

Curriculum Vitae 2018

Name: Paul Allan Mirecki

Education:

- 1980-1986 Harvard University, Divinity School; Th.D. (Doctor of Theology).
Comprehensive exams passed "With Distinction."
Teaching assistant for Bernadette Brooten, Harvey Cox,
Helmut Koester (mentor), Krister Stendahl.
- 1976-1980 Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary; M.Div. (Master of Divinity).
Teaching assistant for J. Ramsey Michaels.
- 1973-1976 North Central University; B.A. Religious Studies.
Taught second year ancient Greek; 1975-76.
- 1968-1970 Roosevelt University; Music (theory and composition).

Research Languages (reading):

Modern: German, French.
Ancient: Greek, Latin, Hebrew, Coptic, Middle Egyptian.

Teaching Appointments:

- 1989-present Associate Professor. University of Kansas. Department of Religious Studies; Associate Faculty, Department of Classics; Faculty Committee, Jewish Studies Program.
- 1988-1989 Visiting Assistant Professor. Albion College, Department of Religion and Philosophy (one-year appointment).
- 1986-1988 Visiting Assistant Professor. University of Michigan, Near Eastern Studies Department (two-year appointment).

Teaching Record:

New Courses Created

- REL 124/JWSH 124 Understanding the Bible - Online
- REL 125/JWSH 125 Understanding the Bible - Honors
- REL 320/JWSH 320 The Bible Then and Now
- REL 500 Reading Non-English Religious Texts (ancient Greek)
- REL 500 Reading Non-English Religious Texts (hieroglyphs III)
- REL 500 Reading Non-English Religious Texts (hieroglyphs IV)
- REL 515 Early Christian History and Literature
- REL 523/JWSH 523 The Dead Sea Scrolls
- REL 524 Ancient Egyptian Culture and Religion
- REL 526 Jewish History and Literature in the Greek and Roman Periods
- REL 527 Ancient Mesopotamian Culture and Religion
- REL 602 Special Topics: Cosmology & Culture; team taught with A. Melott,
Department of Physics & Astronomy; Spring 1996
- REL 718 Seminar: Studies in Early Christianity
- REL 727 Seminar: Archaeology and Religion: Greek Island of Samothrace

REL 727	Seminar: Orality and Textuality in the Proto-gospel of Mark
CLSX 375	Ancient Coptic Language I
CLSX 375	Ancient Coptic Language II
CLSX 375	Middle Egyptian Language (hieroglyphs I)
CLSX 375	Middle Egyptian Language (hieroglyphs II)

Other courses taught

REL 107	Living Religions of the West.
REL 215	Life and Teaching of Jesus (dropped from curricular list).
REL 315	The New Testament (dropped from curricular list).
REL 405	Directed Study in Religion.
REL 499	Undergraduate Honors Research.
REL 515	Studies in the Synoptic Gospels (dropped from curricular list).
REL 530	Christian Origins and Western Development.
REL 800	Readings.
REL 899	Thesis.

Undergraduate Advising: Directed Study and Thesis:

REL 405 Directed Study

M. Harris	"The Nag Hammadi Library and its lost gospels" Summer 17.
J. Pitney	"An old Torah scroll at KU: physical and textual features" Spring 16.
J. Pitney	"An old Torah scroll at KU: the Sephardic Jews of old Algeria" Fall 15.
N. Gonzalez	"Second-century <i>Martyrdom of Perpetua and Felicitas</i> " Fall 12.
M. Schwarzman	"Text of <i>The Egyptian Book of the Dead: Text and Image</i> " Summer 09.
C. Mosier	"Mary Magdalene in ancient Christianity" Fall 07.
J. Karnes	"Text of <i>The Martyrdom of Thekla</i> in Carthage" Spring 06.
J. Fobes	"Ancient Egyptian theories of the afterlife" Spring 05.
L. Tramill	"Text of <i>The Martyrdom of Perpetua and Felicitas</i> " Fall 04.
S. Schneider	"Theological themes in earliest Christianity" Fall 03.

REL 499 Undergraduate Honors Research: directed study

C. Barry	"Dead Sea Scrolls: The Community Rule Scroll" Spring 17.
J. Patton	"Text of <i>The Gospel of Mary Magdalene</i> in recent research, II" Spring 13.
J. Patton	"The figure of Mary Magdalene in recent research, I" Fall 12.
H. Ruggles	"Theories and methods in religious studies research" Spring 05.

REL 500 Reading Non-English Religious Texts: directed study

R. Perkins	"Reading Egyptian hieroglyphs II: Amduat scrolls" Spring 05.
R. Perkins	"Reading Egyptian hieroglyphs I: Amduat scrolls" Fall 04.
K. Pope	"Reading ancient Greek: Justin Martyr (ca. 150 CE)" Spring 2000.

Undergraduate and Graduate Special Teaching: committees

J. Pitney	Jewish Studies Major. Capstone Course director. 2015-2016.
D. Knifley	Jewish Studies 'Special Major.' Committee chair. 2014-2015.
M. Rissien	Jewish Studies 'Special Major.' Committee member. 2014-2015.
J. Pitney	Jewish Studies 'Special Major.' Committee member. 2014-2015.
R. Coughlan	HIST 490 Senior Honors Thesis. "Greek documentary papyri from Egypt." Committee member. 2011-2012.
J. Layton	REL 499 Undergraduate Honors Research. "Origen of Alexandria."

- J. Silver Committee member. 2011.
 CLSX 675 "Translating ancient Jewish Greek texts." Fall 1991.
 E. Willis HART 899 Thesis. "Thecla the woman martyr in image and text." Ph.D. thesis.
 Committee member. 1990-1991.

Graduate Advising: Directed Study and Thesis:

REL 800 Readings

- B. Adams MA student at La Sierra University; Riverside, CA. "Analysis of ancient cemeteries and sex determination in the service of religious studies: case study Qumran" distance learning, 4 credit hours. Fall 17.
 K. Swartz MA student at La Sierra University; Riverside, CA. "Analysis of ancient toilets and ritual purity in the service of religious studies: case study Qumran" distance learning, 4 credit hours. Fall 17.
 K. Schofield "Analysis of ancient pottery in the service of religious studies: case study Qumran" Fall 17.
 J. Navarro "Women's archives in the Bar-Kochba papyri (ca. 130 CE)" Fall 17-Spring 18.
 N. Gonzalez MA student at La Sierra University; Riverside, CA. "Women and the Dead Sea Scrolls" distance learning. Spring 17.
 T. Dare "Creating a museum exhibit in early Coptic textile art" Fall 12.
 C. Shriner "Ancient Christian prophets in the second-century *Didache*" Spring 12.
 T. Brown "The Fourth-century Pachomian monasteries in Egypt" Spring 11.
 J. Gunderson "Perpetua and the Roman *Pater Familias*" Spring 11.
 J. Hamme "Hebrew language studies in the Minor Prophets" Spring 11.
 J. Tucker "Defining religion in classic and current anthropological theory" Fall 10.
 M. Mustain "Studies in ancient eastern Christianities" Spring 10.
 S. Thompson "Theory and method in historiography" Spring 10.
 S. Abraham "The figure of Jonah in the Quran" Summer 06.
 M. Stout "Literary sources in the second-century *Gospel of the Savior*" Summer 06.
 J. Hamme "The figure of Baal in the ancient Near East" Spring 06.
 N. Barrick "Ancient Near East legal tradition in Babylon" Spring 05.
 J. Foster "Ethics and virtues: early Christian martyrologies" Spring 05.
 J. Hamme "Mishnaic Hebrew language and the Dead Sea Scrolls" Spring 05.
 O. London "The Gospel of John in second-century Egypt" Spring 05.
 J. Hamme "Peshet texts among the Dead Sea Scrolls" Fall 04.
 O. London "Three Letters of John in early Christianity" Fall 04.
 N. Kolarik "Letters of Ignatius, Bishop of Antioch ca. 110 CE" Spring 04.
 J. Felts "Theories of discipleship in Kierkegaard and Bonhoeffer" Spring 04.
 N. Kolarik "Office of 'Presbyter' in earliest Christianity" Fall 03.

