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### EDUCATION

**Th.D. in Theological Ethics and New Testament, 2012**

Duke University, Durham, NC

**M.A. in New Testament, 2001**

Talbot School of Theology, La Mirada, CA

New Testament Award, 2001

**B.A. in Spanish Language and Literature with emphasis in teaching, 1997**

University of Northern Colorado, Greeley, CO

### TEACHING

**Courses Taught** (in Fuller's English or Spanish-language degree programs)

Jesus, the Church, and Violence

The Gospels and Acts

Romans-Revelation

Greek Exegesis of Matthew

Greek Exegesis of Romans

Christian Ethics

### Awards

All Seminary Council Faculty Award, Fuller Theological Seminary, 2013

### BOOKS

*We the People: Israel and the Catholicity of Jesus* (Minneapolis: Fortress, November 2014).

### ARTICLES

“Questioning the Regime of Orthodoxy: A Review Essay of ‘The Heterodox Yoder’ by Paul Martens”(review of P. Martens, *The Heterodox Yoder*). *Journal of Scriptural Reasoning*. Accepted for publication, 2014.

“Reimagining the Gospel in Relationship, Part 1: What Does the Gospel Mean for Teenagers and Friendship?” *FYI: Fuller Youth Institute E-Journal* 10 Issue 2 (January 2014):  
<http://fulleryouthinstitute.org/articles/reimagining-the-gospel-in-relationship-part-1>

“Reimagining the Gospel in Relationship, Part 2: The Gospel in Youth Ministry.” Co-authored with Steven Argue. *FYI: Fuller Youth Institute E-Journal* 10 Issue 3 (February 2014):  
<http://fulleryouthinstitute.org/articles/part-2-the-gospel-in-relationship>.

“NT Scholars Discuss Missional Hermeneutics.” Co-authored with James Thompson. *Missio Dei: A Journal of Missional Theology and Praxis* 5, vol. 1 (February 2014):  
<http://missiodeijournal.com/article.php?issue=md-5-1&author=md-5-1-thompson-givens>

“Good Soil for Growth in Scriptural Ethics: A Review Essay on *The Dictionary of Scripture and Ethics*.” *Journal of Theological Interpretation* 6 (2012): 307-320.

“The Election of Israel and the Politics of Jesus: Revisiting John Howard Yoder’s *The Jewish Christian Schism Revisited*.” *Journal of the Society of Christian Ethics* 31 (2011): 75-92.

“The Public Promise of Scriptural Reasoning: An Evaluation of Nicholas Adams’ *Habermas and Theology*,” *Journal of Scriptural Reasoning*, 10:2 (December 2011):  
[http://etext.lib.virginia.edu/journals/ssr/issues/volume10/number2/ssr10\\_02\\_e03.html](http://etext.lib.virginia.edu/journals/ssr/issues/volume10/number2/ssr10_02_e03.html)

## PRESENTATIONS

“Divine Election and Sovereignty: The Politics of ‘the Messianic,’” presentation to be given at the annual meeting of the American Academy of Religion, San Diego, CA, accepted for Nov. 2014.

“The Politics of Election: A Burdened Pauline Legacy with Hope for Peace,” presentation to be given at the SBL Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA, accepted for Nov. 2014.

“The Post-Modern Christian Romance of Exile: Ecological Irresponsibility and the Underestimation of Borders,” presentation to be given at the annual meeting of the American Academy of Religion, San Diego, CA, accepted for Nov. 2014.

“Hermenéutica bíblica colonialista,” international colloquium presentation to be given at the Seminario Bíblico de Colombia, Medellín, Colombia, Aug. 2014

“The Hell We Need and the Hell We Don’t: A Retrieval of Gehenna, Hades, and Eternal Fire,” presentation given at the SCE Annual Meeting, Seattle, WA, Jan. 2014.

“The Politics of Marriage in the Household Code: 1 Tim. 2:8-15 in Context,” presentation given at the SBL Annual Meeting, Baltimore, MD, Nov. 2013.

“Unconditional Love and Conditional Blessings: The Ethics of the Covenant,” presentation

- given at the SBL Annual Meeting, Baltimore, MD, Nov. 2013.
- “The Hope of Messiah,” lecture given at Minzu University (Beijing, China), Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (Beijing, China), and Fudan University (Shanghai, China), Sept. 2012.
- “The Christian Art of Invoking and Being Israel,” presentation given at the annual meeting of the Messianic Judaism Working Group, Dallas, TX, June 2012.
- “El peligro del reino de Dios: El reto de la intimidad cultural,” member presentation given at the regular meeting of La Fraternidad de Teología Latinoamericana (FTL), Pasadena, CA, June 2011.
- “The Christian Ethics of the Election of Israel: A Constructive Critique of John Howard Yoder,” paper presented at the SCE Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA, Jan. 2011.
- “What Kind of Death Redeems? Reading Suicide Bombing with Talal Asad,” lecture given at the College of William and Mary, Williamsburg, VA, April 12, 2010
- “Yoder and the Jews: Peacemaking through Reading Scriptures Together.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Mid-Atlantic Region of the AAR. New Brunswick, NJ, March, 2010. Awarded with other panelists *The Kate Connelly-Weinert Prize* for the most innovative panel dealing with peace issues or women’s studies.
- “From the Lost Sheep of Israel to All the Nations: A Challenge to Supersessionist Readings of Matthew.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the SBL. New Orleans, LA, November, 2009.
- Three Part Lecture Series based on Matthew’s Gospel and concerns about the colonial context of modern Christian missiology: “The Profile of the Gospel Missionary” (Part 1), “The Gospel’s Call upon All of Man” (Part 2), and “The Israelite Logic of Christian Mission” (Part 3), *Reach Global* Regional Leaders’ Meeting, Toulouse, France, May, 2008.
- “The Role of the Church in Salvation,” *Reach Global* Regional Leaders’ Meeting, Lisbon, Portugal, May, 2006.
- “Early Christian Polity: A New Testament Sociological Sketch of Church,” Annual ETS Meeting, Valley Forge, PA, Nov., 2005.
- “¿Qué es la iglesia?” Two-part lecture series given at the annual gathering of the Navarra and Aragón churches of La Federación de Iglesias Evangélicas Independientes de España (FIEIDE), Estella, Spain, Sept., 2005.
- “La pasión de Cristo no fue la de Mel Gibson,” *Diario de Noticias*, Pamplona, Spain, April, 2004.

## **PROFESSIONAL ROLES AND DEVELOPMENT**

- Fuller liaison to the Seminary Stewardship Alliance
- Faculty advisor to Peace and Justice Advocates (student group)
- Fellow of the Christian Leadership Initiative with the American Jewish Committee and Shalom Hartman Institute, 2013-2015
- Participant in the Wabash Center Graduate Teaching Initiative consultation on teaching at Duke Divinity School, March 2014

## **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

- Society of Christian Ethics
- American Academy of Religion
- Society of Biblical Literature
- Fraternidad de Teología Latinoamericana
- Society of Scriptural Reasoning, board member