

# NICOLA ELIZABETH HAYWARD

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## EDUCATION

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*McGill University*, Montréal, QC

**Doctor of Philosophy** New Testament and Early Christian Studies

Dissertation: “The Use of Funerary Art for Commemorating Social Identity: The Case of the Via Latina’s Samaritan Woman.” Advisors: Ellen B. Aitken, Dean of Religious Studies and Ian Henderson  
Sept. 2006-present

*University of British Columbia*, Vancouver, BC

**Master of Arts in Religious Studies**, New Testament Studies

Advisor: Dietmar Neufeld  
2005

*Emily Carr Institute of Art and Design*, Vancouver, BC

**Bachelor of Fine Arts**  
1998

*Langara College*, Vancouver, BC

**Unclassified**  
1996-1998

*Emily Carr College of Art and Design*, Vancouver, BC

**Artists Diploma**  
1990

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## PAPER AND POSTER SESSION PRESENTATIONS

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Respondent to Steven Muir’s paper, “Accessing the Divine,” presented at the Context Group Meeting, Portland, Oregon, March 17-20, 2016.

“The Use of Funerary Art for Commemorating Social Identity: The Case of the Via Latina’s Samaritan Woman,” presented at the Centre for Studies in Religion and Society, Summer Lecture Series, University of Victoria, Victoria, BC, June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

“Poster Session, The Via Latina Catacomb,” presented at the Coming Back to Life Research Colloquium, McGill University, Montréal, QC, May 8-11, 2014.

“Visualizing the Dead: How Funerary Images Evoke Memory and Identity,” presented at McGill-CREOR Conference, McGill University, Montréal, QC, March 21-22, 2014.

“The Use of Funerary Art for Commemorating Social Identity: The Case of the Via Latina’s Samaritan Woman,” presented at DoktorKlub, McGill University, Montréal, QC, March 20, 2014.

“Women’s Commensality and Women’s Empowerment in the Greco-Roman Banquet Setting,” presented at the International Society of Biblical Literature Meeting Vienna, Austria, July 22-26, 2007.

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**FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS AND AWARDS**

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<i>Research Associate</i>	Vancouver School of Theology 2017-present
<i>Associate Fellowship CSRS</i>	University of Victoria 2015-present
<i>Visiting Research Fellowship CSRS</i>	University of Victoria 2014-2015
<i>Birkes Fellowship</i>	McGill University 2012-13
<i>Religious Studies Bursary</i>	McGill University, 2012-13
<i>Research Travel Award</i>	McGill University, 2012
<i>Religious Studies Bursary</i>	McGill University, 2011-12
<i>Research Travel Award</i>	McGill University, 2011
<i>Dean's Fellowship Award</i>	McGill University, 2009-10
<i>Dean's Fellowship Award</i>	McGill University, 2008-09
<i>Female Doctoral Award</i>	Canadian Federal Grant 2007-09

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**LANGUAGE READING COMPETENCIES**

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**Modern:**

French  
Italian

**Ancient:**

Greek (Koine)  
Latin

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**PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

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Canadian Society of Patristic Studies	2013-present
Canadian Society for the Study of Religion	2013-present
Canadian Society of Biblical Studies	2009-present
International Catacomb Society	2008-present
Society of Biblical Literature	2005-present

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**TEACHING AND RESEARCH INTERESTS**

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**Teaching:** Canonical and non-canonical early Christian texts; aspects of women's performance in early Christianity; issues of and constructions of gender and sexuality during the Greco-Roman period and late antique period; aspects of death, mourning and commemoration in early Christianity. I'm particularly interested in the intersection between text and image, and how these two mediums when applied together might help us reimagine early Christianity.

**Research:** Using a variety of methodologies such as social history, art history, anthropology, fields of classics and theology, I am interested in researching material culture, which offers a revealing look at understanding perceptions and constructions of gender, social identity, memory and political imperial power in Roman society. I am also interested in exploring ritual meals of early Christianity in the context of Greco-Roman world dining practises, with particular focus on the participation of women.

