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Experienced health science writer, editor, researcher, scholar, and writer/editor in public health, the history of medicine in antiquity, and the history of religious responses to poverty, hunger, and disease. Organized team player committed to social justice and solidarity to build knowledge connections that advance health. Intuitive, frank, responsible, deliberative, and creative.

1. EDUCATION

Ph.D., Brown University, Providence, Rhode Island, 1998.

Dissertation director: Susan Ashbrook Harvey

Dissertation topic: Medicine, hunger, and poverty in religious texts from antiquity

M.T.S., Harvard Divinity School, Cambridge, Massachusetts, 1991.

Concentration: Christianity and Culture

M.S., Nutrition, Tufts University School of Nutrition Science and Policy, Medford,

Massachusetts, 1983. Concurrent clinical dietetic internship, Frances Stern Nutrition Center, Tufts-New England Medical Center, Boston, MA. Registered Dietitian (R.D.)

1983-2002.

B.A. (Psychology) and B.S. (Nutrition), Valparaiso University, Valparaiso, Indiana, 1979; Biology Minor.

2. EMPLOYMENT

A) ACADEMIC: APPLIED ETHICS, SOCIAL JUSTICE, AND GLOBAL HEALTH

2011-present: *Senior Writer*, Global Health Education and Learning Incubator at Harvard University (GHELI) (2014-present)/ Harvard Global Health Institute (HGHI) (2011-2014)/.

2007-2010: *Academic and Research Writer/Editor*, Harvard University's François-Xavier Bagnoud (FXB) Center for Health and Human Rights, at Harvard School of Public Health (HSPH).

1998-present: *Independent Researcher* in religion and cross-disciplinary synergy with the history of public/global health and ethics, with a focus on contemporary relevance to faith communities and health justice. Activities (detailed further in separate entries below) include (1) Peer-reviewed research writing and editing; (2) Developing and advancing projects related to social welfare, "human rights" language and concepts, and the theological implications of the body in religious perceptions of need, poverty, hunger and disease; (3) Invited peer reviewing for publication and promotions; and (4) Ad hoc informal mentoring of seminary/graduate students in religion

B) ACADEMIC PUBLISHING

2011–present: *Consultant writer/editor*. Sample projects include:

- Collaborative writing for Harvard EdX lecture on global health delivery.
- Content editor, *Power and Suffering: Human Rights-based Approaches to Health and Why They Matter*, by Alicia Ely Yamin (University of Pennsylvania Press, forthcoming).
- Lead writer in collaborative *Program Management Guide* for Partners In Health, a non-profit organization co-founded by Dr. Paul E. Farmer in 1987 that provides “a preferential option for the poor in health care.” The *Guide* is available online at <http://www.pih.org/pmg>.
- Editor and proofreader, *Litigating Health Rights: Can Courts Bring More Justice to Health?*, Alicia Ely Yamin and Siri Gloppen (eds.), published by the Chr. Michelson Institute and the Human Rights Program at Harvard Law School in partnership with Harvard University Press.

2008–2010: *Managing Editor, Health and Human Rights: An International Journal* (Paul E. Farmer, Editor-in-Chief), peer-reviewed academic journal founded by the late Dr. Jonathan Mann (www.hhrjournal.org) and published by the Harvard University François-Xavier Bagnoud (FXB) Center for Health and Human Rights.

2004–2012: *Medical writer/editor (ad hoc)*, Harvard Medical School appointments and promotions documents, Faculty Services Office, Department of Medicine, Brigham and Women’s Hospital (BWH), Boston, MA.

2000–2003: *Managing editor, Nutrition Today* (peer-reviewed academic journal published by Lippincott, Williams & Wilkins).

2000–2002: *Editorial consultant (pro bono)*, St. Bede’s Publications, Petersham, MA.

1999: *Associate editor, American Journal of Archaeology* (peer-reviewed academic journal).

1998: *Editorial coordinator, Kistner’s Gynecology and Women’s Health* (Philadelphia: Mosby, 1999), edited by the late Dr. Kenneth J. Ryan, MD, and Drs. Ross S. Berkowitz, Robert L. Barbieri, and Andrea E. Dunaif.

C) ACADEMIC RESEARCH GROUP PARTICIPATION AND TEACHING [see further below for invited lectures]

Invited Guest Researcher, Centre for Mission and Global Studies, [VID Specialized University](#), Stavanger, Norway, September 2016. Part of a collaboration with researchers at the Center, including lecturing, seminar presentations, and strategic planning.

