

## Curriculum Vitae

Drew J. Strait

Assistant Professor of New Testament and Christian Origins  
Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary  
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### 1. Education

- Ph.D. University of Pretoria, S. Africa, 2015  
Dissertation: *Gods, Kings and Benefactors: Resisting the Ruling Power in Early Judaism and Paul's Polemic against Iconic Spectacle in Acts 17:16-32*  
Committee: Gert Steyn (University of Pretoria)  
David Moessner (Texas Christian University)  
Jeremy Punt (University of Stellenbosch)
- A.M.R.S. University of Chicago Divinity School, 2013, *magna cum laude*
- M. Arts Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, 2009, *cum laude*
- B. Arts Whitworth University, 2004, *cum laude*  
Field of Study: Religion, minors in Philosophy, Greek & Hebrew

### 2. Awards and Honors

- Dunning Distinguished Faculty Lecturer for Excellence in Teaching and Scholarship, St. Mary's Ecumenical Institute (2017-18)
- Full-Tuition Doctoral Bursary, University of Pretoria (2012-2014)
- Theologian in Residence Fellowship, University of Chicago Divinity School (2009-2010)
- Congregational Fellowship, The Fund for Theological Education (grant matched by the Mennonite Church USA), University of Chicago Divinity School (2009-2010)
- Shepherd Scholarship, ESTARL, University of Chicago Divinity School (2009-2010)
- Norman Perrin Travel Award, University of Chicago (2010)
- Dean's Scholarship, Trinity Evangelical Divinity School (2007-2008)
- Leadership Scholarship, Trinity Evangelical Divinity School (2007-2008)
- Zondervan Greek Scholar's Award for "Recognition of Outstanding Achievement in the Area of Greek Studies," Whitworth University (2004)

### 3. Academic Appointments

- Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, IN  
Assistant Professor of New Testament and Christian Origins, tenure track (2018 – present)
- St. Mary's Ecumenical Institute, Baltimore, MD  
Professor of Biblical Studies (part-time), 2013-2018
- North Park University, Chicago, IL  
Adjunct Lecturer in Biblical & Theological Studies, Fall 2011-Spring 2013

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North Park Theological Seminary, Chicago, IL  
Adjunct Lecturer in New Testament, 2011-2017

Vocational School – Niños de las Naciones, Dominican Republic  
Instructor of New Testament, 2004-2006

#### **4. Courses Taught**

Introduction to the Bible (undergraduate)

Introduction to Bible Study Tools

Orientation to Biblical Studies

Literature and Theology of the New Testament

Strange New World of the Bible II

Jesus and the Gospels

Paul's Letters and Acts

Letters to the Early Churches

Introduction to Greek

Greek Exegesis: Philippians

Greek Exegesis: Sermon on the Mount

Biblical Foundations for Peace and Justice

Anabaptist Approaches to Reading Scripture

The Gospel of Mark

Seminar in Biblical Studies: Luke-Acts and the Roman Imperial Order (Greek based)

Luke-Acts: Gospeling Peace Amid Empire

Apocalypse Against Empire: The Book of Revelation

From Daniel to Jesus: Early Judaism in the Second Temple Period

#### **5. Scholarly and Professional Activities**

Editor for New Testament, *Currents in Biblical Research* (2015-present)

SBL Book of Acts Steering Committee, 2019 – present

Research Associate, Department of New Testament, University of Pretoria (2015-Present)

Affiliate Research Scholar, Meyerhoff Center of Jewish Studies, The University of Maryland (2016-17)

Theologian in Residence, University of Chicago's "Border Crossing Project" (2009-2010)

Project Title: "Empowering the Weak: Christian Navigation of Urban Violence"

#### **6. Supervisorships**

MA Thesis Supervisor

Brian Gorman, *Hosting the Host: The Guest-Host Paradigm as a Framework for Participatory Soteriology in Luke*, St. Mary's Ecumenical Institute, 2020

#### **7. Academic Memberships**

Society of Biblical Literature (2009-present)

New Testament Society of Southern Africa (2011-present)

Anabaptist-Mennonite Scholars Network (2010-present)

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## 8. Books Published

*Hidden Criticism of the Angry Tyrant in Early Judaism and the Acts of the Apostles*. Minneapolis: Lexington/Fortress Press Academic, 2019.

