**BRAYDEN HIRSCH**

PhD student in Classical Studies, Boston University

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**Research Interests**

late antiquity, ancient philosophy and rhetoric, New Testament

**Education**

2021-present MA and PhD in Classical Studies (Boston University *Boston, MA*)

2020-21 MA in Classical Languages (University of Alberta *Edmonton, AB*)

2016-19 BA with Honors in Classics, Minor in History (UBC *Vancouver, BC*)

**Publications**

forthcoming (with Brian Dunkle SJ, Henry Wansbrough OSB, and Dunstan Enzor OSB), *Hilary of Poitiers: Tractatus super Psalmos*, a new translation in the Fathers of the Church series, CUA Press

2024 “‘Grand Words for a Common Thing’: Precursors to *The Grammar of Assent* in John Henry Newman's Early Classical Readings (1809-1826)” in *The Newman Studies Journal*

2024 “Elementary Errors: Philosophers, Idolaters, and τὰ στοιχεῖα τοῦ κόσμου in Paul and Clement of Alexandria” in *Vigiliae Christianae* (published online ahead of print 05/06/24: <https://doi.org/10.1163/15700720-bja10090>)

**Book Reviews**

2024 review of T.A. Brookins, *Rediscovering the Wisdom of the Corinthians: Paul, Stoicism, and Spiritual Hierarchy*, forthcoming in *The* *Catholic Biblical Quarterly* 86, no. 3 (July, 2024), pp. 610-12

**Conference Papers**

Jan 2025 “Imagining the *Imagines*: A Study in Philostratean φαντασία”

Society for Classical Studies *Philadelphia, PA*

Aug 2024 “The Etymology of ‘Confessing’ in Augustine’s Early Works”

Oxford Patristics Conference *Oxford, UK*

May 2024 “The Structure and Purpose of Gregory's ‘First Theological Oration’”

North American Patristics Society Conference *Chicago, IL*

March 2024 “Plato, Isocrates, and Later Treatises *Contra Sophistas*”

Classical Association of New England Annual Meeting *Durham, NH*

Jan 2024 “Blindness and Vergil's Auditory Imagination”

Society for Classical Studies Annual Conference *Chicago, IL*

Nov 2023 “Elementary Errors: Philosophers, Idolaters, and τὰ στοιχεῖα τοῦ κόσμου in Paul and Clement of Alexandria”

Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting *San Antonio, TX*

Oct 2023 “The Pros and Cons of Confessing: *Professio*, *Confessio* and their Cognates in Augustine’s Early Works”

Patristic, Medieval, and Renaissance Conference *Villanova, PA*

May 2023 “*Professio* as a Foil to *Confessio* in Augustine’s Early Works”

Canadian Society of Patristic Studies Conference *Toronto, ON*

Jan 2023 “*Professor* and *Profiteor*: Rome’s First *Professores* as Sophists?”

Society for Classical Studies Annual Conference *New Orleans, LA*

Oct 2022 “Materialism as Materialiturgy in Clement, *Protrepticus* 5”

Patristic, Medieval, and Renaissance Conference *Villanova, PA*

Jul 2020 “Classical Epistemology and John Henry Newman’s Illative Sense”

Newman Association of America Conference *Online*

**Teaching Experience**

*as instructor of record (Boston University):*

Spring 2024 CL 112 Latin 2 (Grammar)

Spring 2023 CL 212 Latin 4 (Readings in Ovid)

*as teaching assistant (Boston University)*:

Fall 2024 CL 101 World of Greece

Fall 2023 CL 102 World of Rome

Fall 2022 CL 213 Greek and Roman Mythology

**Other Lectures**

Nov 2023 “*Graecia Capta*: An Introduction to Roman Athens”

Classics Day, *Boston University*

**Honors, Awards, and Scholarships**

Social Sciences and Humanities Council of Canada 2023-2026

SSHRC Doctoral Fellowship ($60,000 CAD)

Boston University

Graduate Student Organization Conference Travel Funding ($800 USD) 2023

National Institute for Newman Studies

Visiting Scholar Junior Fellowship ($1200 USD) 2022

Social Sciences and Humanities Council of Canada

Graduate Scholarship - Master's ($17,500 CAD, declined in part) 2020

University of Alberta

Walter H Johns Graduate Fellowship ($5800 CAD) 2020

Queen Elizabeth II Graduate Scholarship ($10,000 CAD, declined) 2019

University of British Columbia

Trek Excellence Award ($1500 CAD) 2018

Dowdeswell Scholarship in Classical Studies ($800 CAD) 2018

WH MacInnes Scholarship in Greek ($1700 CAD) 2018

SCS Outstanding Student Award 2017

**Languages**

proficient: ancient Greek, Latin; basic knowledge: French, German, modern Greek

**Additional Coursework and Academic Experience**

Oxford Biblical Hebrew Summer School (over zoom) 2024 Oxford Centre for Hebrew and Jewish Studies *Oxford, UK*

Oxford Summer School in Greek Paleography 2024

Lincoln College *Oxford, UK*

Summer Seminar: Early Christian Old Testament Exegesis 2024

Lumen Christi Institute *Toronto, ON*

Co-organized: “From Life to Literature: Genre and Performance in Hellenistic 2024

and Roman Literature” (keynote speaker: Richard Hunter)

BU Graduate Student Conference *Boston, MA*

Winter Course: Modern Greek for Non-Greek Speakers 2023

University of Athens *(online)*

Summer Seminar: Gregory Nazianzen’s *Theological Orations*  2023

Lumen Christi Institute *Toronto, ON*

Summer Course: Jews and Early Christians in the Graeco-Roman World 2023

Hellenic Education Research Center *Athens, GR*

Summer Seminar: Origen’s *De Principiis* 2022

Lumen Christi Institute *Toronto, ON*

Graduate Certificate in Liberal Arts Education (2 semesters) 2020-21

St. John’s College *Annapolis, MD* (over zoom)

Research Assistant to Kelly MacFarlane 2020

University of Alberta *Edmonton, AB*

**Society Memberships**

2021 – present Society of Classical Studies

2021 – present North American Patristics Society

2022 – present Society of Biblical Literature

2023 – present Canadian Patristics Society

2023 – present Classical Association of New England