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## EDUCATION

Ph.D. Hebrew Bible                      Emory University, 2003

M.T.S. (magna cum laude)              Candler School of Theology, Emory University, 1998

B.A. Religion (summa cum laude)      Trevecca Nazarene University, 1995

## ACADEMIC POSTS

Point Loma Nazarene University  
 Professor of Old Testament, 2010-present  
 Associate Professor of Old Testament, 2006-2010  
 Assistant Professor of Old Testament, 2004-2006

Fuller Theological Seminary  
 Visiting/Affiliate Professor of Old Testament, 2006-present (Northern California  
 and Orange County campuses)

Colorado Christian University  
 Assistant Professor of Old Testament, 2003-2004

Candler School of Theology, Emory University (Dean's Teaching Fellow)  
 "The Eighth-Century Prophets"- Fall 2002  
 "The Changing Study of the Bible and History"- Spring 2003

## PUBLICATIONS

### *Books Authored*

5. *Telling the Old Testament Story: God's Mission and God's People*. Nashville: Abingdon, forthcoming 2016.
4. *Ezekiel*. New Beacon Bible Commentary. Kansas City: Beacon Hill Press, 2013.
3. *Biblical History and Israel's Past: The Changing Study of the Bible and History* (co-authored with Megan Bishop Moore). Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2011.

2. *Ancient Israel at War 853-586 B.C.* Essential Histories 67. Oxford: Osprey Publishing, 2007.

1. *Hosea 2: Metaphor and Rhetoric in Historical Perspective.* Academia Biblica 20. Atlanta: Society of Biblical Literature, 2005.

### ***Books Edited***

7. *Oxford Handbook on the Historical Books.* Co-edited with Brent A. Strawn. Oxford: Oxford University Press, forthcoming 2018.

6. *Warfare, Ritual, and Symbol in Biblical and Modern Contexts.* Co-edited with Frank Ritzel Ames and Jacob L. Wright. Society of Biblical Literature Ancient Israel and Its Literature Series 28. Atlanta: Society of Biblical Literature, 2014.

5. Hayes, John H. *Interpreting Ancient Israelite History, Prophecy, and Law.* Edited and introduced by Brad E. Kelle. Eugene, Or.: Cascade Books, 2013.

4. *Interpreting Exile: Displacement and Deportation in Biblical and Modern Contexts* (co-edited with Frank Ritzel Ames and Jacob Wright). Society of Biblical Literature Ancient Israel and Its Literature 10. Atlanta: Society of Biblical Literature, 2011.

\*Award: Selected as one of ten books on religion from 2011 for an award by the American Association of University Presses and was recommended for public and secondary school libraries. The award was in the category of works "with a wide appeal and/or an expectation of lasting importance. Titles may also be of scholarly technical data on subjects of widespread, current interest."

3. *Writing and Reading War: Rhetoric, Gender, and Ethics in Biblical and Modern Contexts* (co-edited with Frank Ritzel Ames). Society of Biblical Literature Symposium Series 42. Atlanta: Society of Biblical Literature, 2008.

2. *Israel's Prophets and Israel's Past: Essays on the Relationship of Prophetic Texts and Israelite History in Honor of John H. Hayes* (co-edited with Megan Bishop Moore). Library of Hebrew Bible/Old Testament Studies 446. New York: T&T Clark, 2006.

1. *The Wise Shepherd: Biblical and Theological Resources for the Pastoral Task.* PLNU Monograph Series 6. San Diego: Point Loma Press, 2006.

### ***Journal Articles***

9. "The Phenomenon of Israelite Prophecy in Contemporary Scholarship." *Currents in Biblical Research* 12.3 (June 2014), 275-320.

8. "Hosea 4-14 in Twentieth-Century Scholarship." *Currents in Biblical Research* 8 (2010): 314-75.

