

*Adam M. Schor*

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*Associate Professor of History (Ancient Mediterranean)*

*Assistant Chair, Department of History*

*University of South Carolina*

*Curriculum Vitae, November 2020*

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**Education:**

The University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI (Sept. 1998–Sept. 2004)

*PhD in History*, University of Michigan, conferred Dec. 2004

*Dissertation: Networks of Faith: Theodoret of Cyrrhus and the Bishops of Roman Syria, 423-451*, Defended and submitted Sept. 2004

Dissertation Chair: Raymond Van Dam

Committee Members: John V. Fine, Jr., Traianos Gagos, Susan Ashbrook Harvey  
Michigan History Dept. Dissertation Award, Dec. 2004

*Preliminary Examinations*, Dec. 2000, Pass with Distinction, in fields of:

- Roman/Late Antique History (to 565) Examiner: Raymond Van Dam
- Middle Byzantine History (to 1261) Examiner: John V. Fine, Jr.
- Early Islamic History (to 1100) Examiner: Michael Bonner
- High Medieval Europe (to 1420) Examiner: Diane O. Hughes

Required cognate field: Greek Language (including papyrology)

*MA in History*, University of Michigan, conferred Aug. 2000

*Scholarships*

- Rackham Dissertation Fellowship, May–Aug. 2004
- Univ. of Michigan Dissertation Fellowship, May 2002–Apr. 2003
- Univ. of Michigan Regents' Fellowship, Sept. 1998–Dec. 2001
- Mellon Candidacy Grant, Jan.–Aug. 2001

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Pomona College, Claremont, CA (Sept. 1994–May 1998)

*BA in History and in Classics*, May 1998 (Reader/Advisor: Kenneth B. Wolf)

*Awards and Scholarships:* •Cum Laude, Phi Beta Kappa, May 1998

•Mudge Latin Prize, May 1998

•Kimble Prize (best senior thesis in history), May 1998: *Pagan Gods and Christian Politics: The Fall of Paganism, the Condemnation of Origen, and the Church History of Rufinus of Aquileia*

University of Washington, Seattle, WA (June–Aug. 1997, June–Aug. 1999)

Intensive language study (Greek and German)

Intercollegiate Center for Classical Studies in Rome, Italy (Jan.–May 1997)

Thorough study of Roman history, literature, art, and archaeology

Excavation Field-School at Cetamura del Chianti, Italy (June–Aug. 1996)

Archaeological training at Etruscan/Roman site, sponsored by Florida State Univ.

## **Teaching Experience:**

University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC

Associate Professor, Department of History, Aug. 2013-present

Affiliate Faculty, Jewish Studies Program, Sept. 2019 - present

Assistant Professor, Department of History, Aug. 2010-Aug. 2013

Courses designed and taught:

- European Civilization to 17<sup>th</sup> c. (half-online/partly flipped classroom format)
- European Civilization to 17<sup>th</sup> c. (traditional format)
- The Historian's Craft (Introduction to the History Major)
- Ancient Greek History and Civilization
- Slavery and Freedom in the Ancient and Medieval World
- The Roman Republic and Early Empire
- Late Antiquity: Imperial Rome to Islam
- Byzantium: The Medieval Roman Empire
- Senior Seminar: Ancient Historians
- Senior Seminar: Saints and Heretics
- History of Capitalism I: Ancient and Medieval Worlds
- History and Theory (graduate)

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Supervised 10 undergraduate theses, committee for 1 PhD dissertation (Comp. Lit.)

Academic advisor for 7-10 undergraduate students every semester

Long Island University, C. W. Post Campus, Brookville, NY

Assistant Professor, Department of History, Aug. 2005-Aug. 2010

Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of History, Aug. 2004-July 2005

Additional courses designed and taught:

- Roots of the Modern World: Religion in History (Campus Core)
- The Medieval Mediterranean (Christendom and Islam)
- Seminar in Historical Methods: Augustus and Constantine
- History and the Bible
- Religious Conversion in Late Antiquity (graduate)
- Ancient and Medieval Economic Life (graduate)
- Roman Politics (graduate)
- Sex, Gender, and Family in the Ancient Mediterranean (graduate)

