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EDUCATION

University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, IN, PhD in Theology, Fall 2000 – Spring 2005
Department of Theology, Program: Christianity and Judaism in Antiquity
Major Area: Hebrew Bible; Secondary Emphasis: Literary Theory (in Department of English)
Dissertation: “Reading Utopia in Chronicles.” Defended March 2, 2005
Director: James VanderKam Committee: Hindy Najman, Gregory Sterling, Eugene Ulrich

University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN, German, 6 credits, 1998-99

University of St. Thomas, St. Paul, MN, MA in Theology, 1995-97

Concentration: Hebrew Bible; Minor: Patristics
Thesis: “Zechariah 14: Subversive Apocalyptic as Second Temple Ideology”

North Central University, Minneapolis, MN, BA in Christian Studies (Interdisciplinary Degree),
summa cum laude, 1991-95

Concentrations: Biblical Studies & Cultural Studies; Minor: Biblical Languages

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

ADMINISTRATION

Academic Dean (CAO), Bethany Theological Seminary, Richmond, IN, July 2009 – Present

Bethany Chief Academic Officer, 2009 – Present

Title IX Coordinator, 2020 – Present

Higher Learning Commission Accreditation Liaison Officer, 2009 – Present

Association of Theological Schools Reaccreditation Self-Study, director and editor, Oct
2016 [received ten-year reaffirmation]

Higher Learning Commission Reaccreditation Open Pathways Assurance Report,
director and editor, Oct 2016 [received ten-year reaffirmation]; mid-point
reaffirmation, Oct 2020

Higher Learning Commission Focused Visit, director, April 2011

BETHANY COMMITTEE AND PROGRAM INVOLVEMENT

Brethren Journal Association Advisory Board

Communications Team

Curricula Review, Chair (new MASST 2019-2020; new MATW 2018-2019; Academic MA
2018-19; MDiv 2017-18; new certificates 2014, 2016, 2017, 2018; Academic MA and
MDiv 2011-13)

Educational Policies and Advisory Committee, Chair

Faculty Tenure and Promotion Committee, Chair (Kettering-Lane tenure 2016; Haitch
2013; Hornbacker 2012; Ottoni-Wilhelm 2011)

Faculty Search Committee, Chair (Theological Studies, 2020; Ministry Formation 2019;
Theological Studies 2014; Part-time Reconciliation Studies 2013; Brethren Studies
2013; Part-time Brethren Studies 2009)

Financial Aid Committee

Ministry Advisory Council for Church of the Brethren

Nigeria Task Team, Chair (2017-Present)

Search Committees (Marketing/Communications Director Sp20; BJA Office Manager F19 [chair]; Instructional Design Sum19 [chair]; Director Finance F18; Director BAML F16; Director Admissions F16; Educational Tech Sp15 [chair]; Computing Services F09, Sp12, Sum14 [chair], Sum21 [chair]; President Assistant F11; Director Communications Sp11)

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND SERVICE

ATS Chief Academic Officers Society Advisory Committee, Member, 2011-15; Vice Chair, 2012-13; Chair, 2013-14

ATS School for Peer Reviewers, Participant, January 14-15, 2019

ATS Committee on Race and Ethnicity “Cultivating Educational Capacity” Project, 2018-2021; Conference Participant, October 24-26, 2018

ATS Self-Study Workshop, Participant, September 12-13, 2013

ATS Self-Study Site Visit Team, Member

SS Cyril and Methodius Seminary, MI, October 2021

Briercrest Seminary, Canada, March 2021 [virtual via Zoom]

World Mission University, CA, March 2018

SS Cyril and Methodius Seminary, MI, March 2015, Focused Visit on Assessment, Chair

Logos Evangelical Seminary, CA, March 2014

Multnomah Biblical Seminary, OR, April 2013

Deans Colloquy on “Holding a Center,” Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion, Grant Writer and Participant, 2011-2012

Colloquy for Theological School Deans, Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion, Participant, Sum 2010 & Jan 2011

TEACHING

Professor, Bethany Theological Seminary, Richmond, IN, July 2009 – Present

Promotion to full professor, Spring 2015; Tenure, Spring 2011; Associate Professor, July 2009

B 314: Exegesis of Chronicles and Ezra-Nehemiah (F11, Sp13, F14, F16, F18, F20; with synchronous video sections)

BS 111-112: Hebrew I & II (F10, Sp11)

T 247: Science Fiction and Theology (F13, F15 online, F17, F19, F21; with synchronous video)

Chronicles, online, Brethren Academy for Ministerial Leadership, TRIM, non-degree (Sp16)

Survey of the Bible, Brethren Academy for Ministerial Leadership, TRIM, non-degree (Sp19)

Assistant Professor of Old Testament, Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, IN, Fall 2006 – Spring 2009

BIB 500: Reading the Bible (F06, F07, F08)

BIB 501: Beginning Hebrew, Ruth (Sp08, F08), and online section (Sp08, F08)

BIB 531: Psalms (Sp08)

BIB 532: Job and Wisdom Literature (Sp07, Sum08)

BIB 536: From Daniel to Jesus: Early Judaism in the Second Temple Period (Sum07, Sp09)

BIB 537: Identity & Community in Postexilic Israel: Chronicles-Ezra-Nehemiah (Interterm08)

BIB 538: Pentateuch (Interterm09)

BIB 601: Hebrew Readings, Prophets (Sp07)

BIB 653: War and Peace in the Bible (Sp09)

BIB 654: Biblical Foundations of Peace and Justice (Sp08)

BIB 669: Seminar in Biblical Studies: Methodological Approaches to Scripture (F06)

BIB 669: Seminar in Biblical Studies: The Septuagint (F08)

Adjunct Professor for the Adult College, Bethel College, Mishawaka, IN, Fall 2005 – Fall 2008

- BIBL 201: Biblical Interpretation (F05, F06, F08)
- BIBL 221: New Testament 1: Introduction to the Gospels (F05, Sp08)
- BIBL 211: Old Testament 1: Genesis – 2 Kings (Sp06, Sp07)
- BIBL 215: Old Testament Literature: Survey (F07)
- BIBL 216: New Testament Literature: Survey (F08)
- BIBL 222: New Testament 2: Acts and Paul (Sp07, Sp08)

