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**ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS**

2012- Columbia Theological Seminary, Assistant Professor of Old Testament  
2011-12 Adjunct Instructor, Columbia Theological Seminary  
2009-10 Adjunct Instructor, Candler School of Theology, Emory University

**EDUCATION**

2012 Ph.D., Emory University  
2006 M.Div., Princeton Theological Seminary  
2001 B.A., University of Virginia

**PUBLICATIONS**

Books

*Nomadic Text: A Theory of Biblical Reception History*. Bloomington: Indiana University Press, 2014. Awarded the Manfred Lautenschlaeger Award for Theological Promise, 2016.  
*Daniel: A Commentary*. Old Testament Library series. Louisville: Westminster John Knox, 2014. Coauthored; Carol A. Newsom with Brennan W. Breed.

Journal Articles

“Daniel and the Four Kingdoms Schema: A History.” *Interpretation: A Journal of Bible and Theology*. In press, expected 2016.  
“Reading Job as a Kierkegaardian Text: The Incarnation of Indirect Discourse.” *Biblical Interpretation*. In press, expected 2016.  
“A Divided Tongue: The Moral Taste Buds of the Book of Daniel.” *Journal for the Study of the Old Testament* 40 (2015): 313-330.  
“Bringing the Case before the LORD: A North American Perspective on the Bible and Human Sexuality.” *Journal of African Christian Thought* 16.2 (2013): 19-24.  
“Nomadology of the Bible: A Processual Approach to Biblical Reception History.” *Biblical Reception* 1 (2012): 299-322.

### Book Chapters

- “What Kind of World is Possible?: Biblical Apocalyptic Literature and Visual Art.” In *Apocalypses in Contexts: Apocalyptic Current throughout History*. Edited by K. Murphy and J. Schedtler. Minneapolis: Fortress. In press.
- “What Can a Text Do?: Reception History as an Ethology of the Biblical Text.” Pages 95-106 in *Reception History and Biblical Studies: Theory and Practice*. Scriptural Traces. Edited by Emma England and William John Lyons. London: Bloomsbury T&T Clark, 2015.
- “The Reception History of the Psalms: The Example of Psalm 91.” Pages 297-308 in *The Oxford Handbook on the Psalms*. Edited by William P. Brown. Oxford: Oxford University, 2014.
- “Et Oculi Mei Conspecturi Sunt: Interdiegetic Gaze and Devotion.” Pages 61-84 in *Ut Pictura Meditatio: Meditative Image in Northern Art 1500-1700*. Edited by Walter Melion. Turnhout: Brepols, 2012.
- “Job, Book of.” Pages 434-450 in *The Oxford Encyclopedia of the Books of the Bible*. Edited by Michael D. Coogan. New York and Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2011. Coauthored with C. Davis Hankins.

### Edited Works

- Writing the Moral Self: Essays in Honor of Carol A. Newsom*. Special Issue of the *Journal for the Study of the Old Testament*. Volume 40:1, September 2015. Edited by Robert Williamson, Davis Hankins and Brennan Breed.

### Short Reference Articles

- “כדב/כזב.” In *The Theological Dictionary of the Qumran Manuscripts / Theologisches Wörterbuch zu den Qumrantexten* (ThWQ). Edited by Heinz-Josef Fabry and Ulrich Dahmen. Stuttgart: Kohlhammer, 2013.
- “Adah,” “Amaltheia,” “Amram,” “Belt,” “Behemoth,” “Folly and Fools.” In *The Encyclopedia of the Bible and its Reception*. Edited by Hans-Joseph Klauck et. al. Berlin: Walter de Gruyter, 2009-2014.

### Review Essays

- “Wandering beyond the Garden?” Review essay in *Marginalia Review of Books*. February 2013.
- “Review of *The Bible in History and Literature*.” *Religion & Education* 34 (2007): 94-102. Coauthored with Kent H. Richards.

### Works in Progress

*Ecclesiastes: A Commentary*. Under contract with Wm. B. Eerdmans for the *Illuminations* biblical commentary series. Coauthoring with C. Davis Hankins. Projected date of completion: fall 2017.

*Reception Studies and Biblical Studies*. Brill Research Perspectives in Biblical Interpretation short monograph series, contracted for fall 2017.

#### GRANTS AND AWARDS

2016	Manfred Lautenschlaeger Award for Theological Promise
2011-2012	Charlotte W. Newcombe Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship
2006-2010	George W. Woodruff Fellowship, Emory University
2006	The Fellowship in Old Testament, Princeton Theological Seminary
2005	Henry Gehman Award, Princeton Theological Seminary

#### CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

“Making the Right Hole Appear in the Right Place: Ecclesiastes 4:17-5:6 in Text and Tradition.” Paper presented in the Ideological Criticism section, Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, November 2015.

“A Nomadic View of the Psalter: A Response to William Yarchin.” Paper presented in the Book of Psalms section, Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, November 2015.

“The Book of Daniel as Read by Oppressor and Oppressed.” Paper presented in the Book of Daniel section, Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, November 2014.

“Biblical Reception History and the Ideology of Historical Criticalism.” Paper presented in the Ideological Criticism section, Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, November 2013.

“Biblical Reception History as Ethology.” Paper presented in the Ethics and Biblical Interpretation section, Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, November 2013.