REL 899 Thesis

- J. Gunderson "Inscribing Pompeii: the alleged Jewish inscriptions" Spring 13.
 C. Shriner "Ecclesiastical office vs. radical itinerancy in the *Didache*" Spring 13.
 J. Gunderson "Alleged Jewish inscriptions and graffiti in Pompeii" Fall 12.
 C. Shriner "Radical itinerancy in the second-century Christian texts" Fall 12.
 J. Tucker "Esotericism in anthropological theory" Fall 12.
 C. Shriner "History of research on the second-century *Didache*" Spring 12.
 S. Thompson "Ancient Mesopotamian ritual calendar at Emar" Summer 10.
 S. Thompson "Archaeology and religion in Bronze Age Emar" Summer 10.
 M. Beard-Shouse "Ritual dance in second-century Christianity" Fall 09.

A. Thomas "Parables in Mishnah and Lyotard's postmodern theory" Spring 09.
M. Beard-Shouse "The 'ritual play' theory" Spring 09.
A. Thomas "Postmodern semiotic theory of Lyotard" Fall 08.
J. Hamme "Features of Hebrew poetry in the Minor Prophets" Spring 06.
T. Gillett "Coptic Christian papyri: analysis of four documents" Spring 03.
J. Allen, Jr. "Splendor opifex: mirrors and mirror images in Hellenistic culture" 1992.
S. McMillian-Nelson. "Celsus and the text of *The True Doctrine*" Spring 1990.

Masters examinations and thesis defenses in Religious Studies:

Chair and primary adviser: thesis defense committees

Jaimie Gunderson, Spring 2013.
Shane Thompson, Summer 2010.
Melody Beard-Shouse, Spring 2010.
Tyler Gillett, Spring 2003.
John Allen, Jr., 1992.
Sharyl McMillian-Nelson, Fall 1989.

Chair and primary adviser: comprehensive/portfolio exam committees

Clint Shriner, Fall 2013.
Jaimie Gunderson, Spring 2012.
Tim Brown, Spring 2012.
Shane Thompson, Spring 2010.
Melody Beard-Shouse, Fall 2008.
Autumn Thompson, Fall 2008.
Joel Hamme, Fall 2005.
Nathan Kolarik, Spring 2004.
Bob Owens, Spring 2003.
Adolphe DuBose Spring 2003.
Ruth Dysart, Fall 2002.
Tyler Gillett, Fall 2002.
Julien Fielding, 1996.
John Allen, Jr., Fall 1991.
Sharyl McMillian, Fall 1989.

Committee member: Masters thesis defense exams

Bryan Miller, thesis defense; Spring 2015.
Bruce Oliver, thesis defense; Spring 2001.

Committee member: Masters comprehensive/portfolio exam committees

Jennifer Navarro, portfolio exam; Spring 2018.
Bryan Miller, portfolio exam; Spring 2015.
Tashia Dare, portfolio exam; Spring 2013.
Bruce Oliver, comprehensive exam; Spring 2001.

Ph.D./MA dissertation defense and exam committees: other units and universities:

Doctoral

A. Wearing (University of Sydney, AUSTRALIA) Ph.D. dissertation defense, Department of Religious Studies. Fall 2008.

- B. Bennett (University of Toronto, CANADA) Ph.D. dissertation defense committee, Toronto School of Theology, all expenses paid to/from Toronto. Fall 1997.
T. Morris (Communication Studies) Ph.D. dissertation defense; Fall 2004.
T. Morris (Communication Studies) Ph.D. comprehensive exam; Fall 2002.
E. Sowards-Willis (History of Art) Ph.D. comprehensive exam; Fall 1992.

Masters

- J. Tucker (Anthropology) portfolio exam; Fall 2015.
K. Pope (Classics) thesis exam; Spring 2000.
J. Friesen (Sociology) thesis exam; Summer 1996.

Special Teaching Activities:

- 2016 KU Mini-College. Lecture. "An 18th-century Hebrew Torah scroll in KU's Spencer Research Library."
- 2013 and 2014 KU Mini-College. Lectures (2). "Cuneiform tablets from ancient Mesopotamia in KU's Spencer Research Library."
- 2012 Lecture. ANTH 699 Anthropology in Museums "KU's collection of Coptic textile art."
- 2012 Lecture. PHSX 594 Cosmology and Culture. "Postmodern narrative theory & myth."
- 2012 Lecture. PHSX 594 Cosmology and Culture. "Narrative theory in science."
- 2012 and 2013 HIST 390 History of Ancient Egypt. Lectures (2). "An Egyptian hieroglyphic scroll of the afterlife in KU's Spencer Research Library."
- 2011 and 2012 KU Mini-College. Lectures (2). "An illustrated Egyptian hieroglyphic papyrus scroll of the afterlife in KU's Spencer Research Library."
- 2011 Lecture. HIST 105 History of the Ancient Near East and Greece. "Cuneiform tablets in the Spencer Research Library, University of Kansas."
- 2006 On-site lecture to German university students on "The Samothrace temple complex and the question of ritual sequence." Samothrace Island, Greece. July 2006.
- 2003, 2004, 2005 and 2007 HIST 696 Graduate Seminar. Lectures (4). "Mirecki family photos and letters from the Solomon Islands and New Guinea campaigns of WWII."
- 2004 Lecture. The Hall Center for the Humanities: Before 1500 Seminar. "Methods and problems in museum papyrus conservation and text editing."
- 2004 Lecture. AAAS Summer Institute. "Coptic culture and language in Egypt."
- 2002 Lecture. KU student group KUSOMA. "Ancient myth in modern politics."
- 2001 Lecture. Public seminar in preparation for visiting scholar E. Pagels as part of the 100th-anniversary of the Religious Studies Department; 70 in attendance.

- 2001 Lecture. The Kansas High School Science Symposium: the U.S. Department of Defense and the Department of Physics and Astronomy. "Scientific method and archaeology." 75 high school teachers in attendance from across Kansas.
- 2001 Lecture. The KU Sorority and Fraternity House Directors Group Annual Meeting. "An ancient Egyptian scroll in the Spencer Research Library."
- 2000 Lecture. HWC undergraduate class. "Discovery of a 10th-century BCE Egyptian afterlife scroll."
- 2000 Lecture. HWC undergraduate class. "Light-myth in ancient Egyptian tomb design."
- 1999 HWC Graduate Teaching Assistant Training Session. Lecture. "History and literature in Tanak/the Hebrew Bible"
- 1999 Lecture. AAAS: the Maghreb Forum. "Egyptian Coptic papyri from Late Antiquity."
- 1998 Lecture. REL 107 Living Religions of the West. "Historical development of the Bible."
- 1997, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2007, 2008. Lectures (10). HWC Honors Class. Ten diverse lectures on current biblical research.
- 1997 Lecture. PHSX 111 Introductory Physics. "Parallel histories of science and myth from Thales to Galileo."
- 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002. Lectures (6). Honors Program Freshman Tutorial. "Researching ancient manuscripts in European and American museums."
- 1996 Lecture. REL 602 Peace and Conflict. "Persecution of new religious movements in the Roman Empire."
- 1996 Lecture. National Science Foundation, Biochemistry Department: Undergraduate Research Experience Program. "The nature of science, the nature of religion."
- 1995 Lecture. Office of International Studies and Programs. ISP student group. "Gaining access to museum collections in Europe and the U.S."
- 1993 Lecture. Social Welfare 520 Social Problem, Policy, and Program Analysis I. "Sexuality in Western culture: the political failure of Mary Daly's apocalyptic essentialism."
- 1992 Lecture. Office of International Studies and Programs: Worldview Lecture. "Ancient and modern Coptic Christianity: politics and religion in Egypt."
- 1992 and 1998 Lectures (2). Anthropology Department: Student Anthropology Club. "Methodology in museum conservation of ancient manuscripts."
- 1989-1999 Lectures (11 annual lectures). REL 495 Senior Seminar. "Historical critical methods in Religious Studies."