Visiting Assistant Professor of Theology, University of Notre Dame, Fall 2005 – Sp 2006, Sp 07

- THEO 30001/50001A, B: Elementary Biblical Hebrew 1, 2 (F05, Sp06)
- THEO 10001: Foundations of Theology (2 Sections, Sp06; Sp07)

Visiting Instructor of Theology, University of Notre Dame, Fall 2003 – Sp 2004

- THEO 307/507A, B: Elementary Biblical Hebrew 1, 2

Visiting Instructor of Biblical Studies, North Central University, Fall 1999 – Summer 2000

- BIBL 445: Apocalyptic Literature (Sum00)
- HIST 311: Church History 1: Early Church to Reformation (Sum00)
- BIBL 336: Ezra-Nehemiah (F99)
- BIBL 444: General Epistles (Sum00)
- BIBL 248: History of Ancient Israel (Sp00)
- BIBL 482: Intertestamental History & Literature (F99)
- BIBL 214: Isaiah (F99)
- BIBL 335: Minor Prophets (Sum00)
- BIBL 126: Old Testament History & Literature (Sp00)
- BIBL 447: Old Testament Theology (Sp00)
- BIBL 357: Pentateuch (Sp00)
- BIBL 232: Psalms & Wisdom Literature (F99, Sp00)

PUBLICATIONS

Books

Reading Utopia in Chronicles. Library of Hebrew Bible/Old Testament Studies 442. London: T&T Clark International, 2007.

Invited Essays

“The Utopian City and Zion: The Bible and *The Matrix* Trilogy.” In *The Bible and Science Fiction*. SBL Bible and Its Reception Series, ed. K. Murphy and N. Tilford. Atlanta: SBL Press, forthcoming.

“Synthetic and Literary Readings of Chronicles, Ezra, and Nehemiah.” Pages 379-92 in *Oxford Handbook on the Historical Books of the Hebrew Bible*, ed. B. Kelle and B. Strawn. Oxford: Oxford UP, 2020.

“Exile, Empire, and Prophecy: Reframing Utopian Concerns in Chronicles.” Pages 81-104 in *Worlds that Could Not Be: Constructing Utopia in Chronicles, Ezra and Nehemiah*. Library of Hebrew Bible/Old Testament Studies 620, ed. S.J. Schweitzer and F. Uhlenbruch. London: Bloomsbury T&T Clark, 2016.

“The Concept of *Shalom* in the Book of Chronicles.” Pages 103-13 in *Struggles for Shalom: Peace and Violence across the Testaments*. Studies in Peace and Scripture series, ed. L. Brenneman and B. Schantz. Eugene, Ore.: Wipf & Stock, 2014.

- "The Genealogies of 1 Chronicles 1-9: Purposes, Forms, and the Utopian Identity of Israel." Pages 9-27 in *Chronicling the Chronicler: The Book of Chronicles and Early Second Temple Historiography*, ed. P. Evans and T. Williams. Winona Lake, Ind.: Eisenbrauns, 2013.
- "The Egyptian Goddess Ma'at and Lady Wisdom in Proverbs 1-9: Reassessing their Relationship." Pages 113-32 in vol. 1 of *A Teacher for All Generations: Essays in Honor of James C. VanderKam*. JSJS 153, 2 vols., ed. E. Mason et al. Leiden: Brill, 2012.
- "Judging a Book by its Citations: Sources and Authority in Chronicles." Pages 37-65 in *What Was Authoritative for Chronicles?*, ed. E. Ben Zvi and D. Edelman. Winona Lake, Ind.: Eisenbrauns, 2011.
- "The Temple in Samuel-Kings and Chronicles." Pages 123-38 in *Rewriting Biblical History: Essays on Chronicles and Ben Sira in Honor of Pancratius C. Beentjes*, ed. J. Corley and H. van Grol. Berlin: de Gruyter, 2011.
- "Exploring the Utopian Space of Chronicles: Some Spatial Anomalies." Pages 141-56 in *Constructions of Space I: Theory, Geography, and Narrative*. Library of Hebrew Bible/Old Testament Studies 481, ed. J. Berquist and C. Camp. London: T&T Clark, 2007.
- "Utopia and Utopian Literary Theory: Some Preliminary Observations" and "Visions of the Future as Critique of the Present: Utopian and Dystopian Images of the Future in Second Zechariah." Pages 13-26 and 249-67 in *Utopia and Dystopia in Prophetic Texts*, Publications of the Finnish Exegetical Society 92, ed. E. Ben Zvi. Helsinki: Finnish Exegetical Society, 2006.

Journal Articles

- "God Saw It Was Good [Genesis 1 sermon]." *Brethren Life and Thought*, forthcoming.
- "Covenant and Conscience: Biblical Principles for Living in Community Together." *Brethren Life and Thought* 62, no. 1 (2017): 1-21.
- "Review of Gary Knoppers, *Jews and Samaritans: The Origins and History of Their Early Relations*." *Conversations with the Biblical World* 35 (2015): 171-80.
- "A Sabbatical for the Dean: A Creative Example." *ATS Colloquy* 21, no. 1 (2012): 20-22.
- "Biblical Sexual Ethics: A Survey and Starting Points." *Brethren Life and Thought* 55, no. 1-2 (2010): 1-9.
- "A Response: In Conversation with Steven Schweitzer, *Reading Utopia in Chronicles* (LHBOTS 442; London: T&T Clark International, 2007)." *Journal of Hebrew Scriptures* 9 (2009): online.
- "Biblical perspectives on Sexuality." *Vision: A Journal for Theology and Church* 9, no.2 (2008): 13-24.
- "Response to Recent Chronicles Commentaries by Gary N. Knoppers and Steven L. McKenzie." *Journal of Hebrew Scriptures* 5 (2005): online.
- "Mythology in the Old Greek of Isaiah: The Technique of Translation." *Catholic Biblical Quarterly* 66 (2004): 214-30.
- "The High Priest in Chronicles: An Anomaly in a Detailed Description of the Temple Cult." *Biblica* 84 (2003): 388-402.
- "Deuteronomy 32 and 33 as Proto-Deuteronomic Texts." *Proceedings, Eastern Great Lakes and Midwest Biblical Societies* 22 (2002): 79-98.

