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Pilgrimage Studies podcast: [Pilgrimage Stories from Up and Down the Staircase](#)

Religion in Film podcasts: <https://soundcloud.com/user-441868857/sets/theology-in-film-with-matthew-r-anderson>

Intro to Paul's Letters at undergrad level podcasts: <https://soundcloud.com/user-441868857/sets/introduction-to-pauls-letters-at-the-undergraduate-level>

YouTube videos teaching Paul at the undergrad level:

[https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLWhnl\\_rNMO7InPNqRKKju\\_mykX73sDdE](https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLWhnl_rNMO7InPNqRKKju_mykX73sDdE)

Dr. Matthew R. Anderson is an affiliate assistant professor (adjunct) in the Dept of Theological Studies at Concordia University Montreal, where he has taught courses since 2001. He also holds a Gatto Chair in Christian Studies at St Francis Xavier University, Antigonish NS, in Religious Studies (New Testament; Gender; Pauline studies; Bible and Film; Religion & Environment). Matthew is a settler-descendant born on Treaty 4 territory. His PhD in Religious Studies is from McGill (1999), and he was ordained as a minister in the ELCIC (Lutheran) in 1985.

## Teaching

2023 – Teaching as Gatto Chair of Christian Studies at the Dept. of Religious Studies, St. Francis Xavier University, Antigonish, N.S.

2000 – Teaching as sessional lecturer, affiliate professor, and LTA at the Dept. of Theological Studies, Concordia University Montreal

2022 – 2023 Teaching as sessional lecturer at the Dept. of Religious Studies, St. Francis Xavier University, Antigonish, N.S.

2019 Teaching as sessional lecturer and affiliate faculty at Theology and Religious Studies, University of Nottingham, UK.

## Publications

### *Books (non-fiction)*

*The Good Walk: Creating New Paths on Traditional Prairie Trails* (University of Regina Press, 2024) In press.

*Prophets of Love: The Unlikely Kinship of Leonard Cohen and the Apostle Paul* (McGill-Queen's University Press, 2023).

*Our Home and Treaty Land* (with Raymond Aldred; Wood Lake Books, 2022).

*Pairings: The Bible and Booze* (version française: *Apocalypse et gin tonic*; Novalis 2021/2022)

<https://en.novalis.ca/products/pairings> and <https://fr.novalis.ca/products/apocalypse-et-gin-tonic> (CBC interview about the book [here](#)).

### *Book Chapters*

- 2023 “Judeophobia and Pauline Scholarship,” in *Judeophobia and the New Testament*. Edited by Sarah Rollens, Meredith Warren, and Eric Vanden Eykel. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans (forthcoming)
- 2023 “Paul’s collection and his final pilgrimage to Jerusalem” in *Comparativism and Ancient Mediterranean Pilgrimage*. Århus: Århus University Press, 2023 (in press).
- 2023 [Reprint] “One of the Boys’: Jerome’s Fabulous Frontier Masculinity,” in *Constructions of Gender in Late Antiquity*, eds. Kathy Ehrensperger and Juni Hoppe, Lanham: Lexington Fortress, 2023 (in press).
- 2023 “The Promise and Peril of Walking Indigenous Territorial Recognitions carried out by Settlers,” in *New Pilgrimage Routes and Trails*, eds. Ian S. McIntosh, Daniel Olson and Dane Munro, 98-120. Lausanne: Peter Lang, 2023.
- 2021 « De Concordia à Kahnawà:ke en passant par l’Europe et la Saskatchewan. » 141-163, Éric Laliberté and Michel O’Neill, eds. *Pèlerinage, marche pèlerine et marche de longue durée au Québec*. Laval: Les Presses de l’Université Laval, 2021.
- 2020 “Settler-Aware” Pilgrimage and Reconciliation: The Treaty Four Canadian Context,” in *Peace Journeys: A New Direction in Religious Tourism and Pilgrimage Research*, eds. Ian S. McIntosh, Nour Farra Haddad and Dane Munro, 98-120. Newcastle upon Tyne: Cambridge Scholars Press.
- 2018 “Pilgrimage and the Challenging of a Canadian Foundational Myth.” *Pilgrimage in Practice: Narration, Reclamation and Healing*. 148-164. Eds. Ian S. McIntosh, E. Moore Quinn and Vivienne Keely. CABI Publishing.

