

Brandon Tenison Walker

Curriculum Vitae
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EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Theology and Religious Studies, University of Nottingham, Nottingham, UK, 2014

Concentration: New Testament and Early Church History

Thesis: *Memory, Miracle and Mission: Orality and the Apostolic Miracle Tradition*

This thesis utilizes social memory theory and orality in examining the use of miracle stories in early Christian identity construction. By examining the miracle traditions related to Peter and Paul, the concerns of Luke's community are highlighted along with their understanding of discipleship.

Supervisor: Professor Thomas O'Loughlin

Secondary supervisor: Professor Roland Deines

M.A. in History, Miami University, Oxford, OH, 2005

Concentrations: New Testament, Early Church History, Second Temple Judaism, Roman Empire

Thesis: *Decent and in Order: The Pagan Stigmatization of Eusebius' Polemics against the New Prophecy*

Advisor: Dr. Edwin Yamauchi

B.A. *cum laude* with Honors in History and Philosophy, Longwood College, Farmville, VA, 2002

Concentrations: European and American Intellectual History, Ancient History, Early Church History

Honors Thesis: *Retreat from Reason: Ralph Waldo Emerson's Influence on the Unitarian Church*

Advisor: Dr. Larissa Smith-Ferguson

CURRENT POST:

Visiting Lecturer, London School of Theology, London, UK

Adjunct Faculty, SUM Bible School and Theological Seminary, Oakland, CA

Adjunct Professor, Regent University, Virginia Beach, VA

Extension Studies Tutor, St. John's College, Nottingham

ACADEMIC HONOURS AND GRANTS RECEIVED

Open Access Research Publication Grant, University of Nottingham, Awarded 2014 (£1600)

Theology and Religious Studies Small Research Grant, University of Nottingham.
Awarded 2012, 2013 (£120)
King's College Summer School Classics Department Bursary, London,
England. Awarded July 2012 (£150)
London School of Classics Travel Grant, London, England, Awarded July 2012 (£50)
Society for the Study of Theology Bursary, York, England, Awarded 2012 (£200)
Summer Research Grant, Research Conducted at Biblioteca Ambrosiana,
Milan, Italy. Miami University Awarded 2004 (\$150)
Graduation Benediction Deliverer, Longwood College, 2002
John S. Peale Award for Excellence in Philosophy, Longwood College,
Awarded 2002 (\$100)
Helen B. Savage Award for Excellence in Philosophy, Longwood College,
Awarded 2001 (\$50)

RESEARCH IN PROGRESS

Shaped by the Word: Biblical Miracles in the life and thought of Augustine, accepted
for publication by Brepols
Memory, Spirit, and Performance in Early Christian Mission

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant, History Department, Miami University, Oxford, OH, 2003–2005
Research Assistant, Christian Educational Services, Charlotte, NC, 2001

MONOGRAPHS

Memory, Mission and Identity: Orality and the Apostolic Miracle Tradition, Turnhout:
Brepols, 2015

ARTICLES AND CHAPTERS IN EDITED VOLUMES

'This kind only comes out by Prayer (and Fasting): Fasting, Ritual Efficacy and
Magical Thinking in early Christianity' in *Journal of Ritual Studies*, 31.1:
(2017) 43-52
'Fasting' in *Routledge Dictionary of Ancient Mediterranean Religion*, 2016
'Vegetarianism' in *Routledge Dictionary of Ancient Mediterranean Religion*, 2016
'Performing Miracles: Discipleship and the Miracle Tradition of Jesus' in
Transformation, Open Access Gold, April, 2016
'The Forgotten Kingdom: Miracle, the Memory of Jesus and Counter-Ideology to the
Roman Empire' in *Reactions to Empire: Sacred Texts in their Socio-Political
Contexts*, Tübingen, Mohr Siebeck, 2014
'More Evidence for Liturgical Gatherings in the Acts of Peter' in *Anaphora: The
Journal of the Society for Liturgical Studies*, 8.1 (2014): 13–30
'One True Vine: The Problem of Dionysiac Influence in Early Christianity' *Near
Eastern Archaeological Society Bulletin*, 53 (2008): 1–12
'Retreat from Reason: Ralph Waldo Emerson's Influence on the Unitarian Church,'
The Contender (2002): 1–4

