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EDUCATION

- University of Notre Dame**, Notre Dame, IN, Ph.D. in Theology, Fall 2000 – Spring 2005
Department of Theology, Program: Christianity and Judaism in Antiquity, Area: Hebrew Bible
Dissertation: “Reading Utopia in Chronicles.” Defended March 2, 2005
Director: James C. VanderKam
Committee: Hindy Najman, Gregory E. Sterling, Eugene Ulrich
- University of Minnesota**, Minneapolis, MN, German, 6 credits, 1998-99
- University of St. Thomas**, St. Paul, MN, M.A. in Theology, 1995-97
Concentration: Hebrew Bible; Minor: Patristics
Thesis: “Zechariah 14: Subversive Apocalyptic as Second Temple Ideology”
Advisor: David Penchansky
- North Central University**, Minneapolis, MN, B.A. in Christian Studies (Interdisciplinary Degree),
summa cum laude, 1991-95
Concentrations: Biblical Studies & Cultural Studies; Minor: Biblical Languages

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

TEACHING

- Assistant Professor of Old Testament**, Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, IN,
Fall 2006 – Present
BIB 500: Reading the Bible (Fall 06)
BIB 669: Seminar in Biblical Studies (Fall 06)
BIB 601: Hebrew Readings: Prophets (Sp 07)
BIB 532: Job and Wisdom Literature (Sp 07)
BIB 536: From Daniel to Jesus: Early Judaism in the Second Temple Period (Sum 07)
- Adjunct Professor for the Adult College**, Bethel College, Mishawaka, IN, Fall 2005 – Present
BIBL 201: Biblical Interpretation (Fall 05, Fall 06)
BIBL 221: New Testament 1: Introduction to the Gospels (Fall 05)
BIBL 211: Old Testament 1: Genesis – 2 Kings (Sp 06, Sp 07)
BIBL 222: New Testament 2: Acts and Paul (Sp 07)
- Visiting Assistant Professor of Theology**, University of Notre Dame, Fall 2005 – Sp 2006
THEO 30001/50001A, B: Elementary Biblical Hebrew 1, 2 (Fall 05, Sp 06)
THEO 10001: Foundations of Theology (2 Sections, Sp 06)
- Visiting Instructor of Theology**, University of Notre Dame, Fall 2003 – Sp 2004
THEO 307/507A, B: Elementary Biblical Hebrew 1, 2
- Graduate Teaching Assistant** for Blake Leyerle, University of Notre Dame, Fall 2001 – Sp 2002
THEO 101: Foundations of Theology
- Visiting Instructor of Biblical Studies**, North Central University, Fall 1999 – Sum 2000
BIBL 445: Apocalyptic Literature (Sum 2000)
HIST 311: Church History 1: Early Church to Reformation (Sum 2000)
BIBL 336: Ezra-Nehemiah (Fall 99)
BIBL 444: General Epistles (Sum 2000)
BIBL 248: History of Ancient Israel (Sp 2000)
BIBL 482: Intertestamental History & Literature (Fall 99)
BIBL 214: Isaiah (Fall 99)

BIBL 335: Minor Prophets (Sum 2000)
BIBL 126: Old Testament History & Literature (Sp 2000)
BIBL 447: Old Testament Theology (Sp 2000)
BIBL 357: Pentateuch (Sp 2000)
BIBL 232: Psalms & Wisdom Literature (Fall 99, Sp 2000)

Adjunct Professor of History, North Central University, Sp – Fall 1999
HIST 225: American History 1: Colonization to Civil War (Fall 99)
HIST 222: History of Western Civilization (Sp 99)

Adjunct Professor of Biblical Studies, North Central University, Sum 1998 – Sp 1999
HIST 311: Church History 1: Early Church to Reformation (Sum 99)
BIBL 214: Isaiah (Sum 98)
BIBL 238: Jeremiah (Sp 99)
BIBL 335: Minor Prophets (Sum 99)

Teacher of Record, Carlson Institute (Distance Ed), North Central University, 1998 – Present
BLAN 235-236: Biblical Hebrew 1A, 1B
THEO 438: Eschatology
THEO 343: Old Testament Biblical Theology
BIBL 239: Themes from the Major Prophets

Teaching Assistant for David Penchansky, University of St. Thomas, Sum 1996
THEO 316: Scriptural Interpretation

Teaching Assistant for Glen Menzies, North Central University, 1993-95
BIBL 342: Acts: Early History of the Church
BLAN 235-236: Biblical Hebrew 1A, 1B, and Hebrew Language Labs
BIBL 214: Isaiah
BIBL 335: Minor Prophets

Teaching Assistant for Roger Sorbo, North Central University, 1992-93
SCI 114: Biology Labs
SCI 215: Physical Science Labs

PUBLICATIONS

Books

Reading Utopia in Chronicles. Library of Hebrew Bible/Old Testament Studies 442. London: T&T Clark International, 2007. ISBN: 0567027929.

