

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, 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

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

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

Instructor, Fargo-Moorhead Community College, 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; History of Biblical Interpretation; Biblical Theology; Preaching the Old Testament; Second Temple Judaism; Dead Sea Scrolls; Septuagint Studies; Hebrew; Greek
Research: Preaching as Sacrament of the Word; Biblical Interpretation & Homiletics; Old Testament as Christian Scripture; History of Biblical Interpretation; Biblical Theology; 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 Old Testament

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.

Preaching & Stewardship

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

Religion, Anthropology, and the Human World

A required course for first semester, first year seminarians that fosters critical thought with the concepts central to the study of religion and world religions. Integral to the course is both interdisciplinary and team-taught.

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 centered around collective reading and critical and collaborative discussion of both classic and cutting edge texts in Biblical Theology.

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 prompt difficult questions to contemporary issues.

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 (refereed)

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

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, *Biographical History of Women Interpreters of the Bible* (Marion Taylor, ed.; Grand Rapids: Baker Academic, *forthcoming*).

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 5th – 9th Sundays after Pentecost (27 June – 18 July 2010)

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

Works In Progress

“Preaching as *Sacramentum Verbi*: A Lutheran Perspective”

“Israel’s Scripture and Christian Proclamation”

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

PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES

- 1992-present Society of Biblical Literature
- 2006-present Academy of Homiletics
- 2006-present ELCA Association of Teaching Theologians
- 2007-present Catholic Biblical Association

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.

PRESENTATIONS

- “Historical Jesus – Christ Proclaimed: Considering Preaching as Sacrament of the Word,” Center for Renewal, Grandview College, Des Moines, IA, 27 January 2007.
- “When God Began to Create: Reading the Creation Stories of the Bible,” Summer Reunion Lectures, Wartburg Theological Seminary, Dubuque, IA, 17-18 July 2008.
- “Preaching Christ during Lent,” Tri-State Forum, Wartburg Theological Seminary, Dubuque, IA, 31 January 2008.
- “Listening for and Telling the Gospel Story,” Western North Dakota GIFTS Program, Dickenson, ND, 26 September 2009.
- “The Lord is Our Righteousness: Preaching Christ in Advent,” ILLOWA Forum, Augustana College, Rock Island, IL, 12 November 2009.
- “Preaching in Crisis,” Skálholt Pastors’ Academy, Iceland, 5 January 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.
- “The Old Testament and the Proclamation of Christ Crucified,” Luther Academy of the Rockies, Meeker Park Lodge, Allenspeak, CO, 20 June – 1 July 2010.
- “‘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.

ORDINATION

- Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, 1 November 1997, Fargo, North Dakota
Currently rostered (2006 – present) with the ELCA Greater Milwaukee 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

- 2010 – 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 Kaleidoscope Early Childhood Center, Member, Board of Directors
Fargo, North Dakota
- 2003-2006 Parent Teacher Organization, Academy for Children, Fargo, North Dakota