WORKS IN PRESS

'Cures what ails you: Health and Healing in the New Testament' *Fuller Theological Seminary Journal*, Forthcoming

'With Peter at the Games: Ritual Memory and Gladiatorial Combat in the Acts of Peter' *Religion in the Roman Empire*, 4.1, 2018

'Miracles: A Critical Examination of Keener's Evaluation' in the *Journal of Biblical and Pneumatological Studies*, Forthcoming

Review of Craig Keener, *Miracles: The Reliability of the New Testament Witness* (Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Academic Press, 2011) in *Neotestamentica*, Forthcoming

REVIEWS

Review of Joel B. Green, *Conversion in Luke-Acts* (Baker Academic: Grand Rapids, MI) in *Reviews of Biblical and Early Christian Studies*, (<https://rbecs.org/category/brandon-walker/>), August, 2016

Review of Graham H. Twelftree, *Paul and the Miraculous: A Historical Reconstruction* (Baker Academic: Grand Rapids, MI) in *Reviews of Biblical and Early Christian Studies*, (<http://rbecs.org/2015/01/23/patm/>), January 2015

Review of Kevin Belmonte, *Miracles: A Fascinating History of Signs, Wonders and Miracle* (Nashville, TN: Thomas Nelson, 2011) in *Reviews in Religion and Theology*, 20.3 July 2013: 367–369

Review of Duane M. Watson, ed. *Miracle Discourse in the New Testament* (Atlanta, GA: SBL) in *Reviews of Biblical and Early Christian Studies*, (<http://rbecs.org/2013/04/02/mdnt/>), April 2013

Review of Thomas C. Oden, *The African Memory of Mark: Reassessing Early Church Tradition* (Downers Grove, IL: Intervarsity Academic Press, 2011) in *Mission Studies*, 30.1, 2013: 105–106

Review of Burke and Rosner, eds., *Paul as Missionary* (London: T&T Clark, 2011) in *Mission Studies*, 30.1, 2013: 107–108

Review of Gary B. McGee, *Miracles, Mission & American Pentecostalism* (Maryknoll, NY: Orbis Press, 2010) in *Mission Studies*, 30.1, 2013: 111–112

Review of Veli-Matti Kärkkäinen, ed., *The Spirit in the World: Emerging Pentecostal Theologies in Global Contexts* (Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans) in *Mission Studies*, 30.1, 2013: 135–136

Review of Ian M. Ellis, *A Century of Mission and Unity* (Dublin: The Columba Press, 2010) in *The Pastoral Review*, Nov/Dec 2012: 88–89

Review of Greg Tysta, *The Holy Spirit in Christian Mission* (Grand Rapids, MI: IVP Academic, 2011) in *Mission Studies*, 29.2, 2012

Review of Charles Talbert and Jason Whitlark eds., *Getting Saved: The Whole Story of Salvation in the New Testament* (Grand Rapids, MI: W.B. Eerdmans, 2011) in *Neotestamentica*, 46.2, 2012: 441–442

Review of Prosper Grech, *An Outline of New Testament Spirituality* (Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans, 2011) in *The Pastoral Review*, Sept/Oct 2012: 95–96

Review of Harald Thorsrud, *Ancient Scepticism* (Berkley, CA: University of California Press, 2009) in *Near Eastern Archaeological Bulletin* 55 (2010): 75–77

Review of Pascal Vernus, *Scandals and Affairs in Ancient Egypt* (New York: Cornell

University Press, 2003) in *Near Eastern Archaeological Society Bulletin*, 50 (2004): 62–64

PAPERS PRESENTED AT CONFERENCES

'The Testimony of Peter is the Spirit of Canon: Intertextuality and the Acts of Peter,'
Becoming a Sacred Text Conference, University of Birmingham, England, July
2014