Invited Essays

“Exploring the Utopian Space of Chronicles: Some Spatial Anomalies.” In *Constructions of Space in the Past, Present, and Future*, Library of Hebrew Bible/Old Testament Studies, ed. C. V. Camp and J. L. Berquist, London: T&T Clark, forthcoming.

“Utopia and Utopian Literary Theory: Some Preliminary Observations” and “Visions of the Future as Critique of the Present: Utopian and Dystopian Images of the Future in Second Zechariah.” Pages 13-26 and 249-67 in *Utopia and Dystopia in Prophetic Texts*, Publications of the Finnish Exegetical Society 92, ed. E. Ben Zvi, Helsinki: Finnish Exegetical Society, 2006.

Journal Articles

“Response to Recent Chronicles Commentaries by Gary N. Knoppers and Steven L. McKenzie.” *Journal of Hebrew Scriptures* 5 [<http://www.jhsonline.org> and <http://purl.org/jhs>] and in *New Studies in Chronicles: A Discussion of Two Recently-Published Commentaries*, ed. M. D. Knowles, Gorgias Press, forthcoming.

“Mythology in the Old Greek of Isaiah: The Technique of Translation.” *Catholic Biblical Quarterly* 66 (2004): 214-30.

“The High Priest in Chronicles: An Anomaly in a Detailed Description of the Temple Cult.” *Biblica* 84 (2003): 388-402.

“Deuteronomy 32 and 33 as Proto-Deuteronomistic Texts.” *Proceedings, Eastern Great Lakes and Midwest Biblical Societies* 22 (2002): 79-98.

Dictionary Articles

“Jude, Letter of” and “Peter, Second Letter of.” Pages 255-57 and 353-54 in *The Westminster Dictionary of New Testament and Early Christian Literature and Rhetoric* by D. E. Aune, Louisville: Westminster John Knox, 2003.

“Bath-shua,” “Bedan,” “Beeliadah,” “Beesterah,” “Bereaiah,” and “Berechiah” in *The New Interpreter’s Dictionary of the Bible (NIDB)*. Volume 1. Abingdon, 2006.

“1-2 Chronicles,” “Cyrus the Great,” “Sheshbazzar,” “Tobiah,” and “Zerubbabel,” in *The Dictionary of Early Judaism (DEJ)*. Edited by John J. Collins and Daniel Harlow. Eerdmans, forthcoming.

Book Reviews

Competing for Honor: A Social-Scientific Reading of Daniel 1-6, by S. Kirkpatrick, Leiden: Brill, 2005, in *Biblical Interpretation*, forthcoming.

The Levitical Authorship of Ezra-Nehemiah, by K-j. Min, London: T&T Clark, 2004, in *Biblica*, forthcoming.

Encounters with Biblical Theology, by J. J. Collins, Minneapolis: Fortress, 2005, in *Word and World*, forthcoming.

Using Scripture in a Global Age, by C. N. Kraus, Scottsdale: Herald, 2006, in *Brethren Life and Thought*, forthcoming.

The Gospel according to John, by A. Lincoln, London: Continuum, 2005, in *Brethren Life and Thought*, forthcoming.

Making Wise the Simple, by J. van Wijk-Bos, Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2005, in *Conrad Grebel Review*, forthcoming.

Dictionary of the Old Testament: Historical Books, ed. by B. T. Arnold and H. G. M. Williamson, Downers Grove, Ill.: InterVarsity, 2005, in *Catholic Biblical Quarterly* 69 (2007): 107-08.

Ezra the Scribe: The Development of Ezra 7-10 and Nehemia 8, by J. Pakkala, BZAW 347, Berlin: de Gruyter, 2004, in *Biblica* 87 (2006): 294-97.

CONFERENCE PAPERS

“The Utopian Identity of Israel: The Chronicler’s Genealogies as Social Critique.” Chronicles-Ezra-Nehemiah Section, national annual meeting of the SBL, San Antonio, Nov 22, 2004.

“Exploring the Utopian Space of Chronicles: Some Spatial Anomalies.” Hermeneutics: Modernity and Beyond Task Force, national annual meeting of the CBA, San Francisco, Aug 3, 2003.

“Deuteronomy 32 and 33 as Proto-Deuteronomistic Texts.” Pentateuch Section, national annual meeting of the SBL, Toronto, Nov 25, 2002.

“The Presentation and Function of the High Priest in Chronicles: An Anomaly in a Detailed Description of the Temple Cult.” Chronicles-Ezra-Nehemiah Section, national annual meeting of the SBL, Toronto, Nov 24, 2002.