Dictionary Articles

"1-2 Chronicles," "Cyrus the Great," "Sheshbazzar," "Tobiah," and "Zerubbabel." Pages 486-69, 504-506, 1225-6, 1313-4, 1359-60 in *The Eerdmans Dictionary of Early Judaism (DEJ)*, ed. J. Collins and D. Harlow. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2010.

"Bath-shua," "Bedan," "Beeliadah," "Beeshterah," "Bereaiah," and "Berechiah." Pages 410, 417, 417, 419, 433, 433 in *Volume 1: A-C of The New Interpreter's Dictionary of the Bible (NIDB)*. 5 vols. Nashville: Abingdon, 2006.

"Jude, Letter of" and "Peter, Second Letter of." Pages 255-57 and 353-54 in *The Westminster Dictionary of New Testament and Early Christian Literature and Rhetoric* by D. Aune. Louisville: Westminster John Knox, 2003.

Edited Volumes

"Covenant in the Persian Period: Panel Review Essays," *Journal of Hebrew Scriptures* 18 (2018): online [jhsonline.org].

Worlds that Could Not Be: Constructing Utopia in Chronicles, Ezra and Nehemiah. Library of Hebrew Bible/Old Testament Studies, ed. S.J. Schweitzer and F. Uhlenbruch. London: Bloomsbury T&T Clark, 2016.

In Celebration of Wisdom: Papers on Life and Meaning in Proverbs, Job, and Ecclesiastes. Elkhart, Ind.: Institute of Mennonite Studies (AMBS); Scottdale, Penn.: Herald Press, 2009.

Book Reviews

The Subversive Chronicler, by B. Son, Sheffield Phoenix, 2019, in *The Bible and Critical Theory*, forthcoming.

Science Fiction and the Imitation of the Sacred, by R. Grigg, Bloomsbury, 2018, in *Reading Religion AAR* (2018): online [readingreligion.org], forthcoming.

The Persuasive Portrayal of David and Solomon in Chronicles, by S. Ahn, Pickwick, 2018, in *Reading Religion AAR* (2018): online [readingreligion.org], forthcoming.

Leadership, Social Memory and Judean Discourse in the Fifth-Second Centuries BCE, ed. by D. Edelman and E. Ben Zvi, Equinox, 2016, in *Catholic Biblical Quarterly*, forthcoming.

Negotiating Power in Ezra-Nehemiah, by D. Laird, SBL Press, 2016, in *Catholic Biblical Quarterly*, forthcoming.

Impeccable Solomon?, by Y.H. Jeon, Wipf & Stock, 2013, in *Journal of Hebrew Scriptures* online [jhsonline.org], forthcoming.

Reading the Hebrew Bible with Animal Studies, by K. Stone, Stanford UP, 2017, in *Brethren Life and Thought* 63, no. 1 (2018): 64.

The Levites and the Boundaries of Israelite Identity, by M. Leuchter, Oxford, 2017, in *Reading Religion AAR* (2017): online [readingreligion.org].

What Does the Bible Say about Suffering?, by B. Gregg, IVP Academic, 2016, in *Brethren Life and Thought* 62, no. 2 (2017-18): 87-88.

The Joseph of Genesis as Hellenistic Scientist, by L. Jovanovic, Sheffield Phoenix, 2013, in *Catholic Biblical Quarterly* 79 (2017): 506-508.

- The Sin of Certainty*, by P. Enns, HarperCollins, 2016, in *Brethren Life and Thought* 62, no. 1 (2017): 95-96.
- 1-2 Chronicles*, by M. Boda, Cornerstone, Tyndale, 2012, in *Brethren Life and Thought* 62, no. 1 (2017): 96-97.
- Biblical Truths: The Meaning of Scripture in the Twenty-first Century*, by D. Martin, Yale UP, 2017 in *Reading Religion AAR* (2017): online [readingreligion.org].
- Patterns of Sin in the Hebrew Bible*, by J. Lam, Oxford UP, 2016, in *Reading Religion AAR* (2017): online [readingreligion.org].
- Friendship in the Hebrew Bible*, S. Olyan, Yale UP, 2017, in *Reading Religion AAR* (2017): online [readingreligion.org].
- Early Church Understandings of Jesus as the Female Divine*, by S. Douglas, Bloomsbury, 2016, in *Reading Religion AAR* (2017): online [readingreligion.org].
- Reading the Sealed Book*, by J.R. Wagner, Mohr Siebeck, 2014, in *Catholic Biblical Quarterly* 79 (2017): 131-33.
- Revelation 21-22 in Light of Jewish and Greco-Roman Utopianism*, E. Gilchrest, Brill, 2013, in *Brethren Life and Thought* 61, no. 2 (2016): 66-67.
- Holy War in the Bible*, ed. H. Thomas, J. Evans, and P. Copan, InterVarsity, 2013, in *Brethren Life and Thought* 61, no. 2 (2016): 65-66.
- Dictionary of the Old Testament: Prophets*, ed. M. Boda and J. G. McConville, InterVarsity, 2012, in *Brethren Life and Thought* 59, no. 1 (2014): 89-90.
- The Violence of Scripture*, by E. Seibert, Fortress, 2012, in *Brethren Life and Thought* 58, no. 2 (2013): 71-72.
- 2 Chronicles*, by R. Klein, Hermeneia, Fortress, 2012, in *Journal of Hebrew Scriptures* 13 (2013): online [jhsonline.org].
- Bible Trouble: Queer Reading at the Boundaries of Biblical Scholarship*, ed. by T. Hornsby and K. Stone, SBL, 2011, in *Journal of Hebrew Scriptures* 12 (2012): online [jhsonline.org].
- New Perspectives on Ezra-Nehemiah*, ed. by I. Kalimi, Eisenbrauns, 2012, in *Journal of Hebrew Scriptures* 12 (2012): online [jhsonline.org].
- Mixed Marriages: Intermarriage and Group Identity in the Second Temple Period*, ed. by C. Frevel, T&T Clark, 2011, in *Journal of Hebrew Scriptures* 12 (2012): online [jhsonline.org].
- Peak Performance for Deans and Chairs*, by S. Roper and T. Deal, Rowman & Littlefield, 2010, in *Teaching Theology and Religion* 15, no. 3 (2012): 299-300.
- Old Testament Theology: A Thematic Approach*, by R. Routledge, InterVarsity, 2008, in *Brethren Life and Thought* 56, no. 2 (2011): 80.
- Social Distinctives of the Christians in the First Century*, by E. Judge, Hendrickson, 2008, in *Brethren Life and Thought* 56, no. 2 (2011): 79-80.
- The Old Testament: A Very Short Introduction*, by M. Coogan, Oxford, 2008, in *Brethren Life and Thought* 56, no. 2 (2011): 78-79.
- Ezekiel*, Abingdon OT Commentaries, by N. Bowen, Abingdon, 2010, in *Brethren Life and Thought* 56, no. 1 (2011): 78-79.