- 1989-1999 Lectures (11 annual lectures). REL 601 Approaches to the Study of Religion. "Literary critical methods in Religious Studies."
- 1984 Lecture to undergraduate students on "Ancient Jewish wisdom teaching as a basis for modern business ethics." For Prof. Harvey Cox. Harvard University.
- 1983 On-site lecture to Harvard students on "Pausanias (*Descr. Gr.* 2.3) and the remains of the Peribolos of Apollo." Ancient Corinth, Greece. Summer 1983.
- 1983 Lecture to undergraduate students on "Early Jewish and Christian apocalyptic literature." For Prof. Bernadette Brooten. Harvard University. May 1983.
- 1982-1984 Several lectures to graduate students on method in deciphering Greek and Latin stone inscriptions from ancient Greece. Harvard University.
- 1981 On-site lecture to Harvard and Radcliffe students on "Mythological reliefs in the Dionysus Theater, south slope of the Acropolis." Ancient Athens, Greece. Summer 1981.

Teaching Award:

- 2017 University of Kansas; Chancellor John Fraser Award "for outstanding dedication, compassion and enthusiasm in the classroom."

Research:

Published Books (7):

- 2014 *The Bible in Context*. P. Mirecki, ed. (Cognella, 2014). Anthology of 142 annotated texts, including my 65 new translations of Greek and Latin texts. Invited, refereed.
- 2007 *Frontiers of Faith: The Christian Encounter with Manichaeism in the Acts of Archelaus*. P. Mirecki & J. BeDuhn, eds. (Netherlands: Brill, 2007). Refereed.
- 2002 *Magic and Ritual in the Ancient World*. P. Mirecki & M. Meyer, eds. (Netherlands: Brill, 2002). Refereed.
- 2001 *The Light and the Darkness: Studies in Manichaeism and its World*. P. Mirecki & J. BeDuhn, eds. (Netherlands: Brill, 2001). Refereed.
- 1999 P. Mirecki & C. Hedrick, *The Gospel of the Savior: A New Ancient Gospel*. (Polebridge, 1999), co-authored. Refereed.
- 1997 *Emerging from Darkness: Studies in the Recovery of Manichaean Sources*. P. Mirecki & J. BeDuhn, eds. (Netherlands: Brill, 1997). Refereed.
- 1995 *Ancient Magic and Ritual Power*. P. Mirecki & M. Meyer, eds. (Netherlands: Brill, 1995). Refereed.

Published Scholarly Articles (21):

- 2012 "Manichaeism, Scribal Magic and Papyrus Kellis 35" in *Gnostica et Manichaeica. Festschrift - Alois van Tongerloo*. M. Knüppel & L. Cirillo, eds. (Studies in Oriental Religions; Wiesbaden, Germany: Harrassowitz Verlag, 2012). Invited, refereed.
- 2007 "Placing the Acts of Archelaus" in *Frontiers of Faith: The Christian Encounter with Manichaeism in the Acts of Archelaus*. P. Mirecki & J. BeDuhn, eds. (Leiden, Netherlands: Brill, 2007) 1-22. Refereed.
- 2007 "A Ritual for Acquiring an Aerial Assistant in the Latin *Acts of Archelaus* and the *Papyri Graecae Magicae*" in *Frontiers of Faith: The Christian Encounter with Manichaeism in the Acts of Archelaus*. P. Mirecki & J. BeDuhn, eds. (Leiden, Netherlands: Brill, 2007) 149-155. Refereed.
- 2004 "Manichaeism." *The Gnostic Bible*, M. Meyer & W. Barnstone, eds. (Boston: Shambhala, 2004) 567-580. Invited, refereed.
- 2002 "A Seventh-Century Coptic Limestone in the Ashmolean Museum, Oxford (Bodl. copt. inscr. 426)." *Magic and Ritual in the Ancient World*. P. Mirecki & M. Meyer, eds. (Leiden, Netherlands: Brill, 2002). Refereed.
- 2001 "Evangelion-Incipients Amulets in Greek and Coptic: Towards a Typology." *Proceedings of the 2001 Midwest Regional Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature and the American Schools of Oriental Research*. J. Leese, ed. (ABS, 2001).
- 2001 Critical book review essay of T. Teeter, *Columbia Papyri XI* (American Studies in Papyrology 38; Scholars Press, 1998) in *Bulletin of the American Society of Papyrologists*. (2001). Refereed.
- 2001 "Manichaean Allusions to Ritual and Magic: Spells for Invisibility in the Coptic Kephalaia" in *The Light and the Darkness: Studies in Manichaeism and its World*. P. Mirecki & J. BeDuhn, eds. (Leiden, Netherlands: Brill, 2001). Refereed.
- 2000 "The Ballard Papyrus: A Recently Identified Scroll of the Egyptian Amduat Text in the University of Kansas Collection (ca. 950 B.C.E.)" in *Proceedings of the 2000 Midwest Regional Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature and the American Schools of Oriental Research*. J. Leese, ed. (ABS, 2000).
- 1997 "Manichaean Letter, Magical Spell", in *Emerging from Darkness: Studies in the Recovery of Manichaean Sources*. P. Mirecki & J. BeDuhn, eds. (Leiden, the Netherlands: E. J. Brill, 1997): 1-32; with A. Alcock & I. Gardner. Refereed.
- 1995 "The Coptic Wizard's Hoard" in *Harvard Theological Review*. 87.4 (1995) 435-460. Invited by senior editor, refereed.
- 1995 "The Coptic Manichaean Synaxeis Codex: Codicology and Intertextuality" in *Gnosisforschung und Religionsgeschichte: Festschrift Kurt Rudolph*. Holger Preissler & Hubert Seiwert, eds. (Marburg: diagonal-Verlag, 1995). Invited, refereed.

- 1995 "Considerations on the Coptic Papyrus of the *Didache* (British Library Oriental Manuscript 9271)" co-authored with invitation from F. Stanley Jones (California State University, Long Beach) in *The Didache in Context*. C. N. Jefford, ed. (Leiden, Netherlands: Brill, 1995) 47-87. Invited, refereed.
- 1995 "The 'Nous' in the Greek and Coptic Magical Papyri: A Contribution to the Study of the 'Nous' in Manichaeism" in *The Manichaean Nous: Select Proceedings of the International Symposium*. A. van Tongerloo, ed. (Louvain-La-Neuve, Belgium: 1995) 199-216. Invited, refereed.
- 1995 "A Hymn to the Light-Nous in the Coptic Manichaean Psalm-Book" in *The Manichaean Nous: Select Proceedings of the International Symposium*. A. van Tongerloo, ed. (Louvain-La-Neuve, Belgium: 1995) 183-198. Invited, refereed.
- 1994 "The Figure of Seth in a Coptic Magical Text (P. Mich. inv. 593)" in *Acts of the Fifth Congress of the International Association for Coptic Studies*. D. Johnson, ed. (August 1992; Washington, DC) (Rome, Italy: C.I.M., 1994) 313-328.
- 1994 "The Coptic Hoard of Spells from the University of Michigan" in *Ancient Christian Magic: Coptic Texts of Ritual Power*. M. Meyer & R. Smith, eds. (San Francisco: HarperCollins, 1994) 292-310. Invited, refereed.
- 1991 "The Antithetic Saying at Mark 16:16. Formal and Redactional Features" in *The Future of Early Christianity (Festschrift for Helmut Koester, Harvard)*. B. Pearson, ed. (Philadelphia: Fortress, 1991) 229-242. Invited, refereed.
- 1991 "Coptic Manichaean Psalm 278 and Gospel of Thomas 37" in *Manichaica Selecta. Festschrift for Julien Ries*. A. van Tongerloo & S. Giversen, eds. (Louvain-La-Neuve, Belgium: 1991). Invited, refereed. Julien Ries was the Catholic Cardinal of Belgium.
- 1988 "The Coptic Manichaean Synaxeis Codex: Descriptive Catalogue of Synaxis Chapter Titles" in *Studies in Manichaeism: Select Papers from the First International Conference on Manichaeism. (Lund University, August 1987)*. P. Bryder, ed. (Lund, Sweden: Plus-Ultra, 1988). Refereed.
- 1983 "The Infancy Gospel of Thomas: A Comparative Study of the Versions" in *A True Teacher: Essays in Honor of J. P. Phillips*. (Minneapolis: BuPak, 1983) 191-201. Invited, refereed.