“Deuteronomy 32 and 33 as Proto-Deuteronomistic Texts.” Hebrew Bible Section, annual meeting of the Midwest Region of the SBL, Chicago, Feb 23, 2002.

“Reading Chronicles as Utopian Historiography: Continuity and Innovation in Service of the Cult.” Chronicles-Ezra-Nehemiah Section, national annual meeting of the SBL, Denver, Nov 18, 2001.

“The ‘Gods’, Children of the Most High (Psalms 58 & 82).” Hebrew Bible/Old Testament Section, annual meeting of the Upper Midwest Region of the SBL, St. Paul, Apr 9, 1999.

“Zechariah 14: Subversive Apocalyptic as Second Temple Ideology.” Hebrew Bible/Old Testament Section, annual meeting of the Upper Midwest Region of the SBL, St. Paul, Apr 17, 1998.

“Imagination and Emancipation in the Song of Deborah: New Meaning for Old Problems.” Hebrew Bible/Old Testament Section, annual meeting of the Upper Midwest Region of the SBL, St. Paul, Apr 12, 1996.

INVITED RESPONSES

Invited panelist on two recent Chronicles commentaries by G. Knoppers and S. McKenzie, Chronicles-Ezra-Nehemiah Section, national annual meeting of the SBL, Philadelphia, November 20, 2005.

LANGUAGES

Ancient: Aramaic, Greek, Hebrew, Ugaritic

Modern: French, German, Spanish

AFFILIATIONS

Catholic Biblical Association, 2002 – Present

Society of Biblical Literature, 1996 – Present

International Organization for Septuagint and Cognate Studies, 2001-05

HONORS/AWARDS

Catholic Biblical Association Memorial Stipend, 2004-05

Summer Dissertation Stipend Award, University of Notre Dame, 2003, 04

Candidacy Exams Passed with High Honors, University of Notre Dame, 2002

Dept of Theology Travel Grant, University of Notre Dame, 2001, 02, 03, 04

Gordon Conference Presentation Grant, University of Notre Dame, 2001, 03, 04

Lay Scholarship, University of St. Thomas, 1995-97

Outstanding First-Year Hebrew Student, North Central University, 1994

Silver and Gold Honor Society, North Central University, 1992-95

Presidential Scholarship, North Central University, 1991-95

OTHER RESEARCH

Graduate Research Assistant for Hindy Najman, University of Notre Dame, Sum 2002 – Sum 2003

Proofread and edited essays submitted for *The Idea of Biblical Interpretation: Essays in Honor of James L. Kugel*, ed. H. Najman and J. H. Newman, Brill, 2004

Proofread, edited, supplemented footnotes, compiled bibliography and indices for *Seconding Sinai: The Development of Mosaic Discourse in Second Temple Judaism*, Brill, 2003

Graduate Research Assistant for John Meier, University of Notre Dame, Sp 2003

Proofread chapters for *A Marginal Jew: Volume 4*, Doubleday, forthcoming

Graduate Research Assistant for David Burrell, University of Notre Dame, Fall 2002

Edited publications of David Burrell for collection, Blackwell, 2006

Graduate Research Assistant for Blake Leyerle, University of Notre Dame, Sum 2001

Compiled and categorized bibliography and pictures on “Children in Early Christian Art”

Graduate Research Assistant for Philo of Alexandria Institute, University of Notre Dame, 2001

Assisted in organization and logistics of “The Law of Nature Conference” (9/30-10/1)

Compiled indices for *The Ancestral Philosophy*, ed. G. E. Sterling, SBL, 2001

Proofread, edited, and supplemented annotations for commentary on Ezra-Nehemiah by H. Najman in the *Oxford Jewish Study Bible*, Oxford, 2003

Compiled bibliographies on various topics for H. Najman

SERVICE

ACADEMIC

Abstractor, *Old Testament Abstracts*, 1996 – Present

Numerous books on various topics, esp. Chronicles and Qumran

Assigned Journals: Harvard Theological Review, Hebrew Union College Annual, Journal of Ancient Civilizations, Journal of Hispanic/Latino Theology, Journal of Northwest Semitic Languages

Assigned Spanish Journals: Anuari de Filologia, Ciencia Tomista, Communio, Efemerides Mexicana, 'ILU, Isidorianum, Medellin, Moralia, Pasos, Qol, Revista Latinoamericana de Teología, Revista de Interpretación Bíblica Latino-americana, Scripta Theologica, Soleriana, Stromata, Teología

Faculty Advisor for Probationary Students, North Central University, Fall 1999 – Sp 2000

Responsible for advising and connecting with 30 freshman admitted on academic probation