- To Delight and Instruct: Celebrating Ten Years of Pedagogy (10, no.1, Winter 2010)* in *Teaching Theology and Religion* 15, no. 2 (2012): 204-205.
- Community Identity in Judean Historiography*, ed. by G. Knoppers and K. Ristau, Eisenbrauns, 2009, in *Journal of Hebrew Scriptures* 11 (2011): online [jhsonline.org].
- Disturbing Divine Behavior: Troubling Old Testament Images of God*, by E. Seibert, Fortress, 2009, in *Brethren Life and Thought* 55, no. 1-2 (2010): 79-80.
- Scripture, Culture, and Agriculture*, by E. Davis, Cambridge UP, 2009, in *Journal of Hebrew Scriptures* 11 (2011): online [jhsonline.org].
- Untamable Texts: Literary Studies and Narrative Theory in the Books of Samuel*, by G. Andersson, T&T Clark, 2009, in *Journal of Hebrew Scriptures* 10 (2010): online [jhsonline.org].
- Qumran Studies: New Approaches, New Questions*, ed. by M. Davis and B. Strawn, Eerdmans, 2007, in *Horizons in Biblical Theology* 32 (2010): 228-30.
- The Witness of the Hebrew Bible for a New Testament Church*, ed. by C. Bucher, D. Leiter, and F. Ramirez, Brethren Press, 2010, in *Brethren Life and Thought* 54, no. 4 (2009): 50-53.
- Neglected Voices: Peace in the Old Testament*, by D. Leiter, Herald, 2007, in *Brethren Life and Thought* 54, no. 4 (2009): 53-54.
- Political Myth: On the Use and Abuse of Biblical Themes*, by R. Boer, Duke UP, 2009, in *Journal of Hebrew Scriptures* 10 (2010): online [jhsonline.org].
- Using Scripture in a Global Age*, by C. Kraus, Scottsdale: Herald, 2006, in *Brethren Life and Thought* 53, no. 1 (2008): 50-51.
- The Gospel according to John*, by A. Lincoln, London: Continuum, 2005, in *Brethren Life and Thought* 53, no. 1 (2008): 51-52.
- Making Wise the Simple*, by J. van Wijk-Bos, Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2005, in *Conrad Grebel Review*, 26, no. 3 (2008): 105-07.
- Competing for Honor: A Social-Scientific Reading of Daniel 1-6*, by S. Kirkpatrick, Leiden: Brill, 2005, in *Biblical Interpretation* 16 (2008): 88-89.
- The Levitical Authorship of Ezra-Nehemiah*, by K-j. Min, London: T&T Clark, 2004, in *Biblica* 88 (2007): 431-34.
- Reading Ritual: Leviticus in Postmodern Culture*, by W. Bergen, London: T&T Clark, 2005, in *Mennonite Quarterly Review* 81 (2007): 459-60.
- Encounters with Biblical Theology*, by J. Collins, Minneapolis: Fortress, 2005, in *Word and World* 27 (2007): 348-49.
- Dictionary of the Old Testament: Historical Books*, ed. by B. Arnold and H. Williamson, Downers Grove, Ill.: InterVarsity, 2005, in *Catholic Biblical Quarterly* 69 (2007): 107-08.
- Ezra the Scribe: The Development of Ezra 7-10 and Nehemia 8*, by J. Pakkala, BZAW 347, Berlin: de Gruyter, 2004, in *Biblica* 87 (2006): 294-97.

