

# CURRICULUM VITAE

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### EDUCATION

**Centre for Medieval Studies, University of Toronto** Toronto, Canada  
M.A., Medieval Studies 2020

**University of Waterloo** Waterloo, Canada  
M.A., Classical Studies 2017

Thesis: “The Refutation of Magic in the *Dərsanat* of Zār’a Ya‘əqob”

B.A. (Hons.), Medieval Studies 2015  
History Minor, Classical Studies Minor

### RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

**Hiob Ludolf Centre for Ethiopian and Eritrean Studies, Universität Hamburg** Hamburg, Germany  
*Visiting Researcher*, Beta Maṣāḥəft Project 2020

**Centre for Medieval Studies, University of Toronto** Toronto, Canada  
*Research Assistant* to Dr. Cillian O’Hogan 2018-2019

**University of Toronto**, Near and Middle Eastern Civilizations Department Toronto, Canada  
*Research Assistant* to Dr. Robert Holmstedt 2018

**University of Waterloo**, History Department Waterloo, Canada  
*Research Assistant* to Dr. Ian Milligan 2015

### TEACHING EXPERIENCE

**University of Richmond**, Self-Directed Language Acquisition Program Richmond, Virginia  
*Language Partner* for Gə‘əz 2020

**University of Toronto**, Woodsworth College Toronto, Canada  
*Teaching Assistant* to Dr. Matt Price 2019

**University of Waterloo**, Classical Studies Department Waterloo, Canada  
*Teaching Assistant* to Dr. David Porreca 2015-2016

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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| <b>University of Waterloo</b> , Classical Studies Department | Waterloo, Canada |
| Digital Exhibit Developer                                    | 2016-2017        |
| Classical Studies Outreach Liaison                           | 2013-2015        |
| Online Presence and Digital Library Assistant                | 2013             |

## AWARDS AND HONOURS

### Universität Hamburg

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| Graduate School Scholarship Program (DAAD) | 2021-2024 |
| Beta Masaheft Scholarship                  | 2021      |

### University of Toronto

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| Ontario Graduate Scholarship                   | 2019-2020 |
| Michael Gervers Fellowship in Medieval Studies | 2017-2018 |

### University of Waterloo

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| International Experience Award                    | 2016      |
| Award for Distinguished Academic Achievement      | 2015      |
| Dean's Honours List                               | 2014-2015 |
| Classical Studies Essay Prize                     | 2015      |
| President's Scholarship                           | 2011-2012 |
| Queen Elizabeth II Aiming for the Top Scholarship | 2011-2012 |

## CONFERENCE PAPERS AND INVITED LECTURES

**Dickinson, Augustine.** "Martyrs of God and Pillars of Faith: Hymnography and Identity in the Stephanite Movement." Paper presented in the 'Forgotten Christianities' Seminar Series at the Oxford Research Centre in the Humanities (TORCH), June 21, 2021.

**Dickinson, Augustine.** "An Introduction to the Ethiopian Liturgy." Lecture given for SMP 1102 "Introduction to Eastern Christian Worship" at the Sheptytsky Institute for Eastern Christian Studies, University of Toronto, May 22, 2020.

**Dickinson, Augustine.** "Sorcerers, Snakes, and Devils: Non-Christians in the *Gadlāt* of Ethiopian Evangelizing Saints." Paper presented at the 54th International Congress on Medieval Studies (ICMS), Kalamazoo, MI, May 8-12, 2019.

**Dickinson, Augustine.** "Eucharistic Liturgies in the Ethiopian Orthodox Church." Lecture given for TRP 2123 "Orthodox Eucharistic Liturgies and Liturgical Theology" at Trinity College, University of Toronto, March 18, 2019.

**Dickinson, Augustine.** “‘Good’ Faith & ‘Bad’ Faith: The Place of Magico-Religious Traditions in Ethiopian Christianity.” Public lecture given at the Metropolitan Andrey Sheptytsky Institute of Eastern Christian Studies, Toronto, ON, December 4, 2018.

**Dickinson, Augustine.** “An Introduction to Research Methods in Ethiopian Studies.” Lecture given at ማሳበረ ቅዱሳን ጥናትና ምርምር ማክከል, Addis Ababa, October 13, 2018.

**Dickinson, Augustine.** “Magic Names & Scrolls: Understanding Popular Religion in Ethiopia.” Paper presented at the Conference on Archaeology, the Medieval, and Experimental Learning Outcomes for Tomorrow (CAMELOT), Waterloo, ON, September 16, 2018.

**Dickinson, Augustine.** “Zār’a Ya’əqob’s Campaign Against Magic: Prayer, Rhetoric, and Policy.” Paper presented at the 53rd International Congress on Medieval Studies (ICMS), Kalamazoo, MI, May 9-13, 2018.

**Dickinson, Augustine.** “Portrayal of the Magician in the Polemics of Emperor Zār’a Ya’əqob of Ethiopia.” Paper presented at the 51st International Congress on Medieval Studies (ICMS), Kalamazoo, MI, May 11-15, 2016.

## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

**Dumbarton Oaks/Hill Museum and Manuscript Library**      Collegetown, United States  
Syriac Summer School      2019

**Hiob Ludolf Centre for Ethiopian and Eritrean Studies**      Meqelle, Ethiopia  
Summer School in Ethiopian and Eritrean Manuscript Studies      2018

## DIGITAL PROJECTS

- Ḥassāba Zaman - An Ethiopian/Eritrean Calendar ([cal.ethiopicist.com](http://cal.ethiopicist.com))

## COMPETENCIES

- Languages
  - English (native speaker)
  - Gə‘əz
  - Latin (Centre for Medieval Studies, University of Toronto, Level One, 2017)
  - Syriac
  - Ancient Greek
  - French (reading)
  - German (reading)
- Technical Skills
  - Full stack and serverless development
    - JavaScript (Node.js, Express, Ember.js)
    - PHP
    - MySQL
    - MongoDB
    - AWS (Lambda, DynamoDB)
  - Markup
    - HTML, CSS, SASS, Handlebars
    - XML, TEI, XSLT