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EDUCATION

Ph.D. in New Testament Studies, Princeton Theological Seminary, 1989. Additional area: Early Church History. Dissertation, *cum laude*: *The Self, the Lord, and The Other: The Significance of Reflexive Pronoun Constructions in the Letters of Paul, with a Comparison to the "Discourses" of Epictetus*
M.Div., Princeton Theological Seminary, 1982. Concentration: New Testament
B.A. (*summa cum laude*), Gordon College, 1977. Major: French; minors: New Testament/Greek, education

TEACHING & ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE

ST. MARY'S SEMINARY & UNIVERSITY, Baltimore, MD, 1991-

- Raymond E. Brown Chair in Biblical Studies and Theology, 2012-
- Special Assistant to the President Rector for Faculty Development, 2014-
- Professor of Sacred Scripture, 2002-12
- Professor of New Testament and Early Church History, 1998-2002
- Associate Professor of New Testament and Early Church History, 1993-98
- Adjunct Professor, The Ecumenical Institute of Theology, 1991-93

- Dean, The Ecumenical Institute of Theology, 1995-2012
- Acting Dean, The Ecumenical Institute of Theology, 1994-95
- Associate Dean, The Ecumenical Institute of Theology, 1993
- Director, Certificate of Advanced Studies, St. Mary's Ecumenical Institute, 2022–

- CAREY BAPTIST COLLEGE GRADUATE SCHOOL, Auckland, New Zealand, July 2019; Visiting Lecturer
- REGENT COLLEGE, Vancouver, BC, Canada, Summer 2017, 2021, 2024 Visiting Lecturer
- DUKE DIVINITY SCHOOL, Durham, North Carolina, Spring 2009, Visiting Professor of New Testament
- SHALOM UNIVERSITY, Bunia, Democratic Republic of the Congo, 2016-18, Adjunct Professor of New Testament (for doctoral students)
- GRAND SEMINAIRE NOTRE DAME DE L'ESPERANCE, Bertoua, Cameroun, May 2009; Visiting Professor
- WESLEY THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY, Washington, DC, January 2009, Guest Professor of New Testament for D.Min. students; Instructor for United Methodist Church Course of Study, 2013-17
- THE COUNCIL FOR RELIGION IN INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS (CRIS), Washington, DC, 1989-1993; Acting Director, May-July 1993; Assistant Director, 1989-1993
- PRINCETON THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY, Princeton, NJ, 1981-1987, Instructor in Greek, 1986; Instructor, seminar in exegesis and preaching for Presbyterian ordinands (non-credit), 1983-87; Assistant Instructor in Greek, 1985; Seminary Tutor in Greek and Exegesis, Fall 1984; Teaching

Fellow in NT Studies, 1983-84; Teaching Assistant in Greek and NT, 1981-82

- GORDON COLLEGE, Wenham, MA, 1974-76, Teaching Assistant in New Testament, 1975-76; Tutor in Foreign Languages & Linguistics, 1974-76

SELECT OTHER EXPERIENCE

- External Reader, Ph.D. dissertations: Fuller Theological Seminary; Australian College of Theology, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary; McMaster Divinity School
- External Reader, M.A. theses: Acadia Divinity College; The Graduate Theological Union
- Promotion and Tenure External Committee Member, Loyola University Maryland; Duke Divinity School; University of Evansville; The Lutheran Seminary at Gettysburg; Fuller Theological Seminary; University of Toronto/Wycliffe College; New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary
- Advisory Editor, *From the Side of Christ* series, Baker Academic, 2018-
- Member, Editorial Council, *Journal for the Study of Paul and His Letters*, 2009-20
- Member, Editorial Council, *Interpretation: A Journal of Bible and Theology*, 2005-20
- Member, Editorial Council, *The Journal of Theological Interpretation*, 2021-
- Member, ETHICS (Eastern Testing and Human Investigations Committee for Safety), an independent medical review board, 1980-87

AWARDS/HONORS

- *Festschrift: Cruciform Scripture: Cross, Participation, and Mission*, edited by Christopher W. Skinner, Nijay K. Gupta, Andy Johnson, and Drew J. Strait (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2021)
- Dean's Medal for Teaching Excellence, St. Mary's Ecumenical Institute, May 2019 (Jubilee Year)
- Named Henry Luce III Fellow in Theology, 2015-2016; project: "Missional Theosis in the New Testament" (area of fellowship: the Bible and the church)
- Ecumenical Institute of Theology Distinguished Lecturer Award, 2001-02, 2012-13
- Elected to Studiorum Novi Testamenti Societas (Society for New Testament Studies; SNTS), 2012
- Bryce Shoemaker Ecumenical Leaders Award, Central Maryland Ecumenical Council, May 2012
- Fortress Press National Award for Excellence and Innovation in Graduate Theological Teaching, November 2005 (awarded at the annual meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature)

