

CURRICULUM VITÆ

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EDUCATION

St Mary's College, University of St Andrews, Scotland, 2001 – 2007*

Doctor of Philosophy, Old Testament

Thesis: "A New Glimpse of Day One: An Intertextual History of Genesis 1.1-5 in Hebrew and Greek texts up to 200 CE"

Thesis Supervisor: Prof. James R. Davila, Professor of Early Jewish Studies

Wartburg Theological Seminary, Dubuque, Iowa, 1993-1997

Master of Divinity

Thesis: "The Midrash of James: A Study of the Connections between Leviticus 19 and the Epistle of James," accepted with High Honors

Thesis Supervisor: Dr. Gwen Sayler, Professor of Bible

Concordia College, Moorhead, Minnesota, 1989-1993

Bachelor of Arts, *Cum Laude*, Political Science, minors in Russian and Greek

ACADEMIC / RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Professor of Biblical Interpretation, Wartburg Theological Seminary, 2022-present

Professor of Homiletics and Biblical Interpretation, Wartburg Theological Seminary, 2019-2022

Associate Professor of Homiletics and Biblical Interpretation, Wartburg Theological Seminary, 2012-2019

Assistant Professor of Homiletics, Wartburg Theological Seminary, 2006 - 2012

Adjunct Instructor, Department of Religion, Concordia College, Fall 2004 – Spring 2006

Instructor, Fargo-Moorhead Community, February 2005-2006

Instructor, Wartburg Theological Seminary, Biblical Greek, Summer Sessions 2003-2004.

Tutor, St Mary's College, University of St Andrews, Old Testament II, Spring Semester 2003

Tutor, St Mary's College, University of St Andrews, Hebrew 2, Fall Semester 2002

Research Assistant, Prof. Richard Baukham and Dr. James R. Davila, "More Old Testament Pseudepigrapha" Project, 2002-2003

Tutor, St Mary's College, University of St Andrews, Old Testament I, Fall Semester 2001

Research Assistant, Dr. Winston D. Persaud, Wartburg Theological Seminary, 1996-1997

Research Assistant, Dr. Ralph W. Quere, Wartburg Theological Seminary, 1994-1995

*The PhD work was completed in full in 2006, with formal conferral in June 2007.

TEACHING AND RESEARCH INTERESTS

Teaching: Old Testament; Biblical Theology & Hermeneutics; Pseudepigrapha; Contemporary, Public Witness to Jesus Christ; Greek; Bible & Film.

Research: Faith and Imagination; Bible, Post-Truth, and Nationalism; Bible and Film; Biblical Hermeneutics; Old Testament as Christian Scripture; History of Biblical Interpretation; Biblical Theology.

COURSES TAUGHT AT WARTBURG THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

Hebrew Bible 1 - Torah (w/ faculty colleague)

Hebrew Bible 2 - Prophets and Writings (w/ faculty colleague)

The introduction to the Old Testament / Hebrew Bible spans two consecutive semesters with an emphasis on critical and faithful engagement with the biblical text interpreted in context: historical, inter-cultural, and theological. Attention is given to developing sound exegetical practices. HB1 focuses on the Torah/Pentateuch. HB2 focuses on Prophets and Writings.

Creation & Redemption in the Old Testament

This final year HB/OT seminar course is a thematic theological exploration Old Testament texts that narrate/ address creation and redemption, with particular attention to what these texts individually and together communicate about who God is and what God does as well what the way about the individual, the cosmos, and lots of stuff in between.

Old Testament and Rule of Faith

This final year HB/OT seminar is a biblical-theological exploration of key OT texts and contemporary OT theologies as they relate to – whether with consonance or dissonance — the Rule of Faith (i.e., the Triune confession of God).

Apocalyptic Imagination

The title of this final year NT seminar, borrowed from John J. Collins' book of the same name, explores apocalyptic literature, biblical and extra-biblical, within an imagination of faith while taking seriously historical origins and contemporary interpretive challenges.

Reading the Old Testament in the New Testament

This final year NT seminar explores the use of Old Testament texts by New Testament authors with an eye towards interpretative and theological questions that emerge in and around these intertestamental bridges.

Introduction to Biblical Greek

Basic instruction in Koine Greek - grammar, vocabulary, and syntax - with the goal of empowering students to use Greek in their preaching and teaching.

Readings in Biblical Theology

A one hour elective centered around collective reading and critical and collaborative discussion of both classic and cutting edge texts in biblical theology.

Bible, Church, and Film

Using film as “text,” this course explores the interpretation / portrayal of biblical texts and ecclesial themes in film. Most films explored in the course come from outside the United States and the immediate orbit of Hollywood.

