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EDUCATION

Doctor of Philosophy in Old Testament Studies

Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia, 1987-1991

Eberhard-Karls-Universität, Tübingen, Germany, 1985-87

as the Tübingen Exchange Fellow from Princeton Theological Seminary

Master of Divinity, with honors, Princeton Theological Seminary,

Princeton, New Jersey, 1985

Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy, Whitman College,

Walla Walla, Washington, 1981

PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYMENT

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| 2004—present | <i>Professor of Old Testament</i>
Columbia Theological Seminary |
| 2002—2004 | <i>Aubrey Lee Brooks Professor of Biblical Theology</i>
Union Theological Seminary and
Presbyterian School of Christian Education
(Richmond, Virginia) |
| 1999—2002 | <i>Professor of Old Testament</i>
Union Theological Seminary and
Presbyterian School of Christian Education |
| 1995—1999 | <i>Associate Professor of Old Testament,</i>
Union Theological Seminary in Virginia |
| 1991—1995 | <i>Assistant Professor of Old Testament,</i>
Union Theological Seminary in Virginia |

PUBLICATIONS

AUTHORED BOOKS

Psalms. Interpretation of Biblical Texts; Nashville: Abingdon, forthcoming the fall of 2010.

The Seven Pillars of Creation: The Bible, Science, and the Ecology of Wonder. New York: Oxford University Press, 2010.

Seeing the Psalms: A Theology of Metaphor. Louisville: Westminster John Knox, 2002.

God and the Imagination: A Primer to Reading the Psalms in an Age of Pluralism.
The 2000 J. J. Thiessen Lectures; Winnipeg, Manitoba: CMBC Publications, 2001.

Ecclesiastes. Interpretation Commentary Series; Louisville: Westminster John Knox, 2000.

The Ethos of the Cosmos: The Genesis of Moral Imagination in the Bible. Grand Rapids: William B. Eerdmans, 1999.

Obadiah - Malachi. Westminster Bible Companion; Louisville: Westminster John Knox, 1996.

Character in Crisis: A Fresh Approach to the Wisdom Literature of the Old Testament.
Grand Rapids: William B. Eerdmans, 1996.

Structure, Role, and Ideology in the Hebrew and Greek Texts of Genesis 1:1 - 2:3.
SBL Dissertation Series 132; Atlanta: Scholars Press, 1993.

EDITED BOOKS

Engaging Biblical Authority: Perspectives on the Bible as Scripture. Louisville: Westminster John Knox, 2007.

The Ten Commandments: The Reciprocity of Faithfulness. Louisville: Westminster John Knox, 2004.

Character and Scripture: Moral Formation, Community, and Biblical Interpretation. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2002.

Co-editor (with S. Dean McBride, Jr.), *God Who Creates: Essays in Honor of W. Sibley Towner*. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2000.

Co-editor (along with M. Patrick Graham and Jeffrey K.-J. Kuan) of *History and Interpretation: Essays in Honour of John H. Hayes*. JSOTSup 173; Sheffield: Sheffield Academic Press, 1993.

ARTICLES AND ESSAYS

- “Theological Interpretation: A Proposal,” in *Method Matters: Essays on the Interpretation of the Hebrew Bible in Honor of David L. Petersen*, ed. Joel M. LeMon and Kent Harold Richards. Atlanta: Society of Biblical Literature, 2009, 387-405.
- “From NOMA to TOMA: Bible, Science, and Wisdom,” in *SciTech* 18/2 (May 2009): 1, 4. Published by the Presbyterian Association on Science, Technology, and the Christian Faith (PASTCF).
- “Nature’s Travail and Renewal in the Prophets,” in *The Gift of Creation: Images from Scripture and Earth*, ed. Norman Wirzba. Morley, MO: Acclaim Press, 2009, 104-17.
- “‘Night to Night,’ ‘Deep to Deep’: The Discourse of Creation in the Psalms,” in “*My Words Are Lovely*”: *Studies in the Rhetoric of the Psalms*, ed. Robert L. Foster and David M. Howard, Jr. LHB/OTS 467; New York: T & T Clark, 2008, 63-74.
- “To Discipline Without Destruction: The Multifaceted Profile of the Child in Proverbs,” in *The Child in the Bible*, ed. Marcia J. Bunge (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2008), 63-81.
- “The Psalms and ‘I’: The Dialogical Self and the Disappearing Psalmist,” in *Diachronic and Synchronic: Reading the Psalms in Real time: Proceedings of the Baylor Symposium on the Book of Psalms* ed. Joe. S. Burnett, W. H. Bellinger Jr., W. Dennis Tucker Jr. LHB/OTS 488; New York: T & T Clark, 2007, 26-44.
- “Introduction” in *Engaging Biblical Authority: Perspectives on the Bible as Scripture*. Louisville: Westminster John Knox, 2007, ix-xvi.
- “Calvin and Qoheleth Meet after a Hard Day’s Night, or Does Ecclesiastes Have a ‘Protestant’ Work Ethic?” in *Reformed Theology: Identity and Ecumenicity II: Biblical Interpretation in the Reformed Tradition*, ed. Michael Welker and Wallace Alston; Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2007), 74-90.
- “The Moral Cosmologies of Creation,” in *Character Ethics and the Old Testament: The Moral Dimensions of Scripture*, ed. M. Danny Carroll R. and Jacqueline Lapsley (Louisville: Westminster John Knox, 2007), 11-26.
- “Joy and the Art of Cosmic Maintenance: An Ecology of Play in Psalm 104,” in “*And God Saw that It Was Good*”: *Essays on Creation and God in Honor of Terence E. Fretheim*, ed. F. J. Gaiser, M. A. Throntveit (World & World Supplement 5; Saint Paul, MN: Luther Seminary, 2006), 23-32.
- “The Lion, the Wicked, and the Wonder of it All: Psalm 104 and the Playful God,” *Journal for Preachers* 29/3 (2006): 15-20.
- “‘Come, O Children . . . I Will Teach You the Fear of the LORD’ (Psalm 34:12): Comparing

