

## **MEGAN HALE WILLIAMS**

### *Curriculum vitae*

#### **EDUCATION:**

Princeton University (1994-2002) M.A., Ph.D, Religion  
Stanford University (1989-1992) B.A., Classics  
Stanford University (1989-1992) B.S., Biology

#### **POSITIONS HELD:**

San Francisco State University (August 2006-present): Assistant Professor, History  
University of Montana (January 2005-June 2006): Assistant Professor, Program in  
Liberal Studies  
University of Michigan (June 2002-December 2004): Fellow, Michigan Society of  
Fellows, and Assistant Professor, Near Eastern Studies  
Center for Advanced Judaic Studies, University of Pennsylvania (2001-02): Fellow  
Oberlin College (2000-01): Visiting Instructor, Religion  
Mount Holyoke College (1999-2000): Visiting Instructor, Religion  
Princeton University (1995-96): Preceptor, Religion  
Gilead Sciences, Foster City, CA (1992-94): Research Biologist

#### **HONORS AND AWARDS:**

Society of Fellows, University of Michigan, 2002-2004  
Dodds Fellowship, Princeton University, 1998-99  
Phi Beta Kappa, Stanford University, 1991

#### **PUBLICATIONS:**

##### **BOOKS:**

*The Monk and the Book: Jerome and the Making of Christian Scholarship*. Chicago:  
University of Chicago Press, 2006.  
Anthony Grafton and Megan Williams. *Christianity and the Transformation of the Book:  
Origen, Eusebius and the Library of Caesarea*. Cambridge, MA: Harvard University  
Press, 2006.

##### **ARTICLES:**

“Chromatius and Jerome.” In Pier Franco Beatrice and Alessio Persic, eds. *Chromatius of  
Aquilaia and His Age*. (Forthcoming 2009).  
“No More Clever Titles: Observations on Some Recent Studies of Jewish-Christian  
Relations in the Roman World.” *Jewish Quarterly Review* 99.1 (2009).  
“Lessons from Jerome’s Jewish Teachers: Exegesis and Cultural Interaction in Late  
Antique Palestine,” in Natalie B. Dohrmann and David Stern, eds. *Jewish Biblical  
Interpretation and Cultural Exchange: Comparative Exegesis in Context*.  
Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, 2008.  
“The Life of Apollonius of Tyana by Philostratus,” in Richard Valantasis, ed., *Religions  
of Late Antiquity in Practice*. Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2000.

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### **DISSERTATION:**

“Jerome’s Biblical Criticism and the Making of Christian Scholarship.” Ph.D., Princeton University, 2002.

### **PAPERS PRESENTED:**

- “Chromatius and Jerome,” invited paper presented at “Chromatius of Aquileia and his Age,” Aquileia, Italy, May 2008.
- “Legends of the Fall: Narratives of the End of Rome,” invited paper presented at the Workshop on Ancient and Modern Empires, Stanford University, November 2007.
- “Was Jerome an Origenist Monk?” Patristics, Medieval and Renaissance (PMR) Conference, Villanova University, October 2005.
- “The Library of Caesarea: Christian Books and Readers in Late Antique Palestine,” invited paper presented at Cambridge University, Cambridge Project for the Book Trust annual trustees’ meeting, November 2003; also presented at the University of Chicago, January 2004, invited by the Committee on Social Thought and the Early Christianity Workshop.
- “Origen and Eusebius: Books and Libraries in Late Antique Palestine,” invited paper presented at Oxford University, Oxford-Princeton Seminar on the History of the Book, September 2002, and with collaborator Anthony Grafton at Princeton University, Seminar on Late Antiquity, October 2002.
- “Jerome and the Hexapla,” Seminar on Material Texts, University of Pennsylvania, April 2002.
- “Heretical Sophistry and Orthodox *Paideia* in Jerome’s Commentary on Hosea,” Duke University, April 2002.
- “Arenas of Persecution: The Shifting Location of the Christian Martyr in Roman Policy, 180-303,” Philadelphia Seminar on Christian Origins, University of Pennsylvania, March 2002.
- “Jerome’s Use of Jewish Exegetical Traditions,” Center for Advanced Judaic Studies, University of Pennsylvania, January 2002.
- “The Materiality of the Book in Jerome’s Commentary on Hosea,” AAR-SBL, Boston, November 1999.
- “Apocalyptic Chronology and Pagan Religious Resistance: Zosimus’ New History,” AAR-SBL, Boston, November 1999.
- “Prophecy and Polemic from Porphyry to Zosimus,” AAR-SBL, Orlando, November 1998.
- “Jerome, Rhetoric and Christian Simplicity in Light of the Sociology of Pierre Bourdieu,” AAR-SBL, Orlando, November 1998.
- “Jerome and the Barbarians,” University of Manchester, Manchester, England, “After the Body” Conference, June 1998.
- “Jerome’s Textual Criticism in the Minor Prophets Commentaries,” Philadelphia Seminar on Christian Origins, University of Pennsylvania, May 1998.
- “Truth and Power in Scriptural Exegesis: A New Sermon of Augustine on Galatians 2.11-13,” North American Patristics Society, Chicago, June 1997.

## **CURRICULUM VITAE OF MEGAN WILLIAMS**

“The Body of the Philosopher, the Mind of the Magician: Speech, Silence and Self-Fashioning in Late Antique Philosophy and Theurgy,” University of Manchester, Manchester, England, Colloquium on Cultures of Masculinity in Late Antiquity, May 1997.

### **PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES:**

#### **CONFERENCE AND SEMINAR SERIES ORGANIZED:**

Conference organizer, “Narratives of Empire: The Western Tradition from Ancient to Modern,” University of Michigan, December 2-4 2004.

Co-Chair, Philadelphia Seminar on Christian Origins, University of Pennsylvania, 1997-98. Theme: “Textual Commentary as a Social Practice.”

#### **BOOK REVIEWS:**

Review of *The Early Christian Book*. Edited by William E. Klingshirn and Linda Safran. [CUA Studies in Early Christianity] (Washington, DC: The Catholic University of America Press, 2007. *Catholic Historical Review* 94 (2008) 763-64.

#### **PEER REVIEWS:**

Oxford University Press. Textbook proposal. Clifford R. Backman, proposal and first chapter for *Hearts and Minds: Europe’s History in the World*, submitted to Oxford University Press. Reviewe June 2008.

Jewish Quarterly Review. Article manuscript, “Making Nothing Out of Something.” September 2005.

#### **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS:**

Society of Biblical Literature