Seven Sermons on Hunger, Sickness.
- William Gilders, "The Representation of Blood in the Cult of the Hebrew Bible and the Mishnah" 2001.
- Tracy Coleman, "Making Love and Meaning: Constructing Krishna's Lila with the Gopis and Wives in the Harivamsa, Bhagavata Purana and Sridhara's Commentary," 2001.
- Dayna Kalleres, "Exorcising The Devil to Silence Christ's Enemies: Ritualized Speech Practices in Late Antique Christianity" 2002.
- Arthur Urbano, "Lives in Competition: Biographical Literature and the Struggle for Philosophy in Late Antiquity," 2005
- Nathaniel Levtow, "Images of Others: Icon and Iconic Politics in Ancient Israel," 2006
- Steven Larson, "What Temples Stood For: Constantine, Eusebius and Roman Imperial Policy," 2008
- Nathaniel Patrick Desrosiers, "Establishment of Proper Mental Disposition and Practice: The Origin, Meaning, and Social Purpose of the Prohibition of Oaths in Matthew" 2007
- Jeanne-Nicole Saint-Laurent, "Apostolic Memories: Religious Differentiation and the Construction of Orthodoxy in Syriac Missionary Literature," 2009
- Debra Scoggins Ballentine, "You Divided the Sea by Your Might": The Conflict Myth in Biblical Tradition, " 2011
- Gail Armstrong, "Narrative Identity and Narrative Landscape: The Acts of Mariamne and Philip in Antiquity and Modernity," defended May, 2012
- Paul Firenze, "Value and Economies of Religious Capital," 2013
- Aaron Glaim, "Reciprocity, Sacrifice, and Salvation in Judean Religion at the Turn of the Era," 2013
- Claudia Moser (Archeology), "Material Witnesses: The Altars of Republican Rome and the Memory of Sacrifice, 2013

- Brian P. Rainey, “Non-Peoples and Foolish Nations: Religion, Xenophobia and Ethnic Foreigners in the Hebrew Bible and Mesopotamia,” 2014
- Jennifer E. Singletary, “Non-Anthropomorphic Gods? Manufactured Entities and Divine Qualities and Attributes Characterized As Gods in the Textual Evidence from Ancient Mesopotamia, Syria, North Arabia, Palestine, and Elephantine,” 2014.

Andrew Tobolowsky, “The Sons of Jacob and the Sons of Herakles: Myth, Genealogy, and the Construction of Identity,” 2015

**Ph.D. Dissertations Director/First Reader:**

Michael D. McGehee, "Divine Appointment to Specific Social Function in Four Greco-Roman Traditions: Paul, Epictetus, Cynics, and Qumran" 1985.

Clarence Glad, "Adaptability in Epicurean and Early Christian Psychagogy: Paul and Philodemus" 1991.

Lawrence Stewart, "Communication Networks and Social Cohesion in the Early Church" 1993.

Richard Wright, "Alternative Communities as Cultural Critique: Christians and Epicureans in Greco-Roman Society" 1994.

David Aune, "Healing Passion: *Pathē* in the Pauline Writings and Greco-Roman Constructions of the Emotions" 1995.

Themistocles Adamopoulo, "Endurance, Greek and Early Christian: The Moral Transformation of the Greek Idea of Heroic Endurance from Homer to the Apostle Paul" 1995.

Timothy Seid, "The Rhetorical Form and Function of the Melchizedek/Christ Comparison in Hebrews 7" 1996.

Caroline Johnson Hodge, "If Children, Then Heirs: A Study of Kinship and Ethnicity in Paul's Letters" 2002 (honorable mention Joukowsky Dissertation Prize in the Humanities).

Daniel Ullucci, “The End of Animal Sacrifice” 2009

Erin Roberts, “Anger, Emotion and Desire in the Gospel of Matthew” 2010

Jennifer Eyl, “ ‘By the Power of Signs and Wonders’: Paul, Divinatory Practices And Symbolic Capital” 2011

Paul Robertson, "Paul's Letters and Contemporary Greco-Roman Literature: Theorizing a New Taxonomy," defended 9/12

Heidi Wendt, "At The Temple Gates: The Religion of Freelance Experts in Early Imperial Rome," 2013

Omar Sultan Haque, "Reform of the Clinic: Social and Psychological Causes and Cures for Dehumanization in Hospitals," 5/2013

Laura Dingeldein, "Gaining Virtue, Gaining Christ: Moral Development in the Letters of Paul." 2014.

Lori Veilleux, *Religion and Disaster: A Case Study of Boston's Response to the 1832 Cholera Epidemic*, 2013.

Robyn Walsh, "The Beginnings of Christian Literature," 6/2014

Stephen Young, "Paul the Mythmaker," 6/2016

**MA Theses, director**

Emily Stevens, "Perpetua: The Feminist Perspective Revisited" 1995.

**Honors Theses, director (first reader only):**

Rebecca Parkhill, (winner of the McVickar Prize for best thesis in religion at Brown U.).

Rebecca Kraweic (1989-90, McVickar Prize; Mellon Fellowship in the Humanities).

Sarah Preston (1989-90, McVickar Prize).

Kristin Kalajainen (1992-93, McVikar Prize).

Priscilla Tuan (1993-94, honors in the English Dept.).

Andrew Jacobs (1994-95; McVikar Prize; Mellon Fellowship in the Humanities)

Joshua Bell (1995-96; McVikar Prize; Arnold Fellowship)

Emma Wasserman (1996-97; McVikar Prize; Beineke Scholarship; Javits Fellowship; Helen Terry McCloud Prize).

Johanna Bates "The Heaven's Gate Community and its Christian Precursors," Dec. 1997 (McVikar Prize).

Jacqueline Feke, “Elements and Origins of Plato’s Celestial Eschatology”  
(McVikar Prize)