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## JOSEPH EMANUEL SANZO

### EDUCATION

2012 Ph.D., History (fields: religion; Christian Origins), UCLA  
2010 C.Phil., History (fields: religion; Christian Origins), UCLA  
2008 M.A., History (fields: religion; Christian Origins), UCLA  
2003 M.A., New Testament Languages and Literature, Biola University  
2001 B.A., Religious Studies (Minor: Music), Concordia University, Irvine

### ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

2013– Postdoctoral Research Fellow, The Center for the Study of Christianity, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel  
2013 Lecturer, Study of Religion Program, UCLA  
2011–12 Teaching Fellow, Study of Religion Program, UCLA  
2004–06 Adjunct Professor, Department of Theological Studies, Concordia University, Irvine

### LANGUAGES

Ancient: Coptic, Greek, Hebrew, and Latin  
Modern (reading knowledge): French, German, and Italian  
Limited: Middle Egyptian (Hieroglyphics)

### LIST OF PUBLICATIONS

#### Books

*Scriptural Incipits on Amulets from Late Antique Egypt: Text, Typology, and Theory*. Studien und Texte zu Antike und Christentum/Studies and Texts in Antiquity and Christianity 84 (Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, 2014 [February]).  
*Making “Christian Magic”: Late Antique Ritual Practice at the Intersection of Scripture, Salvation, and Slander*, proposal under review (New Texts from Ancient Cultures series [Ann Arbor, MI: The University of Michigan Press]).

#### Edited Volumes

(Editor with Ra‘anan Boustan and Jacco Dieleman), *Authoritative Traditions and Ritual Power in the Ancient World*, in *Archiv für Religionsgeschichte* 17 (2015), under contract [in preparation].

#### Journal Articles and Book Chapters

“Magic in the Court of Law,” in *A Handbook of Jewish Magic*, ed. Ortal-Pas Saar and Siam Bhayro (Leiden: Brill), under contract [paper in preparation].

- (with Ra‘anan Boustan and Jacco Dieleman), “Introduction: Authoritative Traditions and Ritual Power in the Ancient World,” in *Authoritative Traditions and Ritual Power in the Ancient World* (*Archiv für Religionsgeschichte* 17 [2015]), ed. Joseph E. Sanzo, Ra‘anan Boustan, and Jacco Dieleman, under contract [paper in preparation].
- “Innovation, Intertextuality, and Authoritative Traditions for Ritual Power: The Crucifixion of Jesus on Brit. Lib. Or. 6796(4), 6796 as a Test Case,” in *Authoritative Traditions and Ritual Power in the Ancient World* (*Archiv für Religionsgeschichte* 17 [2015]) ed. Joseph E. Sanzo, Ra‘anan Boustan, and Jacco Dieleman, under contract [paper completed].
- “‘For our Lord was pursued by the Jews...’: The (Ab)Use of the Motif of ‘Jewish’ Violence against Jesus on a Greek Amulet (P. Heid. 1101),” in *“One in Christ”: Essays on Early Christianity in Honor of S. Scott Bartchy*, ed. David Matson and K.C. Richardson (Eugene: Wipf and Stock), under contract [paper completed].
- (with Josiah Chappell) “A Coptic Fragment of the Gospel of John from the Green Collection,” in *The Green Scholars Initiative: Papyrus Series*, vol. 2, ed. Dirk Obbink and Jerry Pattengale (Leiden: Brill), under contract [paper completed].
- (with Ra‘anan Boustan) “Jewish Culture and Society in a Christianizing Empire,” in *The Cambridge Companion to the Age of Attila*, ed. Michael Maas (New York: Cambridge University Press), in press.
- “Brit. Lib. Or. 4919(2): An Unpublished Coptic Amulet in the British Library,” *Zeitschrift für Papyrologie und Epigraphik* 183 (2012): 98-100.
- “Canonical Power: A ‘Tactical’ Approach to the Use of the Christian Canon in P. Berlin 954,” *Saint Shenouda Coptic Quarterly* 4.3-4 (2008): 28-45.

### Reference Works

- “Sir James Frazer,” in *Routledge Encyclopedia of Modernism* (London: Routledge), ed. Stephen Ross, forthcoming [entry completed].
- “Ernest Renan,” in *Routledge Encyclopedia of Modernism* (London: Routledge), ed. Stephen Ross, forthcoming [entry completed].