Reviews: *Journal for the Study of the New Testament*, *Review of Biblical Literature*, *Catholic Biblical Quarterly*

## 9. Edited Volumes

*Cruciform Scripture: Cross, Participation, and Mission*. Edited by Christopher W. Skinner, Nijay K. Gupta, Andy Johnson and Drew J. Strait. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2020.

## 10. Articles and Book Chapters

"An Alternative Global Imaginary: Imperial Rome's *Pax Romana* and Luke's "Counter-Violent" *Missio Dei*." Pages 184-206 in *Cruciform Scripture: Cross, Participation, and Mission*. Edited by Christopher W. Skinner, Nijay K. Gupta, Andy Johnson and Drew J. Strait. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2020.

"The Gospel of Luke." Pages 315-333 in *The Face of New Testament Studies: Revised Edition*. Edited by Scot McKnight and Nijay Gupta. Grand Rapids: Baker Academic, 2018.

"The Wisdom of Solomon, Ruler Cults, and Paul's Polemic against Idols in the Areopagus Speech." *Journal of Biblical Literature* 136.3 (2017): 609-32.

"Proclaiming Another King Named Jesus? The Acts of the Apostles and the Roman Imperial Cult(s)." Pages 130-45 in *Jesus Is Lord, Caesar Is Not*. Edited by Scot McKnight and Joseph B. Modica. Downers Grove: IVP Academic, 2013.

## 11. Dictionary Articles

"Peace, Reconciliation," in *The Dictionary of Paul and His Letters*, 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition (forthcoming).

"Idolatry," in *The Dictionary of Paul and His Letters*, 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition (forthcoming).

"Parable of the Rich Fool," in *The Dictionary of the Bible and Western Culture*, eds. M. Gilmour and M.A. Beavis (Sheffield Phoenix Press, 2012).

"Trials and Tribulations," in *The Dictionary of the Bible and Western Culture*, eds. M. Gilmour and M.A. Beavis (Sheffield Phoenix Press, 2012).

## 12. Book Reviews

Review of D. Clint Burnett, *Christ's Enthronement at God's Right Hand and Its Greco-Roman Cultural Context*. Berlin: Walter de Gruyter, 2021. In *Bulletin for Biblical Research*, forthcoming 2021.

Review of Christopher Stroup, *The Christians Who Became Jews: Acts of the Apostles and Ethnicity in the Roman City*. New Haven: Yale University Press, 2020. In *Studies in Christian-Jewish Relations*, forthcoming 2021.

Review of N. T. Wright and Michael F. Bird, *The New Testament In Its World: An Introduction to the History, Literature, and Theology of the First Christians*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2019. In *Interpretation: A Journal of Bible and Theology*, forthcoming 2021.

Review of Matthew Thiessen, *Jesus and the Forces of Death: The Gospels' Portrayal of Ritual Impurity within First-Century Judaism*. Grand Rapids: Baker Academic, 2020. In *Vision: A Journal for Church and Theology* 22.1 (2021): 92-94.

Review of Anthea Portier-Young, *Apocalypse Against Empire: Theologies of Resistance in Early Judaism*. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2011. Scot McKnight's Jesus Creed blog (<https://tinyurl.com/y5vgyeqb>), 2012.

Review of Joshua W. Jipp, *Christ is King: Paul's Royal Ideology*. Minneapolis: Fortress, 2015. In Scot

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McKnight's Jesus Creed blog (<https://tinyurl.com/j6agvgr>), 2016.

Review of Michael Bird, *Are You the One Who is To Come? The Historical Jesus and the Messianic Question*. Grand Rapids: Baker, 2009. In *Stone Campbell Journal* 14.1 (2011): 133-35.

Review of Graham H. Twelftree, *People of the Spirit: Exploring Luke's View of the Church*. Grand Rapids: Baker, 2009. In *Stone Campbell Journal* 14.1 (2011): 142-44.

