

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: Dr. James R. Davila, Reader in 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 Honors

Thesis Supervisor: Dr. Gwen Saylor, Associate Professor of Hebrew Bible

Concordia College, Moorhead, Minnesota, 1989-1993

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

ACADEMIC & RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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

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

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

Tutor, Wartburg Theological Seminary, Greek, 1993-1995

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

TEACHING AND RESEARCH INTERESTS

Teaching: Homiletics; Hebrew Bible; New Testament; History of Biblical Interpretation; Second Temple Judaism; Dead Sea Scrolls; Septuagint Studies; Hebrew; Greek

Research: Biblical Studies & Homiletics; History of Biblical Interpretation; Intertextuality and Biblical Studies

COURSES TAUGHT

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 Hebrew Bible

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

Parables, Postmodernity, and Preaching

A senior 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.

With Ears to Hear

A senior preaching seminar which explores the spoken nature of the Word in a culture which increasingly values technology driven and multi-media based preaching and worship.

Christianity & Diversity

An introductory core undergraduate religion course focusing on Christian texts from Bible to the present along with excursions into Judaism and Islam.

Introduction to Biblical Greek

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

Introduction to the Dead Sea Scrolls

A brief course introducing the archaeological discovery of the ancient manuscripts commonly called the Dead Sea Scrolls to a wider community audience.

In a Mirror Dimly: Biblical Interpretation, Creation, Sabbath, & Sexuality

A brief course discussing the art of biblical interpretation in concert with conversations about texts that raise difficult issues.

PUBLICATIONS

PhD Thesis

A New Glimpse of Day one: An Intertextual History of Genesis 1.1-5 in Hebrew and Greek Texts up to 200 CE. University of St Andrews, 2007.

Book Reviews (a selection)

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

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

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

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

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

Newspaper articles

"CCM Debate Muddled by Misreading," *Fargo Forum*, 29 January 2001

"Assumptions about CCM are incorrect," *Fargo Forum*, 11 April 2000

In Progress

Paper/Article, "Afterlives of Day One (Gen 1.1-5) among the Dead Sea Scrolls"

Paper, "The *Hymn to the Creator* (11QPs^a xxvi), Intertextuality, History"

PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES

1992-present Society of Biblical Literature

2006-present Academy of Homiletics

PROFESSIONAL CONFERENCES

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

ORDINATION

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, 1 November 1997, Fargo, North Dakota

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

2001-2003 – Resided in Scotland

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 Kaleidoscope Early Childhood Center, Member, Board of Directors
Fargo, North Dakota

2003-2006 Parent Teacher Organization, Academy for Children, Fargo, North Dakota