7. "Dealing with the Trauma of Defeat: The Rhetoric of the Devastation and Rejuvenation of Nature in Ezekiel." *Journal of Biblical Literature* 128 (2009): 469-90.
6. "Hosea 1-3 in Twentieth-Century Scholarship." *Currents in Biblical Research* 7 (2009): 177-218.
5. "Creation and Trauma: The Devastation and Rejuvenation of Nature in Ezekiel." *Wesleyan Theological Journal* 44 (2009): 70-90.
4. "Political Critique: Church Praxis from the Framework of the Book of Amos." *Wesleyan Theological Journal* 41 (2006): 72-95.
3. "A Reconsideration of *l'kassôt* in Hosea 2,11 (MT)." *Zeitschrift für die alttestamentliche Wissenschaft* 116, 3 (2004): 334-47.
2. "Hoshea, Sargon, and the Final Destruction of Samaria: A Response to M. Christine Tetley with a View Toward Method." *Scandinavian Journal of the Old Testament* 17 (2003): 226-44.
1. "What's in a Name? Neo-Assyrian Designations for the Northern Kingdom and Their Implications for Israelite History and Biblical Interpretation." *Journal of Biblical Literature* 121 (2002): 639-66.

#### ***Contributions to Books***

11. "Moral Injury and the Division of Spoils after Battle in the Hebrew Bible." In *Create in Me a Clean Heart: Moral Injury and Sacred Writing*. Edited by Joseph McDonald. forthcoming.
10. "The Early Monarchy and the Stories of Saul, David, and Solomon." In *Blackwell Companion to Ancient Israel*. Edited by Susan Niditch. forthcoming.
9. "Moral Injury and the Interdisciplinary Study of Biblical War Texts: The Case of King Saul" In *Worship, Women, and War: Essays in Honor of Susan Niditch*. Edited by Saul Olyan and T. M. Lemos. Brown Judaic Studies, forthcoming.
8. "Post-War Rituals of Return and Reintegration of Warriors." Pages 205-42 in *Warfare, Ritual, and Symbol in Biblical and Modern Contexts*. Edited by Brad E. Kelle, Frank Ritel Ames, and Jacob L. Wright. Society of Biblical Literature Ancient Israel and Its Literature Series 28. Atlanta: Society of Biblical Literature, 2014.
7. "Judah in the Seventh Century: From the Aftermath of Sennacherib's Invasion to the Beginning of Jehoiakim's Rebellion." Pages 350-82 in *Ancient Israel's History: An Introduction to Issues and Sources*. Edited by Bill T. Arnold and Richard S. Hess. Grand Rapids: Baker Academic, 2014.

6. "Prophecy, Canon, and Imagination: Walter Brueggemann's *The Prophetic Imagination* and the Contributions of Biblical Interpretation to the Prophetic Project." Pages 5-15 in *Nurturing the Prophetic Imagination*. Edited by Jamie Gates and Mark H. Mann. Eugene, Or.: Wipf and Stock, 2012.
5. "An Interdisciplinary Approach to the Exile." Pages 5-38 in *Interpreting Exile: Displacement and Deportation in Biblical and Modern Contexts*. Edited by Brad E. Kelle, Frank Ritzel Ames, and Jacob L. Wright. Society of Biblical Literature Ancient Israel and Its Literature 10. Atlanta: Society of Biblical Literature Press, 2011.
4. "Pekah, Son of Remaliah: Rebel, Officer, King." Pages 12-15 in *I Am Soldier: War Stories from the Ancient World to the Twentieth Century*. Edited by Richard Holmes. Oxford: Osprey, 2009.
3. "Wartime Rhetoric: Prophetic Metaphorization of Cities as Female." Pages 95-111 in *Writing and Reading War: Rhetoric, Gender, and Ethics in Biblical and Modern Contexts*. Edited by Brad E. Kelle and Frank Ritzel Ames. Society of Biblical Literature Symposium Series 42. Atlanta: Society of Biblical Literature, 2008.
2. "Ancient Israelite Prophets and Greek Political Orators: Analogies for the Prophets and Their Implications for Historical Reconstruction." Pages 57-82 in *Israel's Prophets and Israel's Past: Essays on the Relationship of Prophetic Texts and Israelite History in Honor of John H. Hayes*. Edited by Brad E. Kelle and Megan Bishop Moore. LHBOTS 446; New York: T&T Clark, 2006.
1. "Fear God and Honour the King? The Political Thought of John Wesley in Prophetic Perspective." Pages 56-65 in *It's All About Grace: Wesleyan Essays in Honor of Herbert L. Prince*. Edited by Samuel M. Powell. San Diego: Point Loma Press, 2004.