CONFERENCE PAPERS

- “Utopian Studies and the Hebrew Bible: Past, Present, and Future [tentative title].” Utopian Studies Consultation, national annual meeting of the SBL, San Antonio, Nov, 2021.
- “Status Quo or Social Critique?: Women and Gender in the Chronicler’s Utopian Society.” Chronicles-Ezra-Nehemiah Section, national annual meeting of the SBL, San Antonio, Nov 20, 2016.
- “The Use of the Book of Chronicles in the New Testament: Citation, Allusion, Themes.” Chicago Society of Biblical Research meeting, Judson University, Elgin, IL, April 9, 2016.
- “Teaching Science Fiction and Theology: Reflections and Possibilities.” Science Fiction and the Bible Group, European Association of Biblical Studies at the International meeting of the SBL, Vienna, July 9, 2014.
- “After Exile, Under Empire: Utopian Concerns in Chronicles.” Chronicles and Utopia Group, European Association of Biblical Studies at the International meeting of the SBL, Vienna, July 8, 2014.
- “The Chronicler’s Prophetic Utopia: Continuity, Innovation, and Authority.” Chronicles-Ezra-Nehemiah Section, national annual meeting of the SBL, Baltimore, Nov 24, 2013.
- “The High Priest in Ezra-Nehemiah.” Chronicles-Ezra-Nehemiah Section/Literature and History of the Persian Period Section, national annual meeting of the SBL, Chicago, Nov 19, 2012.
- “Reading Utopia in Ezra-Nehemiah.” Chronicles-Ezra-Nehemiah Section/Hebrew Bible and Political Theory Section, national annual meeting of the SBL, Atlanta, Nov 22, 2010.
- “Missional Theology and the Allelon Missional Schools Project.” Presentation at Shenk Mission Lectureship, AMBS, Elkhart, Dec 1, 2007.
- “The Utopian Identity of Israel: The Chronicler’s Genealogies as Social Critique.” Chronicles-Ezra-Nehemiah Section, national annual meeting of the SBL, San Antonio, Nov 22, 2004.
- “Exploring the Utopian Space of Chronicles: Some Spatial Anomalies.” Hermeneutics: Modernity and Beyond Task Force, national annual meeting of the CBA, San Francisco, Aug 3, 2003.
- “Deuteronomy 32 and 33 as Proto-Deuteronomistic Texts.” Pentateuch Section, national annual meeting of the SBL, Toronto, Nov 25, 2002.
- “The Presentation and Function of the High Priest in Chronicles: An Anomaly in a Detailed Description of the Temple Cult.” Chronicles-Ezra-Nehemiah Section, national annual meeting of the SBL, Toronto, Nov 24, 2002.
- “Deuteronomy 32 and 33 as Proto-Deuteronomistic Texts.” Hebrew Bible Section, annual meeting of the Midwest Region of the SBL, Chicago, Feb 23, 2002.
- “Reading Chronicles as Utopian Historiography: Continuity and Innovation in Service of the Cult.” Chronicles-Ezra-Nehemiah Section, national annual meeting of the SBL, Denver, Nov 18, 2001.
- “The ‘Gods’, Children of the Most High (Psalms 58 & 82).” Hebrew Bible/Old Testament Section, annual meeting of the Upper Midwest Region of the SBL, St. Paul, Apr 9, 1999.
- “Zechariah 14: Subversive Apocalyptic as Second Temple Ideology.” Hebrew Bible/Old Testament Section, annual meeting of the Upper Midwest Region of the SBL, St. Paul, Apr 17, 1998.
- “Imagination and Emancipation in the Song of Deborah: New Meaning for Old Problems.” Hebrew Bible/Old Testament Section, annual meeting of the Upper Midwest Region of the SBL, St. Paul, Apr 12, 1996.

INVITED RESPONSES AND PANELS

Invited panel on review of G. Knoppers, *Jews and Samaritans*, annual meeting of the Midwest Region of the SBL, Olivet Nazarene University, Feb 7, 2015.

Invited panelist on review of my book, *Reading Utopia in Chronicles*, Chronicles-Ezra-Nehemiah Section, national annual meeting of the SBL, San Diego, Nov 17, 2007.

Invited panelist, review Chronicles commentaries by G. Knoppers and S. McKenzie, Chronicles-Ezra-Nehemiah Section, national annual meeting of the SBL, Philadelphia, Nov 20, 2005.

HONORS/AWARDS

Engaging Pastors Course Revision Grant (BIB 536), AMBS, Sum 2007, Sp 2009

Faculty Scholarship and Development Grant, AMBS, 2007-08

Catholic Biblical Association Memorial Stipend, 2004-05

Summer Dissertation Stipend Award, University of Notre Dame, 2003, 04

Candidacy Exams Passed with High Honors, University of Notre Dame, 2002

Department of Theology Travel Grant, University of Notre Dame, 2001, 02, 03, 04

Lay Scholarship, University of St. Thomas, 1995-97

Outstanding First-Year Hebrew Student, North Central University, 1994

Silver and Gold Honor Society, North Central University, 1992-95

Presidential Scholarship, North Central University, 1991-95

LANGUAGES

Ancient: Aramaic, Greek, Hebrew, Ugaritic

Modern, reading: French, German, Spanish

AFFILIATIONS

Catholic Biblical Association, 2002 – Present

Society of Biblical Literature, 1996 – Present

SERVICE

ACADEMIC

Chronicles-Ezra-Nehemiah Section, Society of Biblical Literature: Co-Chair, 2011-16; Steering Committee Member, 2011-Present

Bethany MA Thesis, First Reader: Travis Hartman [Open Theism in Exodus] 2021-22; Shaun Rufener [Son of God in Ancient Contexts] 2018-19; Jon Zinnel [Inerrancy and Inspiration] 2018-19; Brody Rike [Sin and Repentance in Bible] 2017-18; Kristy Shellenberger [Song of Songs: Intertextuality] 2015-16; Matt Boersma [Sexuality in Song of Songs] 2010-11; Lindsey Frye [Sophia in Biblical Traditions] 2010-11

Dissertation Committee, McMaster Divinity College, Brendan Youngberg [Josiah's Death in Chronicles and Cultural Trauma], External Reviewer, Spring 2019

Dissertation Committee, Andrews University, Jewel Gingerich Longenecker [Teaching Bible in Congregation], External Reviewer, Spring 2014

Abstractor, *Old Testament Abstracts*, 1996 – Present

Anonymous Reviewer, *Journal of Biblical Literature*, 2010 – Present

Anonymous Reviewer, *Journal of Hebrew Scriptures*, 2015 – Present

Anonymous Reviewer, *Utopian Studies*, 2020 – Present

Anonymous Reviewer, *Vetus Testamentum*, 2015 – Present

CHURCH MINISTRY: DENOMINATIONAL AND CONGREGATIONAL

Church of the Brethren, Fall 2009-Present

Writer, Shine Curriculum, "God Restores the People," for Fall Quarter 2016

Writer, Gather Round Curriculum, "Joshua, Judges, Samuel, Kings," for Fall Quarter 2012

Standing Committee Vision Committee, member, Sp10-Sum11

Cedar Grove Church of the Brethren, New Paris, OH, Spring 2010 – Present

Junior High/Senior High Sunday School Co-Teacher, F10-Sp12

Adult Sunday School Teacher, F12, Sp14, F16-Sp17, F17-Sp18, F18-Sp19, F19-Sp20

Prince of Peace Church of the Brethren, South Bend, IN, Fall 2000 – Spring 2009

Youth Sunday School Teacher, F08

Delegate to Annual Conference, Sum07

Adult Sunday School Teacher, F02 – F05, F06 – F07

Co-Leader of Youth Group, Sum02 – F04

Co-Sponsor for Youth Trip to National Youth Conference, Sum02

Co-Leader of Youth Workcamp Trips, Sum03 (Inner City Philadelphia), Sum04 (Rural North Carolina)

Guest Preacher, 2003-08, 4-5 times per year

PRESENTATIONS, WORKSHOPS, SERMONS (since Fall 2009)