Jesus Christ and Plural Worlds (w/ Prof. Winston D. Persaud & Dr. Man Hei Yip)

A team-taught required course for first semester, first year seminarians that fosters critical thought and engagement with the basic concept of religion and specific world religions. Students are encouraged to explore what Christians can learn from other religions *and* what Christianity has to say to adherents of other religions / no religion. Basically, why does Jesus matter?

Word, Image, Imagination (w/ faculty colleague)

A team-taught course in the final semester for M.Div. students that provides theological engagement with theories of creativity and imagination in conversation with the creative works of others and that provides students space for nurturing and reflecting upon their own creativity.

Fascism & Fiction

A seminar that enters the worlds of fascist / totalitarian ideologies as presented in works of fiction in order to explore how faith in Jesus Christ grounds one's understanding of and response to such ideologies.

PUBLICATIONS

Books

Imagination and Freedom: Trusting in Christ in an Age of Bad Faith. Fortress Press, 2023.

A New Glimpse of Day One: Intertextuality, History of Interpretation, and Genesis 1.1-5. BZNW 172. Berlin: Walter de Gruyter, 2009.

Books – Co-author

New Proclamation, Year A, Easter through Reign of Christ. Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 2010.

Articles / Chapters

"The Ubiquity of Impermanence at the Intersection of Qohelth and Entropy," *Word & World*, 43/1 (Winter 2023) 3-13.

"Faith and the Lord's Making-New in the Old Testament," *Lutheran Forum* 55/2 (Summer 2021) 25-30.

"Justice, Only Justice, You Shall Pursue - Deuteronomy 16.20a: Week of Prayer for Christian Unity," *Ecumenical Trends* 47/10 (November 2018) 6-7.

"Genesis 1:1-3" in "Translation Symposium," *Lutheran Forum* 52/3 (Fall 2018) 17-18.

"The Eight Commandment for an Age of Rhetorical Corrosion," *Lutheran Forum* 50/3 (Fall 2016) 11-14.

"'As a Bee Gathers Honey': The Rule of Faith in Luther's Interpretation of the Old Testament," *Currents in Theology and Mission*

"'This is my world!' *Son of Man* and Cross-Cultural Convergence of Bible and World," in *Son of Man: An African Jesus Film*, edited by Adele Reinhartz, Jeffery L. Staley, and Richard Walsh. Bible in the Modern World, 52. Sheffield, Sheffield Phoenix, 2013.

"Babette's Feast," pages 18-24 in *Bible and Cinema: 50 Key Films*, edited by Adele Reinhartz. London: Routledge, 2013.

"The Eighth-Day Kiss of Psalm 85," *The Lutheran Forum* 45/4 (Winter 2011) 10-13.

"Practice of Being Rooted in the Gospel," *Currents in Theology and Mission* 38 (2011): 317-321.

"'This is my world!' *Son of Man* (Jezile) and Cross-Cultural Convergences of Bible and World," *Journal of Religion and Film* 15.1 (April 2011).

Electronic

WithEarsToHear.org - An internet resource for those who listen to Christian preaching.
2013-2020.

Contributions

- Lectionary Commentaries, *Sundays and Seasons: Preaching / Year B, 2018*
(Minneapolis: Augsburg Fortress, 2017) 267-301.
- "Kingdom / Kingship of God in Film" and "Images of God in Film," in *The Encyclopedia of the Bible and Its Reception* (Berlin: Walter de Gruyter) .
- "Inheritance, Christianity," *The Encyclopedia of the Bible and Its Reception* (Berlin: Walter de Gruyter, 2016) 12:1171-1175.
- "Mark Dornford-May: Transposing the Classic," in *The Bible in Motion*, Rhonda Burnette-Bletsch, ed. (Handbooks of the Bible and Its Reception 2; Walter de Gruyter, 2016) 2.721-728.
- Lectionary Commentaries, *Sundays and Seasons: Preaching / Year B, 2015*
(Minneapolis: Augsburg Fortress, 2015) 208-229.
- Lutheran Study Bible (Minneapolis: Augsburg, 2009)
Article (with Duane A. Priebe), "The Shape of the Sacred Bible," 26-29.
Introduction and Study Notes for Ezekiel, 1337-1420.
- "Preaching Helps: Sunday of the Passion/Palm Sunday – Pentecost," in *Currents in Theology and Mission* 36 (Feb 2009): 63-80.
- Article on Hellen Spurrell, *Handbook of Women Biblical Interpreters* (Marion Taylor, ed.; Grand Rapids: Baker Academic, 2012) 467-469.
- WorkingPreacher.org
Articles
 "Plurality, Plurivocity, Particularity: Observations on Preaching Biblical Creation Accounts" (3 part series in June 2009)
 "Preaching as Sacrament of the Word" (5 Jan 2009)
Lectionary Contributions –
 Periodic lectionary commentaries, 2008-present (Full listing at S.D. Giere's [author profile page](#).)