- 2014 “The First Cut is the Deepest: Masculinity and Circumcision in the First Century,” in *Biblical Masculinities Foregrounded*. 228-244. Eds. Peter-Ben Smit and Oviudu Creanga. Sheffield-Phoenix Press, co-authored: K.B. Neutel.

#### *Journal Articles*

- 2022 “‘One of the Boys’: Jerome’s Fabulous Frontier Masculinity,” *The Bible & Critical Theory* 18, 1 (2022).
- 2022 “Ecumenism and the ‘Balloon Theory’ of Christendom,” *One in Christ* 55, 2 (2022): 177-180.
- 2022 “Le pèlerinage comme expérience de repentir à travers l’apprentissage corporel,” *Échanges* 6, 6 (novembre 2022): 14-19.
- 2021 “The Promise and Peril of Walking Indigenous Territorial Recognitions carried out by Settlers,” *International Journal of Religious Tourism and Pilgrimage*. 9, 2 (2021): Article 7. Co-authored: Ken Wilson.
- 2019 “‘Aware-Settler’ Biblical Studies: Breaking Claims of Textual Ownership,” 42-68 in *Journal for Interdisciplinary Biblical Studies* 1:1 (2019): 42-68.
- 2019 “Strangers on the Land: What “Settler-Aware” Biblical Studies Learns from Indigenous Methodologies,” in *Critical Theology* 1:2 (Winter 2019): 10-14.
- 2019 “Walking to be Some Body: desire and diaspora on the St-Olaf Way,” in *International Journal of Religious Tourism and Pilgrimage* 7:1. 63-76.
- 2019 “Luther and the Trajectories of Western Pilgrimage,” in *International Journal of Religious Tourism and Pilgrimage* 7:1. 53-62.
- 2018 “Post-Reformation Christian Pilgrimage and the Globalization of Sentiment,” in *Theoforum* 48/1-2. 11-22.
- 2017 “The Tough Wedge: Reformation Now and Onward,” in *Consensus* 38:2, 5.
- 2015 “The Curious Voyage of Christ: *katábasis*, *anábasis*, and the New Testament,” in *Les Études Classiques*. 83:1. 385-396.
- 2014 “De Vieux-Montréal à Kahnawa:ké: the story of an urban pilgrimage between settler and aboriginal cultures,” in *Urban Pilgrimage, Room One Thousand*, University of California, Berkeley. 3,3 (2014): 51-84. Co-authored: S. Terreault. <https://escholarship.org/uc/item/3j47g590> .

#### *Collections Edited*

- 2019 “Pilgrim Bodies: An Anatomy of Christian and Post-Christian Intentional Movement.” *Special Issue of the International Journal of Religious Tourism and Pilgrimage* 7/1. Issue editors: Sara Parks, Sara Terreault, and Matthew Anderson.

#### *Encyclopedia Entries:*

- 2020 “Paul and Pauline Epistles,” (solicited article) for *The Encyclopedia of Ancient History*. Wiley Online Library. <https://doi.org/10.1002/9781444338386.wbeah05138.pub2>.
- 2012 “The Garden of Eden,” (solicited article) for *Dictionary of the Bible and Western Culture*. Michael Gilmour and Mary Ann Beavis, eds. Sheffield Phoenix Press.

#### *Recent Book Reviews*

- 2023 “Can We Trust the Bible on the Historical Jesus? by Ehrman, Evans, and Stewart.” *Modern Believing*, 64.2 (Spring, 2023): 186-88.
- 2022 “Indigenous and Christian Perspectives in Dialogue, by Allen G. Jorgenson.” *Critical Theology* 4,2 (Fall 2022).
- 2022 “The Everlasting People: G.K. Chesterton and the First Nations, by Matthew J. Milliner.” *Literature and Theology* 36, no. 3 (2022): 345–47.
- 2020 “Unsettling Spirit: A Journey into Decolonization, by Denise M. Nadeau” *Studies in Religion / Sciences Religieuses*. <https://doi.org/10.1177/0008429820933562>.
- 2020 “Cast Out of the Covenant, by Adele Reinhartz.” *Critical Theology* 2,2 (Winter 2020): 18-20.

#### *Documentary Films directed and produced*

- 2013 *Under the North Star*. <https://vimeo.com/117811674>
- 2012 *Something Grand*. <https://vimeo.com/118243418>

#### *Podcast Series directed and produced*

- 2019 - *Pilgrimage Stories From Up and Down the Staircase*.  
<https://podcasts.apple.com/ca/podcast/pilgrimage-stories-from-up-and-down-the-staircase/id1525283078>

### **Literary Fiction**

#### *Short Stories in Literary Magazines*

- 2011 “A Street Called Generous,” in *Prairie Fire*.
- 2005 “Boo,” in *Grain*.
- 2005 “Yard Art Love,” in *Maisonneuve Magazine*.