Invited Guest Discussant, Religion 111: Cultures of Health and Healing: Religion, Medicine, and Global Health, Harvard University, Fall 2015. [undergraduate seminar taught by Dr. Mara

Block, Harvard College Fellow in Religion in the Faculty of Arts and Sciences; Dr. Block chose to use *Beholden* as a required course text]

Invited Participant, “Benefactors and the Polis: Origins and Development of the Public Gift in the Greek Cities from the Homeric World to Late Antiquity,” Conference and collaborative book project, Princeton University Department of Classics, 2013–2014 (declined).

Invited Consultant, Seminar on Lived Theology, Department of Religious Studies, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA, 2012–2014.

Adjunct Faculty, Episcopal Divinity School, Cambridge, Massachusetts. Intensive January-term course (2012): “From charity to human rights: Themes in historical Christian responses to poverty;” seminar format; [syllabus online](#).

Invited Participant, specialist conference, “Disparate Bodies: ‘A Capite ad Calcem in Roman Antiquity,’ Ghent, Belgium, September 2011 (declined).

Invited Speaker, International Seminar on “Poverty in the Contemporary World—Malady, Remedy;” Acharya Nagarjuna University, Andhra Pradesh, India, August 2011 (declined).

Invited Faculty, Stephen and Catherine Pappas Patristic Institute Summer Program, Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology, Brookline, MA, July 2011. Taught week-long course on “Poverty, possessions, and gifting in the early church.”

Invited Research Participant, “The Gift in Antiquity,” organized and directed by Michael Satlow, Judaic Studies and Religious Studies at Brown University, 2009–2010 [participated in teleconference, fall, 2009; declined invitation to contribute an essay for publication].

Invited Research Participant, Expert Seminar on patristic texts and Catholic Social Thought, part of a research project carried out by the Centre for Catholic Social Thought at the Faculty of Theology, Catholic University of Leuven, Belgium, September 2007.

Invited Visiting Scholar, Institute for Advanced Study at The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, February 2007, as part of its six-month research group on “Charity and Piety in the Middle East in Late Antiquity and Middle Ages: Continuity and Transformation.”

Invited Guest Lecturer on wealth and poverty in the ancient world for graduate students and seminarians at Gordon Conwell Theological Seminary (2005), Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology (2004), Harvard Divinity School (2000 and 2002), and Episcopal Divinity School (2000).

Visiting Lecturer, Religious Studies, Providence College, Fall 1997, “Wealth and Poverty in the Christian Tradition.”

Teaching Assistant, Religious Studies, Brown University, 1993–1995.

D) CLINICAL TEACHING

Nutrition Educator, Joslin Diabetes Center, Boston, MA, 1986–1987.

Public Health Nutritionist, Massachusetts WIC (Women, Infants and Children Supplemental Food) Program, South End Community Health Center, Boston, MA, 1983–1985.

Dietetic Intern, Frances Stern Nutrition Center, Tufts New England Medical Center, Boston, Mass. and Tufts Graduate School/The Friedman School of Nutrition Science and Policy, 1981–1983.

3. PUBLICATIONS

A) BOOKS

Beholden: Religion, Global Health, and Human Rights. New York: Oxford University Press, 2015. Winner of the 2016 Grawemeyer Award in Religion. Reviews to date have appeared in [Journal of Religion & Health](#) (April 11, 2016); [Journal of Health Care for the Poor and Underserved](#) (May 2016); [Sojourners](#) (May 2016); [Theoretical Medicine and Bioethics](#) (December 2016); invited OUP blogpost, [“Religion and the social determinants of health”](#) (2/9/15); [book launch](#) hosted by the FXB Center for Health and Human Rights at Harvard University (4/3/15); online interview for the [Harvard University Initiative on Health, Religion & Spirituality](#). Also mentioned at [“The Poor in Spirit: Interviewing Icons”](#) (8/5/14).

Basil of Caesarea: On Fasting and Feasts. Popular Patristics Series; Crestwood, NY: St. Vladimir’s Seminary Press, 2013. Lead author and collaborative translator with Dr. Mark DelCogliano.

God Knows There’s Need: Christian Responses to Poverty. New York: Oxford University Press, 2009. In an August 2010 *Harvard Divinity Bulletin* review, Professor Susan Abraham called the book “deeply satisfying,” adding: “The raucous and intractable ‘debate’ on health care reform taking place right now will find resources in this text to address the polarized and contradictory ways in which the debate has shaped up publically.” Also reviewed by: *Publishers Weekly* (April 13, 2009); *Library Journal* (May 15, 2009), *Theological Studies* (vol. 71/2, June 2010, pp. 503–504), [The London Tablet](#) (Feb. 20, 2010), p. 31, *Catholic Historical Review* (April 2010), [InCommunion](#), [Catholic News Service/National Catholic Reporter](#), and [Horizons: The Journal of the College Theology Society](#) (vol. 38/1, Spring 2011, pp. 165-167). Two book-related interviews with the author are online at <http://livedtheology.org/god-knows-theres-need-christian-responses-to-poverty-interview/> (Project on Lived Theology) and the alumni magazine of the Friedman Nutrition School at Tufts University, ([Tufts Journal](#)).