### Reviews

- (Review of) Beth M. Sheppard, *The Craft of History and the Study of the New Testament* (Atlanta: Society of Biblical Literature, 2012), in *Review of Biblical Literature*, forthcoming [review completed].
- (Review of) Andrew Wilburn, *Materia Magica: The Archaeology of Magic in Egypt, Spain and Cyprus* (Ann Arbor, University of Michigan Press, 2013), in *The Bulletin of the American Society of Papyrologists* 50 (2013): 353–58.
- (Review of) Gideon Bohak, Yuval Harari, and Shaul Shaked, eds., *Continuity and Innovation in the Magical Tradition* (Leiden: Brill, 2011), in *Preternature* 2.1 (2013): 105-12.
- “Review of *The Secret Gospel of Mark: Find or Forgery?* Panel Discussion,” in *Saint Shenouda Coptic Quarterly* 4.1-2 (2008): 8-14.

**CONFERENCES ORGANIZED**

(with Ra‘anan Boustan and Jacco Dieleman) *Authoritative Traditions and Ritual Power in the Ancient World*: UCLA, October 22, 2012

**Participants:** Michael Beshay, Ra‘anan Boustan, Theodore de Bruyn, Jacco Dieleman, David Frankfurter, Sarah Iles Johnston, Joseph Sanzo, Jeremy Smoak, Michael Swartz, Jacques van der Vliet.

(with Brouria Bitton-Ashkelony and Flavia Ruani) *Books of Threats and Threatening Books: Perceptions of “Threat” in Late Antique Book Culture*: The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel May 26-27, 2014

**Participants:** Brouria Bitton-Ashkelony, Gideon Bohak, Theodore de Bruyn, Emiliano Fiori, David Frankfurter, Eduard Iricinschi, Gregory Kessel, Chrysi Kotsifou, Yonatan Moss, Flavia Ruani, Joseph Sanzo, Shai Secunda

**PAPERS PRESENTED (OR SCHEDULED TO PRESENT)**

(with Lorne Zelyck) “What is P.Berol. 11710: Amulet, Apocryphal Gospel, Biblical Elaboration?”

- Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting: San Diego, CA November 2014

“‘Jewish’ Elements on ‘Christian’ Amulets? Toward a New Taxonomy of Late Antique Ritual Practice”

- European Association of Jewish Studies Congress: Paris, France, July 2014

“‘Scriptural Magic’ and the Reception History of the Bible: Biblical and Parabiblical Traditions in a Portfolio of Spells from Coptic Egypt”

- Scripted Forms of Magic Knowledge – Grimoires in the Matrix of Western Cultures: Jerusalem, June 2014

“The ‘Christian Amulet’ as an Oxymoron: The ‘Threat’ of Amulets in the Church Fathers”

- Books of Threats and Threatening Books: Perceptions of “Threat” in Late Antique Book Culture: Jerusalem, Israel, May 2014

“Magic in Late Antiquity”

- Guest Lecture: Oded Irshai and Rina Talgam, Humanities 8800, Text and Visual Imagery in Late Antiquity: The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, May 2014

“Amulets and ‘Christian Orthodoxy’ in Late Antiquity”

- Seminar of the Center for the Study of Christianity, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel: Jerusalem, Israel, April 2014

“The Use of Biblical *Incipits* on Amulets from Late Antique Egypt: Texts, Functions, and Contexts”

- American Philological Association Annual Meeting: Chicago, IL, January 2014

“Making ‘Christian Magic’: Themes of Christian Identity Formation on Textual Amulets from Late Antiquity”

- Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting: Baltimore, MD, November 2013 (*in absentia*)

“Innovation, Intertextuality, and Authoritative Traditions for Ritual Power: The Crucifixion of Jesus on Brit. Lib. Or. 6796(4), 6796”

- UCLA-St. Shenouda Conference of Coptic Studies: UCLA, July 2013

“The Passion of Jesus on a Coptic Apotropaic Recipe (Brit. Lib. Or. 6796[4], 6796): The Intersection of Text and Image”

- Ancient Amulets: Words, Images and Social Contexts: University of Chicago, February 2013

“Towards the Identification of the Model of Scripture in the Apotropaic Record of Late Antique Egypt”

- Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting: Chicago, IL, November 2012

“Beyond the Label: A New Approach to the Relationship Between ‘Christian’ Traditions and Ritual Power in Late Antiquity”

- Authoritative Traditions and Ritual Power in the Ancient World: UCLA, October 2012

“Brit. Lib. Or. 4919(2): Some Observations”

- UCLA-St. Shenouda Conference of Coptic Studies: UCLA, July 2012

“Your Impurity is My Purity: The ‘Jewish’ Persecution of Christ in P. Heidelberg, inv. G 1101”