BOOKS

PAUL

- *The Self, the Lord, and the Other according to Paul and Epictetus: The Theological Significance of Reflexive Language* (Cascade, 2023)
- *Romans: A Theological and Pastoral Commentary* (Eerdmans, 2022). Also Spanish translation.
- *Participating in Christ: Explorations in Paul's Theology and Spirituality* (Baker Academic, 2019)
- *Apostle of the Crucified Lord: A Theological Introduction to Paul and His Letters*. 2nd ed. (Eerdmans, 2017). Also Korean and Spanish translations.
- *Becoming the Gospel: Paul, Participation, and Mission* (Eerdmans, 2015). Also Korean translation.
- *Inhabiting the Cruciform God: Kenosis, Justification, and Theosis in Paul's Narrative Soteriology* (Eerdmans, 2009)
- *Reading Paul* (Cascade/Paternoster, 2008)

- *Apostle of the Crucified Lord: A Theological Introduction to Paul and His Letters* (Eerdmans, 2004). Also Korean translation.
- *Cruciformity: Paul's Narrative Spirituality of the Cross* (Eerdmans, 2001). Also Korean translation.

JOHANNINE LITERATURE

- *Abide and Go: Missional Theosis in the Gospel of John* (Cascade, 2018). Also Korean translation.
- *Reading Revelation Responsibly; Uncivil Worship and Witness; Following the Lamb into the New Creation* (Cascade, 2011). Also Korean and Portuguese translations.

OTHER TOPICS IN BIBLICAL THEOLOGY

- *The Death of the Messiah and the Birth of the New Covenant: A (Not So) New Model of the Atonement* (Cascade, 2014). Also Korean translation.

EXEGESIS AND HERMENEUTICS

- *Scripture and its Interpretation: A Global, Ecumenical Introduction to the Bible* (editor, and author of approximately 15%; Baker Academic, 2017)
- *Elements of Biblical Exegesis: A Basic Guide for Students and Ministers*. 3rd ed. (Baker Academic, 2020; orig. Hendrickson, 2001). Also Korean and Portuguese translations.
- *Scripture: An Ecumenical Introduction to the Bible* (editor, and author of approximately 20%; Hendrickson, 2005; Baker Academic as of fall 2010).
- *Texts and Contexts: A Guide to Careful Thinking and Writing about the Bible* (Council for Religion, 1990)

ETHICS

- *Holy Abortion? A Theological Critique of the Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice* (with Ann Loar Brooks; Wipf and Stock 2003)
- *Abortion and the Early Church: Christian, Jewish and Pagan Attitudes in the Greco-Roman World* (InterVarsity and Paulist, 1982; repr. Wipf and Stock, 1998)

OTHER

- *Award-Winning Community Service Programs*, ed. with Catherine D. Sands (The Council for Religion; four editions, 1990-93)

BOOKLETS

- *Participation: Paul's Vision of Life in Christ* (Cambridge, Eng.: Grove Booklets, 2018)
- *Peace in Paul and Luke* (Cambridge, Eng.: Grove Booklets, 2015)

BOOKS IN PREPARATION

- *1 Corinthians: A Theological and Pastoral Commentary* (Eerdmans; forthcoming 2024/25)
- *Romans* (Word Biblical Themes; Zondervan; forthcoming 2025)
- *Life Transfigured: Studies in New Testament Theology and Spirituality* (working title)
- *A Living Sacrifice: Studies in Pauline Theology and Spirituality* (working title)

