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## **EDUCATION**

- Ph.D.** (1989-1994) **Harvard University**, Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations;  
Dissertation: *“Exodus Retold: Ancient Exegesis of the Departure from Egypt in Wis 10:15-21 and 19:1-9;”* advisor: Dr. James L. Kugel
- M.A.** (1993) **Harvard University**, Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations
- M.Div.** (1985-1989) **Westminster Theological Seminary** (Philadelphia, PA)
- B.A.** (1979-1982) **Messiah College** (Grantham, PA), Behavioral Science
- (1978-79) **Rutgers University** (New Brunswick, NJ), Psychology

## **LEARNED SOCIETIES**

**Society of Biblical Literature** (1991-present)

Steering Committee: Wisdom in Israelite and Cognate Traditions (2006-present)

**Institute for Biblical Research** (1991-present)

Executive Committee (2002-04); Board of Directors (2004-07)

Editorial Board for the *Bulletin for Biblical Research* (2002-04)

**Evangelical Theological Society** (1994-2008)

Eastern Region: Treasurer-Secretary, 2005-06; Vice President, 2006-07; President, 2007-08

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

### **Eastern University**

*Adjunct Faculty*

- Genesis in Context

### **The Center for Transformative Leadership, St. Paul, MN (January 2009)**

*Adjunct Faculty*

- Wisdom Literature

### **Fuller Theological Seminary, Colorado Springs, CO (January 2009)**

*Adjunct Faculty*

- The Writings

### **Westminster Theological Seminary (1994-2008)**

*Professor of Old Testament and Biblical Hermeneutics (2005-2008)*

*Associate Professor of Old Testament (1997-2005)*

*Assistant Professor of Old Testament (1994-97)*

**M.Div./MAR curriculum:** Hebrew; Old Testament Introduction; Poetry and Wisdom Literature; Old Testament History and Theology 1 (lectures on Exodus); ITS courses in Psalms, Proverbs (supervision of independent courses via tape); Preaching from the OT  
**Ph.D./Th.M. curriculum:** Ecclesiastes; Exodus; Biblical Interpretation in the Second Temple Period; Hermeneutics of the New Testament Period; Issues in Biblical Hermeneutics; Old Testament Theology; Dissertation supervision

***Theological German (1995-2008)***

- Independent instruction in reading theological German.

***Research Assistant and Grader (1988-89)***

- Professors Dillard, Longman, and Waltke.

***German tutor (1986-89)***

- Independent instruction in reading theological German.

**Biblical Theological Seminary (2004-present)**

*Visiting Faculty*

- Preaching Christ from the Old Testament, LEAD M.Div. program

**Princeton Theological Seminary (fall 2002)**

*Visiting Faculty*

- Northwest Semitic Epigraphy, Ph.D. seminar

**Harvard University (1992-94):**

Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations, and Undergraduate Core Curriculum

***Instructor: Harvard Divinity School (1992)***

- Intermediate Biblical Hebrew, (spring and summer)

***Teaching Fellow: Harvard University (1991-94)***

Led weekly discussion sections of approximately fifteen students per section; advised students; prepared and graded examinations and papers.)

- Biblical Theology, Professor Paul Hanson (spring, 1993).
- Introduction to the Hebrew Scriptures, Professor Theodore Hiebert (fall, 1992).
- The Bible and its Interpreters, Professor James Kugel (spring, 1991 and 1993 [head teaching fellow, i.e., course administrator]).
- The Concept of the Hero in Hellenic Civilization, Professor Gregory Nagy (fall, 1991, 1992, and 1993)
- Oral Literature: Introduction to Folklore, Professor Joseph Harris (fall, 1991)
- The Cultural Legacy of the Ancient Near East, Professor Paul Hanson (fall, 1990)

## GUEST LECTURES

### Princeton Theological Seminary, Theological Student Fellowship

February 9, 2009, "Is the Bible Ever Wrong?"

### American Scientific Affiliation

November 15, 2008, "Genesis and Evangelicals"

### Duke Divinity School, Socratic Club

October 22, 2008, "Is the Bible Ever Wrong?"

