

## CURRICULUM VITA

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### EDUCATION

Ph.D., Religious Studies, Brown University, Providence, RI, 1998.

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

M.S., Nutrition, Tufts University School of Nutrition Science and Policy, Medford, MA, 1983.

B.A., Psychology and B.S., Nutrition, Valparaiso University, Valparaiso, IN, 1979; biology minor.

### CAREER EXPERIENCES: 1. RESEARCH AND EDITING

Research writer, François-Xavier Bagnoud Center for Health and Human Rights, Harvard School of Public Health, since 2007.

Independent Scholar, since 1999. Scholarly research and writing on the religious and social history of late antiquity, with a particular focus on social welfare, “human rights” language and concepts, and the theological implications of the body in early Christian perceptions of need, poverty, hunger and disease.

Designer and Instigator, PovertyStudies, a nonprofit website ([www.povertystudies.org](http://www.povertystudies.org)) (that, by design, generates no income whatsoever); the site provides an information interface that is designed to promote dialogue between academic religious studies and social action. Includes bibliographies on religious responses to poverty in history, syllabi for university- and seminary-level classes, links to academic conferences, community service links, and related items of interest.

Managing Editor, *Nutrition Today*, a peer-reviewed professional journal for nutrition educators and health professionals published by Lippincott Williams & Wilkins; 2000 to 2003.

Associate Editor, *American Journal of Archaeology*, 1999.

Medical Editor and writer, various consulting roles with Harvard Medical School physicians in Boston, Massachusetts, since 1987.

### CAREER EXPERIENCES: 2. TEACHING AND VISITING OR GUEST ACADEMIC POSTS:

*Invited Visiting Scholar*, Institute for Advanced Study at The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, February 2007, as part of its 6-month research group on "Charity and Piety in the Middle East in Late Antiquity and Middle Ages: Continuity and Transformation."

*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); in addition to occasional invitations to address religious groups and lay audiences in the Cambridge and Boston area.

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

*Teaching Assistant*, Religious Studies, Brown University, 1993-1995.

*Nutrition Educator*, Joslin Diabetes Center, Boston, MA, 1986-87.

*Public Health Nutritionist*, Massachusetts WIC (Women, Infants and Children Supplemental Food) Program, South End Community Health Center, Boston, MA, 1983-85.

*Dietetic Intern*, Frances Stern Nutrition Center, Tufts New England Medical Center, Boston, Mass. and Tufts School (now the Friedman Center) of Nutrition Science and Policy, 1981-83.

## **PUBLICATIONS**

### 1. Dissertation

“The body of the poor in fourth century Cappadocia: Seven sermons on hunger, illness and penury,” Brown University, 1998. Thesis director: Susan Ashbrook Harvey.

### 2. Books

*Basil of Caesarea: On Fasting, Feasts and Faith*. Popular Patristics Series; Crestwood, NY: St. Vladimir’s Seminary Press. In preparation.

*God Knows There’s Need: Christian Responses to Poverty*. NY: Oxford University Press, in press. Funded by the Seminar on Lived Theology in the Project on Lived Theology at the University of Virginia (2005-2006) and by a Christian Faith and Life Grant from the Louisville Institute (2007-2008).

Volume editor, *Wealth and Poverty in Early Church and Society*. Holy Cross Studies in Patristic Theology and History 1; Grand Rapids: BakerAcademic, 2008.

*The Hungry are Dying: Beggars and Bishops in Roman Cappadocia*. Oxford Studies in Historical Theology. New York: Oxford University Press, 2001.

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

### 3. Peer-Reviewed Articles

“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 philoptochias*.”” *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.

#### 4. Book Chapters

“Medical Treatment of the Young Child in Christian Antiquity,” in Cornelia B. Horn, ed., *Children in Ancient Christianity*. Studien und Texte zum Antiken Christentum/Studies and Texts on Ancient Christianity; Tübingen: Mohr-Siebeck, in preparation.

“Healing the world with righteousness? The language of social justice in early Christian homilies,” in Miriam Frenkel and Yaacov Lev, eds., *Giving in Monotheistic Religions*. Studien zur Geschichte und Kultur des islamischen Orients. Berlin and NY: Walter de Gruyter, in press.

“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 21<sup>st</sup> Century Christian Social Thought*. Catholic University of America Studies in Early Christianity; Washington, D.C.: Catholic University of America Press, in press.

“God and the Poor in Early Christian Thought,” in Andrew McGowan and Brian Daley (eds.), *God in Early Christian Thought* [memorial volume for Lloyd Patterson], *Vigiliae Christianae Supplement*. Leiden: Brill, in press.

“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*. Grand Rapids: Baker Academic, 2008; pp. 103-124.

“Constructed and Consumed: Everyday Life of the Poor in 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

“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.

“‘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.

#### 5. Book Reviews

Sophie Métivier, *La Cappadoce (IV<sup>e</sup>-VI<sup>e</sup> siècle): Une histoire provinciale de l’Empire romain d’Orient*. Reviewed in *Bryn Mawr Classical Review*, 2006, online at: <http://ccat.sas.upenn.edu/bmcr/2006/2006-06-11.html>.

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, pp. 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 Vniversalis* 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.

## 6. Translations

Selections from my translations of the 4<sup>th</sup> century Cappadocian sermons on poverty, hunger and disease are reprinted in Robert Atwell, *Celebrating the Seasons: Daily Spiritual Readings for the Christian Year*. Norwich (U.K.): The Canterbury Press, 1999; pp. 119, 333, 403, 431, 466.

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

“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 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 *Or.* 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, NB, 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.

"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.

## **AWARDS**

2007-2008, recipient, Christian Faith and Life Grant from the Louisville Institute.

2005-2006, recipient, Lilly Foundation-funded grant from the Project on Lived Theology at the University of Virginia's Department of Religious Studies, as part of the "Seminar in Lived Theology," directed by Professor Charles Marsh.

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

1998, Allyn Russell Prize for Best Graduate Student Paper, American Academy of Religion, New England/Maritimes Region, for conference paper, "Touching the Suffering Other" (see above).

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

**PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS:**

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

Association of Ancient Historians

North American Patristic Society

Society of Ancient Medicine

Society of Biblical Literature

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