SELECTED RECENT ARTICLES AND CHAPTERS

ACADEMIC

- “Recovering Sexual Holiness in 1 Corinthians 6: Spiritual, Theological, and Missional Implications,” forthcoming in a Festschrift, 2023
- Three articles for *The Dictionary of Paul and His Letters*, 2nd ed. (InterVarsity, 2023; submitted): “Church,” “Cruciformity,” “In Christ”
- “The Discipline of Cruciformity: Civil Religion and the Missional Power of the Cross,” in *Singing into a Vacuum: The Missional Shape of Spiritual Disciplines*, edited by Janet Warren (Cascade, 2023)
- “Teaching Scripture in a Catholic Seminary,” with Paul Maillet and Rebecca Hancock, *Seminary Journal* 21/1 (Spring 2023): 49–67
- “The Cross as God’s Self-Exegesis: Some Contributions from Paul and John,” in *Interpretation* 76/1 (January 2022), 15–26
- “New Testament Theology and Spiritual Formation,” in *Spiritual Formation in the Global Context: A Multi-Denominational, Multi-Ethnic Approach*, edited by Ryan A. Brandt and John Frederick (InterVarsity Press, 2021), 17-35
- “Traces of the Trinity in 1 Corinthians,” in *Journal of Theological Interpretation* 15:2 (Fall 2021): 291-304
- “Guest Editorial,” in *Journal of Theological Interpretation* 15:2 (Fall 2021): 181-83
- “What Did Paul Think God is Doing about What’s Wrong?” in *The New Cambridge Companion to Paul*, ed. Bruce Longenecker (Cambridge University Press, 2020), 187-209
- “New Testament Theology and Spiritual Formation,” in *Spiritual Formation in the Global Context* (InterVarsity Press, forthcoming 2020; submitted)
- “Pauline Theology: Perspectives, Perennial Topics, and Prospects,” in *The State of New Testament Studies: A Survey of Recent Research*, ed. Scot McKnight and Nijay K. Gupta (Baker Academic, 2019), 197-223
- “Psalms of Solomon and Revelation 19:1-21,” in *Reading Revelation in Context: John’s Apocalypse and Second Temple Judaism*, ed. Ben C. Blackwell, John K. Goodrich, and Jason Maston (Zondervan, 2019), 153-60
- “Romans from the Participationist Perspective,” in *Preaching Romans*, ed. Scot McKnight and Joseph B. Modica (Eerdmans, 2019), 59-79
- “Introduction to the Issue Theme [“Paul and Justification: Reading Galatians 500 Years Later”],” *Biblical Research* 63 (2018): 5-14 (published summer 2019)
- “John: The Nonsectarian, Missional Gospel,” in *The Canadian-American Theological Journal* 7 (2018): 138-62 (published June 2019)
- “Paul: His Life and Theology,” in *The Paulist Biblical Commentary* (Paulist, 2018), 1656-61.
- “Cruciform or Resurrectiform? Paul’s Paradoxical Practice of Participation,” *Ex Auditu* 33 (2017), 60-83
- “The Spirit, the Prophets, and the End of the ‘Johannine Jesus,’” *Journal of Theological Interpretation* 12 (2018): 1-23
- “First Corinthians and the Marks of God’s *Ekklēsia*: One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic,” in *One God, One People, One Future: Essays In Honor Of N. T. Wright*, ed. John Dunne and Eric Lewellen (SPCK/Fortress, 2018), 167-90

- “Participation and Ministerial Integrity in the Letters of Paul,” in *Practicing with Paul: Reflections on Paul and the Practices of Ministry in Honor of Susan G. Eastman*, ed. Presian Burroughs (Cascade, 2017), 1-14
- “Reading Gal 2:15-21 Theologically: Beyond Old and New, Beyond West and East,” in *Participation, Justification and Conversion: Eastern Orthodox Interpretation of Paul and the Debate between Old and New Perspectives on Paul*, ed. Athanasios Despotis (Mohr Siebeck, 2017), 321-47
- “John’s Implicit Ethic of Enemy-Love,” in *Johannine Ethics*, ed. Christopher W. Skinner and Sherri Brown (Fortress, 2017), 171-94
- “The Cross in Paul: Christophany, Theophany, Ecclesiophany,” in *Ecclesia and Ethics*, ed. E. Allen Jones III, John Frederick, John Anthony Dunne, Eric Lewellen, and Janghoon Park (T&T Clark, 2016), 21-40
- “The Apocalyptic New Covenant and the Shape of Life in the Spirit according to Galatians,” in *Paul and the Apocalyptic Imagination*, ed. Ben C. Blackwell, John K. Goodrich, and Jason Maston (Fortress, 2016), 317-37
- “The Work of Christ in the New Testament,” *The Oxford Handbook of Christology*, ed. Francesca Aran Murphy (Oxford University Press, 2015), 72-86
- “A New Translation of Phil 2:5 and its Significance for Paul’s Theology and Spirituality,” in *Conception, Reception and the Spirit: Essays in Honor of Andrew T. Lincoln*, ed. J. Gordon McConville and Lloyd K. Pietersen (Cascade, 2015), 101-21
- “Paul’s Corporate, Cruciform, Missional Theosis in Second Corinthians,” in *“In Christ” in Paul: Explorations in Paul’s Theology of Union and Participation*, ed. Kevin J. Vanhoozer, Constantine R. Campbell, and Michael J. Thate (WUNT II/384; Mohr Siebeck, 2014), 181-208. Reprinted in the Eerdmans edition of the same book, 2018.
- “Shalom in the Book of Revelation: God, Church, Judgment, New Creation,” in *Struggles for Shalom: Peace and Violence Across the Testaments*, ed. Laura L. Brenneeman and Brad D. Schantz (Wipf and Stock, 2014), 279-90
- “The Lord of Peace: Christ our Peace in Pauline Theology,” *Journal for the Study of Paul and His Letters* 3/1 (Fall 2013): 219-53
- “The This-Worldliness of the New Testament’s Other-Worldly Spirituality,” in *The Bible and Spirituality: Exploratory Essays in Reading Scripture Spiritually*, ed. Andrew T. Lincoln, J. Gordon McConville, and Lloyd K. Pietersen (Cascade, 2013), 151-70
- “Paul and the Cruciform Way of God in Christ,” *Journal of Moral Theology* 2 (2013): 64-83
- “Cruciformity according to Jesus and Paul,” in *Unity and Diversity in the Gospels and Paul: Essays in Honor of Frank J. Matera*, ed. Christopher W. Skinner and Kelly R. Iverson (SBLECL 7; Society of Biblical Literature, 2012), 173–201