### 13. Popular Level Writing

"The Bible and Christian Nationalism." Mennonite Church USA's #BringthePeace Blog Series (<https://tinyurl.com/bhbju52v>), 2021.

"The Myth of Redemptive Violence." *Made for Pax*, forthcoming, 2021.

Review of Andrew L. Whitehead and Samuel L. Perry, *Taking American Back for God: Christian Nationalism in the United States*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2020. Scot McKnight's Jesus Creed blog hosted by Christianity Today (<https://tinyurl.com/y4onz64p>), 2020.

(with David C. Cramer) "A Total Way of Life: Our Journeys from Evangelicalism to Anabaptism." *The Mennonite*, August 2020.

"(Dis)arming the Disciples: Jesus's View on Sword Control in Luke 22." Scot McKnight's Jesus Creed blog (<https://tinyurl.com/aeaba66>), 2012.

### 14. Presentations

"The Centurion's Confession in a Neglected Key: Luke 23:47 and Hellenistic Kingship Discourse." Gospel of Luke, National Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, San Antonio, TX (2021).

"An Alternative Global Imaginary: Imperial Rome's *Pax Romana* and Luke's 'Counter-Violent' *Missio Dei*." A public lecture at St. Mary's Ecumenical Institute to honor the life and scholarship of Dr. Michael J. Gorman (March, 2020).

"Hidden What? The Arts of Discursive Resistance in Hellenistic Judaism and the Acts of the Apostles." Christianity and Judaism in Antiquity Colloquium. University of Notre Dame Theology Department, South Bend, IN (November, 2019).

"An Introduction to Codex Sinaiticus." Lunch and Learn Lecture Series. Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary (April, 2019).

"Countering the Cosmology of Empire: The Law of the King, Imperial Apotheosis and the Ascension of Jesus in Acts 1:9-11." Book of Acts, National Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, San Antonio, TX (2016).

"The Critique of Iconic Spectacle in Hellenistic Judaism and Paul's Speech on the Areopagus." Acts 17 and Contextual Issues Conference, University of Pretoria, South Africa (2015).

"Of Gods and Kings: Early Judaism, Ruler Cults and Paul's Polemic Against Sebasmata in Acts 17:23." Emerging Scholarship on the New Testament Group, Institute of Biblical Research, National Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, San Diego, California (2014).

"Gold, Silver and Stone What? Hellenistic Aniconism and the Idolatry of Ruler Cult(s) in the Wisdom of Solomon and Acts 17:29." Formation of Luke-Acts Group, National Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, Baltimore, Maryland (2013).

"Pseudo-Solomon's Polemic Against Imperial Cult Media and Paul's Speech on the Areopagus." Early Christian Studies Workshop, University of Chicago Divinity School, Chicago, IL (2013).

"What Does Africa Have To Do With Athens? The Rosetta Stone and the Roman Imperial Cult(s) in the Greek East." New Testament and Early Christianity Colloquium, University of Pretoria, South Africa (2013).

"Lady Wisdom's Advice to Ruler Cult: An Evaluation of Pseudo-Solomon's Literary Paragon of the Ideal Ruler."

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Apocrypha and Cognate Literature Group, Midwest Region of the Society of Biblical Literature, Olivet Nazarene University, Bourbonnais, Illinois (2013).

"The Rhetoric of Empire in the Apocrypha and Pseudepigrapha." New Testament and Early Christianity Colloquium, University of Pretoria, South Africa (2011).

"Luke's Sermon on the Plain and the Restoration of Israel: Luke 6:12-20 as Prolegomenon." Midwest Region of the Society of Biblical Literature, Valparaiso University, Valparaiso IN (2010).

## **15. Languages**

Spoken: English, Spanish

Read only: Attic Greek, Koiné Greek, Hebrew, German, some French, some Latin

## **16. References**

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Dr. Scot McKnight, Professor of New Testament, Northern Seminary, 660 E Butterfield Road, Lombard, Illinois 60148. Email: scotandkris@gmail.com

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