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**TEACHING AND RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

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*Adjunct Lecturer*, "The Gospel of John,"

Vancouver School of Theology, Vancouver, BC,	Jan 2017
<i>Course Designer and Instructor</i> , “Death, Mourning and Commemoration in Early Christianity,” McGill University, Montréal, QC	May 2014-June 2014
<i>Guest Lecturer</i> at David Lloyd George Elementary School	April 4, 2014
<i>Tutor</i> , McGill Writing Centre, McGill University, Montréal, QC	Oct. 2012-April 2013
<i>Teaching Assistant</i> , “New Testament Studies II,” McGill University, Montréal, QC	Jan 2012-April 2012
<i>Proofreader</i> , Office of Students with Disabilities McGill University, Montréal, QC	Sept. 2011-April 2012
<i>Guest Lecturer</i> for “Jesus of Nazareth,” McGill University, Montréal, QC	Oct. 13-14, 2011; Nov 4, 2011
<i>Teaching Assistant</i> , “Jesus of Nazareth,” McGill University, Montréal, QC	Sept. 2011-Dec. 2011
<i>Teaching Assistant</i> , “Jesus of Nazareth,” McGill University, Montréal, QC	Jan. 2011-April 2011
<i>Guest Lecturer</i> for “Women in the Christian Tradition,” McGill University, Montréal, QC	Sept. 20, 2010
<i>Teaching Assistant</i> , “Women in the Christian Tradition,” McGill University, Montréal, QC	Sept. 2010-Dec. 2010
<i>Guest Lecturer</i> for “Women in the Christian Tradition,” McGill University, Montréal, QC	Nov. 30, 2009
<i>Teaching Assistant</i> , “Women in the Christian Tradition,” McGill University, Montréal, QC	Sept. 2009-Dec. 2009
<i>Teaching Assistant</i> , “Women in the Christian Tradition,” McGill University, Montréal, QC	Sept. 2008-Dec. 2008
<i>ESL Instructor</i> , College de Maisonneuve, Montréal, QC	May 2009-July 2009
<i>Guest Lecturer</i> for “Sexual Ethics,” McGill University, Montréal, QC	Feb. 14, 2008
<i>Teaching Assistant</i> , “Sexual Ethics,” McGill University, Montréal, QC	Sept. 2007-April 2008
<i>Research Assistant</i> , Classical, Near Eastern and Religious Studies University of British Columbia, Vancouver, BC	Sept. 2002-Dec. 2002

Teaching Assistant, "Introduction to World Religions,"  
University of British Columbia, Vancouver, BC

Jan. 2001-May 2002

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### **PUBLICATIONS: BOOK REVIEWS**

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Review of Vernon K. Robbins, Walter S. Melion, and Roy R. Jeal eds., *The Art of Visual Exegesis: Rhetoric, Texts, Images* (Atlanta: SBL Press, 2017), forthcoming.

Review of Janet H. Tullock ed., *A Cultural History of Women in Antiquity* (NY: Bloomsbury, 2013) in *Religion and Theology*. RST 34.1 (2015) 133-135.

Review of Valerie M. Hope and Janet Huskinson, eds., *Memory and Mourning: Studies in Roman Death* (Oxford, UK: Oxbow Books, 2011) in *ARC, The Journal of the Faculty of Religious Studies, McGill University*, Vol. 41 (2013) 150-152.

Review of Kathleen Corley, *Maranatha: Women's Funerary Rituals and Christian Origins* (Philadelphia: Fortress, 2010) in *Review of Biblical Literature*. September, 2011. Online at <http://www.bookreviews.org/BookDetail.asp?TitleId=7427>

Review of David Balch, *Roman Domestic Art and Early Christian Houses* (Germany: Mohr Siebeck, 2008) in *ARC, The Journal of the Faculty of Religious Studies, McGill University* Vol. 38 (2010) 205-207.

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### **PUBLICATIONS: ARTICLES & BOOKS**

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"Early Christian Funerary Ritual," in *Early Christian Ritual Life*. Edited by Steven Muir, Richard DeMaris and Jason Lamoreaux. London: Routledge, 2018.

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### **RELATED PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE: Participation in Conference Organization**

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*Late Antique Crossroads in the Levant: Space, Ritual, Texts, and Daily Life*,  
Montréal, QC Nov. 1-4, 2006

*American Philological Association 137<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting*,  
Montréal, QC Jan. 5-8, 2006

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### **JOB RELATED EXPERIENCE**

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*Standard First Aid Instructor*  
Vancouver First Aid, Vancouver, BC Sept. 2013-present

*Technical Coordinator*, Centre for Research on Religion (CREOR)  
McGill University, Montréal, QC Sept. 2011-2013

*Chapel Assistant*, Faculty of Religious Studies  
McGill University, Montréal, QC May. 2011-2013

*Standard First Aid Instructor*,  
Vancouver Parks and Recreation, Vancouver, BC Sept 1997-2006