### ***Contributions to Dictionaries and Other Reference Works***

12. "Diachronic Interpretation." *Oxford Encyclopedia of Biblical Interpretation*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, forthcoming.
11. "Judges: Introduction and Notes" in *The Common English Study Bible*. Nashville: Abingdon Press, forthcoming.
10. "Israelite History." Pages 397-422 in *Dictionary of the Old Testament Prophets*. Edited by Mark J. Boda and J. Gordon McConville. Downer's Grove, Ill.: InterVarsity Press, 2012.
9. First translator for the Book of Judges in the *Common English Bible* (2011).
8. "Book of Hosea." Pages 376-377 in *Dictionary of Scripture and Ethics*. Edited by Joel

Green, Jacqueline Lapsley, Rebekah Miles, and Allen Verhey. Grand Rapids: Baker Academic, 2011.

7. “Judges”: Introduction and Scholar’s Notes in *The Wesley Study Bible*. Edited by Joel B. Green and William H. Willimon. Nashville: Abingdon, 2009.

6. “Warfare (Imagery).” Pages 829-835 in *Dictionary of the Old Testament Wisdom, Poetry & Writings*. Edited by T. Longman III and P. Enns. Downer’s Grove, Ill.: InterVarsity Press, 2008.

5. Articles in *The New Interpreter’s Dictionary of the Bible Volume 4*. Nashville: Abingdon, 2009:

“Negeb”

“Nun, Nunites”

4. Articles in *The New Interpreter’s Dictionary of the Bible Volume 2*. Nashville: Abingdon, 2007:

“Damascus”

“Dart”

3. Articles in *The New Interpreter’s Dictionary of the Bible Volume 1*. Nashville: Abingdon, 2006:

“Aram, Arameans”

“Armor-Bearer”

“Ben-Hadad”

2. “History of Israel 5: Assyrian Period” (co-authored with Brent A. Strawn). Pages 458-478 in *Dictionary of the Old Testament Historical Books*. Edited by B. T. Arnold and H. G. M. Williamson. Downer’s Grove, Ill.: InterVarsity Press, 2005.

1. Articles in *Teaching the Bible: Practical Strategies for Classroom Instruction*. Edited by M. Roncace and P. Gray. Atlanta: Society of Biblical Literature Press, 2005:

“Critical Methods: Historical Criticism”

“The United Monarchy (Samuel and Kings)”

“Remembering Deuteronomy”

“Introducing the Book of Isaiah”

“Prophetic Call Narratives”

### ***General Writing***

9. “Hard Sayings of the Old Testament: Five Scripture Expositions.” *Adult Faith Connections Leader*. September/October/November 2014.

8. “What Is Biblical Wisdom?,” *Adult Faith Connections Leader* March/April/May 2014.

7. "Humor in the Bible" (co-authored with Robert W. Smith). *Rev!* July/August (2007): 76-77.
6. "A Sage Who Leads Toward Shalom: Visions of Leadership from the Old Testament (co-authored with Patrick Allen). Pages 13-27 in *The Wise Shepherd: Biblical and Theological Resources for the Pastoral Task*. Edited by Brad E. Kelle. PLNU Monograph Series 6. San Diego: Point Loma Press, 2006.
5. "Shaping New Pastors for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century: How Well Are Colleges and Seminaries Preparing Tomorrow's Pastors?" (interview), *Rev!* March/April (2006): 52-60.
4. "Babylon: City of Fact and City of Legend." *Illustrated Bible Life* Sept.-Nov. (2000): 36-38.
3. "Easter Worship and the Psalms." *Illustrated Bible Life* Mar.-May (2000): 35-36.
2. "Miracles in the Old Testament." *Illustrated Bible Life* June-Aug. (2000): 50-51.
1. "A Postmodern Church for a Postmodern Generation." Pages 87-94 in *Generation Xers Talk about the Church of the Nazarene*. Edited by Thomas J. Oord. Kansas City, MO: Nazarene Publishing House, 1999.

#### ***Under Contract***

4. "Righteousness" in *Global Wesleyan Dictionary of Biblical Theology*. Submission date: 2016.
3. *Telling the Old Testament Story: God's Mission and God's People*. Nashville: Abingdon Press, forthcoming, 2016.
2. *Oxford Handbook on the Historical Books*. Co-editor with Brent A. Strawn. Oxford University Press. Submission date: 2018.
1. *Hosea*. Old Testament Library. Westminster John Knox Press. Submission date: 2019.