'Discipleship: The Intersection of Memory and Orality,' Nottingham Theology
Network Keynote Address, Nottingham, June 2014

'Performing Miracles: Discipleship and the Miracle Tradition of Jesus,' Institute for
Biblical Research annual meeting, Baltimore, MD, November 2013

'This Kind Comes out only by Prayer and Fasting: Fasting and Prayer as Ritual
Efficacy,' Society of Biblical Studies annual meeting, Baltimore, MD,
November 2013

'Ideology and Theology: The Disappearance of the Kingdom of God in Early Christian
Discourse,' International Society of Biblical Literature conference, Texts and
Theopolitical Contexts, St. Andrews, Scotland, July 2013

'The Macedonian Call: The Role of Dreams and Visions in Christian Mission,'
International Society of Biblical Literature conference, Amsterdam,
Netherlands, July 2012

'By What Spirit?: Prophetic Discernment in the Early Church,' Society for the Study
of Theology conference, York, England, March 2012

'Decent and in Order: Pauline Ethics and the Condemnation of the New Prophecy,'
Evangelical Theological Society annual meeting, Philadelphia, PA, 2005

MEDIA

'Miracles and the Gospels,' *Theologians in Conversation*, URL:
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jNXkePaxEHo&feature=share&list=PLFC4121E00BB41795>

'Orality and Early Christian Studies,' *Theologians in Conversation*, URL:
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tpFrDphLGak&feature=share&list=PLFC4121E00BB41795>

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

London School of Theology, London, UK

Faith in Time, Fall 2016

Key Christian Thinkers, Spring 2017

School of Urban Ministry (SUM) Bible School and Theological Seminary,
Sacramento, CA

Systematic Theology II, 2017-2018

Church History, 2017

New Testament Interpretation, Winter 2016

Pentecostal Doctrine and History, Fall 2016

History of Awakenings, Spring 2016, 2017, 2018

Regent University, Virginia Beach, VA

The Making of the Christian Mind, Fall 2016

The True, the Good and Beautiful, Fall 2016
Luke-Acts, Spring 2016
Doctoral Dissertation Proposal Development, Spring 2016, 2017
Unity of the Bible, 2017
Biblical Hermeneutics 2017-2018

St. John's College, Nottingham

Tutor, Theology Week, July 2014
Tutor, New Testament Greek, 2013–2014
Creeds and Councils, 2014–present
Modern Thought and Theology, 2014–present
Acts and Mission, 2014–present
The Matrix of Christian Theology, 2013–present
Introduction to the New Testament, 2013–present

University of Nottingham, Department of Theology and Religious Studies, Nottingham

Webinar Leader, Early Christian Texts, 2014
Teaching Assistant, History of Christian Thought until 1600, 2012–2013

Miami University, Oxford, OH

Teaching Assistant, Greeks, Romans and Etruscans, Summer, 2004
Instructor, Physical Health and Wellness, Physical Health Science, 2004–2005

STUDENT FEEDBACK

‘There are professors you wish taught you every semester, and you are that kind - inspiring, challenging, virtuous, compassionate, intelligent and Godly. Thanks a bunch Dr. Walker’

‘The way he explained prepositions really turned the lights on for me.’ ‘He is very patient.’

‘I really appreciate the flexible approach he takes, making allowances for all of our different learning styles.’

‘I like the freedom to ask questions. I like the pace of the class.’

‘I think he is very sensitive to when we are struggling and is always helpful. He regularly gives us extra information.’ ‘I appreciate whatever contribution I have been able to make has been valued.’

