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## EDUCATION

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- 2021** Doctor of Philosophy in Religion (Religions of Western Antiquity)  
Florida State University
- 2015** Master of Divinity  
Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary
- 2009** Bachelor of Arts in History (*cum laude*)  
University of South Carolina

## EMPLOYMENT

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- 2024–** Visiting Assistant Professor of Religion  
Division of Humanities, New College of Florida
- 2021–2024** Visiting Assistant Teaching Professor  
Department of Religion, Florida State University

## AREAS OF INTEREST

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Works of Flavius Josephus  
Ancient Jewish scriptural adaptation and rewriting  
Pre-modern book history and the materiality of reading and writing  
Second Temple Judaism / Early Judaism  
Greco-Roman moralism and exemplarity  
Religious competition, conflict, and violence  
New Testament and Early Christianity

## COURSES TAUGHT

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### New College of Florida

- Introduction to World Religions
- Introduction to the Study of Religion
- Introduction to Judaism
- Biblical Hebrew (tutorial/independent study)
- Jewish Scriptures
- Dead Sea Scrolls
- From Papyrus to Paperback: Where Does a Modern Bible Come From?
- Papyrus, Paper, Pixel: Media, Technology, and Religion (immersive/experiential course)
- Martyrs, Messiahs, Prophets, and Priests
- Great Books I: Antiquity to Renaissance

### Florida State University

- Introduction to World Religions
- Introduction to New Testament
- Introduction to Old Testament

## BOOKS

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**Under contract** *Media, Materiality, and Methods in the Composition of Josephus' Works. Education, Literary Culture, and Religious Practice in the Ancient World.* Bloomsbury Academic. (manuscript in preparation)

**Under contract** *An Orientation to Josephus for Biblical Studies.* Oxford University Press. (manuscript complete)

**2023** *In the Court of the Gentiles: Narrative, Exemplarity, and Scriptural Adaptation in the Court-Tales of Flavius Josephus.* Journal for the Study of Judaism Supplements 209. Brill.

### Reviews:

1. Joseph Scales, *Ancient Jew Review* 12/09/2024.
2. Chris Seeman, *Review of Biblical Literature* 05/2025.
3. Viktor Kókai-Nagy, *Theologische Literaturzeitung* 150, no. 6 (2025): 429–31.
4. Martin Friis, *Journal for the Study of Judaism* 56, no. 4 (2025).
5. Magnus Rabel, *Orientalistische Literaturzeitung* 119, nos. 4–5 (2025): 243–47.

## EDITED VOLUMES

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**Under contract** *The Oxford Critical Guide to Josephus.* Oxford Critical Guides. Oxford University Press. (expected 2028)

**TRANSLATIONS & COMMENTARIES**

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- Under contract** Books 10–11 of Josephus, *Antiquities of the Jews*. In *The Collected Works of Josephus*. The Library of the Jewish People. Koren Publishers Jerusalem. (annotated translation)
- Under contract** Books 5–7 of Josephus, *Jewish War*. In *The Collected Works of Josephus*. The Library of the Jewish People. Koren Publishers Jerusalem. (annotated translation)

**JOURNAL ARTICLES**

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- 2025** “Explaining evil in early Judaism: Cain, Cainites and antediluvian sin.” *Journal of Jewish Studies* 76, no. 2: 249–71.
- 2024** “The Dilemma of King David: Reading Josephus' *Antiquities* against the Grain through the Lens of Greco-Roman Tyrant Typologies.” *Journal for the Study of the Pseudepigrapha* 33, no. 4: 261–87.
- 2024** “Diagnosing Decline: Greco-Roman Rhetoric about the Middle and Late Roman Republic as Inspiration for Josephus' Interpretation of the Book of Judges.” *Journal for the Study of Judaism* 55, no. 3: 386–414.
- 2022** “‘Taken Up in Glory’: Early Christian Traditions of the Ascension in Light of 1 Timothy 3:16.” *Journal of Early Christian History* 12, no. 3: 22–47.
- 2020** “On the Rhetoric of Ruins and Restorations: Conflict over Cult Sites in Late Antiquity.” *Journal of Early Christian History* 10, no. 2: 49–67.
- 2019** “The Economic Spark of the Burning of the Temple of Apollo in Daphne.” *Journal of Near Eastern Studies* 78, no. 2: 307–321.