*Short Stories in anthologies*

- 2014 “The Backhoe,” in *Minority Reports: New English Writing from Quebec*. Montreal: Véhicule Press.
- 2006 “Charity in Her Flesh,” in *Lust for Life: Tales of Sex and Love*. Claude Lalumière & Elise Moser, eds. Montreal: Véhicule Press.
- 2005 “Marathon of Hope,” in *Short Stuff: New English Stories from Quebec*. Lalumière, ed. Montreal: Véhicule Press.
- 2005 “Europa,” in *Short Stuff: New English Stories from Quebec*. Lalumière, ed. Montreal: Véhicule Press.
- 2002 “Encomium,” in *Telling Stories: New Fiction from Quebec Writers*. Montreal: Véhicule Press.

*Awards (short fiction)*

- 2014 “The Backhoe,” in *Salut King Kong*. Montreal: Véhicule Press. Elise Moser, ed. Finalist, 2014 CBC/Quebec Writers Federation (QWF) Short Story Competition
- 2011 “A Street Called Generous,” in *Prairie Fire*. Honourable Mention, Short Fiction Category, Prairie Fire-McNally Robinson competition
- 2005 “Boo,” in *Grain Magazine*. Winner, Dramatic Monologue, Short-Grain Contest
- 2005 “Marathon of Hope,” in *Short Stuff: New English Stories from Quebec*. Claude Lalumière & Elise Moser, eds. Montreal: Véhicule Press. Finalist: CBC/QWF literary competition
- 2005 “Europa,” in *Short Stuff: New English Stories from Quebec*. Lalumière, ed. Montreal: Véhicule Press. Finalist: CBC/QWF literary competition
- 2005 “Yard Art Love” in *Maisonneuve Magazine*, Second place, Maisonneuve literary competition
- 2002 “Encomium,” in *Telling Stories: New Fiction from Quebec Writers*. Lalumière, ed. Montreal: Véhicule Press. Winner CBC/QWF Short Story Competition (also broadcast, CBC Montreal)

*Public-facing articles (selection)*

- 2021 “Apocalypse, Booze and Christmas: An Ancient ABC.” *The Tyee*.

<https://theyee.ca/Culture/2021/12/22/Apocalypse-Booze-Christmas-Ancient-ABC/>

2020 “Life of Brian’: Terry Jones’s Legacy of a Surprisingly Historical Jesus,” in *The Conversation: Canada* <http://theconversation.com/life-of-brian-terry-jones-legacy-of-a-surprisingly-historical-jesus-130582>

2020 “The Good Place: Ethics Comedy Asks if There’s a Second Chance at Life,” in *Salon* [https://www.salon.com/2019/11/30/the-good-place-ethics-comedy-asks-if-theres-a-second-chance-at-life\\_partner/](https://www.salon.com/2019/11/30/the-good-place-ethics-comedy-asks-if-theres-a-second-chance-at-life_partner/)

2019 “Learning the Land: Walking the Talk of Indigenous Land Acknowledgements,” in *The Conversation: Canada*: <https://theconversation.com/learning-the-land-walking-the-talk-of-indigenous-land-acknowledgements-125369>

2019 “A Blanket Argument for Empathy” in *Friends of Canadian Broadcasting*: <https://friends.ca/explore/article/a-blanket-argument-for-empathy/#site-pages>

2019 “The Man Who Painted Jesus” in *ArtCritique*: <https://www.art-critique.com/en/2019/07/the-man-who-painted-jesus/>

2019 “Why Canadians Need the Right to Roam” in *The Narwhal*: <https://thenarwhal.ca/right-to-roam-canada/>

#### *Radio Drama*

2004 “The Most Beautiful Thing.” CBC Radio One; broadcast on *Outfront*. Winner: New Voices Contest (CBC/Playwrights’ Workshop). Producer: Bill Lane. CBC, Toronto.

#### **Prizes and Grant Capture**

2022 SSHRC funding (“Awards for Scholarly Publications Program”) to aid in publication of the monograph *Prophets of Love: The Unlikely Kinship of Leonard Cohen and the Apostle Paul*, McGill-Queen’s University Press, 2023.

