Nathan Leach, Ph.D.

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POST-GRADUATION EMPLOYMENT

Assistant Professor of Instruction, Texas State University, San Marco, TX	Aug 2024–Present
Lecturer, Texas State University, San Marcos, TX	Aug 2022–Jul 2024
Assistant Professor of Instruction, University of Texas at Austin	Jan 2022–May 2023
Shive Research Fellow, Institute for the Study of Antiquity and Christian Origins (ISAC), University of Texas at Austin	Sep 2021–Aug 2022

EDUCATION

University of Texas at Austin — 2017–2021
PhD Religious Studies (Ancient Mediterranean Religions)
Dissertation: "Revelation and Divination: Performative Access to Divine Knowledge in Oracles, Mysteries, and the Apocalypse of John"

University of Texas at Austin — 2015–2017
MA Religious Studies (Ancient Mediterranean Religions)

Yale Divinity School—New Haven, CT — 2013–2015
MAR Bible (New Testament)

University of Edinburgh—Edinburgh, UK — 2012–2013
MTh Biblical Studies
Degree Awarded with Distinction
Thesis: "Josephus and the Jeremian Perspective on Foreign Rule"

University of Edinburgh—Edinburgh, UK — 2011–2012
MTh Theology in History
Degree Awarded with Distinction
Thesis: "*Duo Sacramenta*: An Examination of North African Christian Attitudes Towards Soldiering in the Age of Tertullian"

College of the Ozarks—Pt. Lookout, MO — 2004–2008
BA in History

Languages

- Ancient Languages: Greek, Latin, Hebrew, Coptic, Ge'ez
- Modern: German, French, Haitian Creole

PUBLICATIONS AND CONFERENCE PAPERS

Academic Publications

- *Revelation as Divination: Divine Presence and Knowledge in Oracles, Mysteries, and the Apocalypse of John*. Edinburgh: Edinburgh University Press, 2026.
- "Book Review: James C. VanderKam's *R. H. Charles: A Biography*." *Review of Biblical Literature Online* (2026): https://www.sblcentral.org/home/bookDetails/1003227.
- *Revelation and Material Religion in the Roman East: Essays in Honor of Steven J. Friesen*, Edited by Nathan Leach, G. Anthony Keddie, and Daniel C. Smith. London: Routledge, 2023.
- "Subversive Consumption: Revelation's Food Discourse within Roman Rhetorics of Invasive Foreignness." In *Revelation and Material Religion in the Roman East*. Pp. 75-91 (2023).
- "Epaphroditus and Archippus, Paul's Fellow Soldiers: Re-examining Paul's Rhetorical Use of συστρατιώτης." *JBL* 140/1 (2021): 187–207.
- "Book Review: Sara Raup Johnson's *Historical Fictions and Hellenistic Jewish Identity: Third Maccabees in Its Cultural Context*." *Journal of Ritual Studies* 31/2 (2017): 81–82.

Public-facing Publications

- "The Antisemitism Awareness Act Just Passed by The House Would Actually Increase Anti-Jewish Violence." *Religion Dispatches*, 7 May 2024. https://religiondispatches.org/the-antisemitism-awareness-act-just-passed-by-the-house-would-actually-increase-anti-jewish-violence/

Invited Lectures

- "Mystifying Oracles? Mysteries, Riddles, and Ambiguity in Divination." Conversations With Gods, Divination Series (9 Apr 2026), University of Pittsburgh, PA.