Works In Progress

- Dissonance and Promise: The Gospel Encounters Christian Nationalism* (book)
- "What if τὰ πάντα in the Christ Hymn (Col 1.15-20) includes Christian Scripture?" (article)
- "Exploring the Cosmic Horizon of David and Goliath," (article)

Book Reviews (select)

- Joshua*, by Paul R. Hinlicky. *Lutheran Quarterly* 36 (2022): 442-444.
- Sermons on the Parables*, by Howard Thurman, edited by David B. Gowler and Kipton E. Jensen. *Review of Biblical Literature*, 28 August 2021.
- Faith as Participation*, by Jeanette Hagen Pifer. *Review of Biblical Literature*, 21 August 2021.
- Introducing Biblical Hermeneutics: A Comprehensive Framework for Hearing God in Scripture*, by Craig G. Bartholomew. *Review of Biblical Literature*, 19 April 2019.
- Word and Image: The Hermeneutics of The Saint John's Bible*, by Michael Patella. *Review of Biblical Literature*, 23 June 2016.

- Faith, the Font of Exegesis: The Interpretation of Scripture in Light of the History of Research on the Old Testament*, by Ignacio Carbajosa. *Review of Biblical Literature*, 16 June 2016.
- Disruptive Grace: Reflections on God, Scripture, and the Church*, by Walter Brueggemann, edited and introduced by Carolyn J. Sharp. *Review of Biblical Literature*, 25 March 2013.
- The Bible as a Human Witness to Divine Revelation: Hearing the Word of God through Historically Dissimilar Traditions*, edited by Randall Heskett Brian Irwin. *Review of Biblical Literature*, 22 Nov 2012.
- A Biblical Text and its Afterlives: The Survival of Jonah in Western Culture*, by Yvonne Sherwood. *Dialog* 42/4 (2003) 384-385.
- Theologies of the Old Testament*, by Erhard S. Gerstenberger. *Currents in Theology and Mission* 29/6 (2002) 462-463.
- Decolonizing Biblical Studies: A View from the Margins*, by Fernando Segovia. *Currents in Theology and Mission* 29/1 (2002) 49-50.
- The God of Israel and Christian Theology*, by R. Kendall Soulen. *Currents in Theology and Mission* 24/4 (1997) 365.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE & SOCIETIES

- 2006-present ELCA / ELCIC Association of Teaching Theologians
- 2011-2017 Elected Member of the ELCA / ELCIC ATT Steering Committee
- 2013-2017 Membership Secretary
- 2013-2016 Co-Editor, *Currents in Theology & Mission*
- 2007-present Catholic Biblical Association
- 2006-2021 Academy of Homiletics
- 1992-present Society of Biblical Literature

PROFESSIONAL CONFERENCES

- "Re-Shaping Pedagogy for the Pastoral Mind," Association of Theological Schools, 12-13 October 2017, Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary, Austin, TX, USA.
- "ECFFM Peer Group: New Financial Models for Theological Education," Association of Theological Schools / Lilly, 29 September 2015, Chicago, IL, USA.
- "ATS Roundtable Seminar for Mid-Career Faculty," Association of Theological Schools, 6-8 March 2015, Orlando, FL, USA.
- "A Roundtable Seminar for Newly Appointed Faculty," Association of Theological Schools / The Commission on Accrediting, 19-21 October 2007, Chicago, IL, USA.
- "Representations of Monarchy in Hellenistic Culture: An International Colloquium of the AHRB Greek Bible Project," 24-26 March 2003, Somerville College, Oxford, UK.

PAPERS & PRESENTATIONS

- "Faith and the Reconciled Imagination," Fall Theological Conference, South Dakota Synod ELCA, 19-21 September 2021.
- "Faith and the Reconciled Imagination," Luncheon Chinwags with clergy, Southwestern Minnesota Synod ELCA, 1-3 June 2021.
- "Preaching in Such a Time as This: Kairos, Truth, and Prophetic Gospel," Southeastern Synod ELCA Bishop's Convocation, Asheville, North Carolina, 15-17 Oct 2019.
- "Good News about Preaching Jesus," Sky Ranch Bible Camp, Colorado, 30 May 2019.
- "Listening for God in a Noisy World," ELCA Young Adult Ministry / ELCA Seminaries Discernment Event, LutherRanch, Tallapoosa, Georgia, 16-18 Nov 2018.