#### **BOOK REVIEWS**

6. Review of Mark S. Smith, *Poetic Heroes: The Literary Commemorations of Warriors and Warrior Culture in the Early Biblical World* in *Biblica* forthcoming.
5. Review of Christopher B. Hays, *Hidden Riches: A Sourcebook for the Comparative Study of the Hebrew Bible and the Ancient Near East* in *Review of Biblical Literature*. 12/2015. Online at <http://www.bookreviews.org>.

4. Review of Boyd Seevers, *Warfare in the Old Testament: The Organization, Weapons, and Tactics of Ancient Near Eastern Armies* in *Catholic Biblical Quarterly* 77 no. 1 (2015): 154-56.

3. Review of Carly L. Crouch, *War and Ethics in the Ancient Near East: Military Violence in Light of Cosmology and History* in *Catholic Biblical Quarterly* 73 (2011): 346-48.

2. Review of Richard S. Hess and Elmer A. Martens, eds., *War in the Bible and Terrorism in the Twenty-First Century* in *Review of Biblical Literature*, online at <http://www.bookreviews.org>.

1. Old Testament/Ancient Near Eastern Prophets Section Editor for *Religious Studies Review*. I have contributed over 150 published book notes. Representative samples:

Sandy, D. Brent and Daniel M. O'Hare, *Prophecy and Apocalyptic: An Annotated Bibliography* (RSR 34/ 3 [Sept 2008]: 188).

Matthews, Victor H. *101 Questions and Answers on the Prophets of Israel* (RSR 34/ 3 [Sept 2008]: 187).

Beyer, Bryan E. *Encountering the Book of Isaiah* (RSR 34/ 1 [March 2008]: 40).

Hauser, Alan J. *Recent Research on the Major Prophets* (RSR 35/3 [Sept 2009]: 172).

Goldingay, John, ed. *Uprooting and Planting: Essays on Jeremiah for Leslie Allen* (RSR 35/3 [Sept. 2009]: 171).

Nurmela, Risto. *The Mouth of the LORD Has Spoken: Inner-Biblical Allusions in Second and Third Isaiah* (RSR 35/3 [Sept. 2009]: 176-77).

## **PAPERS AND OTHER PRESENTATIONS**

13. "Moral Injury as a New Lens for Reading Biblical Warfare Texts." Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting (Warfare in Ancient Israel Section). Atlanta, Ga. November, 2015.

12. "The Interdisciplinary Future of Warfare Studies." Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting (Warfare in Ancient Israel Section). Baltimore, Md. November, 2013.

11. "Post-War Rituals of Return and Reintegration of Warriors." Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting (Warfare in Ancient Israel Section). Chicago, Ill. November 2012.

10. Invited Panelist for Book Review Discussion of Thomas B. Dozeman, *Holiness and Ministry: A Biblical Theology of Ordination*. Wesleyan Theological Society Meeting. Seattle Pacific University, March 2013.
9. "What Is the Future of Israel's Past?" Presidential Address to the Society of Biblical Literature Pacific Coast Region. Whittier College, March 2011.
8. "Walter Brueggemann's *Prophetic Imagination*." Nurturing the Prophetic Imagination Conference. Point Loma Nazarene University, San Diego, CA. March 2010.
7. "Dealing with the Trauma of Defeat: The Rhetoric of the Devastation and Rejuvenation of Nature in Ezekiel." Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting (Warfare in Ancient Israel Section). Boston, Mass. November 2008.
6. "Origin Stories in the Bible and the Ancient World." Symposium on Biological Origins and the Environment. First United Methodist Church of San Diego. April 19, 2008.
5. "Creation and Trauma: The Devastation and Rejuvenation of Nature in Ezekiel." Wesleyan Theological Society. Duke University. Durham, NC. March 2008.
4. "Future Directions for the Study of Warfare in Ancient Israel." Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting (Warfare in Ancient Israel Consultation). Washington, D.C. November 2006.
3. "Is Demosthenes Also among the Prophets? Ancient Greek Orators as a Potential New Analogy for the Israelite Prophets." Society of Biblical Literature Pacific Coast Regional Meeting. Claremont, CA. March 2006.
2. "Political Critique and the People of God: The Framework of the Book of Amos and Its Implications for Church Praxis." Wesleyan Theological Society. Seattle, WA. March 2005.
1. "Wartime Rhetoric: Prophetic Metaphorization of Cities as Female." Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting (Warfare in Ancient Israel Consultation). San Antonio, TX. November 2004.