Published Articles, minor (19):

- 2009 "Introduction" in Michel Tardieu, *Manichaeism*. (University of Illinois Press, 2009) pp. vii-xi. Invited, refereed.
- 2005 "Introduction to Ancient Egyptian Myths and Legends" in L. Spence, *Ancient Egyptian Myths and Legends*. (New York: Barnes & Noble, 2005). Invited, refereed.
- 2005 "Introduction to the Book of the Dead" in W. Budge, *The Egyptian Book of the Dead: Translation, Transcription and Commentary*. (New York: Barnes & Noble, 2005). Invited, refereed.

- 2002 "Introduction: Magic and Ritual in the Ancient World." (with M. Meyer) *Magic and Ritual in the Ancient World*. P. Mirecki & M. Meyer, eds. (RGRW; Leiden, Netherlands: Brill, 2002).
- 2001 "Introduction: Manichaeism and its World." (with J. BeDuhn) *The Light and the Darkness: Studies in Manichaeism and its World*. P. Mirecki & J. BeDuhn, eds. (NHMS; Leiden, Netherlands: Brill, 2001).
- 2000 "Gnosticism." *The Eerdmans Bible Dictionary*. D. N. Freedman, ed. (Eerdmans, 2000): pp. 508-509.
- 1997 "Manichaean Studies at the End of the 20th Century." (with J. BeDuhn) in *Emerging from Darkness: Studies in the Recovery of Manichaean Sources*. P. Mirecki & J. BeDuhn, eds. (Leiden, Netherlands: Brill, 1997) i-iv.
- 1995 "Introduction." (with M. Meyer) *Ancient Magic and Ritual Power*. P. Mirecki & M. Meyer, eds. (Leiden, Netherlands: Brill, 1995) 1-10.
- 1995 "The Second Two-Years of the SBL Consultation on Manichaeism: 1993-94." *The Manichaean Studies Newsletter*. A. van Tongerloo, ed. (Brussels, Belgium: Belgian Center for Manichaean Studies:).
- 1994 "Amulet with words and names of power (Michigan 3023a)" in *Ancient Christian Magic: Coptic Texts of Ritual Power*. M. Meyer & R. Smith, eds. (San Francisco: HarperCollins, 1994) 250-251. Invited, refereed.
- 1994 "Another amulet with words and names of power (Michigan 3472)" in *Ancient Christian Magic: Coptic Texts of Ritual Power*. M. Meyer & R. Smith, eds. (San Francisco: HarperCollins, 1994) 251. Invited, refereed.
- 1992 Six encyclopedia articles, 76 pages typescript: *The Anchor Bible Dictionary*. D. N. Freedman, ed., 6 vols. (NY: Doubleday, 1992) 6 articles:
 "Basilides" 1:624-625
 "Hymn of the Pearl" 3:350-551
 "Manichaeans and Manichaeism" 4:502-511
 "Peter, The Gospel of" 5:278-281
 "Thomas, The Infancy Gospel of" 6:540-544
 "Valentinus" 6:783-784
- 1991 "The Major World Religion that Vanished: Gnostic Manichaeism." *Religion Journal of Kansas* 28.3.
- 1990 "The First Two-Years of the SBL Consultation on Manichaeism: 1988-89." *The Manichaean Studies Newsletter*. A. van Tongerloo, ed. (Brussels, Belgium: Belgian Center for Manichaean Studies).

Book Reviews (10):

- 2006 *Sacrificing the Self: Perspectives on Martyrdom and Religion*. M. Cormack, ed. (Oxford/AAR, 2001) in *Journal of Near Eastern Studies* (2006).
- 2006 Karen King, *What is Gnosticism?* (Harvard, 2003) in *The Catholic Biblical Quarterly* (2006).
- 2005 Erik Hornung, *The Secret Lore of Egypt: Its Impact on the West*. (Cornell, 2001) in *American Journal of Archaeology* (2005).
- 2001 Timothy M. Teeter, *Columbia Papyri XI*. (Scholars Press, 1998) in *Bulletin of the American Society of Papyrologists* (2001). A major review article.
- 1998 *Coptic Manuscripts from the White Monastery: Works of Shenute*. 2 vols., D. W. Young, ed. (Wien: Brüder Hollinek, 1993) in *The Journal of Near Eastern Studies* (1998).
- 1996 *Curse Tablets and Binding Spells from the Ancient World*. John Gager, ed. (Oxford, 1992) in the *International Journal of Comparative Religion* (York University Press; Ontario, CA., 1996).
- 1992 Dieter Lührmann, *An Itinerary for New Testament Study*. (Philadelphia: Trinity Press, 1989) in *Religious Studies in Kansas* (1992).
- 1992 *The Women's Study Bible*. C. Newsom & S. Ringe, eds. (Louisville, Westminster/John Knox Press) in *Religious Studies in Kansas* (1992).
- 1990 *Coins of the Seleucid Empire from the Collection of Arthur Houghton*. A. Houghton, ed. (American Society of Numismatists, 1983) in *Bulletin of the American Schools of Oriental Research* (1990).
- 1989 *The Gnostic Scriptures: A New Translation with Annotations and Introductions*. B. Layton, ed. (Doubleday, 1987). *Biblical Archaeologist* (1989).

Plenary and Invited Addresses at Colleges, Universities and Scholarly Societies:

- 2018 ReasonFest National Conference sponsored by the Center for Inquiry (Amherst, NY) and the Secular Student Alliance (Los Angeles, CA) and several university units; University of Kansas (Lawrence, KS). Online video on YouTube at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WFG5ew5rd7o>
- 2016 University of Texas-Austin, Department of Religion (Austin, TX).
- 2011 Baker University, Distinguished Lecture Series (Baldwin, KS).
- 2006 Atheist Alliance International, Annual Meeting (Kansas City, MO).
- 1999 Tufts University, departments of History, Classics and Religious Studies, Special Speaker Series (Boston, MA).

- 1999 Emporia State University, Social Sciences Division (Emporia, KS).
- 1999 Allen County Community College, Distinguished Lecture Series (Iola, KS).
- 1998 Chapman University, Department of Religious Studies (Orange, CA).
- 1998 The Westar Institute, Annual Meeting (Santa Rosa, CA).
- 1989 Claremont Graduate University, the Institute for Antiquity and Christianity (Claremont, CA).
- 1987 University of Michigan, Annual Faculty Colloquium of the departments of Near Eastern Studies and Classics (Ann Arbor, MI).

66 Research Papers Read at Colleges, Universities and Scholarly Societies:

- 2018 "The illustrated *nomina sacra*: image-and-text in the Latin Book of Kells (ca. 800 CE)" The 43rd Annual European Studies Conference, University of Nebraska-Omaha. October 2018.
- 2018 "A Sefer Torah from an Algerian pogrom of 1840 in the University of Kansas Rare Books Collection and Chateau-Chantilly, France." Day of Discovery Conference sponsored by the Rabbinical Association of Greater Kansas City; Jewish Community Campus. August 2018.
- 2018 "The anti-reason impulse in American culture." ReasonFest National Conference sponsored by the Center for Inquiry (Amherst, NY) and the Secular Student Alliance (Los Angeles, CA) and several university units; University of Kansas (Lawrence, KS).
- 2017 "The Book of Kells: the minor illustrations as aids for monastic readers." The 42nd Annual European Studies Conference, University of Nebraska-Omaha. October 2017.
- 2016 "A Sephardic Torah Scroll: features distinct from the Tiberian Masoretic Tradition of Maimonides (Kansas MS J 1:2)." The 41st Annual European Studies Conference, University of Nebraska-Omaha. October 2016.
- 2016 "An *oneiros*-amulet from Coptic Egypt." The Sixth International Conference of the Association for the Study of Esotericism, University of California-Davis, June 2016.
- 2016 "Dream divination in late Roman Egypt (Papyrus Kellis Coptic 7; ca. 350 CE)." Invited plenary paper read at the University of Texas-Austin, Department of Religious Studies conference "Magic, Miracles and the Paranormal." April 2016.
- 2016 "An acrostic omen list on papyrus from Egypt." Central States Annual Meeting of the American Schools of Oriental Research; St. Louis, MO. March 2016.
- 2015 "Sephardic scribal technique in an old Hebrew Sefer Torah (Kansas MS J 1:2)." The 40th Annual European Studies Conference, University of Nebraska-Omaha. Oct 2015.

