

CURRICULUM VITÆ

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EDUCATION

St Mary's College, University of St Andrews, Scotland, 2001 – 2007*

Doctor of Philosophy, Old Testament

Thesis: "A New Glimpse of Day One: An Intertextual History of Genesis 1.1-5 in Hebrew and Greek texts up to 200 CE"

Thesis Supervisor: Prof. James R. Davila, Professor of Early Jewish Studies

Wartburg Theological Seminary, Dubuque, Iowa, 1993-1997

Master of Divinity

Thesis: "The Midrash of James: A Study of the Connections between Leviticus 19 and the Epistle of James," accepted with High Honours

Thesis Supervisor: Dr. Gwen Saylor, Professor of Bible

Concordia College, Moorhead, Minnesota, 1989-1993

Bachelor of Arts, *Cum Laude*, Political Science, minors in Russian and Greek

ACADEMIC RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Associate Professor of Homiletics and Biblical Interpretation, Wartburg Theological Seminary, 2012-present

Assistant Professor of Homiletics, Wartburg Theological Seminary, 2006 - 2012

Adjunct Instructor, Department of Religion, Concordia College, Fall 2004 – Spring 2006

Instructor, Fargo-Moorhead Communiversity, February 2005 - 2006

Instructor, Wartburg Theological Seminary, Biblical Greek, Summer Sessions 2003-2004, 2007-present

Tutor, St Mary's College, University of St Andrews, Old Testament II, Spring Semester 2003

Tutor, St Mary's College, University of St Andrews, Hebrew 2, Fall Semester 2002

Research Assistant, Prof. Richard Baukham and Dr. James R. Davila, "More Old Testament Pseudepigrapha" Project, 2002-2003

Tutor, St Mary's College, University of St Andrews, Old Testament I, Fall Semester 2001

Research Assistant, Dr. Winston D. Persaud, Wartburg Theological Seminary, 1996-1997

Research Assistant, Dr. Ralph W. Quere, Wartburg Theological Seminary, 1994-1995

*The PhD work was completed in full in 2006, with formal conferral in June 2007.

TEACHING AND RESEARCH INTERESTS

Teaching: Homiletics; Preaching the Old Testament; Biblical Theology; History of Biblical Interpretation; Stewardship and Sustainability; Greek

Research: Preaching as Sacrament of the Word; Israel's Scriptures and Christian Proclamation; Biblical Hermeneutics; Old Testament as Christian Scripture; History of Biblical Interpretation; Biblical Theology; Bible and Film.

COURSES TAUGHT AT WARTBURG THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

From Text to Sermon

A brief, required introductory course for first-year seminarians focusing on the move from textual exegesis to proclamation.

Preaching

A required course for second-year seminarians in which students think theoretically about the textual and contextual aspects of preaching and work toward developing their own 'voice' through preaching in and being critiqued by colleague groups.

Preaching the Old Testament

A final year preaching seminar that examines particular challenges when the Christian preacher preaches from the Old Testament/Hebrew Bible.

Parables, Postmodernity, and Preaching

A final year preaching seminar in which students engage the often homiletically well-worn parables of Jesus in light of the writing(s) of a postmodern literary theorist.

Preaching Stewardship

A final year preaching seminar that explores the Church's holistic stewardship, from finances to the environment, with foci on exploring stewardship resources for congregations and the interface of stewardship and preaching.

Interpreting the Bible

A team-taught Prolog Week course at the start of the second year of study introducing and deepening students' faithful and critical interpretive engagement with the Bible.

Readings in Biblical Theology

A one hour elective centred around collective reading and critical and collaborative discussion of both classic and cutting edge texts in biblical theology.

Introduction to Biblical Greek

A compressed introductory course for beginning seminary students – a year of Greek in six weeks.

Jesus Christ and Plural Worlds

A team-taught required course for first semester, first year seminarians that fosters critical thought and engagement with the basic concept of religion and specific world religions. Students are encouraged to explore what Christians can learn from other religions *and* what Christianity has to say to adherents of other religions / no religion. Basically, why does Jesus matter?

PUBLICATIONS

Books

A New Glimpse of Day One: Intertextuality, History of Interpretation, and Genesis 1.1-5. BZNW 172. Berlin: Walter de Gruyter, 2009.

Books – Co-author

New Proclamation, Year A, Easter through Reign of Christ. Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 2010.