Advised 3 honors theses and 1 MA thesis

Long Island University, Brooklyn, Brooklyn, NY

Adjunct Assistant Professor, Department of History, Fall 2002 and Spring 2003

*World Civilizations to AD 1500*

Borough of Manhattan Community College, CUNY, New York, NY

Adjunct Instructor, Department of History, Fall 2001 and Spring 2002

*Societies of W. Eurasia and N. Africa, 3500 BC - AD 1700*

### **Book Published:**

- Theodoret's People: Social Networks and Religious Conflict in Late Roman Syria*

Transformation of the Classical Heritage 48 (Berkeley: Univ. of California Press, 2011)

### **Peer-Reviewed Articles Published:**

- “Becoming Bishop in the Letters of Basil and Synesius: Tracing Patterns of Social Signaling across Two Full Epistolary Collections,” *Journal of Late Antiquity* 7.2 (Fall 2014): 298-328

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- “Patronage Performance and Social Strategy in the Letters of Theodoret, Bishop of Cyrrhus,” *Journal of Late Antiquity* 2.2 (Fall 2009): 274-99
- “Conversion by the Numbers: Benefits and Pitfalls of Quantitative Modeling in the Study of Early Christian Growth,” *Journal of Religious History* 33.4 (Dec. 2009): 460-85
- “Theodoret on the School of Antioch: A Network Approach,” *Journal of Early Christian Studies* 15.4 (Dec. 2007): 517-62
- “Christian Triumph, Christian Peace: The Origenist Controversy and the Historiography of Rufinus of Aquileia,” *Byzantine Studies/Études byzantines*, 4 (NS) (1999): 126-56

#### **Peer-Reviewed Book Chapters Published:**

- “The Letter Collection of Theodoret of Cyrrhus” in *Late Antique Letter Collections: A Critical Introduction and Reference Guide*, edited by Cristiana Sogno, Bradley Storin, and Edward Watts, (Berkeley: University of California Press, 2017), 269-85.
- “The Letters of Theodoret of Cyrrhus: Personal Collections, Multi-Author Archives and Historical Interpretation,” in *Early Christian Letter Collections: from the Apostle Paul to Late Antiquity*, edited by Bronwen Neil and Pauline Allen (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2015), 154-72.

#### **Peer-Reviewed Essays for Collection Published:**

- “Abstract Social Network Modeling and the Rise of Singular Bishops: Textual Guidance from Three Urban Roman Settings,” in *Leadership and Community in Late Antiquity: Essays in Honour of Raymond Van Dam*, edited by Young R. Kim and A. E. T. McLaughlin. (Turnhout: Brepols, 2020), 15-45.
- “Instituting Clerical Expertise: The *Apostolic Constitutions* in Socio-Cultural Context,” *Antioch II, the Many Faces of Antioch: Intellectual Exchange and Religious Diversity: CE 350-450*, edited by Silka-Petra Bergjan and Susanna Elm, (Tübingen: Mohr-Siebek, 2018), 317-337.

**Invited Book Reviews Published:**

- Review of Nathanael Andrade, *Syrian Identity in the Greco-Roman World* (Cambridge: Cambridge Univ. Press, 2013) *American Historical Review* 120.5 (Dec. 2015)
- Review of Yannis Papadogiannakis, *Christianity and Hellenism in the Fifth-Century Greek East: Theodoret's Apologetics Against the Greeks in Context*, *Hellenic Studies* 49, (Cambridge, MA: Center for Hellenic Studies, Harvard University, 2012) *Bryn Mawr Classical Review*, Sept. 30, 2013
- Review of Philip Wood, *"We Have no King but Christ": Christian Political Thought in Greater Syria on the Eve of the Arab Conquest (c. 400-585)* (Oxford: Oxford Univ. Press, 2010) *American Historical Review* 117.3 (June 2012): 970
- Review of J. Herrin, *Byzantium: the Surprising Life of a Medieval Empire* (Princeton, Princeton Univ. Press, 2006), *Journal of World History* 21.2 (June 2010): 320
- Review of R. Ekelund, R. Hébert and R. Tollison, *The Marketplace of Christianity* (Cambridge, MA: MIT Press, 2006), *Church History* 76.4 (Dec. 2007): 888-90

**Refereed Presentations:**

- "Exploring Religion When There Is No 'Religion': Implications for and Insights from Byzantine Studies." Byzantine Studies Conference, Madison, WI, Oct. 2019.
- "Close Staging of Clerical Expertise: Bishops, Presbyters, and the Art of Catechetical Instruction, 350-430 CE." Byzantine Studies Conference, San Antonio, TX, Oct. 2018.
- "Bishop and Imperial Court: Tracing Patterns of Social Interaction across Multiple Letter Collections," Byzantine Studies Conference, Vancouver, BC, Canada, Nov. 2014.
- "Enter the Bishop: Late Roman Epistolary Networks and the Effects of Clerical Office," American Philological Association Annual Meeting, Seattle, Jan. 2013

