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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

New Testament Introduction

The Gospels and Acts

Romans-Revelation

Exegesis of Matthew

Christian Ethics

Exegesis of Romans

Awards

All Seminary Council Faculty Award, Fuller Theological Seminary, 2013

BOOKS

We the People: Israel and the Catholicity of Jesus. Minneapolis: Fortress, 2014.

Light in the Shadow of Death: A Reading of the Gospel of Matthew. Grand Rapids, MI:
Eerdmans, forthcoming

ARTICLES

- “Election.” *T & T Clark Encyclopedia of Second Temple Judaism*. Edited by Loren T. Stuckenbruck and Daniel M. Gurtner. London: T & T Clark, 2019.
- “Spiritual Struggles and Professional Quality of Life among Faith Leaders of Colombia.” Co-author. *Psychology of Religion and Spirituality*, 2018.
- “The Politics of Marriage in the Household Code: 1 Timothy 2:8-15 in Context.” Under consideration.
- “The Ethical Burden of Hell: A Christian Retrieval of Gehenna, Hades, and Eternal Fire.” Under consideration.
- “The Subtlety of Peace: A New Testament Challenge to Modern State Violence.” *Studies in Christian Ethics* 31.2 (May, 2018).
- “Terror in the House of Abraham: Responding to Terrorist Attacks as Christians.” *Precepts for Living* (forthcoming).
- “The Politics of the Church in the World.” *Precepts for Living* (forthcoming).
- “Being Christian in ‘The Economy.’” *Precepts for Living* (forthcoming).
- “Making Decisions with a Loving God.” *Precepts for Living* (forthcoming).
- “Hermenéutica colonialista.” *Conversaciones teológicas del sur global americano: Violencia, desplazamiento y fe*. Edited by Oscar García-Johnson and Milton Acosta. Eugene, OR: Puertas Abiertas, imprint of Wipf & Stock, 2016.
- “Torn between Earth and Sky: National Jewish Homeland.” *Sbofar* 34.4 (2016): 53-70.
- “Restoring Creation: With Reflections on ‘Laudato Si.’” *Fuller Magazine* 6 (2016): <https://fullerstudio.fuller.edu/restoring-creation-reflections-laudato-si/>
- “Christmas, Violence, and the Economy.” *Reel Spirituality* (December, 2015): <http://www.brehmcenter.com/initiatives/reelspirituality/film/articles/christmas-violence-and-the-economy>
- “My Father’s Body: Things We Should Say about Death.” *Fuller Magazine* 2 (2015): <http://fullermag.com/fathers-body/>
- “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*. November, 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

PRESENTATIONS

“Los horrores del trauma y las crisis de fe,” lesson two of seven-lesson workbook entitled *Los líderes de las iglesias como agentes de sanidad después del trauma*. FUSBC. Medellín, Colombia, June, 2018. Draft available at www.feydesplazamiento.org.

“Prácticas espirituales para promover la sanación del trauma,” lesson 3 of eight-lesson workbook entitled, *Concientización sobre el trauma y la recuperación para la comunidad cristiana: un currículo para personas en situación de desplazamiento*. FUSBC. Medellín, Colombia, June, 2018. Draft available at www.feydesplazamiento.org.

“El perdón,” lesson five of eight-lesson workbook entitled, *Concientización sobre el trauma y la recuperación para la comunidad cristiana: un currículo para personas en situación de desplazamiento*. FUSBC. Medellín, Colombia, June, 2018.

“La presencia de Dios en el desplazamiento,” presentation at Seminario Biblico de Colombia, Medellín, March, 2017

“Response to Fuller Integration Lecture by Steve Sandage, PhD, ‘Relational Integration and Psychotherapy: Trinity, Trauma, and Triangles,’” Fuller Integration Lectures, Pasadena, CA, Feb. 2017.

Keynote of “One Nation under God?,” George Fox University, Oct. 2016.

“Response to Bill Patzert, JPL Climatologist, at California Drought and Creation Care event,” Knox

Presbyterian Church, Pasadena, CA, Jan. 2016

“Israel as a Term of Christian Theological Art,” presentation given as guest lecturer at King’s College, London, UK, May 2016.

“Torn between Earth and Sky: National Jewish Homeland,” presentation given at conference Rethinking Exile, Center and Diaspora in Modern Jewish Culture,” Cambridge, UK, May 2016.

“The Subtlety of Peace: A New Testament Challenge to Modern State Violence,” presentation given at conference at Collegium Helveticum, Politics of Pacifism: Commandment, Ideal, Impossibility? Theological Contributions to Peace Ethics, Zürich, Switzerland, November 2015.

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

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

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

“The Colonialist Bible and the Political Rhetoric of Purity,” presentation given at the annual meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, San Diego, CA, Nov. 2014.

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

Keynote address for Level Ground Film Festival Gala, Pasadena, CA, Feb. 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.

“Response to presentation by Theo Boer, PhD, ‘Learning from the Dutch Experiment of Voluntary Euthenasia,’” Fuller Theological Seminary, Pasadena, CA, May 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.
- “Raíces históricas evangélicas de un discipulado transformador: El ejemplo de Macrina” and “Raíces históricas evangélicas de un discipulado transformador: Mi papá,” presentations given at Continuing Education gathering for the pastors of Las iglesias bautistas americanas latinas del Suroeste (IBALS), Lake Hughes, CA, May 2012.
- “Violence in the NT,” presentation given at OT/NT Colloquium, Fuller Theological Seminary, Pasadena, CA, May 2012
- “The Christian History of Race and Ethnicity,” lecture given for Peace and Justice Advocates of Fuller Theological Seminary, Pasadena, CA, April 2012
- “Vision for a North American Church in Crisis,” paper presented Church in Crisis Conference, organized by Glen Stassen at Fuller Theological Seminary, April 2012
- “¿Qué es ser iglesia? Descripción, interpretación, sugerencias,” Centro Latino of Fuller Theological Seminary, Pasadena, CA, Feb. 2012
- “Why the Organized Church is Crucial to Peace and Justice,” La Paz Peacemaking and Justice Summit, First Church of the Nazarene, Pasadena, CA, Feb. 2012
- “The Past and Present of the Bible: Narrative, History, and Christology,” presentation given at Fuller Theology Colloquium, Fuller Theological Seminary, Pasadena, CA, January 2012.
- “Response to Fuller Missiology Lecture by Daniel Carroll, PhD, ‘People on the Move,’” Fuller Theological Seminary, Pasadena, CA, November 2011.
- “El peligro del Reino de Dios: El reto de la intimidación cultural,” member presentation given at the regular meeting of La Fraternidad Teológica Latinoamericana (FTL), Pasadena, CA, June 2011.
- “La tensión en la iglesia neotestamentaria” and “La tensión en la iglesia contemporánea,” presentations given at Continuing Education gathering for the pastors of Las iglesias bautistas americanas latinas del Suroeste (IBALS), Lake Hughes, CA, May 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 the Human” (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

- Theological Consultant to Psychology Team of *Integral Missiology and the Human Flourishing of Internally Displaced Persons in Columbia* (Templeton Foundation, 2016-18)
- 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
- Peer Reviewer of *The Journal of Scriptural Reasoning*

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- Society of Biblical Literature
- Society of Christian Ethics
- American Academy of Religion
- Fraternidad Teológica Latinoamericana
- Society of Scriptural Reasoning