### Central PA Forum for Religion and Science (Messiah College)

September 16, 2008, "Genesis and Evangelicals"

### Torch Trinity Graduate School of Theology (Seoul, Korea)

May 5-11, 2008, "Ecclesiastes According to the Gospel: Christian Thoughts on Qohelet's Theology"

### Princeton Theological Seminary

December 9, 2003, Th.M. seminar "The Old Testament in the New" (Prof. Ross Wagner); lecture entitled "Apostolic Hermeneutics and an Evangelical Doctrine of Scripture"

## SCHOLARLY PAPERS AND PRESENTATIONS

**Panel Discussion: Kent Sparks's *God's Word in Human Words***, presented at the annual meeting of the *Society of Biblical Literature*, November 2008, Boston, MA

**Panel Discussion: *The Old Testament Use of the Old Testament* (co-author)**, presented at the annual meeting of the *Evangelical Theological Society*, November 2008, Providence, RI.

**"Evangelical and Critical Biblical Scholarship: Two Models of Coherence and Relevance in Biblical Interpretation,"** presented at the annual meeting of the *Korean Evangelical Theological Society, Seoul, Korea*, March 2008 (by invitation).

**"A Historical-Hermeneutical Approach to the NT's use of the OT,"** presented at the annual meeting of the *Korean Evangelical Theological Society, Seoul, Korea*, March 2008 (by invitation).

**"Exodus in Modern Study and Some Theological Reflections on Historiography,"** presented at the *Korean Bible Society Society, Seoul, Korea*, March 2008 (by invitation).

**"Preliminary Observations on the Incarnational Nature of Scripture,"** presented at the annual meeting of the *Evangelical Theological Society*, November 2006, Washington, D.C. (by invitation). The session was devoted to interaction with my *Inspiration and Incarnation*. A version of this paper was also delivered at Calvin College (March 8, 2007).

**"Some Thoughts on Theological Exegesis of OT Narrative: Toward a Viable Model of Coherence and Relevance,"** presented at the Eastern Regional meeting of the *Evangelical Theological Society*, April 1 2005, Souderton, PA (by invitation).

**"Exodus, the Problem of History, and Some Theological Implications,"** presented at the annual meeting of the *Evangelical Theological Society*, November 2004, San Antonio, TX (by invitation).

- "Intertextuality,"** Moderator of discussion at the *Institute for Biblical Research* annual meeting in Orlando, FL, November 1998 (by invitation).
- "The Song at the Sea in Wis 10:20-21,"** presented at the *Society of Biblical Literature* annual meeting in Washington, D.C., November, 1993.
- "Creation and Re-creation: Psalm 95 and its Interpretation in Hebrews 3:7-4:13,"** presented at the *Society of Biblical Literature* annual meeting in San Francisco, California, November, 1992.
- "Teaching Outside Your Field,"** presented at the Derek Bok Teaching Center at Harvard University, January 23, 1992, to orient new teaching fellows to teaching outside of their field. This presentation was videotaped to be used for future orientation sessions (by invitation).

## **PUBLICATIONS**

### **Books**

- Baker Illustrated Bible Dictionary*, Baker, co-editor with Tremper Longman III and Mark Strauss, in progress, forthcoming 2010.
- Ecclesiastes*, Eerdmans, Two Horizons Commentary Series, in progress, forthcoming 2010
- Three Views on the New Testament's Use of the Old Testament*, Zondervan, co-written with Walter Kaiser, Jr. and Darrell Bock; ed. Ken Berding and Jon Lunde, 2008.
- Dictionary of the Old Testament: Wisdom, Poetry, and Writings*, IVP, co-editor with T. Longman III, 2008.
- Invitation to Genesis*, Disciple Bible Study, Abingdon Press, 2006.  
(A ten-week adult education "participant guide" to the theology of Genesis. This is complimented by corresponding video presentations. In addition to authoring the participant book, I also mapped out the entire study, and providing consultation for the scholars and the editors at Abingdon.)
- Inspiration and Incarnation: Evangelicals and the Problem of the Old Testament*. Grand Rapids: Baker, 2005.
- Exodus*. NIV Application Commentary. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2000.
- Exodus Retold: Ancient Exegesis of the Departure from Egypt in Wis 10:15-21 and 19:1-9*. Harvard Semitic Museum Monographs 57. Atlanta: Scholars Press, 1997.
- Poetry and Wisdom*. IBR Bibliographies. Grand Rapids: Baker, 1997.
- Learning German as a Research Language: An Introduction for Students of Bible, Theology, and Related Disciplines* (ms in progress, no publisher sought)