Wealth and Poverty in Early Church and Society (Volume editor), Holy Cross Studies in Patristic Theology and History 1. Grand Rapids: Baker Academic, 2008. Select, peer-reviewed and revised papers from a 2005 conference of the Stephen and Catherine Pappas Patristic Institute, Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology, Boston, MA; Foreword by His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios [Trakatellis], Primate of the Greek Orthodox Church in America.

The Hungry are Dying: Beggars and Bishops in Roman Cappadocia. Oxford Studies in Historical Theology. New York: Oxford University Press, 2001. Reviewed in *Church History* (June 2002), *Journal of Ecclesiastical History* (Jan. 2003), [Bryn Mawr Classical Review](#) (March 2003), *Journal of Theological Studies* (vol. 54/1, April 2003, p. 323–324), *Journal of Religion* (vol. 83/4, Oct. 2003, p. 631–633), *American Historical Review* (vol. 108/5, Dec. 2003, pp. 1503–1504), and *Journal of Roman Studies* (vol. 93, Nov. 2003, pp. 413–414).

Essentials of Nutrition for the Health Professions. Philadelphia: J.B. Lippincott Co., 1987. College-level health science textbook designed for nursing students.

B) PEER-REVIEWED/INVITED ARTICLES

“Consul William Trevitt and the Fall of the ‘American Hospital’ in Chile (1858-1860),” In revision.

“Orthodox Humanitarianisms: Patristic Foundations,” *Review of Faith and International Affairs* 14:1 (2016): 26–33. (special issue on “Orthodox Christianity and Humanitarianism: Ideas and Actions in the Contemporary World”)

“On the Righteousness of Rights,” *The Wheel* 1:3 (2015): 16–20. [[online](#)]

Vortmann, M, Balsari, S, Holman SR, Greenough PG. “Water, sanitation, and hygiene at the world’s largest mass gathering.” *Current Infectious Disease Reports*, 17:2 (2015); doi: 10.1007/s11908-015-0461-1. [see 3e below for additional collaborative public health research]

“*De Beneficentia*: A Homily on Social Action attributed to Basil of Caesarea” first critical edition and analysis of a fifth- or sixth-century Greek text on philanthropy, in collaboration with Caroline Macé (Catholic University of Leuven, who has prepared the critical edition) and Brian Matz (Carroll University), *Vigiliae Christianae* 66 (2012): 457–481.

Smith Fawzi MC, Holman SR, Kiley R, Li M, Barry D, Bandara S, Fuller A. “Closing the implementation gap in services for children affected by HIV/AIDS: From assisting orphans and vulnerable children (OVC) to providing long-term opportunities for economic growth.” [Commentary]. *Journal of Health Care for the Poor and Underserved*, 22 (2011): 1401–1412.

“Unmercenary Saints,” in John Anthony McGuckin (ed.), *Encyclopedia of Eastern Orthodox Christianity*, Vol. 2. Malden, MA and Oxford, UK: Wiley-Blackwell, 2011, pp. 618–620.

“Patristic Christian views on poverty and hunger,” invited article, *Journal of Lutheran Ethics* [[online](#)], June, 2010.

Smith Fawzi MC, Holman SR, Fuller A. “Children affected by HIV/AIDS,” [Letter], *Health Affairs* 29/4 (2010): 744; doi: 10.1377/hlthaff.2010.0243.

“On Phoenix and Eunuchs: Sources for Meletius the Monk’s Anatomy of Gender,” *Journal of Early Christian Studies* 16 (2008): 79–101.

“Rich City Burning: Social Welfare and Ecclesial Insecurity in Basil’s Mission to Armenia,” *Journal of Early Christian Studies* 12 (2004): 195–211.

“Lightfoot’s ‘Woman’: Scribal transmission and the Victorian Reporter.” *Anglican Theological Review* 84 (2002): 251–268.

“The Entitled Poor: Human Rights Language in the Cappadocians.” *Pro Ecclesia* 9 (2000): 476–489.

“Healing the Social Leper in Gregory of Nyssa’s and Gregory of Nazianzus’s *Peri phlloptochias*.” *Harvard Theological Review* 92 (1999): 283–309. Selected for reprinting in the *Classical and Medieval Literature Criticism* (Thomas Gale Publishers), Vol. 82, June 2006.

“The Hungry Body: Famine, Poverty and Identity in Basil’s *Homily 8*” *Journal of Early Christian Studies* 7 (1999): 337–363.

