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Education

Ph.D. Emory University, Hebrew Bible, 2008
M.Div. Princeton Theological Seminary, 2003
B.A., *magna cum laude* Amherst College, 1996

Additional coursework University of California at Davis, 2000-2001 (Classical Greek)
Université de Grenoble, 1995 (Swarthmore College in France)

Professional Experience

Fuller Theological Seminary

2012-present D. Wilson Moore Associate Professor of Ancient Near Eastern Studies
2008-2012 D. Wilson Moore Assistant Professor of Ancient Near Eastern Studies
Service: Director of Hebrew Instruction for all Fuller campuses

Archaeology and Travel Leadership

Summer 2012, 2014 Trip leader, Experiencing the Land of the Bible (Fuller Seminary)
Summer 2007 Lahav Research Project (Tell Halif, Israel); Directors: Oded Borowski, Emory University; James W. Hardin, Mississippi State University

University of Notre Dame Tantur Ecumenical Institute, Jerusalem

Fall 2013 Visiting Professor

Emory University / Candler School of Theology

2006-08 Candler Writing Center Coordinator
2006-07 Adjunct Instructor of Old Testament
2003-06 Teaching assistant (Introduction to Old Testament, Archaeology and the Bible, Introductory Biblical Hebrew)

Princeton Theological Seminary

2000-03 Teaching assistant (Biblical Hebrew and Biblical Greek)

Grants and Awards

Emory University Research Grant, 2013-14 (\$5,000, with Brent A. Strawn and Joel M. LeMon)
Manfred Lautenschlaeger Symposium Grant, 2013 (\$15,000)
Manfred Lautenschlaeger Award for Theological Promise, 2013 (\$10,000)
Green Scholars Initiative, Logos in Oxford Travel Grant, 2013 (ca. \$20,000, covering self and three doctoral students)
Louisville Institute Sabbatical Grant for Researchers, 2010-11 (\$31,000)
Society of Biblical Literature Regional Scholar, Pacific Coast Region nominee, 2010
Fuller Theological Seminary Education/Culture Fellowship Grant, Summer 2010 (\$5,000)

Solomon Fellowship Travel Grant, Board of Rabbis of Southern California, Summer 2010
 Catholic Biblical Association Memorial Stipend, 2006-2008
 American Schools of Oriental Research Platt Fellowship, 2007
Biblical Archaeology Review Dig Scholarship, 2007
 American Schools of Oriental Research Callaway Prize for Biblical Archaeology, 2005

<i>Emory University:</i>	Woodruff Honors Fellowship, 2003-2008 Graduate Summer Research Grants, 2007, 2004 Teaching and the Environment Honors Stipend, 2004
<i>Princeton Theological Seminary:</i>	McLaren Essay Prize for Biblical Theology, 2002 and 2003 Gehman Award for Old Testament, 2002 Roberts Scholarship in Preaching, 2002 Hodge Prize for Systematic Theology, 2002 Princeton Seminary Merit Fellowship, 2000-2003
<i>Amherst College:</i>	Corbin English Prize (top senior thesis), 1996 Collin Armstrong Poetry Prize, 1996

Publications

Books

Isaiah: A Commentary. Old Testament Library. Westminster John Knox, forthcoming.
An Ugaritic Handbook: Paradigms, Vocalization Helps, and Select Bibliography (with Brent A. Strawn, Joel M. LeMon). Winona Lake, Ind.: Eisenbrauns, forthcoming 2015.
Hidden Riches: A Sourcebook for the Comparative Study of the Old Testament and the Ancient Near East. Westminster John Knox, 2014.
Death in the Iron Age II and in First Isaiah. Forschungen zum Alten Testament 79. Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, 2011.
 Awarded the Manfred Lautenschlaeger Award for Theological Promise, 2013.
 Reviews: Konrad Schmid, *JHS* 12 (2012) (http://www.jhsonline.org/reviews/reviews_new/review614.htm); Angelika Berlejung, *ZAW* 125, (2013): 257; *OTA* 35 (2012): 455; Michael Hermann Niemann, *Jahrbuch für Liturgik und Hymnologie* 51 (2012): 73; James McKeown, *JSOT* 36 (2012): 148; Gary V. Smith, *BBR* 22 (2012): 429-431; Stefan Beyerle, *Biblische Notizen* 157 (2013): 142-143.