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- “Population Genetics and Byzantine History,” Byzantine Studies Conference, Brookline, MA, Nov. 2012
- “Narrative Constructions of Clerical Relations of the Mid-Third Century,” North American Patristics Society Annual Meeting, Chicago, May 2012
- “Chalcedonian Shadows: Looking for an Antiochene Doctrinal Network, 451-486,” Byzantine Studies Conference, Philadelphia, PA, Oct. 2010
- “Patronage Performance and Strategy in the Letters of Theodoret, Bishop of Cyrrhus,” Byzantine Studies Conference, New Brunswick, NJ, Oct. 2008
- “Behind the Controversy: Social and Political Approaches to Heresy and Orthodoxy,” Byzantine Studies Conference, St. Louis, Nov. 2006
- “Preaching in Tongues: Multilingual Doctrinal Networks in the Early Christological Conflict,” Byzantine Studies Conference, Athens, GA, Oct. 2005
- “Patronage, Human and Divine: Theodoret’s *Erastites* and the Social Dynamics of Christology,” North American Patristics Society, Annual Meeting, Chicago, June 2005
- “Doctrines, Bishops, Monks, and Friends: A Network Approach to the ‘School of Antioch,’” Byzantine Studies Conference, Lewiston, ME, Oct. 2003
- “Theodoret the Peacemaker: Confrontation, Leadership, and Consensus in the Syrian Episcopate, 431-435,” Shifting Frontiers in Late Antiquity, Santa Barbara, March 2003
- “Genuine Heretics, Genuine Heroes: The Origenist Controversy and the Historiography of Rufinus of Aquileia,” Byzantine Studies Conference, College Park, MD, Nov. 1999

### **Conferences Organized:**

- *The Social Network in Byzantium and its Neighbors*, 2-day colloquium at Dumbarton Oaks Research Library (Harvard University), Washington, DC, Mar. 16-17, 2013, with Dr. Margaret Mullett (Director of Byzantine Studies at Dumbarton Oaks)
- *Constructing Christianity*, 1 day mini-conference at the University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC, Nov. 5, 2011, with Dr. Erin Roberts (USC, Religious Studies)

### **Invited Scholarly Presentations:**

- “State of the Field: Religion in History” Panel Presentation (with Christine Ames, and Douglas Winiarski), History Center, University of South Carolina, Mar. 2019
- “‘Keeper of the Word, Possessor of the Spirit’: Christian Claims of Expertise and Disputes about the Trinity before the Reign of Constantine,” Late Antique and Medieval Studies Colloquium IV, Pomona College, Claremont, CA, Feb. 2019.
- “Abstract Social Network Modeling and the Rise of Singular Bishops,” Works in Progress (Discussion of Pre-Circulated Essay), History Center, University of South Carolina, Jan. 2018.
- “‘In Our City, the One Most Friendly with God’: Abstract Social Modeling and the Rise of Singular Urban Bishops,” *Cities, Saints and Memory in Late Antiquity: A Conference in Honor of Ray Van Dam*, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Oct, 2015
- “What Does the History of Anti-Judaism Have to do with the Present,” Panel participant, with David Nirenberg, (*Solomon-Tenenbaum Lecture*), University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC, Feb. 2015
- “Instituting Clerical Expertise: The *Apostolic Constitutions* in Socio-Cultural Context,” *Intellectual Exchange and Religious Diversity in Antioch (CE 350-450)*, Universität Zürich Conference, Kappel am Albis, Switzerland, July 2014

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- “Approaching Doctrine and Social Relations in Late Antiquity: Practices, Networks and Expertise,” *The New Patristics: Studying the Church Fathers after the Linguistic Turn*, University of California, Berkeley, April 2013
- “Early Christian and Roman Chosenness: Confidences and Anxieties,” Panel participant, with Todd Gitlin (*Solomon-Tenenbaum Lecture*), University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC, Oct. 2012
- “Faith, Practice, and Social Relationships: Ancient and Modern,” Panel participant, with Krista Tippett (*Hall Lecture in Religious Studies*), University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC, April 2012
- “Assembling the Late Roman Clergy: Epistolary Networks and their Narrative Representations,” *The Social Network in Byzantium and its Neighbors*, Dumbarton Oaks Research Library (Harvard University), Washington, DC, March 2012
- “Constructing the Christian Clergy: Letter Collections and Social Networks,” *Constructing Christianity*, University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC, Nov. 2011
- “Partisans and their Doctrines, from the Origenists to Tito,” (on political linguistics and religious controversies), *International Symposium on Byzantine, Balkan and Church History: Tribute to John Fine, Jr.*, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Sept. 2007