- 2015 "An old Torah scroll from the Algeria at the University of Kansas (Kansas MS J 1:2)." The Central States Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature; St. Louis, MO. March 2015.
- 2015 "Twelve cuneiform tablets at the University of Kansas (ca. 2350–529 BCE)." The Central States Annual Meeting of the American Schools of Oriental Research; St. Louis, MO. March 2015.
- 2014 "The early modern book: redefining genre of the 'gospel harmony' from Little Gidding, England ca. 1631 (Harvard University, Houghton Library A 1275.5)." The 39th Annual European Studies Conference, University of Nebraska-Omaha. 2-4 October 2014.
- 2014 "Greek temple warning inscriptions: a study of the type and its functions." The 2014 Central States Annual Meeting of the American Schools of Oriental Research; St. Louis, MO. 16-17 March 2014.
- 2013 "The early modern book: a hand-crafted illustrated gospel harmony from Little Gidding, England ca. 1631 (Harvard University, Houghton Library A 1275.5)." The 38th Annual European Studies Conference, University of Nebraska-Omaha. 3-5 October 2013.
- 2012 "The early modern book: in the margins of the first edition of the Geneva Bible of 1560: paratexts and politics." The 37th Annual European Studies Conference, University of Nebraska-Omaha. 4-6 October 2012.
- 2012 "Marketing esoteric secrets as intangible commodities in the *Greek Magical Papyri* and Apuleius' *Metamorphoses* XI." The Fourth International Conference of the Association for the Study of Esotericism; University of California, Davis. July 2012.
- 2012 "Sumerian proverbs from Nippur: questions of genre, function and the old Babylonian scribal curriculum." Central States Annual Meeting of the American Schools of Oriental Research; St. Louis, MO. 18-19 March 2012.
- 2011 "The early modern book: Genette's theory of the 'paratext' and early printed English Bibles: 1524-1611." The 36th Annual European Studies Conference, University of Nebraska-Omaha. 6-9 October 2011.
- 2011 "The King James Version 1611-2011: problems and prospects." Plenary paper at the Baker University Conference celebrating the 400th Anniversary of the King James Bible (and Baker's Quayle Bible Collection). Baker University. April 2011.
- 2009 "Manichaean Magus: letter-writing rhetoric in Papyrus Kellis 35 and the *Papyri Graecae Magicae*." The Seventh International Conference on Manichaean Studies; Chester Beatty Library (Dublin Castle), Dublin, Ireland. 8-12 September 2009.
- 2008 "Coptic Christian scorpion amulets in the Egyptian Museum, Berlin." Annual regional meeting of the American Schools of Oriental Research in St. Louis, MO. March 2008.
- 2008 "Ancient invisibility rituals in the *Papyri Graecae Magicae* and Acts 12:1-19 (Peter's

- prison escape).” Annual regional meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature in St. Louis, MO. March 30-31, 2008.
- 2006 “Atheism and politics in the Heartland.” Plenary paper read at the Atheist Alliance International (Kansas City, MO, 2006). August 2006.
- 2004 “A new Coptic amulet text from Worrell’s Wizard’s Hoard (P.Mich. inv. 597-598, 602.2 and 1294).” Annual meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, San Antonio, TX. November 2004.
- 2004 “Observations on the Ointment Prayer in the Coptic *Didache* (British Library Oriental Manuscript 9271).” Annual meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, San Antonio, TX. November 2004.
- 2004 “Ecstatic ascent in the *Acta Archelai*.” Annual meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, San Antonio, TX. November 2004.
- 2003 “Magic in the *Acta Archelai*.” Annual meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, Atlanta, GA. November 2003.
- 2001 “Coptic fragment of Sirach from an early vellum codex in the Berlin papyrus collection.” Midwest regional meeting of the American Schools of Oriental Research. Kansas City, MO. April 2001.
- 2000 “Coptic and Coptic-Arabic papyri in Berlin’s Egyptian Museum and the University of Michigan collection.” The International Conference on Papyrology, University of Kansas. August 2000.
- 2000 “Greek papyri in Berlin’s Egyptian collection.” The International Conference on Papyrology, University of Kansas. August 2000.
- 2000 “The Ballard Papyrus: A recently identified scroll of the Egyptian Amduat text in the University of Kansas collection (ca. 950 BCE)”. The Midwest Regional Meeting of the American Schools of Oriental Research, Kansas City. April 2000.
- 1999 “Images of magical ritual and magicians in some Manichaean texts.” Annual meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, Boston, MA. November 1999.
- 1999 “From Egypt to Berlin: the recovery of a lost ancient gospel.” Plenary paper at Tufts University, Boston. Sponsored by the departments of History, Classics and Religious Studies. November 1999.
- 1999 “On discovering and deciphering a new lost gospel.” Allen County Community College, this plenary talk was the first in their Distinguished Scholar Lecture Series, sponsored by Phi Theta Kappa. October 1999.
- 1999 “Process of discovery: finding and publishing a lost gospel.” Plenary talk at Emporia State University. Sponsored by the ESU Honors Program, the ESU chapter of Phi Kappa Phi, the Division of Social Sciences, et al. October 1999.

- 1998 "Exegesis in the Coptic Manichaean Psalm-Book." Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, Orlando, FL. November 1998.
- 1998 "The Gospel of the Savior: writing a first commentary on a lost gospel (text, author, narrator, story)." Plenary talk at the Annual Meeting of the Westar Institute; Santa Rosa, CA. October 1998.
- 1998 "The Gospel of the Savior: the 30 fragments and codicological reconstruction." Plenary talk at the Annual Meeting of the Westar Institute; Santa Rosa, CA. Oct 1998.
- 1998 "New Coptic magical texts." The Second International Conference on Magic and Ritual in the Ancient World; Orange, CA. August 1998.
- 1997 "Magic and Manichaeans in fourth-century Kellis, Egypt." Annual meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, San Francisco, CA. November 1997.
- 1997 "An unedited Coptic limestone and other ancient manuscripts in the Ashmolean Museum, Oxford." Annual regional meeting of the American Schools of Oriental Research, Kansas City, MO. April 1997.
- 1996 "A Sayings-Psalm in the Coptic Manichaean Psalm-Book." Annual meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, New Orleans, LA. November 1996.
- 1996 "Method in the study of ancient manuscripts (ca. AD 300-600)." The Hall Center for the Humanities, University of Kansas. Faculty Seminar on Social and Cultural Studies before 1500. Invited. October 1996.
- 1996 "Preliminary report on Coptic Codex P. Berol. 22220." A paper co-authored by myself and C. W. Hedrick (who read the paper in my absence) at the Sixth Conference of the International Association for Coptic Studies, Münster, Germany. July 1996.
- 1996 "Newly discovered gnostic personal letters from fourth-century Kellis, Egypt." The annual regional meeting of the American Schools of Oriental Research, St. Louis, MO. March 1996.
- 1995 "Another Manichaean papyrus letter from Kellis (Dakleh Oasis, Egypt)." Annual meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, Philadelphia, PA. November 1995.
- 1994 "P88: A Greek and Coptic Manichaean letter from Kellis." Annual meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, Chicago, IL. November 1994.
- 1993 "The Coptic Manichaean Synaxeis Codex: codicology and intertextuality." Annual meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, Washington, DC. November 1993.
- 1993 "Sayings-Psalm and Dialogue-Psalm in the Coptic Manichaean Psalm-Book." Third International Conference on Manichaean Studies; University of Calabria, Cosenza, Italy. September 1993.
- 1992 "A Preview of Volume IV of Ägyptische Urkunden aus den Staatlichen Museen zu

