

Daniel Zimmerman

Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION

- Ph.D. University of California, Santa Barbara, *Present*
(Expected Graduation: June 10, 2027)
- C. Phil. University of California, Santa Barbara, 2024
- M.A. University of California, Santa Barbara, 2021
The Gospel of Thomas and Torah Observance: Exploring Anti-nomic Rhetoric in the 'Fifth Gospel'
Religious Studies
- B.A. Cornell University, 2017
Religious Studies, *summa cum laude*
Minors in Classics, Jewish Studies, and South-Asian Studies

FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, AND AWARDS

- 2025 President's Dissertation Year Fellowship 2025–26, University of California
- 2025 Ostad Elahi Fellowship 2025–26, Department of Religious Studies, University of California, Santa Barbara (\$2,500)
- 2025 Humanities and Social Sciences Research Grant, University of California (\$3,000)
- 2025 Birger A. Pearson Award, Department of Religious Studies, University of California, Santa Barbara
- 2025 Interdisciplinary Humanities Center's Dissertation Fellowship, University of California, Santa Barbara (*Declined*)
- 2024 U.S. Department of Education's Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Summer Fellowship for Norwegian (\$9,500)
- 2024 Max Kade Foundation Fellowship (\$16,000)
- 2023 Fr. Virgil Cordano One-Year Fellowship
- 2023 Service to the Department, Department of Religious Studies, University of California, Santa Barbara
- 2023 Max Kade Research Travel Grant (\$1,500)
- 2019 Dumbarton Oaks Coins and Seals Summer Program Scholarship, Dumbarton Oaks (full tuition, room, and board)
- 2018 Rowny Fellowship, Department of Religious Studies, University of California, Santa Barbara (\$203,878)
- 2017 Weiner Prize for Undergraduate Research on Buddhist Practice (\$3,500)

2017	Reginald Foster Scholarship for Paideia Institute's Living Greek in Greece (\$1,000)
2014	Cornell Campus-wide Freshmen Essay Contest
2014	Thomas J. Watson Scholarship Award (\$8,000)
2013	National Hispanic Scholar, National Hispanic Fund

CONFERENCE ACTIVITY

2026	"<i>La raza gnóstica</i>: What Ancient Gnostics Can Teach Us about Resistance and Hope in Times of Persecution" (Forthcoming) Minoritized Criticism and Biblical Interpretation Section The Society of Biblical Literature's 2026 Annual Meeting
2026	"Water, Water, Everywhere: The Mimetic Function of Water in the <i>Apocryphon of John</i>" (Forthcoming) Nag Hammadi and Gnosticism Section The Society of Biblical Literature's 2026 Annual Meeting
2026	"The Fabulist and the Christians: Aesop's Fables in Early Christian Literature" Panel on Wielding the Word: Literature and the Construction of Christian Identity The North American Patristics Society 2026 Annual Meeting
2026	"The Wisest Trauma: The Gnostic Sophia's Role as both Object and Agent of Material Suffering" Religious Studies Panel 2026 Religious Trauma Symposium at Harvard Divinity School
2026	"The First and Eternal Exile: Evaluating Sophia's Liminal Identity in 'Gnostic' Mythology" 39th Annual Interdisciplinary Graduate Student Symposium
2025	"A Tale of Two Cities: Reading Jerusalem as Plato's <i>Republic</i>" Religion and Philosophy in Antiquity Seminar The Society of Biblical Literature's 2025 Annual Meeting
2025	"In the Beginning the Philosopher Created Numbers: Evaluating the Influence of Neopythagorean and Neoplatonic Numerology in Gnostic Cosmologies" Mysticism, Esotericism, and Gnosticism in Antiquity Section and Nag Hammadi and Gnosticism Section The Society of Biblical Literature's 2025 Annual Meeting
2025	"Evaluating the Egyptian Mind in Gnostic Doctrine" Panel on the Egyptian Mind The North American Patristics Society's 2025 Annual Meeting
2024	"Using Origen to Reinterpret Nag Hammadi Cosmogonies" Panel on Shifting Discourses of (Non-)Authority in Late Antiquity The North American Patristics Society's 2024 Annual Meeting
2023	"Using Plato's <i>Republic</i> to Understand Nag Hammadi Cosmogonies" Nag Hammadi and Gnosticism Section

- The Society of Biblical Literature's 2023 Annual Meeting
- 2021 "Victory: Tracing One Symbol's Numismatic Role from Augustus to Zeno"
Panel on Identity and Status in Byzantine Material Culture
56th International Congress on Medieval Studies
- 2020 "Victory: Tracing One Symbol's Numismatic Role from Augustus to Zeno"
Panel on Identity and Status in Byzantine Material Culture
55th International Congress on Medieval Studies (*Canceled due to COVID-19*)