## Articles and Essays

- "Pseudo-Solomon and His Scripture: Biblical Interpretation in the Wisdom of Solomon,"** *Companion to Biblical interpretation in Early Judaism*, ed. M. Henze, Eerdmans, forthcoming, 2010.
- "Preliminary Observations on an Incarnational Model of Scripture: Its Viability and Usefulness,"** *Calvin Theological Journal*, 42/2 (2007): 219-36.
- "Exodus, the Problem of Historiography, and Some Theological Reflections,"** *Act 3 Review* 15/4 (2007): forthcoming.
- "Response to Professor Greg Beale,"** *Themelios* 32/3 (2007): 5-13.
- "Bible in Context: The Continuing Vitality of Reformed Biblical Scholarship,"** *Westminster Theological Journal* 68 (2006): 203-18.
- "Response to G. K. Beale's Review of *Inspiration and Incarnation: Evangelicals and the Problem of the Old Testament*,"** *Journal of the Evangelical Theological Society* 49/2 (2006): 313-26.
- "Loving Christ While I Cheer for the Yankees,"** *by Faith* (January / February 2006): 21-23.
- "Some Thoughts on Theologica**
- I Exegesis of the Old Testament: Toward a Viable Model of Biblical Coherence and Relevance,"** *Reformation and Revival Journal* 14/4 (2005): 81-104.
- "כל-האדם and the Evaluation of Qohelet's Wisdom in Qoh 12:13, or The 'A is so, and What's More, B' Theology of Ecclesiastes,"** *The Idea of Biblical Interpretation* (ed. H. Najman and J. Newman; James Kugel FS; Leiden: E. J. Brill, 2003), 125-37.
- "Apostolic Hermeneutics and an Evangelical Doctrine of Scripture: Moving beyond the Modernist Impasse,"** *Westminster Theological Journal* 65 (2003): 263-87.
- "William Henry Green and the Authorship of the Pentateuch: Some Historical Considerations,"** *Journal of the Evangelical Theological Society* 45/3 (September 2002): 385-403.
- "Matthew and Hosea: A Response to John Sailhamer,"** *Westminster Theological Journal* 63 (2001): 97-105.
- "Wisdom of Solomon and Biblical Interpretation in the Second Temple Period,"** *The Way of Wisdom (B. K. Waltke Festschrift)*, eds. J. I. Packer and S. Soderlund, Zondervan, 2000, 212-25.
- "Expansions of Scripture,"** *Justification and Variegated Nomism*, ed. D. A. Carson. J. C. B. Mohr / Baker, 2000, 73-98.
- "Yankees and Westminster: Personal Reflections on Tradition,"** unpublished paper (1998); distributed to board and faculty as a discussion piece; used yearly in WTS's OT Introduction course.
- "The 'Moveable Well' in 1 Cor 10:4: An Extra-Biblical Tradition in an Apostolic Text."** *Bulletin for Biblical Research* 6 (1996): 23-38.

- "A Retelling of the Song at the Sea in Wis 10,20-21."** *Biblica* 76 (1995): 1-24. Republished in *The Function of Scripture in Early Jewish and Christian Tradition*, eds. C. A. Evans and J. A. Sanders, 142-65. JSNTSup 154/SSEJC 6. Sheffield: Sheffield Academic Press, 1998.
- "Creation and Re-creation: Psalm 95 and its Interpretation in Hebrews 3:7-4:13."** *Westminster Theological Journal* 55 (1993): 255-80. Partially republished as "The Interpretation of Psalm 95 in Hebrews 3.1-4.13." *Early Christian Interpretation of the Scriptures of Israel: Investigations and Proposals*, eds. C. A. Evans and J. A. Sanders, 352-63. JSNTSup 148/SSEJC 5. Sheffield: Sheffield Academic Press, 1997.