Articles in peer-reviewed journals

“‘There Is Hope for a Tree’: Job’s Hope for the Afterlife in the Light of Egyptian Tree Imagery,” *Catholic Biblical Quarterly*, forthcoming.
 “‘My Beloved Son, Come and Rest in Me’: Job’s Return to His Mother’s Womb (Job 1:21a) in Light of Egyptian Mythology,” *Vetus Testamentum* 62 (2012): 607-21.
 “The Egyptian Goddess Mut in Iron-Age Palestine: Further Data From Amulets and Onomastics.” *Journal of Near Eastern Studies* 71 (2012): 299-314.
 “An Egyptian Loanword in the Book of Isaiah and the Deir ‘Alla Inscription: Heb. *nšr*, Aram. *nqr* and Eg. *ntr* as ‘[Divinized] Corpse,’” *Journal of Ancient Egyptian Interconnections* 4 (2012): 17-23.
 “The Book of Isaiah in Contemporary Research.” *Religion Compass* 5 (2011): 549-66.
 “Re-Excavating Shebna’s Tomb: A New Reading of Isa 22:15-19 in its Ancient Near Eastern Context,” *Zeitschrift für die Alttestamentliche Wissenschaft* 122 (2010): 558-75.

- “Bard Called the Tune: Whither Theological Exegesis in the Post-Childs Era?” *Journal of Theological Interpretation* 4 (2010): 139-52.
- “The Covenant with Mut: A New Interpretation of Isaiah 28:1-22.” *Vetus Testamentum* 60 (2010): 212-40.
- “What Sort of Friends?: A New Proposal Regarding רפאי(ם) and טפלי(ם) in Job 13:4.” *Biblica* 90 (2009): 394-99.
- “The Dead and Their Images: An Egyptian Etymology for Hebrew ’ôb” (first author, with Joel M. LeMon), *Journal of Ancient Egyptian Interconnections* 1 (2009): 1-4.
- “Damming Egypt / Damning Egypt: The Paronomasia of skr and the Unity of Isa 19:1-15.” *Zeitschrift für die Alttestamentliche Wissenschaft* 120 (2008): 612-16.
- “The Silence of the Wives: Bakhtin’s Monologism and Ezra 7-10.” *Journal for the Study of the Old Testament* 33 (2008): 59-80.
- “Chirps From the Dust: The Affliction of Nebuchadnezzar in Daniel 4:30 in Its Ancient Near Eastern Context.” *Journal of Biblical Literature* 126 (2007): 303-23.
- “‘Lest Ye Perish in the Way’: Ritual and Kinship in Exodus 4:24-26.” *Hebrew Studies* 48 (2007): 237-252.
- “Kirtu and the ‘Yoke of the Poor’: A New Interpretation of an Old Crux (KTU 1.16 VI:48).” *Ugarit-Forschungen* 37 (2005): 361-370.
- “How Shall We Sing?: Psalm 137 in Historical and Canonical Context.” *Horizons in Biblical Theology* 27.2 (December 2005): 35-55.
- “‘Blessed Be Egypt My People’: Karl Barth and the Election of the Outsider in the Old Testament.” *Princeton Theological Review* 10 (2003): 30-41.

Articles in edited volumes

- “Ancient Near Eastern Apocalypticism and Hebrew Bible Apocalyptic” in *Apocalypses in Context: Apocalyptic Currents Throughout History*. Edited by Kelly J. Murphy and Justin P. Jeffcoat Schedtler; Fortress Press, forthcoming 2015.
- “Assyria,” (first author, with Peter Machinist) in *The World Around the Old Testament*, Grand Rapids: Baker Academic, forthcoming 2015.
- “Claims About Solomon’s Empire in Light of Egyptian Royal Ideology of Territory,” in *Israel’s Exodus in Transdisciplinary Perspective - Text, Archaeology, Culture, and Geoscience*. Edited by Thomas E. Levy, Thomas Schneider and William H.C. Propp. Quantitative Methods in the Humanities and Social Sciences. Springer: 2014.
- “The Date and Message of Isaiah 24-27 in Light of Hebrew Diachrony,” Pages 7-24 in *Intertextuality and Formation of Isaiah 24-27*. Ancient Israel and Its Literature. Edited by J. Todd Hibbard and Paul Kim. Atlanta: SBL, 2013.
- “Isaiah as ‘Colonized Poet’: The Rhetoric of Death in Resistance Literature.” Pages 51-70 in *Isaiah and Imperial Context: The Book of Isaiah in Times of Empire*. Edited by Mark G. Brett, Andrew Abernethy, Tim Bulkeley, and Tim Meadowcroft. Eugene, Or.: Pickwick Publications, 2013.
- “‘You Destroy a Person’s Hope’: Job as a Conversation About Death.” Pages 219-233 in *Reading Job Intertextually*. Edited by Katharine Dell and Will Kynes. Library of Hebrew Bible/Old Testament Studies 574. London: T&T Clark, 2012.
- “Religio-Historical Approaches: Monotheism, Method, and Mortality.” Pages 169-93 in *Method Matters: Essays on the Interpretation of the Hebrew Bible in Honor of David L. Petersen*. Edited by Joel M. LeMon and Kent H. Richards. Atlanta: SBL, 2009.

