

## 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, Religious Studies  
University of Michigan (June 2002-December 2004): Fellow, Michigan Society of  
Fellows, and Assistant Professor, Department of Near Eastern Studies  
Center for Advanced Judaic Studies, University of Pennsylvania (2001-02): Fellow  
Oberlin College (2000-01): Visiting Instructor, Department of Religion  
Mount Holyoke College (1999-2000): Visiting Instructor, Department of Religion  
Princeton University (1995-96): Preceptor, Department of Religion  
Gilead Sciences, Foster City, CA (1992-94): Research Biologist

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

Dodds Fellowship, Princeton University, 1998-99  
Phi Beta Kappa, Stanford University, 1991

#### **PUBLICATIONS:**

*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.  
“Lessons from Jerome’s Jewish Teachers: Exegesis and Cultural Interaction in Late Antique Palestine,” in Natalie Dohrmann and David Stern, eds., *Jewish Biblical Interpretation in Comparative Context*. Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, forthcoming.  
“Jerome’s Biblical Criticism and the Making of Christian Scholarship.” Ph.D. dissertation, Princeton University, 2002.  
“The Life of Apollonius of Tyana by Philostratus,” in Richard Valantasis, ed., *Religions of Late Antiquity in Practice*. Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2000.

#### **PAPERS PRESENTED:**

“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

## **CURRICULUM VITAE OF MEGAN WILLIAMS**

- “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
- “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

### **CONFERENCES AND SEMINARS 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.”

**PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS:** Society of Biblical Literature, American Philological Association.

**LANGUAGES:** reading knowledge of classical Armenian, French, German, ancient Greek, Hebrew (Biblical, rabbinic, modern), Italian, Latin, Spanish

**REFERENCES:** Peter Brown, History, Princeton University; Anthony Grafton, History, Princeton University; John Gager, Religion, Princeton University; Martha Himmelfarb, Religion, Princeton University; Gary Beckman, Chair, Near Eastern Studies, University of Michigan; Paul Dietrich, Chair, Program in Liberal Studies, University of Montana.