“Molded as Wax: Formation and Feeding of the Ancient Newborn.” *Helios* 24 (1997): 77–95.

C) BOOK CHAPTERS

“Works of Relief and Charity [in the Early Church in the Roman Empire],” in Paul van Geest, Bert Jan Lietaert Peerbolte, and David Hunter, eds., *Brill Encyclopedia of Early Christianity*. Leiden: Brill, forthcoming.

“Daring to Write Theology without Footnotes.” In Charles Marsh, Peter Slade, and Sarah Azaransky, eds., *Lived Theology: New Perspectives on Method, Style and Pedagogy*. New York: Oxford University Press, 2017, pp. 89–101.

“Martyr-Saints and the Demon of Infant Mortality: Folk Healing in Early Christian Pediatric Medicine.” In Christian Laes, Katariina Mustakallio, and Ville Vuolanto, eds., *Childhood and Family in Late Antiquity: Life, Death and Interaction*. Interdisciplinary Studies in Ancient Culture and Religion 15; Leuven: Peeters, 2014, 233–254. (Invited chapter for The Roman Family VI conference, 2012)

“A Good Place to Build Something New: Global Health Equity in the Department of Medicine.” In Peter Tishler, Christine Wenc, and Joseph Loscalzo, eds., *The Teaching Hospital: Brigham and Women’s Hospital and the Evolution of Academic Medicine*. New York: McGraw Hill, 2014, 383–391. (Invited chapter on the history of the [Division of Global Health Equity](#))

“Out of the Fitting Room: Rethinking Patristic Social Texts on ‘The Common Good.’” In Johan Leemans, Brian Matz, and Johan Verstraeten, eds., *Reading Patristic Texts on Social Ethics: Issues and Challenges for 21st Century Christian Social Thought*. Washington: Catholic University of America Press, 2011, pp. 103–123. (Invited chapter based on invited colloquium paper)

“On the ground: Realizing an ‘altared’ philoptochia.” in Matthew Pereira, ed., *Philanthropy and Social Compassion in Eastern Orthodox Tradition*. Papers of the Sophia Institute Annual Academic Conference Dec. 2009. New York: Theotokos Press, 2010, pp. 31–49. (Invited chapter based on invited plenary paper)

“Sick Children and Healing Saints: Medical treatment of the child in Christian antiquity.” In Cornelia B. Horn and Robert R. Phenix, eds. *Children in Late Ancient Christianity*. Studien und Texte zum Antiken Christentum/Studies and Texts on Ancient Christianity; Tübingen: Mohr-Siebeck, 2009, pp. 143–170. Series Editor: Christoph Marksches. (Invited chapter)

“Healing the world with righteousness? The language of social justice in early Christian homilies,” in Miriam Frenkel and Yaacov Lev, eds., *Charity and Giving in Monotheistic Religions*. Studien zur Geschichte und Kultur des islamischen Orients. Berlin/NY: De Gruyter, 2009, pp. 89–110. (Invited chapter)

“God and the Poor,” in Andrew B. McGowan, Brian E. Daley SJ, and Timothy J. Gadin (eds.), *God in Early Christian Thought : Essays in Memory of Lloyd G. Patterson, Vigiliae Christianae Supplements 94*. Leiden: Brill, 2009, pp. 297–321. (Invited chapter)

“Rich and Poor in Sophronius of Jerusalem’s *Miracles of Saints Cyrus and John*.” In Susan R. Holman, ed., *Wealth and Poverty in Early Church and Society*. Holy Cross Studies in Patristic Theology and History, vol. 1. Grand Rapids: BakerAcademic, 2008; pp. 103–124. (Chapter is double-peer-reviewed revision of invited plenary lecture)

“Constructed and Consumed: Everyday Life of the Poor in 4th C. Cappadocia,” in W. Bowden, A. Gutteridge, and C. Machado (eds), *Social and Political Life in Late Antiquity*. Late Antique Archaeology 3; Leiden: Brill, 2006; pp. 441–464. (Invited chapter)

“Taxing Nazianzus: Gregory and the Other Julian.” In M.F. Wiles and E.J. Yarnold (eds.), *Studia Patristica XXXVII*. Leuven: Peeters, 2001; pp. 103–109. (Conference proceedings)

“‘You speculate on the misery of the poor:’ Usury as civic injustice in Basil of Caesarea’s second homily on Psalm 14.” In Keith Hopwood (ed.), *Organised Crime in the Ancient World*. London and Swansea: Duckworth/Classical Press of Wales, 1999; pp. 207–228.

