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Biography

Sarah Emanuel holds a PhD with Distinction in Biblical Studies, with a graduate certificate in Women's and Gender Studies, from Drew University's Graduate Division of Religion. She received her M.A. in Religion from Wake Forest University, a graduate certificate in Ancient Jewish-Christian Encounters from Tel Aviv University International, and a B.A. in English and Liberal Studies from the University of Delaware, where she was inducted into Phi Beta Kappa and named a Woman of Promise. Prior to joining the LMU faculty, Professor Emanuel was Visiting Assistant Professor of Biblical Studies at Colby College (2018-2020) and Visiting Assistant Professor of New Testament at Oberlin College (2017-2018). Professor Emanuel's research attends to the Jewishness of Christian origins, the relationship among text, culture, and identity, and the interplay between traditional historical-critical methodologies and contemporary critical theory (e.g., queer theory, trauma theory, humor theory). She is co-chair for the CoLaboratory at Feminist Studies in Religion, Inc., where she co-hosts the podcast, "Feminists Talk Religion." She is also Content Area Editor of Biblical Studies at Ancient Jew Review. Some of Professor Emanuel's most recent publications include *Humor, Resistance, and Jewish Cultural Persistence in the Book of Revelation: Roasting Rome* (Cambridge University Press, 2020), "Grace Be to You in the Presence of the Past: Ghosts, Hauntings, and Traumatic Dissociations in Margaret Atwood's *Alias Grace* and the Gospel of John" (Gorgias Press, 2020), and "On the Eighth Day, God Laughed: 'Jewing' Humor and Self-Deprecation in the Gospel of Mark and Crazy Ex-Girlfriend" (*Journal of Modern Jewish Studies*, 2020). Professor Emanuel is Slytherin Sun Hufflepuff Rising. When she's not teaching or researching, she can be found training, surfing, cello-ing, and exploring California with her partner, Zoë, and their three best fluffs: Gus, Doug, and Finn.

Areas of Expertise

Biblical Studies, New Testament, Christian Origins, First Century Judaism, Bible and Theory

Education

Drew University

Ph.D. Biblical Studies (Focus: New Testament/Christian Origins), Certificate in Women's and Gender Studies

Wake Forest University

M.A. Religious Studies

University of Delaware

B.A. English, Liberal Studies (focus: Religion)

Accomplishments

Global Innovation Grant Winner, Colby College

Grant awarded for archaeological study abroad courses in Bethsaida, Israel (2019-2020)

Society of Biblical Literature Regional Scholar

Atlantic Regional Scholar for paper presented at Atlantic Regional SBL (2017)

Rabbi Dr. Sheldon J. Weltman Prize

Awarded for best dissertation in Biblical Studies at Drew University (2017)

Maxine Clarke Beach Leadership Prize

Awarded for teaching at Drew University (2015)

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