- Psalms and Proverbs,” in *Seeking Out the Wisdom of the Ancients: Essays Offered to Honor Michael V. Fox on the Occasion of His Sixty-Fifth Birthday*, ed. R. L. Troxel, K. G. Freibell, D. R. Magary (Winona Lake, IN: Eisenbrauns, 2005), 85-102.
- “The Law and the Sages: A Reexamination of *Tôrâ* in the Book of Proverbs,” in *Constituting the Community: Studies on the *polit* of Ancient Israel in Honor of S. Dean McBride Jr*, ed. J. T. Strong and S. S. Tuell (Winona Lake, IN: Eisenbrauns, 2005), 251-80.
- “The Didactic Power of Metaphor in the Aphoristic Sayings of Proverbs,” *Journal for the Study of the Old Testament* 29/2 (2004): 133-54.
- “Thirsting for God in the Classroom: A Meditation on Psalm 42:1-8,” *Teaching Theology and Religion* (October, 2003): 1-3.
- “The Pedagogy of Proverbs 10:1—31:9,” in *Character and Scripture: Moral Formation, Community, and Biblical Interpretation*, ed. William P. Brown (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2002), 150-82.
- “‘Whatever Your Hand Finds To Do’: Qoheleth’s Work Ethic,” in *Interpretation* 55/3 (2001): 271-84.
- “Introduction” in the 4th edition of *A History of Israel* by John Bright. Louisville: Westminster John Knox, 2000.
- “In Search of Israel’s History: An Update” in the 4th edition of *A History of Israel* by John Bright. Louisville: Westminster John Knox, 2000.
- “*Creatio corporis* and the Rhetoric of Defense in Psalm 139 and Job 10,” in *God Who Creates: Essays in Honor of W. Sibley Towner*, eds. William P. Brown and S. Dean McBride, Jr. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2000, 107-24.
- “Reassessing the Text-Critical Value of LXX-Genesis 1: A Response to Rösel,” *Bulletin of the International Organization for Septuagint and Cognate Studies* 32 (Fall, 1999): 35-49.
- “The Garden and the Plaza: Biblical Images of the City,” co-authored with John T. Carroll, *Interpretation* 54/1 (2000): 3-11.
- “Introducing Job: A Journey of Transformation,” *Interpretation* 53/3 (1999): 226-36.
- “A Royal Performance: Critical Notes on Psalm 110:3aγ-b,” *Journal of Biblical Literature* 117 (1998): 93-96.
- “The Character of Covenant in the Old Testament: A Theocentric Probe,” *The Annual of the Society of Christian Ethics* (1996) 283-93.
- “Psalm 139: The Pathos of Praise,” *Interpretation* 50/3 (1996): 280-84.

“Divine Act and the Art of Persuasion in Genesis 1,” in *History and Interpretation*, eds. M. Patrick Graham, Jeffrey K.-J. Kuan, and William P. Brown. JSOTSup 173; Sheffield: Sheffield Academic Press, 1993, 19-32.

“The So-called Refrain in Isaiah 5:25-30 and 9:7-10:4,” *Catholic Biblical Quarterly* 52 (1990): 432-43.

