

MATTHEW G. WHITLOCK, PH.D.

EDUCATION

2005-2008 **The Catholic University of America** Washington, D.C.
Ph.D. Biblical Studies

Dissertation: *Unity in Conflict: A Study of Acts 4:23-31*

Director: Frank J. Matera

Readers: Michael P. O'Connor, Frank T. Gignac, John P. Heil

Awarded John Quasten Doctoral Scholarship

2000-2005 **The Catholic University of America** Washington, D.C.
Masters in Biblical Studies

Thesis: *The Role of God as a Character in Acts: A Study of Acts 5:12-42*

Teachers: Joseph A. Fitzmyer, Francis J. Moloney, Raymond Collins

1994-1995 **San Jose State University** San Jose, CA
Single Subject Teaching Credential, Literature

1990-1994 **San Jose State University** San Jose, CA
B.A. in English Literature
Minor in Religious Studies

FACULTY POSTIONS

2016-Pres. **Seattle University** Seattle, WA
Department of Theology and Religious Studies
Associate Professor

2010-2016 **Seattle University** Seattle, WA
Department of Theology and Religious Studies
Assistant Professor

2009-2010 **Santa Clara University** Santa Clara, CA
Department of Religious Studies
Adjunct Professor

PUBLICATIONS: BOOKS

- 2021 *Critical Theory and Early Christian Literature: Walter Benjamin, Gilles Deleuze, Alain Badiou, and Judith Butler*. Editor (Sheffield: Equinox, forthcoming January 2021)

PUBLICATIONS: PEER-REVIEWED JOURNALS

- 2015 “Acts 1:15-26 and the Craft of New Testament Poetry,” *The Catholic Biblical Quarterly* 77.1 (2015) 87-106.
- 2020 “The Wrong Side Out With(out) God: An Autopsy of Deleuze and Guattari’s *Body Without Organs*” *Deleuze and Guattari Studies*, University of Edinburgh, forthcoming 2020.

PUBLICATIONS: BOOK CHAPTERS

- 2012 “From the Acts of the Apostles to Paul: Shaking off the Muffled Majesty of Impersonal Authorship” in *Unity and Diversity in the Gospels and Paul: Essays in Honor of Frank J. Matera* (Early Christianity and Its Literature 7; Atlanta: Society of Biblical Literature, 2012) 149-72.
- 2021 “Making Early Christian Literature Strange (Again)” in *Critical Theory and Early Christian Literature: Walter Benjamin, Gilles Deleuze, Alain Badiou, and Judith Butler* (Sheffield: Equinox, forthcoming January 2021).
- 2021 “The Dialectical Image: Walter Benjamin and Early Christian Literature” in *Critical Theory and Early Christian Literature: Walter Benjamin, Gilles Deleuze, Alain Badiou, and Judith Butler* (Sheffield: Equinox, forthcoming January 2021).
- 2021 “The Rhizome: Gilles Deleuze and Early Christian Literature” in *Critical Theory and Early Christian Literature: Walter Benjamin, Gilles Deleuze, Alain Badiou, and Judith Butler* (Sheffield: Equinox, forthcoming January 2021).
- 2021 “The Many Acts of the Apostles: Simulacra and Simulation” in *Critical Theory and Early Christian Literature: Walter Benjamin, Gilles Deleuze, Alain Badiou, and Judith Butler* (Sheffield: Equinox, forthcoming January 2021).
- 2021 “The Event: Alain Badiou and Early Christian Literature” in *Critical Theory and Early Christian Literature: Walter Benjamin, Gilles Deleuze, Alain Badiou, and Judith Butler* (Sheffield: Equinox, forthcoming January 2021).
- 2021 “Bodies that Matter: Judith Butler and Early Christian Literature” in *Critical Theory and Early Christian Literature: Walter Benjamin, Gilles Deleuze, Alain Badiou, and Judith Butler* (Sheffield: Equinox, forthcoming January 2021).