“Nutrition Management.” In John W. Hare (ed.), *Diabetes Complicating Pregnancy: The Joslin Clinic Method*. New York: Alan R. Liss, Inc., 1989; pp. 69–80 (Invited chapter)

D) BOOK REVIEWS

Michael Balboni and John Petet (eds.), *Spirituality and Religion within the Culture of Medicine: From Evidence to Practice*. Reviewed in *Journal of Religion and Health*. Forthcoming.

Peter Brown, *Treasure in Heaven: The Holy Poor in Early Christianity*. Reviewed in *Journal of Late Antiquity* vol. 10, no. 2 (2017): 282-287.

Vasiliki M. Limberis, *Architects of Piety: The Cappadocian Fathers and the Cult of the Martyrs*. Reviewed in *The Journal of Theological Studies* NS 63/1 (April 2012): 318–321.

[Invited book “briefs” for *Health and Human Rights: An International Journal*](#), vol. 13, no. 1 (2011), on the following titles: Elena Andresen and Erin DeFries Bouldin (eds.), *Public Health Foundations: Concepts and Practices*; Thomas Banchoff and Robert Wuthnow (eds.), *Religion and the Global Politics of Human Rights*; Ronald Dworkin, *Justice for Hedgehogs*; John Harrington and Maria Stuttaford (eds.), *Global Health and Human Rights: Legal and Philosophical Perspectives*; Nancy Krieger, *Epidemiology and the People’s Health*; Johannes Morsink, *Inherent Human Rights: Philosophical Roots of the Universal Declaration*; Jennifer Prah Ruger, *Health and Social Justice*; John Witte, Jr., and Frank S. Alexander (eds.), *Christianity and Human Rights: An Introduction*; and Iris Marion Young, *Responsibility for Justice*.

William J. Tabbernee, *Prophets and Gravestones: An Imaginative History of Montanists and Other Early Christians*. Reviewed in *Journal of Early Christian Studies* 18 (2010): 654–655.

Sophie Métivier, *La Cappadoce (IV^e–VI^e siècle): Une histoire provinciale de l’Empire romain d’Orient*. Reviewed in [Bryn Mawr Classical Review](#), June 11, 2006.

Dionysios Ch. Stathakopoulos, *Famine and Pestilence in the Late Roman and Early Byzantine Empire*. Reviewed in *Speculum* 81 (2006): 606–608.

Raymond Van Dam, *Families and Friends in Late Roman Cappadocia*, Reviewed in *Church History* 74 (2005): 597–598.

Andrea Sterk, *Renouncing the World Yet Leading the Church: The Monk-Bishop in Late Antiquity*. Reviewed in *Journal of Early Christian Studies*, 12 (2004): 543–544.

Timothy S. Miller, *The Orphans of Byzantium: Child Welfare in the Christian Empire*. Reviewed in *The American Historical Review* (February 2004): 233–234.

Edward Yarnold, S.J. *Cyril of Jerusalem*. Reviewed in *Journal of Early Christian Studies* 10 (2002): 298–299.

Paul Jonathan Fedwick. *Bibliotheca Basiliana Univeralis* II.1,2. Reviewed in *Journal of Early Christian Studies* 7 (1999): 163–165.

Emily Albu Hanawalt and Carter Lindberg (eds.), *Through the Eye of a Needle: Judeo-Christian Roots of Social Welfare*. Reviewed in *Religious Studies Review* 21 (1995): 337.

E) COLLABORATIVE PUBLIC HEALTH RESEARCH

[see above for related peer-reviewed journal articles and book chapters]

International Reports of the Joint Learning Initiative on Children and HIV/AIDS:

Baingana F, Fuller A, Levy Guyer A, Holman SR, Kim JY, Li M, McKeever J, Mungherera L, Psaki S, Sematimba B, Serukka D, Smith Fawzi MC, and Zaeh S. [The implementation gap in services](#)

for children affected by HIV/AIDS: Supporting families and communities in caring for and protecting vulnerable children. Boston: The FXB Center/JLICA, 2008.

Kim JY, Mungherera L, Belfer M, Betancourt T, Holman SR, and Smith Fawzi MC [principal writers, with other contributing writers]: Casey A, Chan A, Forman R, Fuller A, Li M, Lim Y, Williams T, and Zaeh S. *Integration and expansion of prevention of mother-to-child transmission (PMTCT) of HIV and early childhood intervention services.* Boston: The FXB Center/JLICA, 2008.

Kim JY, Mungherera L, Holman SR, and Smith Fawzi MC. *The Joint Learning Initiative on Children and HIV/AIDS (Learning Group 3) Synthesis report: Expanding access to services and protecting human rights.* Boston: The FXB Center/JLICA, 2008.