Articles Chapters

“This is my world!’ *Son of Man* and Cross-Cultural Convergence of Bible and World,” in *Son of Man: An African Jesus Film*, edited by Adele Reinhartz, Jeffery L. Staley, and Richard Walsh. *Bible in the Modern World*, 52. Sheffield, Sheffield Phoenix, 2013.

“Babette’s Feast,” pages 18-24 in *Bible and Cinema: 50 Key Films*, edited by Adele Reinhartz. London: Routledge, 2013.

“The Eighth-Day Kiss of Psalm 85,” *The Lutheran Forum* 45/4 (Winter 2011) 10-13.

“Practice of Being Rooted in the Gospel,” *Currents in Theology and Mission* 38 (2011): 317-321.

“This is my world!’ *Son of Man (Jezile)* and Cross-Cultural Convergences of Bible and World,” *Journal of Religion and Film* 15.1 (April 2011).

Electronic

WithEarsToHear.org - an internet resource for those who listen to Christian preaching. 2013-present.

Contributions

Lutheran Study Bible (Minneapolis: Augsburg, 2009)

Article (with Duane A. Priebe), “The Shape of the Sacred Bible,” 26-29.

Introduction and Study Notes for Ezekiel, 1337-1420.

“Preaching Helps: Sunday of the Passion/Palm Sunday – Pentecost,” in *Currents in Theology and Mission* 36 (Feb 2009): 63-80.

Article on Hellen Spurrell, *Handbook of Women Biblical Interpreters* (Marion Taylor, ed.; Grand Rapids: Baker Academic, 2012) 467-469.

WorkingPreacher.org

Articles

“Plurality, Plurivocity, Particularity: Observations on Preaching Biblical Creation Accounts” (3 part series in June 2009)

“Preaching as Sacrament of the Word” (5 Jan 2009)

Lectionary Contributions –

Commentary on Alternate OT Lessons, 4th-7th Sundays after Pentecost (24 June – 15 July 2012)

Commentary on Alternate OT Lessons, 5th – 9th Sundays after Pentecost (27 June – 18 July 2010)

Commentary on OT Lessons for Advent (30 Nov – 21 Dec 2008)

Works In Progress

“Swaddling Cloths: Interpreting the Old Testament in Christ for Proclamation” (monograph)

“Preaching as *Sacramentum Verbi*” (article)

“Image of God in Film” and “Kingdom/Kingship of God in Film,” *Encyclopaedia of the Bible and Its Reception*, Walter de Gruyter (contributions)

Book Reviews (select)

Disruptive Grace: Reflections on God, Scripture, and the Church, by Walter Brueggemann, edited and introduced by Carolyn J. Sharp. *Review of Biblical Literature*, 25 March 2013.

The Bible as a Human Witness to Divine Revelation: Hearing the Word of God through Historically Dissimilar Traditions, edited by Randall Heskett Brian Irwin. *Review of Biblical Literature*, 22 Nov 2012.

Jesus and Nonviolence: A Third Way, by Walter Wink. *Currents in Theology and Mission* 31/1 (2004) 61.

A Biblical Text and its Afterlives: The Survival of Jonah in Western Culture, by Yvonne Sherwood. *Dialog* 42/4 (2003) 384-385.

Theologies of the Old Testament, by Erhard S. Gerstenberger. *Currents in Theology and Mission* 29/6 (2002) 462-463.

Decolonizing Biblical Studies: A View from the Margins, by Fernando Segovia. *Currents in Theology and Mission* 29/1 (2002) 49-50.

The God of Israel and Christian Theology, by R. Kendall Soulen. *Currents in Theology and Mission* 24/4 (1997) 365.

PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES & SERVICE

1992-present Society of Biblical Literature

2006-present Academy of Homiletics

2006-present ELCA / ELCIC Association of Teaching Theologians

2011-present Elected Member of the ELCA / ELCIC ATT Steering Committee

2013-present Membership Secretary

2007-present Catholic Biblical Association

2013-present Co-Editor, *Currents in Theology & Mission*

PROFESSIONAL CONFERENCES

“Representations of Monarchy in Hellenistic Culture: An International Colloquium of the AHRB Greek Bible Project,” 24-26 March 2003, Somerville College, Oxford

“A Roundtable Seminar for Newly Appointed Faculty,” Association of Theological Schools / The Commission on Accrediting, 19-21 October 2007, Chicago, IL, USA.

PAPERS & PRESENTATIONS

“‘It shall not return to me empty’ (Isaiah 55.11): Interpreting Scripture in Christ for Proclamation,” Tenure Lecture, Wartburg Theological Seminary, 29 April 2014.