New Testament Faculty Search Committee, NCU, Fall 1999 – Sum 2000

Biblical Studies Core Curriculum Assessment Committee, NCU, Fall 1999 – Sp 2000

SEMINARY COMMITTEES AND PROGRAMS

Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, IN

Spiritual Life Committee, Member, 2006-07

!Explore Youth Program, Theological Exploration Group Faculty Leader, Sum 2006

Search Committee for Director of Admissions, Member, 2006-07

Allelon Missional Schools Project, AMBS Team Member, 2006-Present

CHURCH MINISTRY

Prince of Peace Church of the Brethren, South Bend, IN, Fall 2000 – Present

Adult Sunday School Teacher, Fall 2002 – Fall 2005, Fall 2006 – Present

Ezekiel and Daniel, Hosea and Amos, Passion Narratives, Birth Narratives, Job, Esther, Revelation, Joshua, Images of God in Bible, Introduction to Islam for Christians, Isaiah, Da Vinci Code, Church History from Resurrection to Reformation, Creation and Covenant, Promise and Fulfillment

Co-Leader of Youth Group, Sum 2002 – Fall 2004

Co-Sponsor for Youth Trip to National Youth Conference, Sum 2002 (Colorado)

Co-Leader of Youth Home Missions Trips, Sum 2003 (Inner City Philadelphia), Sum 2004 (Rural North Carolina)

Guest Preacher, Sp – Sum 2003, Sum 2004, Sp – Sum 2005, Sum – Fall 2006

Co-Leader for Refugee Resettlement Ministry, Fall 2004 – Sum 2006

Bethel Christian Fellowship, St. Paul, MN, Fall 1995 – Sum 2000

Fifth & Sixth Grade Sunday School Teacher, Fall 1996 – Sum 2000

Childrens' Sunday School Curriculum Writer, Fall 1998 – Sum 1999

Adult Christian Education Teacher, Fall 1997 – Sum 2000

Introduction to OT, Isaiah, Jeremiah

Missions Committee Member, Fall 1996 – Sp 2000

Christ's Church, Minneapolis, MN, Fall 1991 – Sum 1994

Pastoral Intern and Assistant to Associate Pastor, Sum 1994

Organized, supervised, and developed programmatic curriculum for youth and junior high ministry. Taught weekly pre-teen and teenage Sunday school class.

Youth Sponsor in Inner City Youth Group, Fall 1991 – Sp 1994

Member of Church Orchestra (trombone), Fall 1991 – Sp 1994

Van Driver for Weekly Services, Fall 1992 – Sp 1994

Head Coach for Youth Bible Quiz Team, Fall 1991 – Sp 1993

AREAS OF RESEARCH AND TEACHING EXPERTISE

SPECIALIZATIONS

Chronicles, Book of Job, Book of the Twelve/Minor Prophets, Ezra-Nehemiah, Historiography, Jewish and Christian Apocalyptic Literature, Pentateuchal Criticism, Qoheleth/Ecclesiastes, Qumran/Dead Sea Scrolls, Septuagint

Comparative ancient Near East literatures and cultures, History and Literature of the Second Temple period, Literary Theory, Methodology and Biblical Criticism, Persian Period, Social Origins of Wisdom Ideology and Apocalypticism, Spatial Theory

INTERESTS

Book of Isaiah, Book of Revelation, Catholic/General Epistles, Deuteronomy, Deuteronomistic History and its Movement, Early Hebrew Poetry, Gospel of Matthew, Luke-Acts

Canon Formation, Constructions of Israelite History, Development of Ancient Israelite Traditions, Rise of Sectarian Judaisms

Clement of Alexandria, John Chrysostom, Patristic Use of Hebrew Bible

DOCTORAL CANDIDACY EXAM TOPICS

1. Historiography and Chronicles: ANE Parallels, including Genealogies
2. Pentateuchal Criticism from Wellhausen to the Present
3. Intermarriage in Second Temple and Rabbinic Texts: Examination of the Prohibition Rationale
4. Ethnicity in Ancient Israel: Anthropological Insights into Boundary Markers
5. Use of Ezekiel 40-48 in Second Temple and Early Rabbinic Texts
6. YHWH as Divine Warrior & Storm God in Early Hebrew Texts: Comparison with Ugaritic Texts
7. Deuteronomistic Ideology and its Supposed Redaction of Prophetic Materials: The Book of the Twelve as a Case Study
8. Martyrdom in the Pre- and the Post-Constantinian Church: Comparison with John Chrysostom's Use of Job as the Ideal Martyr Who Does Not Die
9. Genre of Luke-Acts and Hellenistic Historiography
10. Blending of Apocalyptic and Wisdom Traditions in Q

Please see my Research Statement for further details.

REFERENCES

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