## Dictionary/Encyclopedia Entries

- "Plagues" and "Dating the Exodus,"** *Baker Handbook to the Bible*, eds. J. S. Duvall and J. D. Hays, Baker, forthcoming, 2010
- [dozens of articles in process]** *Baker Illustrated Bible Dictionary*, eds., T Longman III, P. Enns, M. Strauss, Zondervan, forthcoming, 2009
- "The Lives of the Prophets,"** *The Dictionary of Early Judaism*, eds. J. J. Collins and D. C. Harlow, Eerdmans, forthcoming, 2008.
- "Ecclesiastes" and "Wisdom of Solomon,"** *Dictionary of the Old Testament: Wisdom, Poetry, and Writings*, eds. T. Longman III and P. Enns, IVP, 2008
- "Faith,"** *Dictionary of the Old Testament: Historical Books*, eds. Bill. T. Arnold and Hugh Williamson, IVP (2006) 296-300.
- "Exodus/New Exodus" and "Pseudepigrapha,"** *Dictionary for Theological Interpretation of Scripture*, ed. Kevin Vanhoozer, Baker (2005) 216-18; 652-53.
- "Exodus Route and Wilderness Itinerary,"** *Dictionary of the Old Testament: Pentateuch*, eds. D. Baker and T. Desmond Alexander, IVP, 2003, 272-80.
- "Exodus" and "Grumbling,"** *New Dictionary of Biblical Theology*, ed. T. Desmond Alexander, IVP (2000) 146-52; 527-29.
- "Biblical Interpretation, Jewish."** *Dictionary of New Testament Background*, eds. C. A. Evans and S. E. Porter, IVP, 2000, pp. 159-65.
- "Afterlife," "Crown," "Exodus," and "Harp."** *Dictionary of Biblical Imagery*, eds, L. Ryken, J. C. Wilhoit, T. Longman III, IVP, 1998.
- "Law," "Sword," "Thirst," and "Year."** *New International Dictionary of Old Testament Theology and Exegesis*, W. VanGemeren. Zondervan, 1997.
- "Abortion," "Adam," "Adultery," "Ark," "Babylon," "Blasphemy," "Creation/New Creation," "Day of the Lord," "Decision Making/Plan," "Instruction," "Last Days," "Law," "Moses," and "Noah."** *Everyday Study Bible*. Word, 1996.

## Contributor

*The Lost Bible: Ancient Jewish Writings outside of Scripture* (introduction and study notes to Wisdom of Solomon). *Jewish Publication Society*, forthcoming 2009.

*Renovare Study Bible* (introduction and study notes to the Additions to Daniel). HarperSanFrancisco, 2005.

*Faith in Action Study Bible* (notes to Exodus). Zondervan, 2005.

*New Century Version* (style reviewer for Joshua, Judges, Ruth, Samuel, Kings). Thomas Nelson, 2004.

*New Interpreters Study Bible* (introduction and study notes to Wisdom of Solomon) Abingdon Press, 2003.

*The Message* (exegetical consultant, Exodus and Numbers). NavPress, 2001.

*God's Word to the Nations Bible Society* (technical reviewer, Wisdom of Solomon). World, 1995.

## Book Reviews

Bruce K. Waltke, *The Book of Proverbs*, in *Westminster Theological Journal* 68 (2006): 147-51.

Bill T. Arnold and Bryan E. Beyer, eds: *Readings from the Ancient Near East*, Philip J. King and Lawrence E. Stager: *Life in Biblical Israel*, in *Westminster Theological Journal* 65 (2003): 145-46.

Paul R. House, *Old Testament Theology*; Walter Brueggemann, *Theology of the Old Testament: Testimony, Dispute, Advocacy*, in *Westminster Theological Journal*, 64 (2002): 202-07.

Charles L. Quarles, *Midrash Criticism: Introduction and Appraisal* in *Westminster Theological Journal* 62 (2001): 303-6.

Terry L. Brensinger, *Judges*. Believers Church Bible Commentary, in *Brethren in Christ History and Life* 23/3 (2000): 517-20.