“Echoes of the Ancient Near East?: Intertextuality and the Comparative Study of the Old Testament.” Pages 20-43 in *The Word Leaps the Gap: Essays on Scripture and Theology in Honor of Richard B. Hays*. Edited by J. Ross Wagner, C. Kavin Rowe, and A. Katherine Grieb. Grand Rapids, Mich.: Eerdmans, 2009.

Translation projects

Cuneiform artifacts. Lead scholar-mentor for research group, Green Scholars Initiative, 2013-present.

The Book of Isaiah (co-translator) in the *Common English Bible*. Edited by David L. Petersen and Joel B. Green. Abingdon Press, 2011.

Articles in reference works

“Death and Burial,” Oxford Bibliographies (www.oxfordbibliographies.com)

“House burials,” “secondary burial,” “Khirbet Beit Lei,” “Queen of Heaven,” and “*kispum* ritual” in the *Routledge Dictionary of Ancient Mediterranean Religions*, forthcoming.

“Funerary Inscriptions. Hebrew Bible/Old Testament” in the *Encyclopedia of the Bible and Its Reception*, edited by C. L. Seow and H. Spieckermann. Berlin: Walter de Gruyter, forthcoming.

“בער, ‘brennen’ ” in *Theologisches Wörterbuch zu den Qumrantexten*. Universität Bonn, forthcoming.

“Death” in the *Dictionary of the Old Testament: Prophets*. InterVarsity Press, 2012.

“Isaiah.” Pages 384-409 in *The Oxford Encyclopedia of the Books of the Bible*. Edited by Michael D. Coogan. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2011.

Essays on Lev. 19:1-18, Micah 3:5-12 and Rev 7:9-17 in *Feasting on the Word: Perspectives on the Common Lectionary, Year B*. Louisville, Ky.: Westminster John Knox, 2008.

Essays on Exod 12:1-14, Isa 52:13-53:12, and Lam 3:1-24 in *Feasting on the Word: Perspectives on the Common Lectionary, Year C*. Louisville, Ky.: Westminster John Knox, 2008.

Essays on Isa 60:1-6, 61:10-62:3 and Jer 31:7-14 in *Feasting on the Word: Perspectives on the Common Lectionary, Year B*. Louisville, Ky.: Westminster John Knox, 2008.

“Amariah,” “Amasai,” “Amashsai,” “Amasiah,” and “Ashhur” in vol. A of the *Encyclopedia of the Bible and Its Reception*, edited by L. Seow and H. Spieckermann. Berlin: Walter de Gruyter, 2007.

Book Reviews

Review of *The Babylonian Theodicy*. By Takayoshi Oshima. State Archives of Assyria Cuneiform Texts, vol. 9. Helsinki: The Neo-Assyrian Text Corpus Project, 2013. *Journal of the American Oriental Society*, forthcoming.

Review of Shalom M. Paul, *Isaiah 40-66: Translation and Commentary* (Eerdmans Critical Commentary. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2012). *Journal of Semitic Studies*, in press.

Review of Richard Jude Thompson, *Terror of the Radiance: Aššur Covenant to Yhwh Covenant* (Orbis Biblicus et Orientalis 258; Fribourg: Academic Press, 2013). *Journal of Semitic Studies*, in press.