FIELD WORK AND RESEARCH

- 2024 The International Summer School, University of Oslo (CEFR B2 Certification in Norwegian)
- 2023 The International Summer School, University of Oslo (CEFR B1 Certification in Norwegian)
- 2023 The Mani Colloquium (UC Santa Barbara)
- 2022 Åbo Akademi Kesäkurssi Turussa (Finnish Language Course at Åbo Academy, Finland)
- 2020 Research Supervisor – Undergraduate Research Apprentice Program: "Ignored No More" at the University of California, Berkeley, with Dilia Angelova
- 2019 Dumbarton Oaks Coins and Seals Summer Program, Dumbarton Oaks
- 2019 Greece From the Sea, American Society of Classical Studies at Athens (*Declined*)
- 2019 Finding the Spartans: History, Landscape, & Archaeology, American Society of Classical Studies at Athens (*Declined*)
- 2017 Living Greek in Greece, Paideia Institute
- 2017 Zen Buddhism: Food, Tea, and Hospitality in Praxis, Cornell University (*a summer practicing in Zen Buddhist temples in Japan*)

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

The North American Patristics Society
The Society of Biblical Literature
The Nag Hammadi and Gnostic Network

LANGUAGES

English	Native
Swedish	Advanced
Spanish	Advanced
Norwegian	Advanced
German	Intermediate/Advanced
Finnish	Intermediate
Dutch	Intermediate
Anc. Greek	Reading / Research
Latin	Reading / Research
Coptic	Reading / Research

French	Reading
Old Norse	Limited Reading

TEACHING HISTORY

Fall 2026	Reader – DANCE 45: History and Appreciation of Dance, UC Santa Barbara
Fall 2024	Teaching Associate – RGST 127A: Christian Thought and Cultures of the Ancient World, UC Santa Barbara
Fall 2024	Private Latin Tutoring
Fall 2023	Teaching Assistant – FEMST 60: Women of Color: Race, Class, and Ethnicity, UC Santa Barbara
Spring 2023	Teaching Assistant – ASAM 71 / RGST 71: Introduction to Asian American Religions, UC Santa Barbara
Winter 2023	Teaching Assistant – RGST 24: Jesus in Comparative Perspectives, UC Santa Barbara
Fall 2022	Teaching Assistant – EACS 21 / RGST 21: Zen Buddhism, UC Santa Barbara
Fall 2022	Private Latin & Ancient Greek Tutoring
Summer 2022	Teaching Associate – RGST 116A: The New Testament and Early Christianity, UC Santa Barbara
Spring 2022	Teaching Assistant – RGST 63: Witches & Brujxs: Black Magic & (Afro-)Latinx Feminism, UC Santa Barbara
Winter 2022	Teaching Assistant – RGST 24: Jesus in Comparative Perspectives, UC Santa Barbara
Fall 2021	Teaching Assistant – EACS 21 / RGST 21: Zen Buddhism, UC Santa Barbara
Summer 2021	Teaching Associate – RGST 116A: The New Testament and Early Christianity, UC Santa Barbara
Spring 2020	Teaching Assistant – RGST 20: Introduction to Indic Civilization, UC Santa Barbara
Winter 2020	Teaching Assistant – RGST 24: Jesus in Comparative Perspectives, UC Santa Barbara
Fall 2019	Teaching Assistant – EACS 21 / RGST 21: Zen Buddhism, UC Santa Barbara

NON-ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Jul. 2026–Present	Co-Organizer for “ <i>Magnifica humanitatis</i> : A Symposium on Pope Leo XIV, Artificial Intelligence, and the Beauty of Humanity” — UC Santa Barbara
Jul. 2026–Present	Editorial Assistant for Christine Thomas — UC Santa Barbara
Sep. 2025–Present	Department of Religious Studies’ Social Media Coordinator
Feb. 2025–Present	Department of Religious Studies & Jewish Studies Program’s Website Manager – UC Santa Barbara
Sep. 2022–Sep. 2024	Department of Religious Studies’ Undergraduate Liaison – UC Santa Barbara
Jun. 2018–Sep. 2018	Staff – St. Albert the Great Catholic Church, Austin, TX

Feb. 2018–May 2018	Staff – Regal Arbor Cinema, Austin, TX
Apr. 2017–Dec. 2017	Student Manager – Appel Service Center, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY
May 2016–Apr. 2017	Supervisor – Appel Service Center, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY
Aug. 2015–May 2016	Student Staff – Appel Service Center, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY
May 2015–Aug. 2015	Staff – St. Albert the Great Catholic Church, Austin, TX
May 2014–Aug. 2014	Summer Intern – Travis County Treasurer’s Office, Austin, TX

REFERENCES

Christine Thomas

Professor of Religious Studies

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