- Berlin. Koptische Urkunden." The Fifth Meeting of the International Association for Coptic Studies; the Catholic University, Washington, D.C. August 1992.
- 1992 "Seth, the Son of Adam in a Coptic magical text (P. Michigan inv. 593)." The Fifth meeting of the International Association for Coptic Studies; Catholic University, Washington, D.C. August 1992.
- 1992 "Trifles: new Coptic magical texts from Berlin and Ann Arbor." The International Conference on Magic and Ritual in the Ancient World; University of Kansas. August 1992.
- 1992 "Complex list of Hebrew-based *Voces Magicae* in a 4th-century Coptic ritual book (P. Michigan 593)." The International Conference on Magic and Ritual in the Ancient World; University of Kansas. August 1992.
- 1991 "The 'Nous' in the Greek and Coptic magical papyri: A contribution to the Study of the 'Nous' in Manichaeism." International Conference on the Manichaean Nous; Catholic University; Leuven, Belgium. August 1991.
- 1991 "A hymn to the Light-Nous in the Coptic Manichaean Psalm-Book." International Conference on the Manichaean Nous; Catholic University; Leuven, Belgium. August 1991.
- 1990 "A proposal for a two-stage redactional history for the longer ending of Mark." Society of Biblical Literature annual meeting. New Orleans, November 1990.
- 1990 "Coptic papyri in the University of Michigan collection." Annual Meeting of the Catholic Biblical Association, Notre Dame University. August 1990.
- 1989 "The Infancy Gospel of Thomas: primitive features of the Greek-Beta text type." Annual conference of the Society of Biblical Literature; Anaheim, CA. Nov 1989.
- 1989 "On the recovery of a Manichaean primary source: the elusive structure and contents of the Coptic Synaxeis Codex." Zweiter Internationaler Kongreß zum Manichäismus; Bonn University, Germany. August 1989.
- 1989 "A hoard of Coptic magical papyri in the University of Michigan Collection." Annual meeting of the Michigan Academy of Arts, Sciences and Letters; Grand Valley, MI. April 1989.
- 1989 "Codicological issues and the Coptic Wizard's Hoard." Plenary presentation at the Coptic Seminar, Institute for Antiquity & Christianity, Claremont Graduate School. March 1989.
- 1989 "Mnemonic oral-rhymes in Q, Matthew, and Mark: a case study in residual orality." Annual meeting of the Western Region Society of Biblical Literature, Los Angeles. February 1989.

- 1988 "The Coptic Manichaean Synaxeis Codex: indicators for codicological reconstruction." The annual meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, Chicago. November 1988.
- 1987 "The Coptic Manichaean Synaxeis Codex: observations on the ordinal system of Synaxeis sections." The First International Conference on Manichaeism; Lund University, Sweden. August 1987.
- 1986 "Orality and textuality in the synoptic tradition and the Gospel of Thomas." University of Michigan, 1987 Annual Faculty Colloquium of the departments of Near Eastern Studies and Classics (Ann Arbor, MI). November 1986.
- 1984 "Mark 16:9-20: some previously unrecognized form-critical features." Annual meeting of the New England Region Society of Biblical Literature; Episcopal Divinity School, Cambridge, MA. March 1984.

Research Award

- 2016 "Lifelong Honorary Membership" in the International Association for Manichaean Studies (Berlin, Germany).

Research of unstudied inventories in museum laboratories:

- 2014-present. Studied a ca. 18th-century Hebrew Torah scroll in the Spencer Research Library, University of Kansas. Currently in preparation for publication.
- 2012, 2001, 1993, 1991, 1989, 1987. Selected manuscripts from unstudied inventory, prepared translations, and conserved numerous damaged papyrus manuscripts; directed by Dr. William Brashear. Egyptian Museum, Berlin, Germany. Published.
- 2009 Studied Coptic Manichaean papyrus manuscripts; directed by Dr. M. Horton; Chester Beatty Library, Dublin Castle; Dublin, Ireland.
- 1995, 1989-1986. Studied Greek, Coptic and Latin papyrus and vellum manuscripts; conserved damaged papyrus manuscripts; directed by Dr. Ludwig Koenen and Dr. Traianos Gagos. University of Michigan Papyrus Collection. Published.
- 1995 Studied and translated Middle Egyptian (hieroglyphic) papyrus tomb scroll (ca. 950 BCE) in the Spencer Research Library, University of Kansas. Succeeded in getting owner (J. Ballard) to donate it to the university. Published.
- 1994 Transcribed and translated a 12th-century Greek vellum ritual scroll in the Regenstein Library, University of Chicago.
- 1993 Studied ink on stone Coptic inscriptions, prepared translations; directed by Dr. Helen Whitehouse. Ashmolean Museum, Oxford, England. Published.
- 1993 Studied fourth-century Coptic papyrus manuscripts containing Christian ritual texts. British Library, London, England.

- 1993 Studied museum archives for historical correspondence with Egyptologists in 1910-1935; directed by Dr. Thomas Pattie. British Museum, London, England. Published.
- 1992 Studied ancient Egyptian inscribed gems in the unstudied inventory of the Art Institute of Chicago.
- 1992 Studied Coptic manuscripts and artifacts in the Oriental Museum, University of Chicago; advised by Dr. Terry Wilfong.
- 1992 Studied Coptic manuscripts and artifacts in the Field Museum of Natural History, Chicago; advised by Dr. Terry Wilfong.
- 1991, 1989, 1987. Studied a damaged fourth-century Coptic book, focused on translation and codicology; directed by Dr. W. Brashear; advisers Dr. Gunther Poethke and Hans-Martin Schenke; Egyptian Museum papyrus collections, (East and West) Berlin, Germany. Published.
- 1987 Studied the numismatic collection of Greek and Roman coins from Egypt, focusing on unusual items; directed by Dr. Elaine Gazda. Kelsey Museum of Archaeology, University of Michigan.
- 1983 Studied Greek papyrus manuscripts; directed by Dr. H. Koester. Houghton Library, Harvard University.

Archaeological Experience: study of sites and finds:

- 2006 Spent several weeks on Samothrace Island, Greece, studying the archaeological site, meeting with archaeologists and researching the museum inventory; major photography project; contact Dr. J. McCredie.
- 1983 & 1981. Twice spent several weeks throughout Greece studying numerous archaeological sites, meeting with archaeologists and researching museum inventories; major Harvard photography project; directed by Dr. H. Koester.

Research Grants: External Funding:

- 1998 Chapman University, Department of Religion, Orange, CA. Travel grant for all expenses to read a paper on my research. August 1998.
- 1998 Westar Institute, Santa Rosa, CA. Travel grant for all expenses to Westar's annual meeting to read two plenary papers on my research. October 1998.
- 1995 The American Academy of Religion Research Fund, for museum research at the University of Michigan. Summer 1995.
- 1995 Claremont Graduate School, Institute for Antiquity and Christianity research grant to support museum research at the University of Michigan. July 1995.
- 1993 National Endowment for the Humanities; museum research in London (British Museum, British Library), Oxford (Ashmolean Museum) and Berlin (Egyptian

- Museum); study of archaeology of Pompeii and Herculaneum with conference at the University of Calabria, Cosenza, Italy. May-August 1993.
- 1992 Claremont Graduate School, Institute for Antiquity and Christianity, grant to support my international conference at KU. August 1992. \$750.
- 1989 American Council of Learned Societies; museum research in (former East and West) Berlin (Egyptian Museum and Pergamon Museum) with conference at Bonn University, Germany (May-August 1989). \$2,600.
- 1989 Bonn University, Germany; travel stipend for research in Berlin and Bonn. \$400.
- 1987 Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst (DAAD) for museum research in (former East and West) Berlin (Egyptian Museum, Pergamon Museum) with conference at Lund University, Sweden (May-August 1987). \$4,500.
- 1981/1983 Harvard University, Pfeiffer Fellowship; archaeological research in Greece (summers 1981 and 1983) with research at the American School of Classical Studies, Athens, Greece. \$1,200 x 2.

