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EDUCATION

Yale University Graduate School, Department of Religious Studies,

Ph.D. (December, 1994).

Dissertation: Defending Zion: Edom's Desolation and Israel's Restoration (Isa 34-35) in Context

Academic Honors: Richard J. Franke Fellow (1988-1990).

Yale University Divinity School, M.Div., magna cum laude, 1988.

Academic Honors: Yale Divinity School Scholar (1985); North American

Ministerial Fellow (1985); Two Brothers Fellow (1986).

Swarthmore College, B.A., magna cum laude, 1985.

Sociology/anthropology major with minor in religion.

Academic Honors: Phi Beta Kappa; Jessi H. Holmes Prize in Religion; Lucretia Mott Fellow.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Professor, Department of Theology, Loyola University Maryland 2008 to present.

Associate Professor, Department of Theology, Loyola College in Maryland (1999 to present). **Director**, Center for the Humanities, Loyola College in Maryland (1999 to present).

Assistant Professor, Department of Theology, Loyola College in Maryland (January 1993 to 1999).

Teaching Fellow, Yale Divinity School, New Haven, Connecticut.

Old Testament Interpretation (1990-1991); Elementary Biblical Hebrew (1989-1990).

PUBLICATIONS

Books

Defending Zion: Edom's Desolation and Jacob's Restoration (Isaiah 34-35) in Context. Beihefte zur Zeitschrift für die alttestamentliche Wissenschaft, Vol. 236. Berlin: Walter deGruyter, 1995.

Edited Books

"As Those Who Are Taught": The Reception of Isaiah from the LXX to the SBL. SBL Symposium Series. Co-edited with Patricia Tull. Atlanta: Scholars Press and Leiden: E.J. Brill, 2006.

Current Project(s):

The Hardening of Pharaoh's Heart: Making Sense of Exodus.

Scholarly Articles

"The Hardening of Pharaoh's Heart in Christian and Jewish Interpretation," *Journal of Theological Interpretation* 6.1 (Spring, 2012) 43-64.

"Stumbling Over the Testaments: On Reading Patristic Exegesis and the Old Testament in Light of the New" *Journal of Theological Interpretation* 4.1 (2010) 15-32.

"The Child in Exodus." In, *Biblical Perspectives on the Child*, eds. Beverly Gaventa and Terence Fretheim. Grand Rapids, MI: Wm. B. Eerdmans, 2008, 24-44.

"The Old Testament." In *The Blackwell Companion to Catholicism*, eds. James J. Buckley, Frederick Christian Bauerschmidt and Trent Pomplun. Oxford: Blackwell, 2007, 7-21.

(With Patricia Tull) "Remembering the Former Things: The History of Interpretation and Critical Scholarship" in "As Those Who Are Taught": The Reception of Isaiah from the LXX to the SBL. SBL Symposium Series. Ed. Claire Mathews McGinnis and Patricia Tull. Atlanta: Scholars Press, to be published Fall, 2006.

"The Old Testament" in The Blackwell Reader on Catholicism. Ed. Frederick Bauerschmidt, James Buckley and R. Trent Pomplun. Basil Blackwell, forthcoming, 2007.

"Teaching Exodus as Problem Text." In Teaching Theology and Religion V, 2 (April 2002) 71-79

"Playing the Devil's Advocate in Job: On Job's Wife." In *The Whirlwind: Essays on Job in Memory of Jane Morse*. Ed. Stephen L. Cook, Corrine Patton and James Watts. Sheffield Academic Press, 2001.

"On Stability in the Academic Life." In *The Scope of our Art: The Vocation of the Theological Teacher*. Ed. L. Gregory Jones and Stephanie Paulsell. Grand Rapids, MI: Wm. B. Eerdmans, 2001.

"Swimming with the Divine Tide: An Ignatian Reading of 1 Samuel." In *Theological Exegesis: Essays in Conversation with Brevard S. Childs*. Ed. Kathryn Greene-McCreight and Christopher R. Seitz. Grand Rapids, MI: Wm. B. Eerdmans, 1999, 240-270.

Articles in Publications for a Lay Audience

"Trusting in Deceitful Words: Jeremiah's Temple Sermon" in The Bible Today 49,2 March-April (2011) 79-84.

"The Posture of Faith: Praying as a Friend of God." In *The Bible Today* 42,6 (November/December 2004) 366-372.