**CHAPTERS AND ESSAYS**

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- Under contract** “Introduction.” In *The Oxford Critical Guide to Josephus*. Edited by David R. Edwards. Oxford Critical Guides. Oxford University Press.
- 2024** “Ancient Jewish Court-Tales, Scriptural Adaptation, and Greco-Roman Discourses of Exemplarity: Joseph, Esther, and Agrippa I in Josephus' *Antiquitates Judaicae*.” Pages 87–115 in *From Josephus to Yosippon and Beyond: Text—Re-interpretations—Afterlives*. Edited by Carson Bay, Michael Avioz, and Jan Willem van Henten. *Journal for the Study of Judaism Supplements* 215. Brill.

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**CHAPTERS AND ESSAYS**


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- 2023** “The Theme of *Stasis* in *Antiquities*: Josephus’ Political Philosophy and Periodization of History.” Pages 177–194 in *Peace and War in Josephus*. Edited by Viktor Kókai-Nagy and Ádám Vér. Deuterocanonical and Cognate Literature Studies 52. De Gruyter.

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**REVIEWS AND REVIEW ESSAYS**


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- 2025** “Trends and Trajectories in Josephus Research, 2020–2025.” *Religious Studies Review* 51, no. 3: 726–33.
- 2025** Review of Eelco Glas, *Flavius Josephus' Self-Characterisation in First-Century Rome: A Historiographical Analysis of Autobiographical Discourse in the Judean War* (Brill, 2024). *Journal for the Study of Judaism*.
- 2024** Review of Steve Mason, *Flavius Josephus: Judean War 4, Flavius Josephus: Translation and Commentary 2a* (Leiden: Brill, 2022). *Review of Biblical Literature* 12/2024.
- 2024** “JOSEPHUS AND PLUTARCH ON LAWGIVERS.” Review of Ursula Westwood, *Moses among the Greek Lawgivers: Reading Josephus' Antiquities through Plutarch's Lives* (Brill, 2023). *Classical Review* 74, no. 2: 433–35.

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**PANELS AND PRESENTATIONS (\* = refereed abstract; † = invited)**


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- 2026†** “Information Technology and Bookish Culture in Late Antiquity: Once Again, Whither Codex and Desk from Scroll and Lap.” New College Conference on Medieval & Renaissance Studies.
- 2025†** Book Review Panel on Ursula Westwood, *Moses among the Greek Lawgivers: Reading Josephus's Antiquities through Plutarch's Lives* (Leiden: Brill, 2023). Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, Josephus Seminar.
- 2024†** “Josephus at Work in Rome: Material and Embodied Approaches to Composition.” Oxford Centre for Hebrew and Jewish Studies, Seminar on Jewish History & Literature in the Graeco-Roman Period
- 2023†** “The Placement of Josephus’ Tales of the Tobiads (*AJ* 12.154–236) within Book 12 of *Antiquities*: Some Thematic Threads and Chronological Conundrums.” Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, Josephus Seminar.
- 2022\*** “Editorial Techniques and the Use of Sources in Josephus’ ‘Tales of the Tobiads’ (*AJ* 12.158–236).” Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, Transmission of Traditions in the Second Temple Period Unit.
- 2021\*** “Divine Providence in Philo and Josephus: *De Iosepho* and *Antiquities* 2.” Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, Philo of Alexandria Unit.

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- 2021\*** “‘Taken up in Glory’: Early Christian Traditions of the Ascension of Jesus in Light of 1 Tim. 3:16.” Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, Disputed Paulines Unit.
- 2020\*** “Tradition and Innovation in Josephus’ *Antiquities*.” Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, Josephus Seminar.
- 2019\*** “On the Rhetoric of Ruins and Restorations: Conflict over Cult Sites in Late Antiquity.” Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, Joint Session with Greco-Roman Religions Unit and Society for Ancient Mediterranean Religion.

**PUBLIC TALKS AND LECTURES**

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- 2025** “Dialogues in Judaic Studies” podcast, Ari Barbalat
- 2024** “Might Banyans on the Bay” podcast, New College of Florida

**SERVICE**

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- Organizing public keynote lecture from visiting scholar
- Development of new academic program/curriculum
- Piloting of new advising software
- Steering committee for academic area of concentration

**AFFILIATIONS**

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Society of Biblical Literature  
Association of Ancient Historians

**ANCIENT LANGUAGES**

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Greek (Classical, Koine)  
Latin (Classical, Ecclesiastical)  
Hebrew (Biblical, Qumran, Rabbinic)  
Syriac (Estrangela, Serto)  
Aramaic (Biblical, Talmudic)

**MODERN LANGUAGES**

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German (advanced reading)  
French (advanced reading)  
Italian (intermediate reading)  
Spanish (advanced reading and speaking)

**REFERENCES**

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