C. L. Seow, *Ecclesiastes* (Anchor Bible 18c), in *Journal of the Evangelical Theological Society* 43/2 (2000) 320-21.

Sylvia C. Keesmaat, *Paul and His Story: (Re)Interpreting the Exodus Story*, in *Bulletin for Biblical Research* 10.1(2000): 151-53.

Helmut Engel, *Das Buch der Weisheit*, in *Biblica* 80 (1999): 571-74.

Dale F. Leschert, *Hermeneutical Foundations of Hebrews: A Study in the Validity of the Epistle's Interpretation of Some Core Citations from the Psalms* in *Westminster Theological Journal* 60 (1998): 164-68.

A. R. Millard, J. K. Hoffmeier and D. W. Baker, eds., *Faith, History, and Tradition: Old Testament Historiography in Its Ancient Near Eastern Context* in *Westminster Theological Journal* 59 (1997): 128-31

David L. Puckett, *John Calvin's Exegesis of the Old Testament* in *Westminster Theological Journal* 58 (1996): 324-27.

N. T. Wright, *The Crown and the Fire: Meditations on the Cross and the Life of the Spirit*. and *Following Jesus: Biblical Reflections on Discipleship*, in *Westminster Theological Journal* 58 (1996): 327-28.

Ellis R. Brotzman, *Old Testament Textual Criticism: A Practical Introduction*, in *Westminster Theological Journal* 57 (1995): 251-53.

Walter E. Rast, *Through the Ages in Palestinian Archaeology: An Introductory Handbook*, in *Westminster Theological Journal* 56 (1994): 188-90.

John W. Watts, *Psalm and Story: Inset Hymns in Hebrew Narrative*, in *Westminster Theological Journal* 55 (1993): 346-48.

Eugene H. Merrill, *Kingdom of Priests: A History of Old Testament Israel*, in *Westminster Theological Journal* 53 (1991): 145-47.

## Other Projects

**"Herem," "Covenant," and "Prophets,"** *Disciple Bible Study*, Abingdon Press, 2005.

Three video presentations to compliment Abingdon's "Disciple" Bible Study series.

**"The Creating God" and "The Rebel People,"** *Disciple Bible Study*, Abingdon Press, 2005.

Two video presentations to complement Abingdon's "Disciple" Bible Study series. My topic was Genesis 1-11, divided in to two segments: creation and fall.

**"Exodus"** [http://faculty.gordon.edu/hu/bi/Ted\\_Hildebrandt/OTeSources/02-Exodus/Video/Audio/Enns-Exodus-Audio.htm](http://faculty.gordon.edu/hu/bi/Ted_Hildebrandt/OTeSources/02-Exodus/Video/Audio/Enns-Exodus-Audio.htm), March 2004.

Four audio lectures on the theology of Exodus, recorded at WTS in February 2004 by Prof. Ted Hildebrand of Gordon College. These lectures will eventually include a video portion and be available on the web and on DVD. They will serve as an educational resource for Gordon College students and also be made available to churches.

## EDITOR

*Westminster Theological Journal*, 2000-2005.

Editorial Board for the *Bulletin for Biblical Research*, 2002-06.

## ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE

Associate Academic Dean, Westminster Theological Seminary (1998-2001)

Chair, Hermeneutics (PhD) Field Committee, Westminster Theological Seminary (1997-2000)

Chair, Old Testament Search Committee, Westminster Theological Seminary (2006-2008)

## CHURCH AFFILIATION

My family and I are currently attending Immanuel Church of the Nazarene, Lansdale, PA. My main areas of involvement have been worship band (guitar), occasional teacher in Adult Sunday School and Wednesday night program.

My wife Sue and I are members of Trinity Presbyterian Church (PCA), Rye, NY where I serve as *Visiting Scholar* and as a member of the session.

I am also a member of the World Reformed Fellowship.

## *PERSONAL*

Born January 2, 1961; Passaic, NJ.

Married to Susan, September 15, 1984

Children: Erich (11/3/87), Elizabeth (7/3/90), Sophia (6/4/93)

Interests: Baseball, reading historical novels, spending time with family, working in yard,  
traveling, guitar, movies