PRESENTATIONS AT RESEARCH CONFERENCES

- May 2019 “Making Early Christian Texts Strange (Again),” in Religion and Society and Theology and Philosophy of Religion at the Pacific Northwest Society of Biblical Literature and American Academy of Religion, Central Washington University, Ellensburg, WA.
- May 2016 “Reading the New Testament in the Information Age: Walter Benjamin’s “The Storyteller,”” in Religion and Society and Theology and Philosophy of Religion at the Pacific Northwest Society of Biblical Literature and American Academy of Religion, University of Idaho, Moscow, ID.
- Nov 2014 “Acts of the Apostles: A Minor Literature,” in Acts of the Apostles Program at the Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, San Diego, CA.
- “The Poetry of Acts in Action,” in the Performance Criticism of Biblical and Other Ancient Texts Program at the Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, San Diego, CA.
- July 2014 “Paul’s Poetic Techniques and the ‘Bilingual’ Poetry of the Septuagint,” Research Report at the Seventy-Seventh International Meeting of the Catholic Biblical Association, Providence College, Providence, RI.
- July 2013 “An Aesthetical Approach to the Psalms in Acts of the Apostles,” Research Report at the Seventy-Sixth International Meeting of the Catholic Biblical Association, Gonzaga University, Spokane, WA.
- May 2013 “Jesus and Simulacrum: Difference and Repetition of Jesus in the Gospels and Paul,” in Philosophy of Religion and Theology Program at the Pacific Northwest Society of Biblical Literature and American Academy of Religion, Seattle University, Seattle, WA.
- May 2012 “Promising Places Having Neither Promise Nor Place,” in New Testament and Hellenistic Religions Program at Pacific Northwest Society of Biblical Literature and American Academy of Religion, Concordia University, Portland, OR.
- May 2012 “The Green Jesus of the Apocalypse,” in Panel on Teaching Green Religion: Hope in Challenge, Philosophy of Religion and Theology Program at Pacific Northwest Society of Biblical Literature and American Academy of Religion, Concordia University, Portland, OR.
- May 2011 “Paul and the Matrix: Remythologizing Paul,” in Philosophy of Religion and Theology Program at the Pacific Northwest Society of Biblical Literature and American Academy of Religion, Gonzaga University, Spokane, WA.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

The Society of Biblical Literature (2008-Present)

The Catholic Biblical Association (2008-Present)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Associate Professor, Seattle University, Theology and Religious Studies

Spring 2019	UCOR 3100	Religion in a Global Context
Spring 2018	(THRS 3070)	Global Apocalypse!
Winter 2018		
Fall 2017		
Winter 2016		
Spring 2015		
Winter 2015		
Fall 2019	UCOR 2100	Theological Explorations
Fall 2018	(THRS 2000)	New Testament Storytellers: Jesus
Fall 2017		
Spring 2016		
Fall 2015		
Winter 2015		
Fall 2019	UCOR 2100	Theological Explorations
Summer 2019	(THRS 2001)	New Testament Storytellers: St. Paul
Spring 2019		
Winter 2019		
Fall 2018		
Spring 2018		
Winter 2018		
Winter 2016		
Fall 2015		
Fall 2014		
Fall 2013		
Winter 2019	THRS 414	The Synoptic Gospels
Spring 2011		
Spring 2016	STMA-5380 (Graduate)	Christian Scriptures: Letters
Fall 2014	UCOR 1430 (THRS 1910)	Inquiry Seminar Imaginative Literature, Imaginative Faith
Fall 2013	UCOR 2100	Honors Theological Explorations

New Testament Storytellers: Jesus

Fall 2013	THRS 303	The Gospel of Jesus
Winter 2013		
Fall 2012		
Winter 2012		
Fall 2011		
Winter 2011		
Fall 2010		
Spring 2013	THRS 304	The Message of Paul
Fall 2012		
Spring 2012		
Fall 2011		
Spring 2011		
Fall 2010		
Spring 2013	THRS 307	Apocalypse Then and Now
Winter 2013		
Spring 2012		
Winter 2012		
Spring 2012	THRS 496	Koine Greek
Winter 2012		
Fall 2011		
Winter 2012	THRS 496	Honors Directed Thesis Reading

Adjunct Professor, Santa Clara University

Winter 2010	The New Testament
Fall 2009	Religions of the Book Saint Paul
Summer 2009	The Bible: Race, War, and Sexuality
Spring 2009	Religions of the Book
Fall 2009	Religions of the Book

Tenured Teacher, Secondary Education, San Jose Unified School District

1996-2000	Advanced Placement English English Literature Interdisciplinary Core Speech and Debate Staff Development Coordinator
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Teacher, Secondary Education, Fremont Union High School District

1995-1996 ASB Teacher of the Year
Speech and Debate
British Literature
Interdisciplinary Core

TRAINING IN PEDAGOGY

1998-1999 **The College Board (Advanced Placement Teaching)**
Received extensive training and certification in teaching writing and literary theory

1994-1995 **San Jose State University**
Single Subject Teaching Credential, English
Teaching English as a Second Language Certified
Completed 32 units in graduate level classes on pedagogy
(Psychology of Learning, Evaluation, Teaching Methods)

DEPARTMENT SERVICE

2019-2020 **Scholar of Islam Search Chair** THRS Seattle University

2014-2016 **Career Services Representative** THRS Seattle University

- Working with Career Services to update how the major is advertised to students and parents.