TEACHING TRAINING

Designing Courses for Creative Learning, Society of Biblical Literature, San Diego, CA, 2014

Short Courses, University of Nottingham

Lecturing for Learning
Leading Small Groups
Intercultural Education
Learning Styles

DEPARTMENTAL AND INVITED LECTURES

‘The Promise of Performance: Performance Criticism and early Christian mission,’

Invited lecture, Oxford Centre of Mission Studies, Oxford, UK, 2015
'The Orphan Spirit and the Academy,' invited Ph.D. Residential Lecture,
Regent University, 2014
'Memory in Early Christianity,' MA in Church History Residential Lectures,
University of Nottingham, 2013
'Heterodoxy and the Challenge of Gnosticism: Developing Early Christian Identity,'
History of Christian Thought, University of Nottingham, 2012
'Ancient Colonialism,' Greeks, Romans and Etruscans, Miami University, Italy, 2004
'Mystery Religions in Antiquity,' Greeks, Romans and Etruscans, Miami University,
Italy, 2004

ADDITIONAL TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Biblico de Colheita/Iris Global, Pemba, Mozambique

Courses Taught:

1 and 2 Samuel, 2011
Pastoral Leadership Seminar, 2010
Ephesians, 2010
Spiritual Disciplines, 2010–2011
Prayer, 2008
Introduction to World Religions, 2008
Hermeneutics, 2007
Bible Study Methods, 2007
Eschatology, 2007
Bible Doctrine, 2007

Harvest Bible College/Iris Global, Bangula, Malawi

Courses Taught:

New Testament and Healing, 2007
Introduction to Christian Ethics, 2007
Introduction to the New Testament, 2006–2007
Sermon on the Mount, 2006

SERVICE TO THE FIELD

Annual Conference Organizer/Assistant to the President-Elect, Evangelical
Theological Society, Oxford, OH, 2004–2005

DEPARTMENTAL/UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Curriculum Writer, London School of Theology, 2016
Common Awards Extension Studies Curriculum Transition Overseer, St. John's
College, Nottingham, 2014–2015
New Staff Selection Committee, Miami University, Oxford, OH 2003–2005
Trainer, Office of Residence Life Summer Staff Training, Miami University, Oxford,
OH, 2004
Graduate Academic Advisor, Residence Life and New Student Programs, Miami
University, Oxford, OH, 2004–2005
Assistant First Year Academic Advisor, Residence Life and New Student Programs,

Miami University, Oxford, OH, 2003–2004

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Student Disabilities Services Assistant, St. John's College, Nottingham, UK, 2012–2014

Information Technology Professional, Navy, Marine Corps Intranet, Norfolk, VA, 2009

Guest Teacher, Virginia Beach Public School System, Virginia Beach, VA, 2005

Frontline Sales and Technical Support Representative, BibleWorks Software LLC, Norfolk, VA, 2002–2003

PRESENTATIONS FOR CHURCHES AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

'New Testament and Early Christian Prophecy,' International Leaders School of Ministry, Cape Town, South Africa, 2010

'Money and Missions,' Harvest School of Missions, Pemba, Mozambique, 2008

MISSION AND MINISTRY EXPERIENCE

New Disciples Curriculum, Harvest Assembly, Chesapeake, VA, 2015

Curriculum Development Committee, Colegio Biblico de Colheita/Iris Global, Pemba, Mozambique, 2010–2011

Long Term Service Selection Committee, Iris Global, Pemba, Mozambique, 2010–2011

Prison Ministry Coordinator, Iris Global, Pemba, Mozambique, 2010–2011

Assistant Director, Biblico de Colheita/Iris Global, Pemba, Mozambique, 2007

Outreach Team Leader to Malawi, Harvest School of Missions, 2008

Community Development Leader, Harvest School of Missions, Pemba, Mozambique, 2007–2008

Community Development Leader, Harvest Bible College, Bangula, Malawi, 2006–2007

Holy Given School of Missions, Pemba, Mozambique, 2006

OTHER MINISTRY EXPERIENCE

Alpha Course Team Member, St. Saviour's Church, Nottingham, 2012

Bible Exegesis Teacher, Camp Hope Summer Youth Camp, Canton, NC, 1999–2001

Youth Pastor Summer Internship, Word Alive Church, Charlotte, NC, 1999

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Society of Biblical Literature

Institute for Biblical Research

Society for the Study of Theology

North American Patristics Society

Phi Alpha Theta Honorary Historical Society

Omicron Delta Kappa Honorary Leadership Society