- "Incarnation, Subversive Faith, Public Word," Keynote for Fall Theological Conference, Northeastern Iowa Synod, Dubuque, Iowa, 14-16 October 2018.
- "Incarnation, Subversive Faith, Public Word," Keynote for Bishop's Convocation, South Central Synod of Wisconsin, Fontana, Wisconsin, 7-9 October 2018.
- "Rehabbing Hell: The Intersection of Suffering and the Gospel in 21st Century North America," Center for Global Theologies 500th Anniversary of the Reformation Event, Wartburg Theological Seminary, 23 February 2018.
- "Reclaiming Faith as the Heartbeat of Salvation: Five Movements," Luther Academy of the Rockies, Meeker Park Lodge, Allenspark, CO, 19-29 June 2017.
- "Christ Dwelling in You: Faith's Vision," Synod Assembly Bible Studies, Western North Dakota Synod, ELCA, Minot, ND, 2-3 June 2017.
- "Faith Alone: Reformation Imagination," Synod Assembly Workshop, Western North Dakota Synod, ELCA, Minot, ND, 2 June 2017.
- "In Faith, For Faith: Reclaiming the Heartbeat of Salvation," Pre-Assembly Workshop, Western North Dakota Synod, ELCA, Minot, ND, 1 June 2017.
- "Exploring Faith in Galatians," Bible Study, Rural Ministry Conference, Dubuque IA, 6-8 March 2016.
- "'In the Meantime': A Lutheran Engagement with Pope Francis' *Laudato Si': On Care for Our Common Home*" Center for Global Theologies Fall Ecumenical Colloquium, Wartburg Seminary, 6 November 2015.
- "'The Earth is the Lord's, and All That is in It' (Ps 24.1): Considering Faith, Stewardship, and Proclamation," Cedar River Forum, St. Andrew Lutheran Church, Cedar Rapids, IA, 8 October 2015.
- "In the beginning was the Word...": The Witness of Scripture, the Heartbeat of the Church," Clergy/Laity Gathering, Olivet Lutheran Church, Fargo, ND, 15 January 2015.
- "Orienting the Ear to the Gospel: Speaking and Listening Faithfully" Good shepherd Lutheran Church, Bismarck, ND, Olivet Lutheran Church, Fargo, ND, & Christus Rex Campus Ministry, Grand Forks, ND, 14-15 January 2015.
- Study of Advent Texts, Come to the Castle, Wartburg seminary, 26 September 2014.
- "'It shall not return to me empty' (Isaiah 55.11): Interpreting Scripture in Christ for Proclamation," Tenure Lecture, Wartburg Theological Seminary, 29 April 2014.
- "Reading Jesus Cross-Culturally: The Interpretation of the Jesus Story in the South African Film *Son of Man (Jezeile)*," University of Iceland, 16 January 2014.
- "Hitt og Þetta: Reflections on Eighth Day Kiss of Psalm 85 and the Vocation of Pastor," Skálholt Academy, Iceland, 9 January 2014.
- "For the Kingdom of Heaven is Like: Biblical Similitudes, Cinematic Visions," Bible and the Moving Image Unit, Society of Biblical Literature International Meeting, St. Andrews, Scotland, July 2013.
- "Preaching the Old Testament," Theological Education for Authorized Ministries Intensive, Evangelical Lutheran Church in Guyana, Skeldon, Guyana, 19-20 July 2012.
- "Israel's Scriptures & Christian Proclamation," elective course, ACTS DMin, Lutheran School of Theology in Chicago, Chicago, IL, 25-29 June 2012.
- "Scripture, Song, and Symbol: Preaching Advent and Christmas (RCL Year B)," ILLOWA Forum, Augustana College, Rock Island, Illinois, 10 November 2011
- "'This is my world!' *Son of Man (Jezeile)* and Cross-Cultural Convergences between Bible and World," Bible and Film Consultation, Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, Atlanta, 22 November 2010.

“The Old Testament and the Proclamation of Christ Crucified,” Luther Academy of the Rockies, Meeker Park Lodge, Allenspark, CO, 20 June – 1 July 2010.

“A Burning Bush and A Virgin: Sacrament of the Word and Preaching the Old Testament,” Chippewa Falls Pastors’ Conference, NW Wisconsin Synod ELCA, Strum, WI, 28 January 2010.

“Preaching in Crisis,” Skálholt Pastors’ Academy, Iceland, 5 January 2010.