2011-2016 **Assessment Committee** THRS Seattle University

- Created assessment plans for 2011 and 2012
- Wrote the department's assessment report for AY 2011-2012
- Wrote the department's assessment report for AY 2010-2011

2011-2014 **Comp Religions Committee** THRS Seattle University

- Worked with department to create a new pathway for THRS majors
- Helped create and refine learning objectives
- Created a course on Sacred Texts for this pathway and the New Core

Spring 2012 **Association of Jesuit Colleges and Universities** Loyola University
Columbia, MD

- Represented THRS at "Building Bridges Within the Jesuit University and Beyond: Theology, Pastoral Studies, and Spirituality in Service to Church and World."

COLLEGE SERVICE

2014-Pres. **Institutional Review Board (IRB)** Seattle University

- Representing the College of Arts and Sciences as the non-scientist on the board.

2012 **SEAC Student/Professor Film Series** Seattle University

- Worked with THRS, A&S, and the Student Activities and Events Council (SEAC) to create discussions between professors and students on religious themes in film
- Funded by SEAC and A&S
- Winter 2012: Presented on themes in *V for Vendetta*
- Spring 2012: Coordinated a discussion between Dr. Sharon Suh and Dr. Jason Wirth on the film *Spring, Summer, Fall, Winter . . . and Spring*
- Spring 2012: Co-presented with Dr. Henry Kamerling on the topic “Zombie Apocalypse”

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

2017-Present **University Core Curriculum Committee**

Seattle University
Seattle, WA

2013-Present **Institute of Catholic Thought and Culture**

Seattle University
Seattle, WA

- Participated in a summer and continuing seminar on issues of sexuality and the body in Catholicism. Presented on “St. Paul and the Body” at the seminar.
- Currently serving on the grants board, reviewing and evaluating professional grants.

2015-2017 **Mission and Ministry** ***Jesuit Mission Fellow***

Seattle University
Seattle, WA

- Helped assess and develop a program introducing new faculty to the Jesuit tradition

2012-2016 **Mission and Ministry** ***SEEL Puget Sound***

Seattle University
Seattle, WA

- Sponsored by Mission and Ministry to participate in the nine month “Spiritual Exercises for Every Day Life” program
- Continue to present my experience to others on campus (e.g., the University Board and the Arrupe Seminar).

Fall 2012 **Mission and Ministry** ***Western Conversations in Jesuit*** ***Education***

Seattle University
LMU
Los Angeles, WA

- Represented Seattle University as a delegate to the 2012 conference

2011-2012 **Mission and Ministry** ***Arrupe Seminar***

Seattle University

- Participated in and completed the Arrupe Seminar

- Summer 2011 **Mission and Ministry** Seattle University
Collegium: A Colloquy of Faith and the Intellectual Live Holy Cross University
Worcester, MA
- Sponsored by Mission and Ministry to participate in the 2011 Catholic Colloquy of Faith at Holy Cross University
- 2010-2011 **Campus Ministry** Seattle University
- Presented on the documentary “The Labyrinth”
 - Presented on St. Paul at RCIA
 - Led a discussion at the Kolvenbach Community

COMMUNITY SERVICE

- Fall 2014-Pres **Church of Hope (ELCA)** Seattle, WA
- Guest Homilies on the Gospel of Luke
 - Guest homily on “St. Paul and Sexuality”
- Fall 2012-Pres **Valley and Mountain Methodist Church** Seattle, WA
- Co-created and taught a four week “Disruptive Scripture” seminar
 - Co-created “Found Poetry” (monthly creative exercise)
- Fall 2017 **Plymouth Congregational Church** Seattle, WA
- Taught a four-week course on Synoptic Gospels
- Spring 2012 **St. Margaret’s Episcopal Church** Bellevue, WA
- Taught a four-week seminar on St. Paul
- Fall 2010-2013 **Valley and Mountain Methodist Church** Seattle, WA
- Lead “Theology on Tap” (Great Mysteries on Tap) sessions
- Winter 2010 **The Episcopal Church in Almaden** San Jose, CA
- Led “Stump the Professor” seminars
- Fall 2009 **Santa Clara University** Santa Clara, CA
Pastoral Ministries Program
- Taught Independent Study (New Testament)
- Fall 2009 **St. John the Divine Episcopal Church** Morgan Hill, CA
- Taught an eight-week seminar on Islam, Christianity, and Judaism
- Fall 2009 **St. Julie Billiart Catholic Church** San Jose, CA
- Taught an eight-week seminar on Islam, Christianity, and Judaism
- Winter 2009 **The Episcopal Church in Almaden** San Jose, CA

- Taught an eight-week seminar on Islam, Christianity, and Judaism

Fall 2008 **St. John the Divine Episcopal Church** Morgan Hill, CA

- Taught a ten-week seminar on Paul's Christ-Event Metaphors