Research Grants: Internal Funding:

- 2012 CLAS International Travel Fund to study and edit Coptic and Greek manuscripts in the Neues Museum, Berlin, Germany. July 24 – August 8, 2012 (\$1,200).
- 2009 CLAS International Travel Fund to conduct research in the Chester Beatty Library, Dublin, Ireland; at Trinity College Library, Dublin; and to read a scholarly paper at the Seventh International Conference of Manichaean Studies (Dublin Castle) 4-12 September 2009 (\$1,200).
- 2006 CLAS International Travel Fund to support four-week study of the archaeology on Samothrace Island, Greece, in preparation for graduate research seminar REL 727.
- 2001 Hall Center for the Humanities: Faculty Travel Grant to travel to Berlin, Germany to conduct research on ancient Greek and Coptic manuscripts (\$3,050).
- 2000 Several grants to convene and host an international conference at the University of Kansas on ancient manuscripts; major grants were received from the Dean's Office of the CLAS at KU and several KU units (total \$8,275).
- 1999 CLAS Faculty Travel Fund to read a paper at the Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, Boston.
- 1994 Hall Center for the Humanities: Summer Travel Stipend: research on a 12th-century Greek scroll in the Regenstein Library, University of Chicago. July 1994.
- 1993 CLAS International Travel Fund: on manuscripts in Berlin, Oxford and London. June-September 1993.

- 1992 CLAS General Research Fund: Research on manuscripts in the Field Museum of Natural History, Chicago; the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. June 1992. \$3,293.
- 1992 CLAS Lecture Fund: for international conference in religious studies at the University of Kansas. August 1992. \$300.
- 1992 Office of International Studies and Programs, University of Kansas; to convene international conference in religious studies August 1992. \$2,000.
- 1991 Hall Center for the Humanities; museum research in Berlin (Egyptian Museum) and conference at the Catholic University, Leuven, Belgium. July-August 1991.
- 1991 CLAS International Travel Fund museum research: Egyptian Museum, Berlin. \$3,228.
- 1990 CLAS General Research Fund, University of Michigan museum research. 1990. \$3,000.

Research Grants applied for, not funded:

- 2000 The Templeton Foundation: Science and Religion Workshops for new courses combining science and humanities, third application (with Prof. A. Melott, Department of Astronomy and Physics).
- 1997 NEH Summer Stipend for research in Berlin museums.
- 1997 The Templeton Foundation: Science and Religion Workshops for new courses combining science and humanities, second application (with Prof. A. Melott, Department of Astronomy and Physics).
- 1996 The Templeton Foundation: Science and Religion Workshops for new courses combining science and humanities, first application (with Prof. A. Melott, Department of Astronomy and Physics).
- 1995 American Council of Learned Societies. Application for travel grant to read two scholarly papers at the annual international meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature (Budapest, Hungary).
- 1994 University of Kansas General Research Fund: Application for a project entitled "A Twelfth-Century Greek Scroll in the Regenstein Library, University of Chicago."

Service:

Service to the Department of Religious Studies:

- 2017-present Prizes and Awards Committee, Chair.
- 2009-2016 Faculty Development Committee, Chair.
- 2015 Promotion and Tenure Committee.
- 2013 Student Research Awards Committee.

2009 Promotion and Tenure Committee A.
 2009 Promotion and Tenure Committee B.
 2006-2009 Graduate Director.
 2006-2009 Studies Committee, Chair.
 2002-2005 Department Chair.
 2002-2005 Faculty Development Committee, ex officio.
 2002-2003 New Faculty Mentor.
 2001-2002 Faculty Search Committee: Religions of Japan.
 2002 Summer Acting Chair, Religious Studies Department.
 2001-2002 New Faculty Mentor.
 2000-2001 Faculty Search Committee: Native American Religions.
 1991-2002 Department Graduate Director.
 1990-2002 Studies Committee member.
 1999 Ad hoc committee: graduate student recruiting and curricular cross-listing, met with dean of Central Baptist Seminary, Kansas City, KS.
 1995 Movie. Arranged student and faculty evening viewing and panel discussion of movie "Heaven" (directed by Diane Keaton). 65 attended.
 1994 Regent's Review: Chair, Assessment Committee for REL Graduate Program.
 1992 Initiated construction of the department's first internet website.
 1990 Movie. Arranged student and faculty evening viewing and panel discussion of movie "The Last Temptation of Christ" (directed by Martin Scorsese). 120 attended.
 1989-1991 Department Undergraduate Director.

Service to Other Units:

2012-present Jewish Studies Program. Executive Faculty Committee. Planning for curricular growth, establishing the major and the minor, advising, new hires.
 2011-2012 Ad-hoc Committee: Medieval Coptic Textiles Exhibit. Spencer Museum of Art.
 2004 Department of Sociology. Committee for the "Baur Student Research Award."
 2002 Elected member of "AAAS University of Kansas Africanists" for Egyptian and Coptic languages ("Title VI" application).

Service to the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences:

2016 CLAS Dean's Faculty Mentor Program.
 2013 CLAS Graduate Student Research Competition. Faculty judge.
 2012 CLAS Committee on Student Assessment Exit Interviews.
 2010-2011 CLAS Committee on Graduate Studies.
 2010-2011 CLAS Graduate Studies Sub-Committee on Petitions and Program Changes.
 2008 summer CLAS Dean's Ad-hoc Committee: Arlt Book Prizes.

- 2000 Featured speaker at "The 2000 Annual Dean's Club." KU Alumni Donors.
- 1996 CLAS Freshman Summer Institute. Faculty adviser for incoming students.
- 1994 CLAS Chairs Review Committee.
- 1993-1994 CLAS Sabbatical Leave Review Committee.

Service to the University:

- 2012-2014 Participating faculty. Center for Teaching Excellence: "Documenting and Advancing Learning Project (DAL)."
- 2000-2001 Standing Committee for Fellowships, Scholarships and Student Affairs.
- 2000 Subcommittee on Graduate Faculty Dissertation Status.
- 1991, 1999 Committee on Graduate Faculty Appointments and Authorizations.
- 1999 Committee for Distinguished Dissertation Award in Humanities.
- 1999 Committee for Louise Byrd Graduate Educator Award.
- 1995-1998 Committee for Minority Graduate and Professional School Student Recruitment.
- 1995 Committee on Assessment of General Education, Office of the Vice-Chancellor for Academic Affairs.
- 1993-1996 Committee for Graduate Faculty Scholarly and Professional Activities.
- 1991-1994 University Council; Department Representative.
- 1991-1995 Graduate Council; Department Representative.
- 1991-1992 Graduate Faculty Appointments and Authorizations.

Service to the profession:

>> Three International Conferences convened:

- 2000 Convener of international conference: "International Papyrology Conference: Ancient Greek and Coptic Manuscripts." Eight invited participants from the US, Greece, England and Australia and one KU graduate student. 16-17 August 2000.
- 1998 Co-convener (with M. Meyer) of international conference: "The Second International Conference on Ritual and Magic in the Ancient World," Chapman University. Select refereed papers were published as *Magic and Ritual in the Ancient World*. P. Mirecki & M. Meyer, eds. (Netherlands: Brill, 2002).

1992 Convener of international conference: "The First International Conference on Ritual and Magic in the Ancient World," University of Kansas. Select refereed papers were published as *Ancient Magic and Ritual Power*. P. Mirecki & M. Meyer, eds. (Netherlands: Brill, 1995).

>> *Eighteen Sections Convened in Ten Annual SBL Conferences (78 papers read):*

1995-2000 "The Manichaean Studies Group." Ten section sessions during six annual meetings of The Society of Biblical Literature with meetings in Philadelphia (1995), New Orleans (1996), San Francisco (1997), Orlando (1998), Boston (1999) and Nashville (2000). Forty-seven papers read in ten sections.

1993-1994 "The Consultation on Manichaeism." Five section sessions during two annual meetings of The Society of Biblical Literature in Washington, D.C. (1993) and Chicago (1994). Nineteen papers read in five sections.

1988-1989 "The Consultation on Manichaeism." Three section sessions during two annual meetings of The Society of Biblical Literature in Chicago (1988) and Los Angeles (1989). Twelve papers read in three sections.