Review of Reinoud Oosting, *The Role of Zion/Jerusalem in Isaiah 40-55: A Corpus-Linguistic Approach*. (Studia Semitica Neerlandica 59; Leiden: Brill, 2012). *Religious Studies Review*, 2015.

- Review of *Dinner at Dan: Biblical and Archaeological Evidence for Sacred Feasts at Iron Age II Tel Dan and Their Significance* (CHANE 66; Leiden/Boston: Brill, 2013). *Religious Studies Review*, 2014.
- Review of *Let Us Go Up to Zion: Essays in Honour of H. G. M. Williamson on the Occasion of his Sixty-Fifth Birthday*. Edited by Iain W. Provan and Mark J. Boda (Supplements to Vetus Testamentum 153. Leiden; Boston: Brill, 2012). *Religious Studies Review*, 2013.
- Review of Ulrich Berges, *The Book of Isaiah: Its Composition and Final Form* (Translated by Millard Lind. Hebrew Bible Monographs 46. Sheffield: Sheffield Phoenix Press, 2012). *Religious Studies Review*, 2013.
- Review of Terry W. Eddinger, *Malachi: A Handbook on the Hebrew Text* (Baylor Handbook on the Hebrew Bible. Waco, Tx.: Baylor University Press, 2012). *Religious Studies Review*, 2013.
- Review of Stephen C. Russell, *Images of Egypt in Early Biblical Literature: Cisjordan-Israelite, Transjordan-Israelite, and Judahite Portrayals* (BZAW 403; Berlin: Walter de Gruyter, 2009), *Review of Biblical Literature*. (http://www.bookreviews.org/pdf/8240_9011.pdf)
- Review of Mary E. Mills, *Urban Imagination in Biblical Prophecy* (LHBOTS 560; London: T & T Clark, 2012). *Religious Studies Review*, 2013.
- Review of Bohdan Hrobon, *Ethical Dimension of Cult in the Book of Isaiah* (BZAW 418; Berlin: De Gruyter, 2010). *Religious Studies Review*, 2012.
- Review of Eric Nels Ortlund, *Theophany and Chaotikampf: The Interpretation of Theophanic Imagery in the Baal Epic, Isaiah, and the Twelve* (Gorgias Ugaritic Studies 5; New Jersey: Gorgias, 2010). *Religious Studies Review*, 2012.
- Review of Eugene Ulrich and Peter W. Flint, *Qumran Cave 1.II: The Isaiah Scrolls* (Discoveries in the Judaean Desert 32; Oxford: Clarendon, 2010). *Religious Studies Review*, 2012.
- Review of Jan Petrus Bosman, *Social Identity in Nahum: A Theological-Ethical Inquiry* (Piscataway, N.J.: Gorgias, 2008). *Religious Studies Review* 38 (June 2012): 87.
- Review of Lena-Sofia Tiemeyer, *For the Comfort of Zion: The Geographical and Theological Location of Isaiah 40-55* (VTSup 139. Leiden: Brill, 2011). *Religious Studies Review*, 2011.
- Review of Mark S. Smith, *God in Translation: Deities in Cross-Cultural Discourse in the Biblical World* (FAT 57; Mohr Siebeck, 2008), *Review of Biblical Literature*. (http://www.bookreviews.org/pdf/7225_7865.pdf)
- Review of Isaak de Hulster, *Iconographic Exegesis and Third Isaiah* (FAT II/36; Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck). *Religious Studies Review* 37 (2011): 45.
- Review of Stephanie Budin, *The Myth of Sacred Prostitution in Antiquity* (Cambridge Univ., 2008) *Religious Studies Review*, 2010.
- Review of Rüdiger Lux, *Prophetie und Zweiter Tempel: Studien zu Haggai und Sacharja*. (FAT 65; Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, 2009) *Religious Studies Review*, 2009.
- Review of Steven Holloway, ed., *Orientalism, Assyriology and the Bible* (HBM 10; Sheffield: Sheffield Phoenix, 2006) *Review of Biblical Literature*, October 2007 (<http://www.bookreviews.org/BookDetail.asp?TitleId=5634>).

Popular publications

- “Did God Want Noah Dead Too?: ‘Anti-Human’ Theology in Bible, Film, and Tradition,” *FloodOfNoah.com*, March 31, 2014.