GENERAL

- “Practicing Salvation,” *The Christian Century*, August 2019; print version of the online article “A Letter from Paul to Christians in the US,” *The Christian Century* (online edition), August 21, 2019 (<https://www.christiancentury.org/article/critical-essay/letter-paul-christians-us>)
- “Romans.” *The CEB [Common English Bible] Student Study Bible* (2015)
- “Spirituality and the Book of Revelation,” Spring 2014, *Transmission*, 20-22;

http://www.biblesociety.org.uk/uploads/content/bible_in_transmission/files/2014_spring/BiT_Spring_2014_Gorman.pdf

- “Romans.” Introduction and notes in *The CEB [Common English Bible] Study Bible* (2013)
- “Preaching and Living the Resurrection Today,” *The Living Pulpit* [online; <http://www.pulpit.org>] 2012/2
- “St. Paul and the Resurrection,” *Priest magazine/Our Sunday Visitor Weekly*, April 2009 [online: <https://www.osv.com/OSVNewsweekly/ByIssue/Article/TabId/735/ArtMID/13636/ArticleID/9011/St-Paul-and-the-Resurrection.aspx>]

SELECTED RECENT ACADEMIC LECTURES

- Invited papers at numerous annual meetings of the Society of Biblical Literature as well as the International Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature and the British New Testament Society
- Sacra Doctrina Conference Keynote Address, St. Mary’s Seminary & University: “Justification by Faith as Participation in the Paschal Mystery” (June 2023)
- Providence College, Rhode Island, December 2022: participation in Christ
- Scherer Lecture at Catholic Theological Union, McCormick Theological Seminary, and Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago, October 2022: “Resurrectional Cruciformity: Paul’s Missional Spirituality”
- Brady Theology and Mission Lectures (participation in and with Christ), Northern Seminary, Lisle, IL, September 2021
- South Africa Theological Seminary Symposium: “How NT Studies can Benefit from the Global South,” November 2020 (online)
- Scripture Lecture, Boston College School of Theology and Ministry, April 2019 (unity in the NT)
- Strauss Lectures, Lincoln Christian University, Lincoln, IL, October 2018
- “The New Perspective on John: Ethics, Mission, Theosis,” with panel review of *Abide and Go: Missional Theosis in the Gospel of John*, British New Testament Conference, London, September 2018
- Annual New Testament Lectures, Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, Deerfield, IL, April 2018 (two lectures on “Participation, Justification, Transformation”)
- The E. P. Wahl Lectures, Taylor Theological Seminary, Edmonton Alberta (three lectures on “Reading Romans Missionally”), March 2017
- The First Annual Andrews Lecture in Christian Unity, Greenville College (Greenville, Illinois), “‘That They May All be One’: New Testament Images of Christian Unity,” February 2017
- The Erhardt Seminar in Biblical Studies, University of Manchester, “John’s Implicit Ethic of Enemy-Love,” October 2016
- The Didsbury Lectures, Nazarene Theological College/The University of Manchester, October 2016 (four lectures on “Missional Theosis in the Gospel of John) now published as *Abide and Go*.
- The Payton Lectures, Fuller Theological Seminary, April 2016 (two lectures on “Reading John Missionally”)
- The Vivian B. Harrison Lectures (on Revelation), Mount Olive College, Mount Olive, NC, March 2014
- Raymond E. Brown Chair in Biblical Studies and Theology inaugural lecture, “The Death of the Messiah: Theology, Spirituality, Politics,” November 8, 2012