Church of the Brethren Virgina District Ministers Retreat, Franklin County, VA

Presentation, "Science Fiction and Theology: Connections with Culture," Oct 15-16, 2021

Church of the Brethren Annual Conference, Virtual [via Zoom]

Insight Session, "Theology at Series End: Helping Congregations Talk about Science Fiction and Theology," July 1, 2021 [via Zoom]

Canton Church of the Brethren, Canton, IL [via Zoom]

Sermon, "The Undiscovered Country [Isaiah 61 and Luke 4]," March 14, 2021

Church of the Brethren Missouri/Arkansas District Continuing Education, MO [via Zoom]

Presentation, "Science Fiction and Theology: Connections with Culture," March 5-6, 2021

SVMC Continuing Education, SVMC, Juniata College [via Zoom]

Presentation, "Science Fiction and Theology: Connections with Culture," Nov 11, 2020

Church of the Brethren Pacific Southwest District Ministers Retreat, Insight Session [via Zoom]

Presentation, "Black Panther as Metaphor," Nov 9, 2020

Bethany Theological Seminary Chapel [via Zoom]

Sermon, "Fasting, Feasts, and Faith [Isaiah 58] (Fall Faculty Series)," Oct 7, 2020

Church of the Brethren Northern Indiana District Pre-Conference Ministers Event, Columbia City, IN [via Zoom]

Presentation, "The Sermon on the Mount: Jesus and the Old Testament," Sept 18, 2020

Elizabethtown Church of the Brethren Jr High Sunday School, Elizabethtown, PA [via Zoom]

Presentation, "Star Wars and Theology," August 16, 2020

Prince of Peace Church of the Brethren, South Bend, IN [via Zoom]

Sermon, "The Undiscovered Country [Isaiah 61 and Luke 4]," July 12, 2020

Church of the Brethren Ministry Summer Service, Elgin, IL [via Zoom]

Workshop, "Theology," June 22, 2020

Bethany Theological Seminary Chapel

Sermon, "What Would Wakanda Do? The Truth We Omit [*Black Panther*; Isaiah 1:11-17]," Feb 12, 2020

New Carlisle Church of the Brethren Continuing Education, New Carlisle, OH

Presentation, "Science Fiction and Theology: Take 2!," Jan 24-25, 2020

University Baptist and Brethren Church, State College, PA

Sermon, "The Undiscovered Country [Isaiah 61 and Luke 4]," and **Presentation**, "Alternatives to Fighting in Science Fiction," Nov 10, 2019

SVMC Continuing Education, SVMC, Juniata College

Presentation, "Science Fiction and Theology: Connections with Culture," Nov 9, 2019

Juniata Christian Fellowship, Juniata College, Huntingdon, PA

Presentation, "Science Fiction and Theology: Connections with Culture," Nov 8, 2019

Indian Creek Church of the Brethren, Harleysville, PA

Presentation, "Black Panther as Metaphor," Nov 6, 2019

East Fairview Church of the Brethren, Manheim, PA

Sermon, "Centered on Christ, Based on the Bible," Aug 25, 2019

Church of the Brethren Western Plains District Conference, McPherson, KS

Presentation, "Bethany's Educational Partnership with EYN," (Missions Dinner) and "The Kingdom of God," (Sunday School), July 27-28, 2019

Church of the Brethren Annual Conference, Greensboro, NC

Insight Sessions, "Black Panther as Metaphor," "Alternatives to Fighting in Science Fiction," and "Faith and Science: Genesis," July 4-7, 2019

Church of the Brethren National Junior High Conference, Elizabethtown, PA

Workshop, "Science Fiction and Theology," June 15, 2019

Church of the Brethren Ministry Summer Service, Elgin, IL

Workshop, "Biblical Study and Theology," June 1, 2019

Miami Haitian Church of the Brethren, Miami, FL

Sermon, "Family of Faith," March 3, 2019

New Carlisle Church of the Brethren Continuing Education, New Carlisle, OH

Presentation, "Science Fiction and Theology: Connections with Culture," Feb 22-23, 2019

Bethany Theological Seminary Chapel

Sermon, "God Saw It Was Good [Genesis 1] (Faculty Sermon Series)," Nov 14, 2018

Stone Church of the Brethren, Huntingdon, PA

Sermon, "Thinking and Serving like Jesus [Philippians 2:5-11]," Nov 4, 2018

SVMC 25th Anniversary Celebration, Chambersburg Church of the Brethren, Chambersburg, PA

Sermon, "Rooted and Growing Together in Christ [Colossians 1:9-20]," Nov 3, 2018

Church of the Brethren National Youth Conference, Fort Collins, CO

Workshops, "Doctor Who and Theology," and "Star Wars and Theology," July 22-25, 2018

Church of the Brethren Annual Conference, Cincinnati, OH

Insight Session, "Doctor Who and Theology: Connecting with Culture through Science Fiction," July 7, 2018