- “The Right Wing Bible and the Politics of Impotence,” *Religion Dispatches*, March 7, 2011 (http://www.religiondispatches.org/archive/atheologies/4325/the_right_wing_bible_and_the_politics_of_impotence/)
- “Answering Fools: It’s Time to Reassess the Posture of Perpetual Outrage,” *Christianity Today* 55:2 (Feb. 2011), 24-25. (Submitted title: “The Flawed Economics of Answering Fools: Why Christian Engagement With Culture Should Be More Selective.”)
- “Tell Halif, 2007,” *ASOR Newsletter*, Spring 2008.
- “Versions and Translations of the Bible,” *SBL-Site.org*, November 2007 (<http://www.sbl-site.org/educational/bibleandcommentary.aspx>)
- “Tell Halif, 2007 season,” *FindADig.com* (Biblical Archaeology Society), 2007.
- “The Wright Stuff?: Scholars Discuss *Mere Christianity* at SBL Annual Meeting 2006.” *SBL Forum*, March 2007.
- “‘Beyond ‘Context’: Asian Hermeneutics at the National Meeting.” *SBL Forum*, January 2005.
- “Presidential Address by David L. Petersen.” *SBL Forum*, December 2004.
- “The Best Practices in Teaching Workshop: A Look at One New Program Unit.” *SBL Forum*, December 2004.

Conferences organized

- “Deathless Hopes: Reinventions of Afterlife and Eschatological Beliefs,” Manfred Lautenschlaeger Symposium, TBD.
- “Formation and Redaction of Isaiah,” Universität Zürich, Switzerland, September 11-12, 2015 (with Prof. Dr. Konrad Schmid and support from La Société suisse pour l’étude du Proche-Orient ancien).
- Second annual meeting of the North American Society of Early-Career Theologians, Oceanside, CA, November 20-21, 2014.
- Inaugural meeting of the North American Society of Early-Career Theologians, Baltimore, MD, November 21-22, 2013.

Papers Presented

- Panelist, SBL Student Advisory Board Panel, “What I’m Telling My Graduate Students,” 2014 Annual SBL Meeting, San Diego, CA, November 24, 2014.
- “The Preservation of the Body and the Life Everlasting in the Ancient Near East and the Hebrew Bible,” University of Nottingham Centre for the Bible, Ethics and Theology, Seminar on “Dignity and the Human Body: The Post-mortem Treatment of the Body as an Ethical, Theological and Biblical Task.” Nottingham, England, Oct. 25, 2014.
- “The Flood of Noah and the Streams of Tradition: Deluge Stories in the Ancient Near East,” Emory University Flood Symposium, Atlanta, GA, Oct. 18, 2014.
- “Pyramids, Heroes, and Slaves: Cults of the Dead and the Gospel of Life,” Fuller School of Psychology 50th Anniversary Celebration, Pasadena, CA, February 20, 2014.
- “Solomon’s Borders and Egyptian Royal Ideology of Territory,” 2013 Annual SBL Meeting, Baltimore, MD, November 24, 2013.
- “Challenges of Adaptation in the Early Career,” North American Society of Early-Career Theologians, Baltimore, MD, November 22, 2013.