“Reading and Overreading Jewish Images: A Response to Vivian Mann and Stephen Fine.” Paper presented at the Mellon Foundation Sawyer Seminar Program, Emory University, November 2013.

“Bringing the Case before the LORD: A North American Perspective on the Bible and Human Sexuality.” Paper presented at the Global North-South Consultation on Human Sexuality, Aburi, Ghana, July 2013.

“What Is a Context, and How Would Someone Put a Biblical Text Into It?” Paper presented in the Contextual Biblical Interpretation section, Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, November 2012.

“Extensive and Intensive Difference in 2 Kings 6:8-23.” Paper presented in the Biblical Criticism and Literary Criticism section, Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, November 2012.

“What Can a Text Do?: A Nomadic Theory of Biblical Reception History.” Paper presented in the Biblical World and Its Reception section, European Association of Biblical Scholars Annual Meeting, July 2012.

“An Immanent Resurrection: The Survival of Job 19:25-27.” Paper presented in the Ideological Criticism section, Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, November 2011.

“Cerquiglioni's *Variance*: An Alternate Ontology of Biblical Texts.” Paper presented in the Textual Criticism section, Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, November 2010.

“Learning Biblical Hebrew through Images.” With Joel LeMon. Paper presented in the Iconography and the Hebrew Bible section, Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, November 2010.

“Dead Man Walking: Job 19:25-27.” Paper presented in the Wisdom in Israelite and Cognate Traditions section, Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, November 19, 2006.

“Job, Lazarus, and the Juxtaposition of Pain and Hope in the Medieval Office of the Dead.” Paper presented in the Use, Influence, and Impact of the Bible consultation, Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, November 18, 2006.

“‘To See With Another’s Eyes’: Job’s Pedagogical Use of Ambiguity.” Paper presented in the Israelite Wisdom Literature section, Society of Biblical Literature Mid-Atlantic Regional Meeting, March 17, 2006.

“The Book of Job as a Maieutic Text: Kierkegaard and the Incarnation of Indirect Communication.” Paper presented in the Use, Influence, and Impact of the Bible consultation, Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, November 21, 2005.

#### SELECTED PUBLIC LECTURES

“Justice and the Neighbor: The Message of the Prophet Amos.” Church Anniversary Weekend Lectures, St. Simon’s Presbyterian Church, St. Simon’s Island, GA. September 2015.

“Role Model, Revolutionary, Apocalyptic Seer: Tracing Daniel through the History of Art.” Bill Jones Lecture, Brownson Memorial Presbyterian Church, Southern Pines, NC. September 2015.

“Royal Theology and Prophetic Critique: A Biblical Vision for the Church.” Conference on the Tenth Anniversary of Yi Jung Pyo, Hanshin Church, Seoul, Korea. July 2015.

“A Flood of Interpretation: Noah in Jewish, Muslim, and Christian Traditions.” Lecture presented at the *From Nippur to Noah* Symposium, Carlos Museum, Emory University. October 2014.

“Daniel 7-12: Apocalyptic Texts in Jewish and Christian Tradition.” Emerging Voices lecture, Red Clay Creek Presbyterian Church, Wilmington, DE. October 2014.

### ARTICLES IN PUBLIC MEDIA

*Atthispoint*: “What Can a Text Do?: a Proposal for Biblical Studies,” and “Author Response.”

*Bible and Interpretation*: “Biblical Reception History: A Dangerous Supplement.”

*Huffington Post*: “Social Constructs: The Date Line, Race, and the Confederate Flag.”

*ON Scripture* lectionary commentary, hosted by The Huffington Post: “Isaiah and the Politics of Utopian Thinking,” “The Self-Righteous System and the Prophetic Task.”

*Oxford Biblical Studies Online*: “Wisdom Literature: A Thematic Guide,” “The Book of Job: Lesson Plans,” with C. Davis Hankins.

Society of Biblical Literature’s *Bible Odyssey*: “Authorship of Job,” “How was the Bible Written and Transmitted?,” “Job in Visual Art,” “What are the Earliest Versions and Translations of the Bible?,” “What is Reception History?”

Society of Biblical Literature’s *Teaching the Bible Online*: “Reading Glasses: Literary Criticism,” “Masoretes in the Classroom: Lesson Plan,” “Transmission and Translation of the Bible: Part I (800 BCE to 1000 CE),” “Timeline: Empire and Exile in the Hebrew Bible,” “Timeline of the Maccabees.”

### CONFERENCES ORGANIZED

Bible, Empire, and Reception History. Held at Columbia Theological Seminary, November 18-19, 2015. Co-organized with Raj Nadella.

### PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Editorial Board, *Bible Odyssey* Project, Society of Biblical Literature

Assistant Editor and Review Editor, Reception and Theology of the Bible, *Marginalia Review of Books*

Steering Committee Member, “Use, Influence and Impact of the Bible” section,

Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting

**COURSES TAUGHT**

Old Testament Interpretation I & II

Survey of the Old Testament

Hebrew Exegesis

Introductory Biblical Hebrew

The Bible and Visual Art

The Bible and Literary Theories

The Book of Daniel and Its Consequences

Biblical Aramaic and the Book of Daniel

The Book of Kings: Politics, Prophets, Worship and War

Ecclesiastes and Its Consequences

Eighth-century Prophets

Explorations: Immigrant and Refugee Communities in Atlanta