DICTIONARY ARTICLES

“Psalms,” in *Theological Bible Commentary*, ed. Gail R. O’Day and David L. Petersen (Louisville: Westminster John Knox, 2009).

“Psalms, the Book of,” in *New Interpreter’s Dictionary of the Bible*, ed. Katharine Doob Sakenfeld (Nashville: Abingdon Press, 2009).

“Introduction to Psalms and the Wisdom Literature,” in *HarperCollins Bible Commentary*, ed. James L. Mays *et al.* (2nd edition; San Francisco: The Society of Biblical Literature and HarperCollins, 2000).

“Creation,” in *The Eerdmans Dictionary of the Bible*, ed. D. N. Freedman (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2000).

“Job, the Book of” in *The Eerdmans Dictionary of the Bible*, ed. D. N. Freedman (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2000).

“Judith, the Book of” in the *Dictionary of Biblical Interpretation*, ed. J. H. Hayes (Nashville: Abingdon, 1999).

“Genesis, the Book of” in *Harper’s Bible Dictionary*, 2nd edition (San Francisco: The Society of Biblical Literature and Harper Collins, 1996).

“Joshua, the Book of” in *Harper’s Bible Dictionary*, 2nd edition (San Francisco: The Society of Biblical Literature and Harper Collins, 1996).

BOOK REVIEWS

Review of *A Commentary on Psalms 51-100* by Frank-Lothar Hossfeld and Erich Zenger, edited by Klaus Baltzer, translated by Linda M. Maloney (Hermeneia; Minneapolis: Augsburg Fortress, 2005) in *Interpretation* (forthcoming).

Review of *God and World in the Old Testament: A Relational Theology of Creation* by Terence E. Fretheim (Nashville: Abingdon, 2005) in *Interpretation* (forthcoming).

Review of *The Missionary Function of Israel in Psalms 67, 96, and 117* by Theodore Mascarenhas (Dallas/Lanham, MD/Boulder: University Press of America, 2005) in *CBQ*

68 (2006): 518-19.

Review of *Proverbs 1-9* by Michael V. Fox (AB 18A; New York: Doubleday, 2000) and *Proverbs* by Leo G. Perdue (IBC; Louisville John Knox, 2000) in *Horizons in Biblical Theology* (forthcoming).

Review of *Proverbs* by Richard J. Clifford (OTL; Louisville: Westminster John Knox, 1999) and *Proverbs* by Roland E. Murphy (WBC22; Nashville; Thomas Nelson, 1998) in *Interpretation* 54 (2000): 423-26.

Review of *Studien zu Prophetie und Weisheit: Gesammelte Aufsätze*, by Hans-Jürgen Hermisson, eds., J. Barthel, H. Jauss, K. Koenen (FAT 23; Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, 1998) in *Journal of Biblical Literature* (RBL Website).

Review of *Die Poesie der Weisen: Dichotomie als Grundstruktur der Lehr- und Weisheitsgedichte in Proverbien 1—9* by Rolf Schäfer (WMANT 77; Neukirchen-Vluyn: Neukirchener Verlag, 1999) in *Journal of Biblical Literature* (RBL Website).

Review of *To Liberate and Redeem: Moral Reflections on the Biblical Narrative* by Edward LeRoy Long Jr. (Cleveland: Pilgrim, 1997) in *Theology Today* 56/1 (April, 1999) 120-22.

Review of *Ecclesiastes: A New Translation with Introduction and Commentary* by C. L. Seow (AB 19C; New York: Doubleday, 1997) and *The Book of Ecclesiastes* by Tremper Longman, III (NICOT; Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1998) in *Interpretation* 53/1 (January, 1999) 73-75.

Review of *Israel's Wisdom Literature: A Liberation-Critical Reading* by Dianne Bergant (Minneapolis: Fortress, 1997) in *Interpretation* 52/4 (1998) 431-32.

Review of *The Yahwist's Landscape* by Theodore Hiebert (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1996) in *Interpretation* 51/3 (1997) 307.

Review of *Old Testament Ethics: A Paradigmatic Approach* by Waldemar Janzen (Louisville: Westminster/John Knox, 1994) in *SBL Review of Biblical Literature* (1997, www.sbl-site.org/SBL/Reviews).

Review of *Jesus the Sage: The Pilgrimage of Wisdom* by Ben Witherington III (Minneapolis: Fortress, 1994) in *Interpretation* 50/2 (1996) 198-99.

Review of *Wisdom & Creation: The Theology of Wisdom Literature* by Leo G. Perdue (Nashville: Abingdon, 1994) in *Interpretation* 50/1 (1996) 64-66.

