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CURRICULUM VITAE

EDUCATION

- Ph.D. 2003 Old Testament Trinity Evangelical Divinity School,
Deerfield, Illinois

Dissertation: “The Covenant Motif in Jeremiah’s Book of Comfort: Textual and Intertextual Studies of Jeremiah 30-33.”

Doctoral Supervisor: Richard Averbeck
- M.Div. 1997 Biblical Languages Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, Mill
Valley, California
- M.Div. 1994-1995 Biblical Languages (in progress) Southwestern Baptist Theological
Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas
- B.S. 1994 Urban and Regional Planning California State Polytechnic University,
Pomona, California

TEACHING COMPETENCIES

- Primary: Old Testament Literature and Theology, Hebrew, Hebrew Exegesis, ANE cultures and literature
- Secondary: New Testament Literature, Philosophy, Homiletics
- Undergraduate courses taught: Understanding the Old Testament, Old Testament Bible Exposition, Hebrew, Hebrew Exegesis, Understanding the New Testament, Exploring the Bible, Scripture and Interpretation, Biblical Backgrounds, Ethics, Christianity and Critical Thinking, New Testament Bible Exposition
- Seminary courses taught: Hebrew Exegesis, Advanced Hebrew Exegesis, Introduction to the Old Testament, Old Testament Theology, Cultures and Literature of the Old Testament, Preaching and Teaching from the Old Testament

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

2006-present Professor of Old Testament Studies
Grace College and Theological Seminary, Winona Lake, Indiana

2005-2006 Associate Professor of Old Testament Studies
Grace College and Theological Seminary, Winona Lake, Indiana
2003-2005 Assistant Professor, Beeson Divinity School, Samford University,
Birmingham, Alabama
2001-2003 Instructor, Beeson Divinity School, Samford University, Birmingham,
Alabama
1999-2001 Instructor, Trinity International University, Deerfield, Illinois
1999 (Fall) Visiting Instructor, Emmanuel Baptist Institute, Oradea, Romania

ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE

2017-present Associate Dean, School of Ministry Studies,
Grace College and Theological Seminary
2013-2017 Assistant Dean, School of Ministry Studies
Grace College and Theological Seminary
2008-2013 Chair, Biblical Studies Department
Grace College and Theological Seminary

EDITORIAL EXPERIENCE

2009-present Old Testament editor, *Scripture and Interpretation*, The Journal of the
Torch Trinity Center for Biblical Research, Seoul, South Korea
2011-present Advisory Board member, *Theological Journal*, Theological Baptist
Institute, University of Bucharest, Romania

MINISTRY EXPERIENCE

2018-present Interim Pastor
Community Grace Brethren Church, Warsaw, Indiana
2017-2018 Interim Preaching Pastor
Calvary Bible Church, Kalamazoo, Michigan
2015-2016 Interim Preaching Pastor
Blackhawk Ministries, Fort Wayne, Indiana
2013-2014 Interim Preaching Pastor
Brookside Church, Fort Wayne, Indiana
2006-2008 Interim Preaching Pastor
Calvary Bible Church, Kalamazoo, Michigan
2002-2005 Pastor
Brook Highland Community Church, Birmingham, Alabama
1996-1998 Pastor
Grace Romanian Baptist Church, Sacramento, California
1995-1996 Youth Pastor
Grace Romanian Baptist Church, Sacramento, California

AWARDS

- 2011 Alva J. McClain excellence in teaching award
Grace College and Theological Seminary
- 1997 Craig Skinner Award for Biblical Preaching
Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary

PUBLICATIONS

BOOKS

- *Walking the Ancient Paths: A Commentary on Jeremiah*. Bellingham, WA: Logos, 2019 (with Walter C. Kaiser).
- *Fear God and Keep His Commandments: A Commentary on Ecclesiastes*. Winona Lake: BMH, 2016 (with Kevin Roberts).
- *Ezra-Nehemiah*. A Mentor Commentary. Ross-shire: Great Britain, 2010.
- *The Covenant Motif in Jeremiah's Book of Comfort: Textual and Intertextual Studies of Jeremiah 30-33*. New York: Peter Lang, 2007.

ARTICLES, ESSAYS, AND CHAPTERS IN BOOKS

“Fish and fishing,” in *Dictionary of Daily Life in Biblical and Post-Biblical Antiquity*, edited by Edwin M. Yamauchi, and Marvin R. Wilson. Peabody, Massachusetts: Hendrickson, 2015.

Several entries in *Baker Illustrated Bible Dictionary*, edited by Tremper Longman, Peter Enns, and Peter Strauss. Grand Rapids: Baker, 2013.