TEACHING CASES

Gordon R, Holman S. “Flint, Michigan: Lethal Water.” Global Health Education and Learning Incubator at Harvard University, 2017 [teaching case with supplemental materials]. Draft in internal review; available on request.

Holman S, Shayegan L (in collaboration with Richard Cash, MD, MPH). “Toilets and sanitation at the Kumbh Mela,” Boston: Harvard Global Health Institute, 2014. [teaching case]

Holman S, Balsari S. “Stampede at the Kumbh Mela,” Boston: Harvard Global Health Institute/Harvard University FXB Center for Health and Human Rights, 2014 [teaching case]. Accepted for publication in Himanshu Grover, ed., *Prevention: Innovating and Adapting to Prevent Disasters* [series: Disasters and Emergency Management]. Amsterdam: Elsevier, forthcoming (in revision).

ONLINE GLOBAL HEALTH LEARNING SUMMARIES

Developed and wrote more than thirty news stories on learning events sponsored/co-sponsored by the Harvard Global Health Institute, 2012–2014, including the Institute’s inaugural “Informal Conversation Series” (ICS). Developed classroom discussion questions (“Conversation Starters”) for all ICS narratives. Archived pdfs available [online](#).

INTERDISCIPLINARY GLOBAL HEALTH BRIEFS

Conceptualized and created seven 4-page fliers, each highlighting faculty and student research and teaching opportunities at Harvard University that can help students imagine the role of global health in their career aspirations across disciplines. Each brief considers global health in light of one of the following areas of research: art and architecture; business; education; engineering; government and public policy; law; and the study of religion. First developed in 2014 and extensively revised, the briefs are now in final drafts awaiting layout and design for posting on the Global Health Education and Learning Incubator at Harvard University’s Teaching Resource Repository. Pre-press pdfs of these drafts for review purpose only may be viewed at:

<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/9oa0zu7cfx2n62/AADQSCet68VoC42jIqzFVK9ba?dl=0>

ONLINE ARTICLES AND MEDIA DEVELOPED FOR A GENERAL AUDIENCE

In 2016, I served as coauthor with a quartet of students developing and writing a group video exploring national and local racial tensions and the power of advocacy in community healing, as part of a Harvard Summer School class on “Storytelling and Global Justice,” taught by Michael Patrick MacDonald. [View the video on YouTube.](#)

In 2005–2006, I wrote several brief interviews and feature stories for “Your Medicine Online,” an early online journal of the Department of Medicine at Brigham and Women’s Hospital, Boston, Massachusetts, on topics including: medical education, ethics, and geriatric medicine; philanthropy and academic medicine; community service to the homeless in Boston; and global health.

4. CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS AND INVITED LECTURES

“Whip Handle and Spoon: Forced Feeding Eucharist in Late Antiquity,” Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, Boston, Mass, 2017 (in preparation).

“Doctors in the Choir: Theological Medicine in the Ancient Church Precinct,” International Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, Berlin, Germany, 2017 (in preparation).

Panelist, “Heal for the Peace of the City,” Symposium on Women in Leadership and Ministry, City Seminary, New York, New York, January 2017.

Keynote Lecture invitation, Spring 2017 College of Arts and Sciences STEM and Humanities Symposium on Global Health, Baylor University, Waco, Texas (declined).

Respondent, “Roundtable Conversation on *Beholden: Religion, Global Health, and Human Rights*,” Religions, Medicines, and Healing Group Panel Discussion, Annual Meeting, American Academy of Religion, San Antonio, Texas, 2016.

“Practical Theology: What Can We Learn From Late Antiquity?” and “[Religion, Globalization and Health: Connecting Study and Practice](#),” Centre for Mission and Global Studies, [VID Specialized University](#), Stavanger, Norway, September 2016.

“Health Justice—Hermeneutic of Blessing?” Public lecture for the 2016 Grawemeyer Award in Religion, University of Louisville and Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary, April 2016. [Podcast online](#) ([download audio](#))

“And Yet the Books: Patristics in the Footnotes,” Invited Fall 2015 Papatheofanis Lecture on Early Christianity, The Center for Early Christian Studies, Wheaton College, Wheaton, IL, November 2015. Video online.

Invited discussant, “Theological Foundations: Conceptual Architectures and Definitions of Humanitarianism,” Panel 1 of Colloquium on “Orthodox Christianity and Humanitarianism: Ideas and Actions in the Contemporary World,” sponsored by the Department of Inter-Orthodox, Ecumenical, and Interfaith Relations of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America; Hellenic College Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology, Brookline, MA, May 2015.

“From the American Hospital in Chile to the Poorhouse: What can we Learn from 19th Century Public Health?” Invited Keynote Address, National Undergraduate Bioethics Conference, Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL, April 2015.