Immerse! Junior High Camp, Bethany Theological Seminary

Workshop, "Science Fiction and Theology," June 23, 2018

- Chief Academic Officers Society of ATS, Annual Meeting, Denver, CO
Presentation, “The Role of the Dean in Supporting New Endeavors: Our Success with Synchronous Video,” June 19, 2018
- Church of the Brethren Ministry Summer Service, Elgin, IL
Workshop, “Biblical Study and Theology,” June 2, 2018
- Church of the Brethren New and Renew Church Planting Conference, Bethany Theological Seminary
Bible Study, “Risk and Reward,” May 18, 2018
- Church of the Brethren Council of District Executives Meeting, Bethany Theological Seminary
Presentation, “Covenant and Conscience,” April 12, 2018
- Forum, First Friends Meeting, Richmond, IN
Presentation, “Science Fiction and Theology,” March 25, 2018
- Church of the Brethren Southern Ohio District Meeting, Clayton, OH
Presentation, “Covenant and Conscience,” March 17, 2018
- Church of the Brethren Western Plains District Pastors Retreat, Great Bend, KS
Presentation, “The Book of Chronicles and the Church,” Feb 26-27, 2018
- Annual Bible Study Series, First Mennonite and Bethel Mennonite Churches, Mt. Lake, MN
Presentations and Sermon, “Chronicles and the Church,” Jan 19-22, 2018
- Bethany Theological Seminary Chapel
Sermon, “The Undiscovered Country [Isaiah 61] (Faculty Sermon Series),” Sept 27, 2017
- West Charleston Church of the Brethren, West Charleston, OH
Sermon, “Chronicles, Community, Continuity, and Change,” Sept 10, 2017
- Good Shepherd Church of the Brethren, Tipp City, OH
Sermon, “Family of Faith,” Aug 27, 2017
- Prince of Peace Church of the Brethren, South Bend, IN
Sermon, “Family of Faith [Hendricks retirement service],” Aug 13, 2017
- Church of the Brethren Annual Conference, Grand Rapids, MI
Insight Session, “Science Fiction and Theology: Connecting with Culture,” June 30, 2017
- Church of the Brethren Ministry Summer Service, Elgin, IL
Workshop, “Biblical Study and Theology,” June 3, 2017
- McPherson College Ventures Program, Western Plains District, Church of the Brethren
Presentation (webcast), “The Book of Chronicles and the Church,” April 8, 2017
- Forum, First Friends Meeting, Richmond, IN
Presentation, “Canon Formation,” Jan 8, 2017
- Oak Grove Church of the Brethren, Roanoke, VA
Presentations and Sermon, “The Book of Chronicles and the Church,” and “Theology of Star Wars,” Sept 9-11, 2016
- Church of the Brethren Song and Story Fest, Camp Blue Diamond, PA
Workshop, “Science Fiction and Theology,” July 8, 2016
- Church of the Brethren Annual Conference, Greensboro, NC
Bible Studies, “Light in Scripture,” June 30, July 1, July 2, 2016
- Church of the Brethren Ministry Summer Service, Elgin, IL
Workshop, “Biblical Study and Theology,” June 4, 2016
- New Church Planting Conference, Bethany Theological Seminary
Bible Study, “Hope, Imagination, Mission,” May 20, 2016

- Palmyra Church of the Brethren, Palmyra, PA
Presentation and Sermon, "Covenant and Conscience," April 30-May 1, 2016
- SVMC Continuing Education, SVMC, Elizabethtown College
Presentation, "The Book of Chronicles and the Church," April 27, 2016
- Elizabethtown Church of the Brethren, Elizabethtown, PA
Sermon, "Covenant and Conscience," April 24, 2016
- Bethany Theological Seminary Chapel
Sermon, "Call the Sabbath a Delight: The Prophet Isaiah on Sabbath (Faculty Sermon Series)," Nov 11, 2015
- Academic Symposium on the NT Models of Ministry, SVMC, Juniata College
Response to Daniel Ulrich presentation, Nov 8-9, 2015
- Church of the Brethren Illinois/Wisconsin District, Continuing Education, Peoria, IL
Presentation, "The Book of Chronicles and the Church," Nov 5-6, 2015
- Bethany Theological Seminary Promotion Lecture
Presentation, "Community Formation in Ezra-Nehemiah," Oct 24, 2015
- Church of the Brethren Middle Pennsylvania District, Continuing Education, Martinsburg, PA
Presentation, "The Kingdom of God: A Theology for Living as God's People," Oct 8-10, 2015
- Church of the Brethren South/Central Indiana District, Continuing Education, Manchester CoB
Presentation, "Covenant and Conscience," Sept 18, 2015
- Church of the Brethren Michigan District, Continuing Education, Camp Brethren Heights
Insight Sessions, "Covenant and Conscience," Aug 15-16, 2015
- Happy Corner Church of the Brethren, Clayton, OH
Sermon, "Faith Journey," July 19, 2015
- Church of the Brethren Annual Conference, Tampa, FL
Insight Session, "Centrality of Scripture for Ministers," July 12, 2015
Insight Session, "Educating in Place," with Jeff Carter, July 13 2015
Insight Session, "Bible and Culture through 60 Years of *BL&T*," July 13, 2015
Bible Studies, "Covenant and Conscience," July 13-14, 2015
- Church of the Brethren National Junior High Conference, Elizabethtown, PA
Workshop, "Jedi, Starfleet, and Time Lords: God and Science Fiction," June 19, 2015
Sermon, "A Different Point of View: Seeing with God's Filter," June 19, 2015
- Church of the Brethren Ministry Summer Service, Elgin, IL
Workshop, "Biblical Study and Theology," May 29, 2015
- Leadership Council for Church of the Brethren, Frederick, MD
Workshops, "Biblical Models of Leadership," May 14-16, 2015
- Forum, First Friends Meeting, Richmond, IN
Presentation, "Prophets," April 26, 2015
- Bethany Theological Seminary IYYA Young Adult Forum
Presentation TED Talk, "Scripture and the New Anabaptism," April 18, 2015
- Chief Academic Officers Society of ATS, Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL
Speaker, "Luncheon Ferwerino for New Deans," March 19, 2015
- Church of the Brethren Council of District Executives Meeting, Florida
Presentation, "Covenant and Conscience: Biblical Models," Jan 16-17, 2015
- Forum, First Friends Meeting, Richmond, IN
Presentation, "Nehemiah," Nov 23, 2014

Academic Symposium on the Book of Job and Brethren Tradition, SVMC, Elizabethtown College

Presentation, "Job and the Limits of Knowledge," Nov 5, 2014

Bethany Theological Seminary Chapel

Sermon, "It's Just a List of Names, Right?: Genealogies do not mean what you think they mean (Faculty Sermon Series)," Oct 29, 2014

Prince of Peace Church of the Brethren, South Bend, IN

Sermon, "Ghosts, Storms, and Faith [Matthew 14:22-33]," Aug 10, 2014

Christian Growth Institute, Practice of Ministry Day, Church of the Brethren Virgina/Shenadoah

Presentation, "Chronicles," Aug 2, 2014

Church of the Brethren Annual Conference, Columbus, OH

Insight Session, "Courageous Witness in the Bible: Proclamation and Presence," with Daniel Ulrich, July 3, 2014