“Aaron,” “Abraham,” “Achan,” “Boaz,” in *Dictionary of the Bible and Western Culture*, edited by Mary Ann Beavis and Michael Gilmour. Sheffield Phoenix Press, 2012.

“Covenant.” Pages 99-105 in *Dictionary of the Old Testament: Prophets*, edited by J. Gordon McConville and Mark J. Boda. Downers Grove, Illinois, IVP, 2012.

“The Seek-to-Find Motif in Ecclesiastes.” *Scripture and Interpretation*. IV/2 (2010):151-160 .

“Approaching the Psalms: Key Insights” (with Brent Sandy) in D. Brent Sandy and Herbert Bateman IV (eds.), *Preaching from the Psalms: Essays in Honor of John Davis*. St. Louis: Chalice, 2010.

- “Study Notes on Leviticus 13-27.” Holman Christian Study Bible. Nashville: Broadman & Holman, 2010.
- “The History of the Text of Jeremiah.” *Scripture and Interpretation*. II/1 (2008): 39-51.
- “David.” Pages 86-88 in *Dictionary of the Old Testament: Wisdom, Poetry & Writings*, edited by Tremper Longman III and Peter Enns. Downers Grove, Illinois, IVP, 2008.
- “John Gill.” Pages 462-465 in *Historical Dictionary of Major Biblical Interpreters*, edited by Donald McKim. Downers Grove, Illinois: IVP, 2007.
- “The Messiah as the Righteous Branch.” *Scripture and Interpretation*. I/2 (2007): 154-164.
- “What Are You Doing in This Cave?” *Preaching Online*. July 2007.
- “God as Restorer: The Theology of the Book of Nehemiah.” *SBJT* (Fall 2005): 16-27.
- “The Sound of Grace.” *Preaching* (May-June 2005): 54-56.
- “Building the Family of Faith to Live by God’s Truth.” *The Alabama Baptist*. Winter 2004-05 Family Bible Study Curriculum Outlines.
- “Theological Education in Romania.” *East-West Church & Ministry Report*, Spring 2002:5-6.

BOOK REVIEWS

- Dever, William G. *The Lives of Ordinary People in Ancient Israel: Where Archaeology and the Bible Intersect*. *BBR* 23.1 (2013): 92-94.
- Walton, John. *Genesis 1 as Ancient Cosmology*. *JETS*. June 2013.
- Ben Zvi, Ehud and Diana V. Edelman, eds. *What Was Authoritative for the Chronicles?* Winona Lake: Eisenbrauns, 2011. *BBR* 22.3 (2012): 420-422.
- Steinmann, Andrew E. *Proverbs: A Theological Exposition of Sacred Scripture*. *JETS*. March 2011.
- Brauch, Manfred T. *Abusing Scripture: The Consequences of Misreading the Bible*. *JETS*. March 2010.
- Waltke, Bruce. *Micah*. *RBL*. February 16, 2008.
- Allen, Lindsay. *The Persian Empire*. *JETS*. December 2006.
- Collins, John J. *Introduction to the Hebrew Bible with CD-Rom*. *TrinJ*. Spring 2005.

PRESENTATIONS

“What does Anathoth have to do with Zurich? Jeremiah’s new covenant as interpreted by the Reformers.” 2019 Midwest Regional Meeting – Evangelical Theological Society, Chicago.

“A timeless poem: Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 from a global perspective.” 2014 National Meeting – Evangelical Theological Society, San Diego.

“Does it take a village? Issues in Ezra-Nehemiah Authorship.” 2009 National Meeting – Evangelical Theological Society, New Orleans.

“Preaching and Teaching from the Old Testament.” Equip 09 - the annual conference of the Grace Brethren Churches. Columbus, Ohio.

“Following Jesus on the Way: Principles of Discipleship from the Gospel of Mark.” March 2008. World Reach Staff Training. Lima, Peru.

“The history of the text of Jeremiah.” 2007 National Meeting - Evangelical Theological Society, San Diego, California.

“The Minor Prophets.” March 2007. World Reach Staff Training. Lima, Peru.

“Preaching and teaching the book of Jeremiah.” February 2007. Romanian Baptist Association Pastor’s Conference. Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

“Biblical principles for leadership.” 2006 Leadership Conference. Brasov, Romania.

“Continuity and discontinuity between the Old and New Covenants.” 2004 National Meeting – Evangelical Theological Society, San Antonio, Texas.

“The Covenant Motif in Jeremiah’s Book of Comfort.” 2001 National Meeting – Evangelical Theological Society, Colorado Springs, Colorado.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Evangelical Theological Society
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