2022 Concordia University Aid to Research-Related Events Grant (Principal) for monograph publication *Prophets of Love: The Unlikely Kinship of Leonard Cohen and the Apostle Paul*, McGill-Queen’s University Press, 2023.

2022 CUPFA PD funding grant for indexing of *Prophets of Love: The Unlikely Kinship of Leonard Cohen and the Apostle Paul*, monograph with McGill-Queen’s University Press.

2022 Canada Council for the Arts, Major Research and Creation Grant (PI)

2021 CUPFA French-language translation grant (for *Pairings: The Bible and Booze / Apocalypse et gin-tonic*).

- 2020 Faculty of Arts and Science Dean's Funds for Special Projects and Events (Principal) for *Spirituality as Land, Story, and Relation* Indigenous Speakers Series  
<https://www.concordia.ca/cuevents//arts/sci/theology/2020/09/24/spirituality-as-land-story-and-relation.html>
- 2020 Canada Council for the Arts, Major Explore and Create Grant (PI)
- 2020 A Newsmaker of the Year. Concordia University, Montreal.
- 2020 CUPFA PD Travel Funding to present at 12th Nangeroni Meeting of the Enoch Seminar (Berlin) and 7th Sacred Journeys Conference (Piran Slovenia), CUPFA
- 2020 CUPFA PD Creation Funding to create educational podcast series *Pilgrimage Stories from Up and Down the Staircase*: <https://matthewndg.podbean.com>
- 2019 CUPFA PD Research Funding to study the "Right of Responsible Access" in Scotland and *Jokamiehenoikeus* in Finland.
- 2018 CUPFA PD Research Funding to walk an historical trail on Treaty Four territory in southern Saskatchewan "The Right to Walk and to Remember".
- 2017 Various internal and external sponsorships for *Reformation in the City* conference.
- 2017 CUPFA PD Travel Funding to present at "The Emergence of Sacred Travel," Comparativism and the Study of Ancient Mediterranean Pilgrimage, Aarhus, Denmark.
- 2016 External Funding from the Eastern Synod, ELCIS for Indigenous and Settler "Doctrine of Discovery" panellists
- 2016 CUPFA PD Travel and Creation Funding to walk/research a newly-revived pilgrimage on medieval trails together with a group of Icelanders, from Bær to Skálholt, and create a video resource for classrooms
- 2015 Various internal and external pockets of funding to film and give public lectures in Rovaniemi and Helsinki, Finland (Suomi Conference, Canada)
- 2015 CUPFA PD Travel and Creation Funding to walk/research the "Traders' Road" or North-West Mounted Police Patrol Trail on Treaty Four Territories, in cooperation with the SK History and Folklore Society.
- 2013 Conference Travel Grant to present at European Society of Biblical Studies (EABS) Leipzig, Germany.
- 2012 Funding from various sources for filming my documentary "Something Grand" about the Camino, in France/Spain

2011 Conference Travel Grant to present at European Society of Biblical Studies (EABS), Thessaloniki, Greece

*(additional annual grants before this, dating back to 2006)*

1993-1996 Major SSHRC Doctoral Fellowship for “Before the Fact: How Paul’s Rhetoric Made History.”

## **Service**

### *Conferences organized*

Primary organizer for the following conferences, inviting speakers, setting up program, and capturing internal and external funding:

- 2020 *Spirituality as Land, Story, and Relation* (online Indigenous speaker series; captured internal funding from the office of the Concordia Principal)
- 2019 With prior consent and guidance from the Kanienke:ha (Mohawk) Traditional Longhouse, I led a group of faculty and students on a “*walking territorial acknowledgement*” from Kahnawà:ke Mohawk territory to Concordia in preparation for the above conference, and in preparation for the Indigenous speakers we had arranged to begin the conference.
- 2019 *Theology and the City* Conference (Indigenous program section)
- 2017 *Reformation and the City International Conference*, Concordia and McGill
- 2014 *More than Dreamcatchers: Indigenizing the Academy* (response to TRC), Concordia
- 2013 *Ecstatic Journeys: Pilgrimage* Conference, Concordia

### *Select Internal Service*

- 2005-2010 Concordia University Part-Time Faculty Association departmental representative, Theological Studies
- 2005-2013 Concordia University Part-Time Faculty Association departmental representative, Loyola College for Diversity and Sustainability
- 2005-2012 Departmental part-time hiring committee
- 2007-2009 CUPFA union representative on Faculty Chairs Committee