Reviewer/Referee for Academic Publishers:

Numen: International Review for the History of Religions (Brill)
National Geographic Magazine
Oxford University Press (several)
University of Illinois Press
Knopf Doubleday Publishing Group (edited 550+ encyclopedia articles)
McGraw-Hill Education
Routledge
Houghton Mifflin Harcourt
Pearson-Longman Press
Mayfield Press (several)
Wadsworth/Cengage Publishing
Xlibris Publishers
Brown Group Publishers

Reviewer for Other than Publications:

2002 Promotion and Tenure Committee, Outside Evaluator. University of Michigan, Department of Near Eastern Studies (Egyptologist Dr. Terry Wilfong).

2002 Promotion and Tenure Committee, Outside Evaluator. Illinois Wesleyan University, Department of Religion (Dr. April DeConick).

1994 Promotion and Tenure Committee, Outside Evaluator. Chapman University, Department of Philosophy and Religion (Dr. Marvin W. Meyer).

1994? Department External Reviewer, University of Missouri-Columbia, Department of Religion.

- 1994 NEH Dissertation Grant Committee: National Endowment for the Humanities.
- 1993-1995. KU Division of Research Programs. National Endowment for the Humanities.
- 1990 Committee for the Killam Research Fellowship - gender studies proposals.
Le Conseil des Arts du Canada (Ottawa).

Service to Scholarly Societies and Institutions:

- 2017 Midwestern Jewish Studies Association 2017 Conference. Moderator at “Jews in the Midwest: ca. 1850-1950” sponsored by the Jewish Studies Program and various KU units.
- 2015 National Library of Israel, Jerusalem. Prepared Hebrew text analyses, descriptions and photographs of two old Torah scrolls in the Special Collections of the University of Kansas and Baker University. Info was added to the database of all known Torah scrolls worldwide managed by the National Library of Israel in Jerusalem.
- 2008 U.S. Federal Council on Library and Information Resources. Grant application support letter for Baker University: “Cataloging Hidden Collections and Archives.”
- 2006 Chester Beatty Library, Dublin Castle (Dublin, Ireland). Consultant for selection of the library’s papyrus manuscripts for their exhibit on ancient Egypt.
- 2003 Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art, Kansas City, MO. Transcribed and translated hieroglyphic texts in the museum’s “Ramesses I inscriptions” for curator Robert Cohon. Honorarium.
- 2002-present. International Association for Manichaeic Studies (Berlin, Germany). I was elected in 2002 to the Advisory Board of the IAMS, with shared responsibilities on the Advisory Committee (international conference planning and publications through Brepols Publishers, Belgium).
- 1999 Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art, Kansas City, MO. Transcribed and translated hieroglyphic texts in the museum’s “Nefu inscriptions” for curator Robert Cohon. Honorarium.
- 1995 Rare Books Library, University of Michigan. Consultant to construct an online exhibit of papyrus manuscripts in the University of Michigan Rare Books Library.

Public service to the community.

Civil service:

- 2018 Research and meeting with the Lawrence Planning and Development Services concerning environmentally sensitive areas; Lawrence Neighborhood Association.
- 2017-2018 Research for Barber Emerson Law Offices and Springwood Heights Neighborhood Association concerning development near “Underground Railroad” historical site. Video of public presentation to the Lawrence Planning Commission

on January 24, 2018 on YouTube beginning at 2:04:30
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=baMl7EdW64o&feature=youtu.be>

2006-2009 Elected first President of the “Hobbs Taylor Lofts Home Owners Association” meetings with various Lawrence government, police and town planning agencies.

1999 Expert witness. District Court of Missouri; testified on the nature and history of Christian fish symbolism in word and image. First Amendment case concerning town of Republic, MO. Spring-Summer 1999.

1996 Expert witness. District Court of Shawnee County, Kansas; testified on the nature of the Rastafarian religion and its rituals. Aug-Sept 1996.

Public Teaching/Consulting Service:

2018 Online teaching consultant for high-school students at Blue Valley West High School, Overland Park, KS on the academic study of religion with focus on Santeria. Spring 2018.

2018 Consultant for Mr. Saad Almuhaire (United Arab Emirates) a collector of ancient artifacts, concerning an old Hebrew and Arabic ritual scroll; possible donation to KU’s rare book collection. Spring 2018.

2018 Consultant on “religious studies Ph.D. experience in the US” for fiction trilogy-novels’ author V. Meyers. Spring 2018.

2017 Online teaching consultant for middle-school students in Blue Valley School District, Overland Park, Kansas, on ancient Egyptian culture. Responded via emails to questions from 21 sixth-graders and teachers (Digital Learning Center, Blue Valley School District). Oct - Dec 2017.

2015 Public talk: “Myths of early Christian persecution: fact, fiction, political rhetoric.” The University Forum, Ecumenical Christian Ministries, Lawrence, KS.

2012 Videotaped interviews for documentary film “Jesus was a Moonwalker” producer A. Lundgren, Kansas City Art Institute. Film premiered at Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art, Kansas City, May 2012. Videos posted on YouTube at:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pEtPCddYEMo>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EyzlBjxY6Sg>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gu6jvyB8X6s>

2011 Public talk: “History of Anglo-Saxon and English Bibles from the Lindisfarne Gospels to the Wycliffe Bible (715-1384).” Plymouth Congregational Church, Lawrence, KS.

2009 Consultant. Linguistics scholar Hassan Mahamad Hassan, Air Force Captain, Republic of Djibouti and the U.S. Army Command, on relations between Afar, the indigenous language of Djibouti and ancient Egyptian. Several meetings in Lawrence.

2009 Public talk: “Book of the Dead: ancient Egyptian concepts of afterlife and resurrection.” The University Forum, Ecumenical Christian Ministries, Lawrence, KS.

- 2009 Public talk: "Whose Easter? Varieties of resurrection beliefs among early Christians and why it matters." The Community of Reason at the University of Missouri, Kansas City, MO.
- 2009 Public talk: "Ancient Jewish and Christian Gnosticism: then and now." The University Forum, Ecumenical Christian Ministries, Lawrence, KS.
- 2008 Public talk: "Jewish Gnosticism at the intersection of modern politics and religion." The Community of Reason at the University of Missouri, Kansas City, MO.
- 2005 Consultation for creative works by artist S. Murphy (Leavenworth, KS) on accurate depictions of Egyptian art and hieroglyphic texts in multi-media presentation.
- 2004 Public talk: "Historical and literary method in ancient Christian studies." Plymouth Congregational Church, Lawrence.
- 2003 Public talk: "Ancient Egyptian religion." Unity Church, Lawrence, KS.
- 2002 Public talk: "Believers, agnostics, atheists: who, what, why." Community speaker in "Controversy Thursdays Series." Kiwanis International, Lawrence Kansas Club.
- 2002 Public talk: "What are the 'lost gospels?'" Unity Church, Lawrence, KS.
- 1998 Public talk: "On 'lost' sayings of Jesus in a newly discovered gospel." Village Presbyterian Church, Prairie Village, KS.
- 1997 Public talk: "On the discovery of a lost gospel." The University Forum, Ecumenical Christian Ministries, Lawrence, KS.
- 1992 Public talk: "Current issues in Dead Sea Scrolls research." The Lawrence Unitarian Fellowship.
- 1991 Public talk: "The text of the Bible in the Dead Sea Scrolls and other manuscript discoveries." The Church of Jesus Christ Latter Day Saints, Lawrence.
- 1991 Public talk: "The academic study of religion at the University of Kansas." The Church of Jesus Christ Latter Day Saints, Lawrence.

Professional Affiliations: past and present

American Schools of Oriental Research
 American Society of Papyrologists
 Association Internationale de Papyrologues
 Catholic Biblical Association
 Coptic Magical Texts Project, Claremont Graduate School
 Institute for Antiquity and Christianity, Claremont Graduate School
 International Association for Coptic Studies
 International Association for Manichaean Studies (honorary life member)

Jesus Seminar, Willamette University (supporting observer member)
Society of Biblical Literature

Other:

Harvard Alumni Association, Kansas City Chapter

Harvard University Yacht Club (mid-1980s)

Massachusetts Institute of Technology Yacht Club (mid-1980s)