"Engaging Israel's Traditions for a New Day: the Former and the New Things in Second Isaiah." In *The Bible Today* 39,2 (March/April 2001) 75-81.

Book Reviews

Brevard S. Childs, *Isaiah*. *A Commentary*. The Old Testament Library (Louisville: Westminster/John Knox, 2001) in *Pro Ecclesia* XI, 2 (Spring 2002) 235-237.

Fredrick C. Holmgren, *The Old Testament and the Significance of Jesus. Embracing ChangeCMaintaining Christian Identity*. (Wm. B. Eerdmans, 1999) in *Pro Ecclesia* 10, 1 (Winter 2000) 107-108.

William L. Holladay, Long Ago God Spoke: How Christians May Hear the Old Testament Today in Pro Ecclesia VI, no. 2 (Spring 1997) 243-44.

Walter Brueggemann, *Isaiah 1-39* and *Isaiah 40-66* in *Interpretation* 53,4 October 1999.

Peter Miscall, *Isaiah 34-35: A Nightmare/A Dream*, JSOT Supplement 281 (Sheffield Academic Press, 1999) in Review of Biblical Literature (http://www.bookreviews.org/Reviews/1850759871.html)

Professional Program Presentations

"Why Is Patristic Exegesis Important?" Christian Theology and the Bible Section of the Society of Biblical Literature, Annual Meeting, Nov 21-25, 2008, Boston, Mass

"The Generosity of Faith: On Giving and Receiving in James." The Bible and Christian Theology Section of the annual AAR/SBL meeting, Atlanta, Georgia, November 2003.

"Recurring Theological Themes in Christian and Jewish Interpretations of the Hardening of Pharaoh's Heart." History of Interpretation Section of the annual AAR/SBL meeting, Toronto, Ontario, Canada, November 2002. Also presented at the MAR-Catholic Biblical Association meeting, Washington, D.C., January 2003.

"Apportioning Desolation: Contexts for Interpreting Edom's Fate and Function in Isaiah." Published in the Society of Biblical Literature Seminar Papers 34 (Atlanta: Scholars Press) 1995.

"The Scope of YHWH's Plan: A Poetic Analysis of Isaiah 14:24-27." Annual Meeting, Catholic Biblical Association, Hebrew Poetry Seminar, August 1995 Loudonville, New York.

"Signs, Portents, and Sealed Scrolls: Charisma, Authority, and the Naked Prophet." Public Lecture by invitation of the Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Swarthmore, College, Swarthmore, Pennsylvania, April 1995.

"A 'Misplaced' Foreign Nation Oracle? The Placement and Function of Isaiah 34 (and 35)." Annual Meeting, Society of Biblical Literature, November, 1994 Chicago, Illinois.

"Wilderness Transformations and Prophetic Narratives Concerning the Deliverance of Jerusalem: Sewing a Seam in Isaiah." Baltimore-Washington Catholic Biblical Association, November, 1993 Emmitsburg, Maryland.

"Pilgrims on the Holy Way: A Poetic Analysis of Isaiah 34-35." Annual Meeting, Catholic Biblical Association, Hebrew Poetry Seminar, August, 1993 Atchison, Kansas.

"Edom and the Nations in Isaiah 34, and Patterns in Prophetic Literature." Mid-Atlantic American Academy of Religion/Society of Biblical Literature, February, 1993 Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Society of Biblical Literature Catholic Biblical Association.

OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Steering Committee, The Bible and Christian Theology Section, Society of Biblical Literature, 2007 to present. Co-chair, 2010-11.

Co-director, The Formation of the Book of Isaiah Group, Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting (1999 to 2002).

President, Catholic Biblical Association, Mid-Atlantic Region (1996-97)

Program Director, Mid-Atlantic American Academy of Religion/Society of Biblical Literature Meeting (1995-96)

Juror, Books and Media in Theology and Religion, for Parents' Choice (www.parents-choice.org) 2000.

COURSES

200 level

Introduction to Theology

Biographical Tales of the Bible (biblical narrative)

300 level

Prophets and Peacemakers

Finding God in All Things: Prayer and Spirituality in the Christian Traditions

Biblical Perspectives on Social Ethics: Race and Poverty in the U.S.

Contemporary Gender Perspectives on the Bible

400 level

Senior Seminar: Genesis and the History of Interpretation

600 level (Master's Program)

Old Testament Survey