### *Select External Service*

- 2019-present Editorial Board, *Journal for Interdisciplinary Biblical Studies* (Sheffield University, UK)
- 2019-present Advisory Board, *Sacred Journeys International Pilgrimage Symposia* (Office for International Affairs, Indiana University)
- 2015-present Governing Board, *Institute for Pilgrimage Studies* (College of William and Mary, Williamsburg, Virginia)



2010-2017 Lutheran Observer to the National Anglican/Roman Catholic Dialogue of Canada

### Professional Memberships

The Canadian Society of Biblical Studies (CSBS).  
The Enoch Seminar.  
The Sheffield Institute of Interdisciplinary Biblical Studies.  
The Society of Biblical Literature (SBL).

The Writers' Union of Canada.  
The Writers' Federation of Nova Scotia.  
The Canadian Company of Pilgrims.

### Select Keynote and Invited Presentations

- 2023 Keynote, “2e colloque du Réseau québécois pour les études pèlerines” (Second annual meeting of the Quebec network for pilgrimage studies) Université du Québec à Montréal (UQAM), Montreal.
- 2023 Keynote, Atlantic Conference gathering of the Eastern Synod Lutheran and NSPEI Anglican clergy: “The Midnight Guide to the Bible.”
- 2023 Keynote, Eastern Synod Rostered Leader gathering, Mt Carmel, Niagara Falls, “The Midnight Guide to the Bible.”
- 2022 Guest lecture, “Pilgrimage and Pilgrimage Studies,” Mount Allison University, NB, November 2022.
- 2021 *‘One of the Boys’: Jerome’s Fabulous Frontier Masculinity*, Nangeroni meeting, Enoch Seminar, July 2021.
- 2021 Panellist, grand opening of the Centre for Spirituality and Media at Martin Luther University College, Wilfred Laurier University, Waterloo ON.
- 2020 Walking Territorial Recognitions of Indigenous Lands (co-presented with Ken Wilson, University of Regina). Sacred Journeys Conference (online).  
<https://vimeo.com/546552868>
- 2020 *Strangers on the Textual Land: Aware-Settler Biblical Studies*, University of Nottingham Theology and Religious Studies Research Seminar Series, Nottingham, UK. March 13 (online).
- 2019 *The Pauline Collection in Light of Shavu’ot in Second Temple Judaism*, The Biblical Seminar, March 29, University of Nottingham, UK.
- 2019 *Strangers on the Land: What Biblical Studies in the Canadian Settler Context Can Learn from Indigenous Methodologies*, Research Seminar for the Sheffield Institute for Interdisciplinary Biblical Studies, February 18, Sheffield University, UK.

## Select Media

- 2021 [TV interview] CTV Montreal News <https://webapps.9c9media.com/vidi-player/1.9.24/share/iframe.html?currentId=2351786&config=ctvnews/share.json&kruxId=&rsid=bellmedianewsprod.bellmediaglobalprod&siteName=CTVNews&cid=%5B%7B%22contentId%22%3A2351786%2C%22ad%22%3A%7B%22adsite%22%3A%22ctv.ctvnews%22%2C%22adzone%22%3A%22embed%22%7D%7D%5D>
- 2021 [newspaper interview] *Winnipeg Free Press* “Drinking in Scripture” (feature religion article) <https://www.winnipegfreepress.com/arts-and-life/life/faith/2021/11/27/drinking-in-scripture>
- 2019 [Article] “Walking Territorial Recognitions,” *The Concordian*. <http://theconcordian.com/2019/10/pilgrimage-to-montreal/>
- 2016 [feature radio interview] invited to CBC Radio One “Cinq à Six,” Montreal for a one-hour interview as a “Canadian Creative”: [https://somethinggrand.files.wordpress.com/2012/12/my-playlist\\_-montreal-pilgrimage-leader-matthew-anderson.mp3](https://somethinggrand.files.wordpress.com/2012/12/my-playlist_-montreal-pilgrimage-leader-matthew-anderson.mp3)
- 2016 [radio interview] CBC All in A Weekend “Interview from the Pilgrimage Trail in Iceland.” Interview “on the trail” during pilgrimage to Iceland. <https://www.cbc.ca/i/caffeine/syndicate/?mediaId=2692307288>
- 2014 [radio interview] CBC All In A Weekend “The Joys of Pilgrimage with Matthew Anderson.” <https://www.cbc.ca/allinaweekend/spirituality/2014/04/20/matthew-anderson-on-the-joys-of-pilgrimage/>