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CITIZENSHIP: United States of America

## PRINCIPAL RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS:

New Testament and Early Christianity, Early Judaism, historical Jesus research, textual criticism,

#### I. EDUCATION

### **Ph.D.** Concordia University, Department of Religion (2015)

Awarded with "highest distinction"

Major Area: New Testament and Early Christianity

Committee: André Gagné (supervisor), Lorenzo DiTommaso, Carly Daniel-Hughes, Stephen Yeager, Amy S. Anderson (external examiner)

Comprehensive Exams: 1) New Testament, 2) Textual criticism and papyrology,

and 3) Second Temple Judaism

## **M.A.R. Yale University**, Divinity School (2011)

Major Area: Bible

Advisor: Adela Yarbro Collins

#### **B.A.** Lee University, School of Religion (2009)

Major: Biblical and Theological Studies

Minor: Ancient Greek

Other: One year of doctoral coursework, McGill University (2011-2012)

#### II. EMPLOYMENT

Part-time Lecturer in Early Christianity, Department of Religion, Concordia University (2013-14)

#### III. PUBLICATIONS

### **Books (refereed):**

New Testament Texts on Greek Amulets from Late Antiquity. LNTS. London: T&T Clark, forthcoming 2016 (under contract)

Matthean and Lukan Special Material: A Brief Introduction with Texts in Greek and English. Eugene, OR: Wipf and Stock Publishers, 2011.

Reviews: Expository Times 124 (2013), 303-304; Biblical Theology Bulletin 43 (2013), 229-230.

Cited positively in Michael F. Bird, The Gospel of the Lord: How the Early Church Wrote the Story of Jesus (Grand

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Rapids: Eerdmans, 2014), 149n.43.

## **Chapters in Books (refereed):**

"Papyrus," "Scrolls," "Parchment." In *The Dictionary of the Bible in Ancient Media*. Edited by Ray Person and Chris Keith. Edinburgh: T&T Clark [invited; forthcoming 2015]

#### **Journal Articles (refereed):**

- (w/ Lorenzo DiTommaso) "A Coptic Exegetical Papyrus on the Apocalypse of John and an Excursus on the 'Valley of Jehoshaphat'" (in progress)
- "A Letter from Harpalos and Sarapion(?)," *Bulletin of the American Society of Papyrologists* 51 (2014): 41-45.
- "Three New Coptic Papyrus Fragments of 2 Timothy and Titus (P.Mich. inv. 3535b)," *Journal of Biblical Literature* 133.2 (2014): 389-397.
- "A New Sahidic Fragment of the Gospel of Luke from the Michigan Collection," *Novum Testamentum* 56.2 (2014): 198-204.
- "A Coptic Fragment of the Gospel of John with *Hermeneiai* (P.CtYBR inv. 4641)," *New Testament Studies* 60.2 (April 2014): 202-214.
- "Two Sahidic Fragments of John 13:29-14:2: Garrett Coptic MS 6," *Journal of Coptic Studies* 15 (2013): 277-282.
- "P.Mich. inv. 3521," in Bulletin of the American Society of Papyrologists 49 (2013): 299-300.
- "Two Unidentified Christian Fragments in the Michigan Collection," *Zeitschrift für Papyrologie und Epigraphik* 186 (2013): 121-123.
- "A New Ptolemaic Papyrus from the Columbia University Collection," *Zeitschrift für Papyrologie und Epigraphik* 186 (2013): 247-250.
- (with Andrzej T. Mirończuk) "An Oxyrhynchus Fragment of Homer, Iliad 23 in the Thomas Fisher Rare Book Library, Toronto," *Zeitschrift für Papyrologie und Epigraphik* 186 (2013): 6-10.
- "What Is a τρυcινον? A Fresh Look at P.Oxy. XIV 1674," *Archiv für Papyrusforschung* 58.2 (2012): 269-272.
- "A New Coptic Fragment of 2 Samuel 10:13-14, 17-18 (McGill MS NO Coptic 2)," Zeitschrift für Papyrologie und Epigraphik 184 (2013): 126-130.
- "The Meaning of the Phrase 'And the Witnesses Laid Down Their Cloaks' in Acts 7:58," in *Expository Times* 123.3 (December 2011): 113-118.

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"The Bodmer 'Miscellaneous' Codex and the Crosby-Schøyen MS 193: A New Proposal," in *Journal of Greco-Roman Christianity and Judaism* 8 (2011): 9-20.