Review of *Wisdom in Theology: The Didsbury Lectures, 1989* by R. E. Clements (Carlisle: The Paternoster Press/Grand Rapids: Wm. B. Eerdmans, 1992) in

Interpretation 48/2 (1994) 198-99.

Review of *Toward a Grammar of Biblical Poetics: Tales of the Prophets* by Herbert Chanan Brichto (New York: Oxford University Press, 1992) in *Religious Studies Review* 19/3 (1993) 253.

Review of *Upon the Dark Places: Anti-Semitism and Sexism in English Renaissance Biblical Translation* by Ilona N. Rashkow (Sheffield: Almond/Sheffield Academic Press, 1990) in *Interpretation* 47 (1993) 96-97.

MISCELLANEOUS ESSAYS

"I See Unity Where Some See Division," *Atlanta Journal-Constitution*, December 24, 2009, A13 (Guest Column Op-Ed article on the congruence of science and faith)

"Exegesis as a Habit of the Heart," *As I See It* (Union Theological Seminary in Richmond: October, 1992).

Three exegetical essays for *Lectionary Homiletics* 4/7 (1993): "Exegesis: Deuteronomy 11:18-21, 26-28," pp. 8-9; "Exegesis: Hosea 5:15-6:6," pp. 14-15; "Exegesis: Exodus 19:2-8a," pp. 20-21.

GRANTS

Full year Henry Luce III Fellowship for 2007-2008.

\$5000 grant from the Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion for the improving the teaching of biblical exegesis at Union-PSCE, 2003-2004.

Small competitive grant to participate in the 2002 Wabash Mid-Career Teaching Workshop, June 5-11, 2002; January 24-26, 2003; June 5-10, 2003.

Primary writer of a \$100,000 grant to the Lilly Endowment, Inc., on behalf of *Interpretation: A Journal of Bible and Theology*. Summer of 1998.

Fellowship stipend from the *Center of Theological Inquiry*, Princeton, New Jersey, for sabbatical study (1997).

ONGOING SCHOLARLY PROJECTS

Editor of *The Oxford Handbook to the Psalms* (Oxford University Press).

"Poetic Analysis of Psalms," in a volume edited by Esther Menn (Cambridge University).

Psalms in Old Testament Library Commentary Series, published by Westminster John Knox

(contract deadline, January, 2015).

SCHOLARLY RESPONSIBILITIES

Member of the Colloquium for Biblical Research since 2000. President 2007-2008.

Editor of *Interpretation: A Journal of Bible and Theology*, 2003-2004.

Co-editor of *Interpretation: A Journal of Bible and Theology*, 1996-2003.

Co-chair of the “Character Ethics and Biblical Interpretation” Working Group of the national Society of Biblical Literature, 1994-2000.

Member of the *Institute of Reformed Theology* Colloquy for 2000-2001, Union-PSCE.

Member of the editorial board of the Old Testament Library, Westminster John Knox Press, 2000-present.

ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS

“The Presence of God in the Book of Genesis,” conference on “Genesis and Christian Theology,” St. Andrews, Scotland, July, 2009.

“Wisdom and Child’s Play: Proverbs and Paideia,” conference on “Children’s Spirituality,” Concordia College, Chicago, June, 2009.

“‘Deep Calls to Deep’: Retrieving the Liturgical Voice of the Many Waters,” Society of Biblical Literature, November, 2006.

“‘Come, O Children . . . I will Teach You the Fear of the Lord’ (Psalm 34:12): Comparing Psalms and Proverbs,” Society of Biblical Literature, November, 2004.

“The Didactic Power of Metaphor,” Colloquium for Biblical Research, August 15, 2002 (Montreal).

“In the Shadow of *Shaddai*: The Theological Landscape of the Psalter,” Inaugural Lecture at Union – PSCE, January 25, 2002

“From the Mundane to the Sublime: The Metaphorical Contours of Proverbs,” Society of Biblical Literature presentation in November, 2001 (Denver).

“Qoheleth’s Revenge,” panel presentation on commentary writing on Ecclesiastes for the Art of Hebrew Bible Commentary Consultation, Society of Biblical Literature Consultation in November, 1999 (Boston).

"The Pedagogy of Proverbs 10-30," delivered at the Colloquium for Biblical Research, August 18, 1999.

"Creation as Wisdom's Playhouse in Proverbs," delivered at the Center of Theological Inquiry, Princeton, New Jersey, on September 24, 1997.

"The Priestly Cosmopolis of Genesis 1," delivered at the Center of Theological Inquiry, Princeton, New Jersey, on July 16, 1997.