- “ ‘Getting Out of the Whole Genocide Thing’: Canaan and Nanking, Theology and ANE Comparative Study,” Logos Seminary, Pasadena, CA, November 6, 2013.
- “God and Social Justice: From the Ancient Near East to Today,” University of Notre Dame, Tantur Ecumenical Institute, Jerusalem, September 28, 2013.
- “The Truth About Indiana Jones: How Archaeology Really Works,” University of Notre Dame, Tantur Ecumenical Institute, Jerusalem, September 26, 2013.
- “Digging Into the Bible: The Top Ten Archaeological Discoveries,” University of Notre Dame, Tantur Ecumenical Institute, Jerusalem, September 26, 2013.
- “Testing Biblical History: Sennacherib’s Campaign to Judah,” University of Notre Dame, Tantur Ecumenical Institute, Jerusalem, September 13, 2013.
- “Testing Biblical History: Sennacherib’s Campaign to Judah,” *Passages* Exhibition, Colorado Springs, Colo., August 6, 2013.
- “The Date and Message of Isa 24-27 in Light of Hebrew Diachrony,” Manfred Lautenschlaeger Award Symposium, Heidelberg, Germany, June 1, 2013.
- “Religion in Iron Age Israel, Judah, Egypt, and Mesopotamia,” Panelist in Neo-Assyrian Insights on Ancient Israel and the Hebrew Bible Section, SBL Pacific Coast Regional Meeting, Fullerton, CA, March 24, 2013.
- “The Extent of Solomon’s Empire in Light of Egyptian Royal Ideology of Territory,” University of California at Los Angeles, Feb. 26, 2013.
- “Nubia in the Bible,” University of California at Los Angeles, Feb. 19, 2013.
- “ ‘There Is Hope for a Tree’: Job’s Hope for the Afterlife in the Light of Egyptian Tree Imagery,” 2012 Annual SBL Meeting, Chicago, Ill.
- “Isaiah as ‘Colonized Poet’: The Rhetoric of Death in Resistance Literature,” in the Isaiah and Empire Colloquium, Auckland, NZ, February 14-15, 2011 (*in absentia*).
- “The Egyptian Goddess Mut in Iron-Age Palestine: Further Data From Amulets and Onomastics,” 2010 Annual SBL Meeting, Atlanta, Ga.
- “Ancient Near Eastern History and the History of Ancient Israel,” 2010 Annual SBL Meeting, Atlanta, Ga.
- “Finding Your Niche in Biblical Studies,” Panelist, 2010 Annual SBL Meeting, Atlanta, Ga.
- “ ‘It’s the Tomb, Shebna’: A New Reading of Isaiah 22:15-19 in its Ancient Near Eastern Context,” WECSOR, Tempe, Arizona, March 15, 2010.
- “Online Resources for Ancient Near Eastern Studies: Promise and Problems,” WECSOR, Tempe, Arizona, March 15, 2010.
- “*Bibel und Aššur*: Questioning ‘Babylonian Bias’ to Reclaim the Neo-Assyrian Period for Biblical Studies,” 2009 WECSOR Meeting, Santa Clara, Ca.
- “Prophecy, Intertextuality and the Comparative Method,” 2007 Annual SBL Meeting, San Diego, Ca.
- “ ‘Fully Divine, Fully Human’: A Chalcedonian Approach to Teaching and Studying the Bible,” 2006 SECSOR Meeting, Atlanta, Ga.
- “Lest Ye Perish in the Way”: Magic and Kinship in Exodus 4:24-26,” 2005 International SBL Meeting, Singapore.
- “The Silence of the Wives: Bakhtin’s Monologism and Ezra 7-10,” 2005 National SBL Meeting, Philadelphia, Pa.
- “Chirps From the Dust: The Affliction of Nebuchadnezzar in Daniel 4:30 in Its ANE Context,” 2005 SECSOR Meeting, Winston-Salem, N.C.