## Op-Ed, Magazines, Online, etc.:

"Ancient Papyri Online and for Sale," *Ancient Near East Today* 3.4 (April 2015), http://asorblog.org/2015/04/15/ancient-papyri-online-and-for-sale/

#### **Book Reviews**

- Review of Johanna Brankaer, *Coptic: A Learning Grammar (Sahidic)*, in *Laval Théologiques et Philosophique* 69.2 (2013): 327-402.
- Review of Charles E. Hill and Michael J. Kruger, *The Early Text of the New Testament*, in *ARC—The Journal of the Faculty of Religious Studies*, McGill University 40 (2012): 6-9.
- Review of David C. Parker, *An Introduction to the New Testament Manuscripts and their Texts*, in *Anglican Theological Review* 92.4 (Fall 2010): 870-72.
- Review of Nicholas Perrin, *Thomas: The Other Gospel*, in *Journal of Greco-Roman Christianity and Judaism* 7 (2010): R39-R43.
- Review of Ben Witherington III, New Testament Rhetoric: An Introductory Guide to the Art of Persuasion in and of the New Testament, in Anglican Theological Review 92.3 (Sum 2010): 588-90.

## IV. ACADEMIC CONFERENCE PAPERS

- Invited panelist for SBL's Student Advisory Board panel, "Does the Provenance of an Ancient Artifact Matter?" To be presented at the Society of Biblical Literature, Annual Meeting, Atlanta, Georgia. November 2015.
- "The *Gospel of Jesus' Wife*: An Open Letter to Biblical Historians." Presented at the Fifth Annual Workshop of the Christianity and Late Antique Research Group, Montreal, QC. May 2014. (Invited)
- "Amulets from Oxyrhynchus with New Testament Citations." Presented in the Papyrology and Early Christian Backgrounds group at the Society of Biblical Literature, Annual Meeting, Baltimore, Maryland. November 2013.
- "Some New Unpublished Coptic Manuscripts of the New Testament: A Preliminary Report." Presented in the Textual Criticism group at the International Society of Biblical Literature, St. Andrews, Scotland. July 2013. (Invited)
- "Amulets from Oxyrhynchus with New Testament Citations." Presented in the Textual Criticism group at the International Society of Biblical Literature, St. Andrews, Scotland. July 2013.
- "A New Coptic Fragment of 2 Samuel 10 (McGill MS NO 2)." Presented in the Papyrology and Early Christian Backgrounds group at the Society of Biblical Literature, Annual Meeting,

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- Chicago, Illinois. November 2012.
- "John, Jesus, and the Kingdom: Re-Examining the Meaning of One Q Saying." Presented in the Q program unit at the Society of Biblical Literature, Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA. November 22, 2010.

#### V. TEACHING AND OTHER ACADEMIC RESPONSIBILITIES

- Guest Lecturer, "Methods in Biblical Studies" (THEO 202), Prof. André Gagné, Concordia University, Spring 2015. An invited, three-hour lecture on papyrology and textual criticism.
- Course Lecturer, "Catacombs, Crusades, Convents: History of Christianity I," (RELI 320), Concordia University, Fall 2014.
- Course Lecturer, "Christian Origins" (RELI 302), Concordia University, Spring 2014.
- Conference Assistant, "Coming Back to Life: Performance, Memory, and Cognition in the Ancient Mediterranean," McGill University and Concordia University, Summer 2014.
- Guest Lecturer, "Methods in Theology" (THEO 603), Prof. André Gagné, Concordia University, Spring 2013. An invited, two-hour lecture on New Testament textual criticism and papyrology.
- Teaching Assistant, "Introduction to Christianity" (RELI 223), Shaun Turriff, Concordia University, Spring 2013.
- Guest Lecturer, "Gospels and Acts" (THEO 315), Prof. André Gagné, Concordia University, Fall 2012. An invited, two-hour lecture on the Synoptic Problem.
- Guest Lecturer, "The Bible and Sexuality" (RELI 398), Prof. Carly Daniel-Hughes, Concordia University, Fall 2012. An invited, two-hour lecture on Jesus' sayings on marriage and divorce.
- Teaching Assistant, "The Bible and Sexuality" (RELI 398), Prof. Carly Daniel-Hughes, Concordia University, Fall 2012.
- Teaching Assistant, "The Religion of Ancient Israel" (RELG 202), Prof. Gerbern Oegema, McGill University, Spring 2012.
- Guest Lecturer, "Advanced Greek Exegesis of the Gospels" (THEO 639), Prof. André Gagné, Concordia University, Fall 2011. An invited, two-hour lecture on the Gospels.
- Graduate Seminar Organizer, Yale University, 2010. I designed and participated in a semesterlong advanced graduate seminar titled, "New Testament Textual Criticism and Papyrology." Supervised by Prof. Adela Yarbro Collins.
- Greek Tutor, Yale University Divinity School, Summer 2010.