### **Other Invited Presentations:**

- “Creating a Culture of Leadership Through Inclusion,” Panel of presenters and answers to questions, New Faculty Academy, Univ. of South Carolina, Jan. 2018.
- “New Technologically-Assisted Approaches to History Teaching,” Panel of presenters and responses to questions, with Janet Hudson and Allison Marsh, Univ. of South Carolina History Center, Columbia, SC, Sept. 2016.



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- “Uncertain Undergrad Becomes Ancient Historian, or How I Ended up Snooping through the Mail of Quarrelsome Bishops that Lived 1,600 Years Ago,” Faculty Speaker, Convocation for College of Arts and Sciences, University of South Carolina, Aug. 2013
- “BSANA and Byzantine Studies: Possible Futures,” presentation of results of survey of Byzantine Studies Association and discussion of responses, Sarasota, FL, Nov. 2009

### **Professional Grants and Awards:**

- Peter and Bonnie McCausland Fellowship, University of South Carolina, 2014-2017 (annual monetary award for achievement in research, teaching and academic service)
- Provost’s Humanities Grant, University of South Carolina, 2014-2015 (summer research funding and course-release for project “Early Christian Clerical Networks: The Social Organization of “Religion” in Late Antiquity”)
- Provost’s Distributed Learning Grant, University of South Carolina, 2014-2015 (summer funding and technological support to develop half-online, partially “flipped classroom” format for the course “Western Civilization to the 17<sup>th</sup> c.”)

### **Professional and University Leadership:**

Byzantine Studies Association of North America Vice President, 2008-2010,  
Governing Board, 2006-2010

Oxford University Press, Manuscript reader/reviewer

University of California Press, Proposal reader/reviewer

Journal of Early Christian Studies, Article manuscript reader/reviewer

Classical Philology, Article manuscript reader/reviewer

Journal of Late Antiquity, Article manuscript reader/reviewer

University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC

Assistant Chair, Department of History, 2017-present

- Adapted course scheduling to campus-wide hybrid teaching model (with faculty choosing to teach online, in-person or blended) during Covid-19 Pandemic

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*Assistant Chair, Department of History, 2017-present (continued)*

- New approach to course teaching assignments and scheduling (2-year plans, shared planning of rotations for core courses, ensured sufficient graduate course offerings despite cuts to graduate students' *gratis* credits)
- Reporting of statistical uncertainty for anonymous student course surveys

Director of Undergraduate Studies in History, 2013-15

- Reviewed and secured approval of 16 new courses and 3 distributed courses;
- Wrote new departmental policy for online formats for History courses
- Full review and revision of History BA program

Carolina Core Curriculum Committee, "GHS" Team Leader, 2015-Fall 2016

Department of History Tenure and Promotion Committee, 2017-2019

Department of History Executive Committee, 2011-13, 2015-16

Search Committee: History of Islamic World, 2012-13

President's Diversity Inclusion Advisory Committee, 2016 - present

Long Island University, C. W. Post Campus, Brookville, NY

Director of Graduate Programs in History and member, Graduate Council, 2009-2010  
(Academic advisor for about 20 MA students).

Coordinator: Pilot core course *Roots of the Modern World*, 2007-2010

Core Curriculum Evaluation Committee, 2009-2010, Four search committees, 2005-10

### **Campus Community Service and Leadership:**

University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC

Convener and Initial Organizer, *Jewish Faculty and Staff Council at University of South Carolina* (supporting Jewish life and inclusion on campus), 2014-present  
Dean's Advisor (guiding students to their first slate of courses), summer 2019-2020

### **Reading Languages and Other Skills:**

- Ancient Greek* (Classical Attic, Koine, Patristic, Byzantine, some work in Papyrology)
- Latin* (Classical, Ecclesiastical, and Medieval)

Modern reading languages: •*French* •*German* •*Italian*

Basic working knowledge of languages: •*Hebrew* (Biblical, Rabbinic) •*Syriac*

Special software skills: •Network analysis