Other Public Speaking

- “Favorable Conditions Never Come,” Welcome to Fuller CATS Students, Sep. 23, 2014.
Interviewed for historical documentary feature for DVD of “Exodus: Gods and Kings” (20th Century Fox, 2014).
- “Noah in Contexts: The Biblical Flood Story in History, Theology, and Film,” Panelist, Fuller Theological Seminary, Apr. 14, 2014.
- “Whose Bible Is It?: When Your Faith and Your Textbook Collide,” Colliver Endowed Lecture Series, University of the Pacific, Apr. 10, 2014.
- “‘I Saw the Lord Sitting on a Throne’: Word and World in Isaiah’s Temple Vision,” Fuller Theological Seminary, Jan. 27, 2014.
- “The Truth About Indiana Jones: How Archaeology Really Works,” La Crescenta Presbyterian Church, Feb. 20, 2013.
- “Digging Into the Bible: The Top Ten Archaeological Discoveries,” La Crescenta Presbyterian Church, Feb. 6, 2013.
- “The Fifth Evangelist: Isaiah and the New Testament,” San Marino Community Church, San Marino, CA, Dec. 16, 2012.
- “Isaiah’s Servants, Suffering and Otherwise,” San Marino Community Church, San Marino, CA, Dec. 9, 2012.
- “Immanuel: Messianism and Social Justice,” San Marino Community Church, San Marino, CA, Dec. 2, 2012.
- “Cyrus of Persia and Other Messiahs,” San Marino Community Church, San Marino, CA, Nov. 25, 2012.
- “The Covenant with Death (Isa 28) and the Cult of Mut in the Iron-Age Levant,” University of Durham Research Seminar, Durham, England, October 30, 2012.
- British Early Career Association of Theologians, October 26-27, 2012.
- “The Fifth Evangelist: Isaiah and the New Testament,” Bel Air Presbyterian Church, Bel Air, CA, Aug. 26, 2012.
- “‘There Is No Other Rock’: Isaiah and the History of Monotheism,” Bel Air Presbyterian Church, Bel Air, CA, Aug. 19, 2012.
- “‘I Saw the Lord Sitting on a Throne’: Isaiah’s Temple Vision in Light of Archaeology,” Bel Air Presbyterian Church, Bel Air, CA, Aug. 12, 2012.
- “Isaiah Through the Ages: A Paradigmatic Prophet Then and Now,” Bel Air Presbyterian Church, Bel Air, CA, Aug. 5, 2012.
- Panel Member, “Isaiah 1-39: A Commentary on First Isaiah (Hermeneia)—A Panel Discussion of the forthcoming commentary by J.J.M. Roberts,” Pepperdine University Christian Scholars’ Conference. Malibu, CA, June 17, 2011.
- “Finding Your Niche in Biblical Studies,” Biblical Division Colloquium, Fuller Theological Seminary, Nov. 11, 2010.
- “The Struggle to Understand the Bible as Fully Human,” La Crescenta Presbyterian Church, April 21, 2010.
- “What’s a Messiah?” La Cañada Presbyterian Church, Dec. 13, 2009
- “‘If the King James Version Was Good Enough for Jesus...’: The Truth About Bible Translations.” La Crescenta Presbyterian Church, July 22, 2009.
- “Isaiah in the New Testament,” La Crescenta Presbyterian Church, April 13, 2009.

Languages

Ancient: Hebrew (epigraphic, biblical, and rabbinic), Akkadian, Ugaritic, Aramaic, West Semitic dialects, Middle Egyptian, Greek (classical and *koine*), Latin, Syriac
Modern: French, German

Editorial

Religious Studies Review, area editor for Semitic philology and Israelite Religion
SBL Ancient Near East Monographs Series (Manuscript reviewer)
Journal of Biblical Literature (Article referee)
Journal of Ancient Near Eastern Religions (Article referee)

Professional Affiliations and Service

North American Society of Early-Career Theologians (N-SECT), Founding member
Society of Biblical Literature
Co-Chair, ISBL Ancient Near Eastern Iconography and the Bible section
Steering committee, Ancient Near Eastern Iconography and the Bible section
Steering committee, Current Historiography of Ancient Israel and Judah section
Presided at Current Historiography of Ancient Israel and Judah session, 2011, 2013, 2014
Presided at Ancient Near East session of Singapore International Meeting, 2005
American Schools of Oriental Research
American Oriental Society
International Association for Assyriology
National Association of Professors of Hebrew
Faculty sponsor for Fuller's Eta Beta Rho honor society chapter
Catholic Biblical Association

Courses taught

Israelite Religion in its Ancient Near Eastern Context (Ph.D. seminar)
History and Historiography of Ancient Israel (Ph.D. seminar)
Hebrew Exegesis of Isaiah 1-39
Hebrew Exegesis of Isaiah 40-66
History, Cultures and Literature of the Ancient Near East
Advanced Hebrew (=Historical Hebrew Grammar)
Beginning Ugaritic
Special Topics in Ugaritology
Akkadian I&II
Experiencing the Land of the Bible
Textual Criticism of the Hebrew Bible

Directed reading courses

Anthropological and Sociological Approaches to the Hebrew Bible
Redaction of the Psalms in ANE Context
Genres of Polemic and Satire—Modern Methods and Near Eastern and Biblical Models
Children and Warfare: Methodology, Terms, and Social Realities
Introductory Syriac Grammar
Textual Criticism of the Book of Isaiah

Doctoral preliminary exams assessed
History and Context of the Old Testament
Hebrew Language Competency

Service to the Church

Ordained as minister of word and sacrament in Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

PC(USA) Bible Task Force member, 2012-

Exegesis Ordination Exam, Editor, 2012-

PC(USA) Bible Content Ordination Exam, Old Testament Editor, 2011-12

Leader for PC(USA) Company of New Pastors mentoring groups, 2010-11 and 2012-13