“Public Health, Poverty, and Patristics,” Invited public lecture, The Kenan Institute for Ethics at Duke University, as part of the “Religions & Public Life” Initiative, Duke University Divinity School, April 2013.

“Martyrs, Demons, and the Child at Play: Violence and Sacred Healing in early Christian Pediatric Folk Medicine,” invited paper (for subsequent publication) on how folklore shows people caring for the health of vulnerable children, for session on “The demographic regime: hunger and health,” at the Roman Family VI conference on the “Limits and Borders of Childhood and Family, Rome, May 2012.

“Weep the seeds of eternal joy’: Tears and thanksgiving in Basil of Caesarea’s homilies on 1 Thessalonians 5:16–18,” Brief Communication, Sixteenth International Conference on Patristic Studies, University of Oxford, Oxford, UK, August 2011.

“Supporting cross-disciplinary FBO collaborations to promote social justice in public health care delivery,” [poster presentation], Annual Meeting of the American Public Health Association, Denver, CO, November 2010.

“On the ground: Realizing an Altared Philoptochia,” invited keynote lecture for “Lord When did we see you hungry? Philanthropy and social welfare in Eastern Orthodox tradition,” The Second Sophia Institute Annual Conference, Union Theological Seminary, December 2009.

“A Ps.-Basil Homily ‘On Beneficence’: A Voice on Social Action?” (co-written and presented with Brian Matz), North American Patristic Society, Chicago, IL, 2009.

“Out of the Fitting Room: Rethinking Patristic Social Texts on ‘The Common Good,’” invited presentation for Expert Seminar on “The Church Fathers and Catholic Social Thought,” Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, Belgium, September 2007.

“Basil of Caesarea on the ‘Common Good,’” Fifteenth International Conference on Patristic Studies, Oxford, UK, August 2007.

“Concepts of Justice in Late Antique Christian Charity Narratives,” invited lecture for conference on “Charity and Piety in the Middle East in Late Antiquity and the Middle Ages: Continuity and Transformation,” sponsored by the Institute for Advanced Study at The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, February 2007.

“Sick Children in Sophronius’ *Miracles of Ss. Cyrus and John*,” 21st International Congress of Byzantine Studies, London, UK, August 2006. The abstract was published in F. K. Haarer, and Elizabeth Jeffreys, eds., *Proceedings of the 21st International Congress of Byzantine Studies. London, 21–26 August 2006*. 3 vols. Burlington, VT: Ashgate, 2006, vol. 2, p. 172.

“Patristic Poverty and Modern Need: Apples and Oranges? Some Models for Dialogue,” North American Patristic Society Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, May 2006.

“Rich and Poor in a Healing Sanctuary: Therapeutic Pairing in Sophronius of Jerusalem’s *Miracles of Ss. Cyrus and John*,” Invited Plenary lecture, 2nd annual conference of the Stephen and Catherine Pappas Patristic Institute, Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology, Boston, MA, October 2005.

“Theology of Congregational Life: Models from Early Christian Philanthropy Rhetoric,” Invited address to the “Conversation on Theology and Congregational Life,” Hartford Seminary, Hartford, CT, October 2005.

“Phoenix and Eunuchs: Offhand Comment of a Medical Monk,” North American Patristic Society Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, May 2004.

“Is Meletius’ Phoenix a Red Herring?” International Society for the History of Medicine, Birmingham, UK, June 2004.

“Rich City Burning: Social Welfare and Ecclesiastical Insecurity in Basil’s Mission to Armenia,” American Society of Church History Winter Meeting, Chicago, IL, January 2003.

“In his father’s voice? Gregory and the mob in *Oration 16*,” North American Patristic Society Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, May 2000.

“Taxing Nazianzus: Gregory and the Other Julian,” Thirteenth International Conference on Patristic Studies, Oxford, UK, August 1999.

“Hellenic’ Philanthropy and Shame in Christian Cappadocia,” University of New Brunswick Ancient History Colloquium, Fredericton, New Brunswick, Canada, March 1999.

“The Entitled Poor: Relief Language in Gregory of Nyssa’s *Peri Philoptochias*,” Fourth Meeting of the International Society for the Classical Tradition (ISCT), University of Tübingen, Germany, July 1998.

“Feeding Egypt: Joseph’s Famine Relief as an Exegetical Model for Basil and Gregory of Nazianzus,” North American Patristic Society Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, May 1998.

“Touching the Suffering ‘Other’: Reverse Contagion as an Agent of Healing in Gregory of Nyssa’s Sermon on Matthew 25:40,” New England/Maritimes Regional Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, Boston, MA, April 1998. Awarded the Allyn Russell Prize for Best Graduate Student Paper.

“Relative Entitlements: Obligations vs. Rights in Formative Christian Texts on Poverty Relief,” Predistributed paper and Roundtable session, American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA, November 1996.

