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I am a historian of ancient Christianity with research interests in “Gnosticism,” monasticism, and the creation, collection, and use of early Christian scriptures. Several of my publications address the problem of the self and the formation of the self through asceticism and writing practices. My only teaching award came twenty years ago when I received the College of Arts and Sciences Trustees Teaching Award for Excellence at Indiana University (where I was an associate professor at the time). But I must be a great teacher because I was selected to make courses for “The Great Courses”! Here are the undergraduate courses that I have taught (or am scheduled to teach) at Ohio State since I came here in 2012:

HIST 2220: Introduction to the History of Christianity (2012, 2013, 2014, 2016, 2017, 2020, 2021)

HIST 2800: Introduction to the Discipline of History (2013, 2014, 2015, 2017, 2018, 2021)

HIST 3214: Women, Gender, and Sexuality in the History of Christianity (2017, 2021)

HIST 3227: Gnostics and Other Early Christian Heresies (2014, 2019, 2022)

HIST 3229: History of Early Christianity (2012, 2013, 2016, 2020)

HIST 3245: The Age of Reformation (2014, 2017, 2021)

HIST 4212: Readings Seminar in Late Antiquity: Early Christian Apocrypha (2016)

RELSTDS 3972: Theory and Method in the Study of Religion (2018, 2022)