- Studies in Second Temple Judaism and Christian Origins (Enoch Graduate Seminar): Notre Dame, IN, June 2012
- Conflict, Consensus, and the Crossing of Boundaries in the Premodern World (The Ancient Borderlands International Graduate Student Conference): University of California, Santa Barbara, April 2012
- Western Commission for the Study of Religion (WECSOR): Whittier College, March 2011
- UCLA-St. Shenouda Conference of Coptic Studies: UCLA, July 2011

“The Purpose and Implications of ΒΑΣΚΑΙΝΩ in Galatians 3:1”

- WECSOR: Santa Clara University, March 2009

“Reflections on the Use of Scripture in P. Berlin 954”

- UCLA-St. Shenouda Conference of Coptic Studies: UCLA, July 2008

“Biblical Power: Sub-Strategies of Mediating the Transcendent Power of Scripture in P. Berlin 954”

- WECSOR: Fuller Theological Seminary, March 2008

“Ancient Magic and its Significance for the Study of Early Christianity”

- Guest Lecture: S. Scott Bartchy, History 186B: The Religious Environment of Early Christianity: UCLA, November, 2007

## **AWARDS, GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS**

Postdoctoral Research Fellowship: The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel, 2014-2015

Postdoctoral Research Fellowship: The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel, 2013-2014

Graduate Division Dissertation Year Fellowship: UCLA, 2012-2013

Graduate Student Research Travel Stipend: UCLA, 2012

Celia and Herman Wise Pre-Dissertation Year Fellowship: UCLA, 2011-2012

Am Tabor Charitable Foundation Pre-Dissertation Year Fellowship: UCLA, 2010-2011

Graduate Research Mentorship Recipient (year-long): UCLA, 2009-2010

*Summa cum laude*: UCLA (for M.A. degree), 2008

Graduate Summer Research Mentorship Recipient: UCLA, 2008

Graduate Summer Research Mentorship Recipient: UCLA, 2007

*Magna cum laude*: Biola University (for M.A. degree), 2003

Outstanding Biblical Language Student: Concordia University, Irvine, 2001

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

### UCLA

**Lecturer:** Study of Religion Program

Religion 101: History of the Study of Religion (Winter 2013)

Religion 140: Early Christians: Texts, Practices, and Conflicts (Summer 2013)

**Teaching Fellow:** Study of Religion Program

Religion 140: History of the Study of Religion (Winter 2011 and Fall 2011)

**Teaching Assistant:** Department of History

History 2D: Religion, the Occult and Science: Science, Magic and Religion, 1600-Present (Spring 2008)

History 4: Introduction to the History of Religion (Winter 2008)

History 1-C: Western Civilization (1715- present) (Fall 2007)

**Reader:** Department of History

History 186C: Jesus of Nazareth in Historical Research (Spring 2007)

### Concordia University, Irvine

**Adjunct Professor:** Department of Theological Studies

Theology 202: History and Literature of the New Testament (Spring 2006)

Theology 101: Foundations of Christian Theology (Fall 2004-Spring 2005)

### Biola University

**Teaching Assistant:** Talbot School of Theology

TTNT 604: Exegesis of the Gospels (Fall 2002-Fall 2003)

BLGR 101: Elementary Greek (Fall 2003)

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Scholar Mentor, The Green Scholars Initiative (2013)

- Student: Josiah Chappell

Section Co-chair: “Ancient Amulets: Language and Artifact”

- American Philological Association (2014)

## RESEARCH ASSISTANTSHIPS

### UCLA

Study of Religion Interdisciplinary Program, 2010-2012

Responsibilities (2010-2011): I assisted Dr. Ra‘anan Boustan with research for and composition of the *Study of Religion Interdepartmental Program (IDP) Self-Review*.

Responsibilities (2012): I assisted Dr. Jacco Dieleman with the creation of an interactive database and time map of all ancient magical texts.

### **Biola University**

Talbot School of Theology, 2003

Responsibilities: I assisted Dr. Joseph Hellerman with research for his book, *Reconstructing Honor in Roman Philippi: Carmen Christi as Cursus Pudorum* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2005).

### **Private**

James. M. Robinson, 2008-10

Responsibilities: I performed editorial work for Dr. James M. Robinson's *The Nag Hammadi Record* (Brill, forthcoming)

### **MEMBERSHIPS**

American Academy of Religion

American Historical Association

École biblique et archéologique française de Jérusalem (library privileges)

International Association for Coptic Studies (elected member)

Society of Biblical Literature

The St. Shenouda the Archimandrite Coptic Society

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**RESEARCH INTERESTS**

Ancient and Late Antique Mediterranean History and Religion

New Testament and Early Christian Literature

The relationship between Greco-Egyptian ritual practices (“magic”) and Egyptian Christianity

Greek and Coptic Languages

Theory and Method in the Study of Religion

Early Jewish-Christian Relations