Greek Tutor, Lee University, 2007–09.

Teaching Assistant, "Elementary New Testament Greek," Prof. Donald Bowdle, Lee University, 2007–09.

#### VI. MEDIA INTERVIEWS

- "Ancient Receipt Proves Egyptian Taxes Were Worse than Yours," *Live Science*, March 14, 2015 (http://www.livescience.com/50139-ancient-egyptian-tax-receipt.html/)
- "Was Oldest Gospel Really Found in a Mummy Mask?" *CNN*, January 21, 2015 (http://www.cnn.com/2015/01/21/living/gospel-mummy-mask/)
- "Mummy Mask May Reveal Oldest Known Gospel," *Live Science*, January 18, 2015 (http://www.livescience.com/49489-oldest-known-gospel-mummy-mask.html)
- 2014 "Dismembering History: The Shady Online Trade in Ancient Texts," *The Daily Beast*, November 23, 2014 (<a href="http://www.thedailybeast.com/articles/2014/11/23/dismembering-history-the-shady-online-trade-in-ancient-texts.html">http://www.thedailybeast.com/articles/2014/11/23/dismembering-history-the-shady-online-trade-in-ancient-texts.html</a>)
- \_ "The Online Battle for Papyrus Texts," *The Telegraph*, December 28, 2014 (<a href="http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/worldnews/northamerica/usa/11314702/The-online-battle-for-papyrus-texts.html">http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/worldnews/northamerica/usa/11314702/The-online-battle-for-papyrus-texts.html</a>)

#### VII. AWARDS

2015	Concordia Accelerator Award, Concordia University (\$5,000)
2013-15	Bourses de doctorat en recherche pour étudiants étrangers - Le Fonds de recherche
	du Québec Société et Culture (FQRSC) (\$46,669)
2012-15	Faculty of Arts and Science Full Tuition Recruitment Fellowship, Concordia
	University (\$36,000)
2012-15	Concordia University International Tuition Fee Remission Award
2014	"Coming Back to Life" Conference Assistant Grant, Concordia University (\$1,800)
2013	Conference and Exposition Award, Concordia University (\$750)
2013	Travel Grant, University of St. Andrews (£200)
2012	Conference and Exposition Award, Concordia University (\$750)
2012	Rassemblement des Chrétiens du Moyen-Orient Award, Concordia University
	(\$2,000)
2012-13	Teaching Assistantship, Concordia University (\$6,000)
2012-13	GRECAT Research Bursary, Université Laval (\$9,000)
2012-13	Concordia University Graduate Fellowship, Concordia University (\$10,000)
2012	Teaching Assistantship, McGill University (\$3,000)
2011-12	Graduate Excellence Fellowship, McGill University (\$20,000)
2010	Academic Travel Grant, Yale University (\$400)
2009-11	Recipient of the George Henry Hubbard, Warren W. Pickett, and Gordon L. Corbett
	Scholarship, Yale University (\$28,000)
2008-09	Baldree Scholarship, Lee University (\$2,000)
2008-09	Zondervan Press Greek Award, School of Religion, Lee University

2008 Poiema Grant, Lee University (\$200)

2007–09 Rupy Scholarship, Lee University (\$2,000)

## VIII. RESEARCH LANGUAGES

Classical and Koine Greek, Biblical Hebrew, Coptic, French (intermediate reading), German (elementary reading)

## IX. PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

Association Internationale de Papyrologues, 2012–present American Society of Papyrologists, 2009–present Society of Biblical Literature, 2007–present

## X. REFERENCES

Dr. André Gagné Associate Professor of Early Christianity Concordia University andre.gagne@concordia.ca +1 (514) 848-2424 ext. 2993

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