Church of the Brethren Ministry Summer Service, Elgin, IL

Workshop, "Biblical Study and Theology," May 31, 2014

Forum, First Friends Meeting, Richmond, IN

Presentation, "Ezra," May 4, 2014

Church of the Brethren Northern Plains District, Continuing Education, Camp Pine Lake, Iowa

Presentation, "Chronicles," April 27-29, 2014

Living Stream Church of the Brethren, online

Interview, "Science Fiction and Theology," Jan 12, 2014

Church of the Brethren Southern Ohio District

Congregational Bible Studies, "The Kingdom of God," with Daniel Ulrich, Oct and Nov 2013

Bethany Theological Seminary Chapel

Sermon, "One Council, One Letter, Many Questions (Faculty Sermon Series)," Sept 25, 2013

Church of the Brethren Michigan District Conference, Camp Brethren Heights

Bible Studies, "The Sermon on the Mount: Jesus and the Old Testament," Aug 17, 2013

Song and Story Fest, Camp Myrtlewood, OR

Workshop, "Science Fiction and Theology," July 26, 2013

West York Church of the Brethren, West York, PA

Sermon, "Setting Our Hearts to Seek God [2 Chronicles 30]," July 7, 2013

Church of the Brethren Annual Conference, Charlotte, NC

Insight Session, "Education for the Future: Bethany's New Curriculum," July 1, 2013

Insight Session, "Symbolism of the Holy Spirit in the Bible," with Daniel Ulrich, July 1, 2013

Bethany Theological Seminary Chapel

Sermon, "A Silent God, A Singing God (Faculty Sermon Series)," Oct 24, 2012

Church of the Brethren Southern Ohio District

Bible Study, "The Kingdom of God," with Daniel Ulrich, Oct 19, 2012

Church of the Brethren Ministry Summer Service, Elgin, IL

Workshop, "Biblical Study and Theology," June 2, 2012

Brethren Academy SPE-AFCL-DE Group, Richmond, IN

Presentation/Discussion, "Biblical Leadership," April 26, 2012

Cedar Grove Church of the Brethren

Sermon, "The Kingdom of God," Oct 14, 2012

Sermon, "Covenant (OT context)," with Pastor Tony Price, Feb 26, 2012

Church of the Brethren Michigan District

Presentation, "Ministerial Leadership Paper Draft," Feb 21, 2012

Church of the Brethren South/Central Indiana District

Presentation, "Ministerial Leadership Paper Draft," Feb 19, 2012

Cedar Grove Church of the Brethren

Sermon, "A Child Born to Us, Immanuel: An Unexpected Messiah (Isaiah 9)," Dec 4, 2011

Bethany Theological Seminary Chapel

Sermon, "Context is Everything (Faith and Culture Series)," Sept 28, 2011

Church of the Brethren Annual Conference, Grand Rapids, MI

Insight Session, panelist, "Ways of Reading Scripture," July 3, 2011

Christian Growth Institute, Practice of Ministry Day, Church of the Brethren Virlina/Shenadoah

Presentation, "The Sermon on the Mount: Jesus and the Old Testament," June 4, 2011

Brethren Academy SPE-AFCL-DE Group, Richmond, IN

Presentation/Discussion, "Biblical Leadership," March 1, 2011

Bethany Theological Seminary Chapel

Sermon, "Prayer and Peace, Seeking God and Shalom (Philippians 4:1-10)," Dec 1, 2010

Bethany Theological Seminary/Brethren Academy

Webcast, "The Chronicler," October 26, 2010

Church of the Brethren Annual Conference, Pittsburgh, PA

Luncheon Speaker, "Chronicles and Doing Theology Together," July 6, 2010

Bible Study, "Vision Committee," July 5, 2010

Insight Session, panelist, "Incarnational Education," July 4, 2010

Church of the Brethren Ministry Summer Service, Elgin, IL

Workshop, "Biblical Study and Theology," June 8, 2010

Bethany Theological Seminary Presidential Forum

Presentation, "The Stranger in the Old Testament," April 9, 2010

Bethany Theological Seminary Opening Convocation

Sermon, "Doing Theology Together (2 Chronicles 30)," Aug 27, 2009

SEMINARY, PUBLIC, AND DENOMINATIONAL PUBLICATIONS (since Fall 2009)

- "Boldly Go! [*Star Trek* and the Church's mission]" Southern Ohio and Kentucky District's *Together* Insert in *Messenger*, May 2021.
- "The Faithful Frontier: Connecting Theology and Culture through Science Fiction," *Messenger* 168, no. 4 (May 2019): 5-9.
- "Choice, Context, and Creativity for the Classroom," *Wonder & Word* 14, no. 1 (Fall 2019): 3-6.
- "God Sings Over Me: Zephaniah 3:14-20," *Oak Grove Church of the Brethren Advent Devotional* 2017.
- "Up on a rooftop: The Bible and interpretation," *Messenger* 166, no. 2 (Mar 2017): 6-8.
- "From Cyrus to Cyborgs," *Wonder & Word* 10, no. 2 (Fall 2014): 16-17.
- "Devotional on Luke 2:22-40: Seeing Beyond the Ordinary," *Palladium-Item* Feb 1, 2014.
- "Celebrating a New Curriculum," *Wonder & Word* 9, no. 1 (Spring 2013): 2-4.
- "The Kingdom of God, Risk, and Suffering," Southern Ohio District Devotional, Sept 2012.
- "Proclaiming the Kingdom of God," Southern Ohio District Devotional, July 2012.
- "Kingdom of God: Prophetic Vision," Southern Ohio District Devotional, Apr 2012.
- "Kingdom of God: The Story from Chronicles," Southern Ohio District Devotional, Mar 2012.
- "Priestly Kingdom and Holy Nation," Southern Ohio District Devotional, Feb 2012.
- "Incarnational Education," *Wonder & Word* 6, no. 1 (Spring 2011): 10-11.
- "Dimensions of the Stranger in the Old Testament," *Wonder & Word* 5, no. 1 (Spring 2010): 2.
- "Ministry Together: Reflections on Acts 20:17-38," *Wonder & Word* 4, no. 2 (Fall 2010): 8-9.
- "Reading Utopia in Chronicles: A Conversation," *Wonder & Word* 4, no. 2 (Fall 2010): 18-19.