"The *Ethos* of the Garden *Mythos* in Genesis 2:4b-3:23," delivered at the Center of Theological Inquiry, Princeton, New Jersey, on May 21, 1997.

"Cultivating God's Victory Garden in Second Isaiah," delivered at the 1996 Colloquium for Biblical Research, Drew University, Madison, NJ.

"Profile and Prolegomena in Proverbs 1-9: Virtue and the Art of Community Maintenance," delivered at the 1995 Union Theological Seminary Biblical Colloquy in Richmond, Virginia.

"Character and Crisis in Proverbs, Job, and Ecclesiastes," delivered at the 1992 Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting in San Francisco, California.

"The Sea of the Living Dead: The Hexameron Meets Psalm 104 in *Shemoth Rabbah* 15.22," delivered at the 1991 Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting in Kansas City, Missouri.

"Divine Act and the Art of Persuasion in Genesis 1," delivered at the 1991 Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting in Kansas City, Missouri.

"The Hebrew and Greek Texts of Genesis 1:1-2:4a: A Study of Structural and Ideological Differences," delivered at the 1990 southeastern regional meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature in Charlotte, North Carolina.

"The Architecture of a Conspiracy: The Politics of Sacred Space in 2 Kings 11," delivered at the 1989 SBL Annual Meeting in Anaheim, California.

"The So-called Refrain in Isaiah 5:25-30 and 9:7-10:4," delivered at the 1988 SBL Annual Meeting in Chicago, Illinois.

COMMISSIONED LECTURES AND CONTINUING EDUCATION EVENTS

"The Psalms and the Search for Wholeness," commissioned lecture series at Covenant Presbyterian Church, Charlotte, North Carolina, October 19-22, 2004.

- “God and the Imagination: A Primer to Reading the Psalms in an Age of Pluralism,”
the 2000 J. J. Thiessen Lectures given at the Canadian Mennonite University in
Winnipeg, October 17-19, 2000.
- “‘O Lord, How Manifold are Your Works’: Biblical Models of Creation,” *Duerr Lecture
Series*, February 27-29, 2000, St. Philip Presbyterian Church, Houston, Texas.
- “Qoheleth: A Preacher for Preachers,” *Interpreting the Faith*, July 12-16, 1999, Union-PSCE
- “Cosmos and Ethos,” continuation education event at Princeton Theological Seminary,
September 23, 1997
- “The Character of Job,” Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church, September 3, 1997.
- "Discipleship, Discipline, and the Art of Steering in the Book of Proverbs," Revelie
United Methodist Church, August 10, 1996.
- "Creation and Character in the Old Testament," Gregory Memorial Presbyterian
Church, Prince George, Virginia, April 13, 1996.
- "Biblical Authority and Homosexuality: A Sapiential Approach," Overbrook Presbyterian
Church, Richmond, Virginia, September 20 and 27, 1995.
- "Character and Crisis in the Wisdom Literature of the Old Testament," *GTU Cooperative
Summer Session*, June 19 - 23, 1995 at Pacific School of Religion.
- "Praise and Pathos in the Psalms," Gregory Memorial Presbyterian Church, Prince
George, Virginia, April 22, 1995.
- "Character and Crisis in the Old Testament Wisdom Literature," *Interpreting the Faith*,
June 4-8, 1994, Union Theological Seminary in Virginia.
- "The Formation of the Canon," Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Richmond, Virginia,
January 12 and 19, 1992.

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

Society of Biblical Literature
Colloquium for Biblical Research
Sustaining member of the Catholic Biblical Association

CHURCH-RELATED RESPONSIBILITIES

Resource Theologian for the Pastor Theologian Program sponsored by the Center of
Theological Inquiry, Princeton, New Jersey (2002—2007).

Adult Sunday School teacher at North Decatur Presbyterian Church, Decatur, Georgia

(2004—present).

Minister of Word and Sacrament of the Presbyterian Church (USA), member of
Presbytery de Cristo (ordained in 1991).

Adult Sunday School teacher at Second Presbyterian Church, Richmond, Virginia (1995-2004).

Member of the Presbyteries' Cooperative Committee and past editor of the Bible
Content Exam (1999-2003).

COMMUNITY ENDEAVORS

Co-founding and steering committee member of *Earth Covenant Ministry* (ECM), a grass-roots
organization of Presbyterian churches in the Atlanta area committed to creation care.

Track and Cross-Country coach at Arbor Montessori School (2006-2009).

HOBBIES

Runner (from 5Ks to marathons)

Amateur astronomy

Piano