Conference Papers

- "Gathering the Divine Vintage: Viticultural Laborers and the Ritual uses of Wine in Roman Asia." Archaeology of the Roman World. AAR/SBL Annual Conference (Nov 2025), Boston, MA.
- "*Hieros Gamos*: Revelation's Divine Marriage Motif in Roman Mystery Contexts." John's Apocalypse and Cultural Contexts Ancient and Modern, AAR/SBL Annual Conference (Nov 2023), San Antonio, TX.
- Invited Respondent for Conference: Prophecy, Divination, and Magic in the Ancient Mediterranean and Near East (Nov 2023), University of Texas at Austin, TX.
- "Ascetic Meal Practices and Discourses in Revelation." Meals in the Greco-Roman World, AAR/SBL Annual Conference (2022), Denver, CO.
- "'You Owe Me Your Very Self': Pauline and Missionary Economies of Indebtedness." Haiti and Decolonization in Biblical and Religious Studies: Christian Origins, Liberation Theology, and Vodou (2022), Austin, TX.
- "Subversive Consumption: Revelation's Food Discourse within Roman Rhetorics of Invasive Foreignness." John's Apocalypse and Cultural Contexts Ancient and Modern, AAR/SBL Annual Conference (2021), San Antonio, TX.
- "Moving *Theōriā*: Embodying Separation from and Access to Divine Knowledge at Didyma." Movement, Mobility, and the Journey: Ancient Actions and Perspectives (2020), UPenn Center for Ancient Studies, Philadelphia, PA.
- "Revelation as Text-Centered Divinatory Performance." Religious Experience in Antiquity, AAR/SBL Annual Conference (2019), San Diego, CA.
- "Epaphroditus and Archippus, Paul's Fellow Soldiers: Re-examining Paul's Rhetorical Use of συστρατιώτης." Pauline Epistles, AAR/SBL Annual Conference (2017), Boston, MA.
- "The *Coptic Apocalypse of Peter*: A Narrative Reevaluation of a Seemingly Docetic Text." Nag Hammadi and Gnosticism Annual Meeting (2017), UNC, Chapel Hill, NC.

- "Literary Representations of Ritual Power in Acts and Related Literature." Magic, Miracles, and the Paranormal in Religious Imaginaries: An Interdisciplinary Graduate Student Conference (2016), UT Austin, Austin, TX.
- "Christian Participation in Revelation's Violence." John's Apocalypse and Cultural Contexts Ancient and Modern, AAR/SBL Annual Conference (2015), Atlanta, GA.
- "Christian Embarrassment in Mark 15.40–16.8." Ar.tic.u.late Conference (2013), University of Edinburgh, New College, UK.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Assistant Prof. Inst. ***REL 2315 Introduction to the New Testament*** — Spring 2026, Texas State Uni.

Assistant Prof. Inst. ***REL 1300 Introduction to World Religions*** — Spring 2026, TSU
Three sections of this in this semester

Assistant Prof. Inst. ***REL 2301 Introduction to the Hebrew Bible*** — Fall 2025, TSU

Assistant Prof. Inst. ***REL 1300 Introduction to World Religions*** — Fall 2025, TSU
Three sections of this in this semester

Assistant Prof. Inst. ***REL 3361P Prophecy*** — Spring 2025, TSU

Assistant Prof. Inst. ***REL 1300 Introduction to World Religions*** — Spring 2025, TSU
Three sections of this in this semester

Assistant Prof. Inst. ***REL 3372 Apocalypticism*** — Fall 2024, Texas State Uni.

Assistant Prof. Inst. ***REL 1300 Introduction to World Religions*** — Fall 2024, TSU
Three sections of this in this semester

Lecturer ***REL 2315 Introduction to the New Testament*** — Spring 2024, TSU

Lecturer ***REL 1300 Introduction to World Religions*** — Spring 2024, TSU
Three sections of this in this semester

Lecturer ***REL 1300 Introduction to World Religions*** — Fall 2023, TSU
Three sections of this in this semester

Lecturer ***REL 2301 Introduction to the Hebrew Bible*** — Fall 2023, TSU

Lecturer ***REL 2315 Introduction to the New Testament*** — Spring 2023, TSU

Adjunct Instructor ***RS 304 Judaism, Christianity, and Islam*** — Spring 2023, Uni. of Tex. Austin

Adjunct Instructor ***RS 353P Paul and His Social World*** — Spring 2023

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UT Austin

Lecturer ***REL 2301 Introduction to the Hebrew Bible*** Fall 2022

TSU

Adjunct Instructor ***JS 304M Jewish Civilization to 1500 CE*** Fall 2022

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Adjunct Instructor ***RS 315 Introduction to the New Testament*** Fall 2022

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Adjunct Instructor ***RS 315 The Bible and Its Interpreters*** Spring 2022

UT Austin

Adjunct Instructor ***RS 304 Judaism, Christianity, and Islam*** Spring 2022

UT Austin

Primary Instructor ***RS 315N Intro. to the New Testament*** **(Online)** Fall 2020

UT Austin

Primary Instructor ***RS 315 The Bible and Its Interpreters*** Spring 2019

UT Austin

ANT 398T Supervised Teaching and Pedagogy Fall 2018

Advanced Teaching Preparation Certification (Nine Week Course) Fall 2018

OTHER EXPERIENCE

United States Army, Infantry Officer 2008–2011

Baghdad, Iraq; Ft. Hood, TX; Ft. Benning, GA