“The Lord is Our Righteousness: Preaching Christ in Advent,” ILLOWA Forum, Augustana College, Rock Island, IL, 12 November 2009.

“Listening for and Telling the Gospel Story,” Western North Dakota GIFTS Program, Dickinson, ND, 26 September 2009.

“Preaching Christ during Lent,” Tri-State Forum, Wartburg Theological Seminary, Dubuque, IA, 31 January 2008.

“When God Began to Create: Reading the Creation Stories of the Bible,” Summer Reunion Lectures, Wartburg Theological Seminary, Dubuque, IA, 17-18 July 2008.

“Historical Jesus – Christ Proclaimed: Considering Preaching as Sacrament of the Word,” Center for Renewal, Grandview College, Des Moines, IA, 27 January 2007.

INSTITUTIONAL SERVICE

2019-2021	Curriculum Development for a Cross-Cultural Competency-Based TEEM (Alternate route to ordination) with Pr. Edy Santos.
2019-2021	Chair, Division for Ministry
2016-2020	Director, Learning for Life (continuing education)
2016-2017	Faculty Secretary <i>pro tem</i>
2015-present	Faculty Admissions Committee
2015-2016	Wartburg Curriculum Revision, Co-Chair with Dr. Kristine Stache
2009-2013	Chair, Division for Ministry
2009-2013	Faculty Policies Committee
2008-2015	Faculty Admissions Task Force
2006-2021	Faculty Globalization Committee

ORDINATION

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, 1 November 1997, Fargo, North Dakota
Currently rostered (2011 – present) with the LaCrosse Area Synod.

CONGREGATIONAL MEMBERSHIP

St John’s Lutheran Church, ELCA, St Donatus, Iowa.

PARISH EXPERIENCE

Interim Pastor, Norman Davenport Lutheran Parish, rural Kindred, North Dakota, June 2005-February 2006

Associate Pastor, Messiah Lutheran Church, Fargo, North Dakota, 1997-2001
Responsibilities: Educational Ministry; Youth Ministry; Social Ministry; Preaching; Pastoral Care

Intern Pastor, Peace Lutheran Church, Seattle, Washington, 1995-1996

Alternative Worship Coordinator, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Fargo, North Dakota, 1992-1993

INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE

2020 – January Interim to Iceland and Norway (faculty facilitator)
2018 – January Interim to Iceland and Norway (faculty facilitator)
2016 – January Interim to Iceland and Norway (faculty facilitator)
2014 – January Interim to Iceland (faculty facilitator)
2012 – Teaching, Theological Education for Authorized Ministries, Evangelical Lutheran Church in Guyana
2012 – Led January Interim to Iceland (faculty facilitator) and trip to Norway
2010 – Led January Interim to Iceland (faculty facilitator) and trip to the Faroe Islands
2008 – Led January Interim to Iceland (faculty facilitator)
2001-2003 – Resided in Scotland with travel throughout Norway & England
March 2001 – Led Parish (Messiah Lutheran Church, Fargo) Trip to Guyana, South America
January 1994 – Pastoral Practicum with the Lutheran Church in Guyana, Guyana, South America

CHURCH & COMMUNITY SERVICE

2022-present - Pipe Major, Dubuque Fire Pipes & Drums
2017-2018 - “I’m A Dubuque” Initiative with Rachel Dilling and Inclusive Dubuque
2017 - Silver Addy - Integrated Media Public Service Campaign
2018 - 365ink Impact Award for Community Pride
2016 — Seminary Faculty Resource Person, ELCA Churchwide Assembly, New Orleans, Louisiana
2016-2018 — Peer-Learning Council, Inclusive Dubuque, Dubuque, Iowa.
2015-2018 — District and School Improvement Leadership Team, Dubuque Community School District, Dubuque, Iowa
2015-2018 — Site Counsel, Washington Middle School, Dubuque, Iowa.
2015-present — Piper & Webmaster, Dubuque Fire Pipes & Drums
2013 — Seminary Faculty Resource Person, ELCA Churchwide Assembly, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
2012-2014 — Site Counsel, Washington Middle School, Dubuque, Iowa
2012-2014 — District and School Improvement Leadership Team, Dubuque Community School District, Dubuque, Iowa.
2011-2020 — Seminary Faculty Representative, Candidacy Committee, Southeastern Iowa Synod, ELCA
2003-2006 — Parent Teacher Organization, Academy for Children, Fargo, North Dakota
2000-2001 — Board of Directors, Kaleidoscope Early Childhood Center, Member, Fargo, North Dakota

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