

# BRAYDEN HIRSCH

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## Research Interests

early Christian Greek and Latin, late antiquity, ancient rhetoric

## 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

in progress (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  
forthcoming “‘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 05/06/24: <https://doi.org/10.1163/15700720-bja10090>; forthcoming in print)

## Conference Papers

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”

Jul 2020 Patristic, Medieval, and Renaissance Conference *Villanova, PA*  
“Classical Epistemology and John Henry Newman’s Illative Sense”  
Newman Association of America Conference *Online*

### **Book Reviews**

forthcoming review of T.A. Brookins, *Rediscovering the Wisdom of the Corinthians: Paul, Stoicism, and Spiritual Hierarchy*, forthcoming in *Catholic Biblical Quarterly* 86:3 (July 2024)

### **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 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 Summer School in Greek Paleography	2024
Lincoln College <i>Oxford, UK</i>	

Summer Seminar: Early Christian Old Testament Exegesis Lumen Christi Institute <i>Toronto, ON</i>	2024
Short Course: Latin Paleography The Warburg Institute ( <i>over zoom</i> )	2024
Winter Course: Modern Greek for Non-Greek Speakers University of Athens ( <i>online</i> )	
Summer Seminar: Gregory Nazianzen's <i>Theological Orations</i> Lumen Christi Institute <i>Toronto, ON</i>	2023
Summer Course: Jews and Early Christians in the Graeco-Roman World Hellenic Education Research Center <i>Athens, GR</i>	2023
Summer Seminar: Origen's <i>De Principiis</i> Lumen Christi Institute <i>Toronto, ON</i>	2022
Graduate Certificate in Liberal Arts Education (2 semesters) St. John's College <i>Annapolis, MD</i> ( <i>over zoom</i> )	2020-21
Research Assistant to Professor Kelly MacFarlane University of Alberta <i>Edmonton, AB</i>	2020

### **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