“Reading Jesus Cross-Culturally: The Interpretation of the Jesus Story in the South African Film *Son of Man (Jezile)*,” University of Iceland, 16 January 2014.

“Hitt og Petta: Reflections on Eighth Day Kiss of Psalm 85 and the Vocation of Pastor,” Skálholt Academy, Iceland, 9 January 2014.

- "For the Kingdom of Heaven is Like: Biblical Similitudes, Cinematic Visions," Bible and the Moving Image Unit, Society of Biblical Literature International Meeting, St. Andrews, Scotland, July 2013.
- "Preaching the Old Testament," Theological Education for Authorized Ministries Intensive, Evangelical Lutheran Church in Guyana, Skeldon, Guyana, 19-20 July 2012.
- "Israel's Scriptures Christian Proclamation," elective course, ACTS DMin, Lutheran School of Theology in Chicago, Chicago, IL, 25-29 June 2012.
- "Scripture, Song, and Symbol: Preaching Advent and Christmas (RCL Year B)," ILLOWA Forum, Augustana College, Rock Island, Illinois, 10 November 2011
- "'This is my world!' *Son of Man (Jezeile)* and Cross-Cultural Convergences between Bible and World," Bible and Film Consultation, Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, Atlanta, 22 November 2010.
- "The Old Testament and the Proclamation of Christ Crucified," Luther Academy of the Rockies, Meeker Park Lodge, Allenspeak, CO, 20 June – 1 July 2010.
- "A Burning Bush and A Virgin: Sacrament of the Word and Preaching the Old Testament," Chippewa Falls Pastors' Conference, NW Wisconsin Synod ELCA, Strum, WI, 28 January 2010.
- "Preaching in Crisis," Skálholt Pastors' Academy, Iceland, 5 January 2010.
- "The Lord is Our Righteousness: Preaching Christ in Advent," ILLOWA Forum, Augustana College, Rock Island, IL, 12 November 2009.
- "Listening for and Telling the Gospel Story," Western North Dakota GIFTS Program, Dickenson, ND, 26 September 2009.
- "Preaching Christ during Lent," Tri-State Forum, Wartburg Theological Seminary, Dubuque, IA, 31 January 2008.
- "When God Began to Create: Reading the Creation Stories of the Bible," Summer Reunion Lectures, Wartburg Theological Seminary, Dubuque, IA, 17-18 July 2008.
- "Historical Jesus – Christ Proclaimed: Considering Preaching as Sacrament of the Word," Center for Renewal, Grandview College, Des Moines, IA, 27 January 2007.

ORDINATION

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, 1 November 1997, Fargo, North Dakota
Currently rostered (2011 – present) with the LaCrosse Area Synod.

CONGREGATIONAL MEMBERSHIP

St John's Lutheran Church, St Donatus, Iowa.

PARISH EXPERIENCE

Interim Pastor, Norman Davenport Lutheran Parish, rural Kindred, North Dakota, June 2005-February 2006
Associate Pastor, Messiah Lutheran Church, Fargo, North Dakota, 1997-2001
Responsibilities: Educational Ministry; Youth Ministry; Social Ministry;
Preaching; Pastoral Care
Intern Pastor, Peace Lutheran Church, Seattle, Washington, 1995-1996
Alternative Worship Coordinator, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Fargo, North Dakota, 1992-1993

INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2014 – January Interim to Iceland (faculty facilitator)
- 2012 – Teaching, Theological Education for Authorized Ministries, Evangelical Lutheran Church in Guyana
- 2012 – Led January Interim to Iceland (faculty facilitator) and trip to Norway
- 2010 – Led January Interim to Iceland (faculty facilitator) and trip to the Faroe Islands
- 2008 – Led January Interim to Iceland (faculty facilitator)
- 2001-2003 – Resided in Scotland with travel throughout Norway & England
- March 2001 – Led Parish (Messiah Lutheran Church, Fargo) Trip to Guyana, South America
- January 1994 – Pastoral Practicum with the Lutheran Church in Guyana, Guyana, South America

COMMUNITY SERVICE

- 2000-2001 – Board of Directors, Kaleidoscope Early Childhood Center, Member, Fargo, North Dakota
- 2003-2006 Parent Teacher Organization, Academy for Children, Fargo, North Dakota
- 2012-present District and School Improvement Leadership Team, Dubuque Community School District, Dubuque, Iowa.
- 2012-present Site Counsel, Washington Middle School, Dubuque, Iowa.