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## EDUCATION

- 2017- **PhD., University of Toronto** – Early Christianity  
Department for the Study of Religion
- 2017 **M.A., University of Toronto** – Early Christianity  
Department for the Study of Religion
- Major Research Paper: The King Awakens: An Examination of the Figure of the King of the Greeks in Late-Antique Syriac Apocalyptic Literature
  - GPA: 3.94
- 2015 **M.Div., Church Divinity School of the Pacific**
- GPA: 3.71
- 2011 **B.A., Pepperdine University** – History  
Humanities and Teacher Education Division
- B.A. Thesis: The Forgotten Church of the Middle Kingdom: The Rise and Decline of the Church of the East in Tang Dynasty China
  - GPA: 3.28

## FELLOWSHIPS, HONORS, AND AWARDS

### EXCHANGES

- 2013 **Ripon College Cuddesdon**  
Exchange program between Church Divinity School of the Pacific and Ripon College Cuddesdon at Oxford University
- 2008 **Fudan Univeristy**  
Exchange program between Pepperdine University and Fudan University in Shanghai, China

### AWARDS

- 2007-2010 Pepperdine University, Scholarship in Speech and Debate (\$2000)

## **PUBLICATIONS**

### **BOOK REVIEWS**

Review of S.J. Beggiani, *Early Syriac Theology with Special Reference to the Maronite Tradition* (The Catholic University of America Press, 2014). *Symposia: The Journal of Religion*.

## **PAPERS PRESENTED**

### **INVITED LECTURES**

2016 "The Glory of the Lord in the House of God: Temple Sacrifices in Second Temple Judaism"  
St. Thomas' Anglican Church, Toronto

2014 "John Henry Newman: From Ealing to Trinity (1801-1828)"  
"John Henry Newman: The Oxford Movement (1828-1845)"  
"John Henry Newman: Cardinal and Reluctant Saint (1847-1890)"  
The Littlemore College, Oxfordshire

## **TEACHING and EXPERIENCE**

### **TEACHING ASSISTANT**

2014 LS 1110: Fundamentals of Worship

## **LANGUAGES**

*Ancient:* Aramaic; Syriac; Greek

*Modern:* Chinese; German; Spanish

## **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

North American Patristics Society (Since 2015)

## **RESEARCH INTERESTS**

Syriac Christian Apocalyptic Literature  
Christian Missionary History in Central Asia  
Christianity in the Early Islamic period  
East-Syrian Christian History  
Patristic Studies  
Traditional Chinese History (1046 B.C.E-1368 C.E)

## REFERENCES

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