## **GRANTS**

Wesleyan Center for 21<sup>st</sup>-Century Studies Research Fellow Award (PLNU) Fall 2014.  
 Research and Special Projects grant (PLNU) 2012-2013.  
 Sabbatical Award (Point Loma Nazarene University) Fall 2011.  
 Research and Special Projects grant (PLNU) 2010-2011.  
 Wesleyan Center for 21<sup>st</sup>-Century Studies Research Fellow Award (PLNU) Fall 2010.  
 Research and Special Projects grant (PLNU) 2008-2009.

Wesleyan Center for 21<sup>st</sup>-Century Studies Research Scholar Award (PLNU) Summer 2008.

Research and Special Projects grant (PLNU) 2007-2008.

Research and Special Projects grant (PLNU) 2006-2007.

Wesleyan Center for 21<sup>st</sup>-Century Studies Research Fellow Award (PLNU) Fall 2006.

Research and Special Projects grant (PLNU) 2005-2006.

Research and Special Projects grant (PLNU) 2004-2005.

## **HONORS AND ACTIVITIES (SELECTED)**

Old Testament Editor for *Currents in Biblical Research* (Associate Editor 2013-2015; Senior Editor 2015 and following)

Editor for the Prophets (Ancient Near East) section of *Religious Studies Review* (published by the Council of Societies for the Study of Religion), 2007-present.

American Association of University Presses 2012 Award for *Interpreting Exile: Displacement and Deportation in Biblical and Modern Contexts* (co-edited with Frank Ritche Ames and Jacob Wright). Society of Biblical Literature Ancient Israel and Its Literature 10. Atlanta: Society of Biblical Literature, 2011.

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### Society of Biblical Literature

President of SBL Pacific Coast Region, 2010-2011

Vice President of SBL Pacific Coast Region, 2009-2010

"Warfare in Ancient Israel" Section of the SBL Annual Meeting- Chair and member of steering committee, 2004-present

"Neo-Assyrian Insights on Ancient Israel and the Hebrew Bible" Section of the SBL Pacific Coast Regional Meeting- Chair, 2008-2013

"Bible and the Ancient Near East" Section of the SBL Pacific Coast Regional Meeting- Chair, 2014-present

### Outside Reviewer of Manuscripts

*Vetus Testamentum*, 2012 to present

Eisenbrauns Press, Fall 2013

Oxford University Press, December 2009

InterVarsity Press, Spring 2009

Member of the Steering Committee of the New Beacon Bible Commentary series (Beacon Hill Press), 2005-present.

Dean's Teaching Fellow, Graduate Division of Religion at Emory University and Candler School of Theology, Fall 2002 and Spring 2003

American Bible Society Scholarly Achievement Award in Biblical Studies, Candler School of Theology at Emory University, 1998

### **ACADEMIC SERVICE**

Director of the M.A. Program in Religion, PLNU, 2005-2014  
 Planning Action Council (Strategic Plan Committee), PLNU, 2011-present  
 Chair of the Faculty Resources Committee, PLNU, 2006-2007  
 Co-Chair of the Wesleyan Identity Task Force, PLNU, 2006-2007

### **PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS**

Society of Biblical Literature  
 Catholic Biblical Association  
 Wesleyan Theological Society

### **COURSES TAUGHT AT PLNU (SELECTED)**

Old Testament History and Religion (100 level)  
 Biblical Hebrew 1-2 (200 level)  
 Hebrew Readings (300+ level)  
 Interpreting the Bible (200 level)  
 Old Testament Prophets (300 level)  
 Old Testament Poetry and Wisdom (300 level)  
 Old Testament Narrative and Law (400 level)  
 Seminar in Biblical Literature: Ezekiel (400 level)  
 Seminar in Biblical Literature: War in/and the Bible (400 level)

### **COURSES TAUGHT AT FULLER SEMINARY (SELECTED)**

Pentateuch (500 level)  
 Prophets (500 level)  
 Writings as Introduction to the Old Testament (500 level)  
 Seminar in Ezekiel (500 level)

### **LANGUAGES**

*Ancient:* Hebrew, Aramaic, Ugaritic, Akkadian, Greek  
*Modern (reading knowledge):* German, French

### **SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS**

Frequent speaker, teacher, and preacher for various groups and churches. A full listing is available upon request.

**REFERENCES**

Dr. Carol Newsom  
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