“‘You Speculate on the Misery of the Poor’: Usury as a Social Crime in Basil of Caesarea’s Second Homily on Psalm 14,” International Conference on Organised Crime in the Ancient World, University of Wales, Lampeter, UK, September 1996.

“Molded as Wax: Formation and Feeding of the Ancient Newborn,” American Philological Association Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA, December 1994.

5. PROFESSIONAL SERVICE ACTIVITIES

Ad hoc reviewer, [Journal of Interdisciplinary History](#), [Journal of Early Christian Studies](#), [Sacris Erudiri](#).

Invited grant reviewer, Christian Faith and Life Grant award, The Louisville Institute, 2008–2009.

Invited academic tenure reviewer for several colleagues, both national (for tenure to Assistant and Associate Professor level) and international (for Research Professor, equivalent to tenure to Associate Professor).

Chair, moderator, and respondent, occasional sessions at the annual meeting of the North American Patristic Society (since 1998). Also served as invited moderator for academic conference sessions in Lampeter, Wales (1996) and Tübingen, Germany (1998).

Member, Board of Directors, The Stephen and Catherine Pappas Patristic Institute, Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology, 2004-2012.

Web designer: (a) Instigated, created, and periodically maintain (2004–present) an open access non-profit website of online academic and social action resources to help link religious scholarship with community action (www.povertystudies.org); (b) Created and maintained (2004–2006) the proto-website of the Stephen and Catherine Pappas Patristic Institute at Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology, Boston, MA; (c) Created an online site devoted to the historical [stained glass windows of St. James’s Episcopal Church](#), Cambridge, MA; 2002.

International grant development: Organized scholarship funds for Indian women in graduate theological education in cooperation with Dr. Sathi Clarke of United Theological College in Bangalore, India and St. James’s Episcopal Church, Cambridge, MA, 2000.

Vestry member, St. James’s Episcopal Church, Cambridge, MA, 2001–2003.

Community meal program administration: Sole cook for a community meal for low income women, St. James’s Episcopal Church, 1996–1997; wrote a cookbook (*Good Food Good Friends Cookbook*); profits benefited the women’s meal.

6. INVITED COMMUNITY PRESENTATIONS

“Food, Poverty, Liturgy: Early Christian Connections for 21st-century Ministry, St. John the Compassionate Mission, Toronto, Canada, October 2016.

“Responding to poverty: How can early Christian texts speak to us?” Invited keynote lecture for launch event of “New City Initiative” a project funded by the Lilly Foundation that engages faith communities in ending homelessness, Portland, OR, April 2010 (summary at http://www.emoregon.org/pdfs/Voice/Voice_2010_Spring_color.pdf, p. 4).

Occasional invited lectures and short-term class offerings on faith-based responses to need in history, to various religious groups and lay audiences in the Cambridge and Boston area, since 1996.

7. AWARDS AND HONORS

Doctor of Humanities, *honoris causa*, Valparaiso University, 2016.

2016 Grawemeyer Award in Religion, awarded for *Beholden: Religion, Global Health, and Human Rights*.

Louisville Institute, 2007, one-year “Christian Faith and Life” research grant to complete book project, *God Knows There’s Need*.

Alumni Award for Service to the Profession, 2006, Tufts Friedman School of Nutrition Science and Policy, Tufts University.

Grant Recipient, Seminar on Lived Theology, 2005–2006, Lilly Foundation Grant to the Project on Lived Theology at the University of Virginia.

Allyn Russell Prize for Best Graduate Student Paper, American Academy of Religion, New England/Maritimes Region, 1998, for paper, “Touching the Suffering ‘Other’” (later published by *Harvard Theological Review* as “Healing the Social Leper”).

University Fellowship, Brown University, 1991–1992, 1992–1993. Full fellowship for first two years of doctoral studies.

8. LANGUAGES, COMPUTER, & RELATED SKILLS

Languages: French, Greek, German, some Latin

Computer Literacy: High level of practical competence and digital literacy in Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint; Adobe InDesign, Photoshop; website CMS; and related media, both PC and Mac platforms

Library and Archival Records: Two for-credit courses in archival methods and management, Simmons College Graduate School of Library Science, (GPA 4.0), Fall 2002.

9. PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS (PAST AND PRESENT)

American Academy of Religion

American Public Health Association

Association Internationale d'Études Patristiques/International Association of Patristic Studies

Boston Area Patristic Group / Patristica Bostoniensa

Daughters of the American Revolution

North American Patristic Society

ReMeDHe Working Group for Religion, Medicine, Disability, and Health in Late Antiquity

Society of Ancient Medicine

Society of Biblical Literature

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