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Curriculum Vita

Professor of Old Testament
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EDUCATION

Emory University
Ph.D. Old Testament, May 2003
Dissertation: "Hosea 2: Metaphor and Rhetoric in Historical Perspective."
Directed by Dr. John Hayes. Graduation: May 2003. Published as *Hosea 2: Metaphor and Rhetoric in Historical Perspective*. Academia Biblica 20. Atlanta: Society of Biblical Literature, 2005.

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

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

CURRENT POSITION

Professor of Old Testament (tenure-track) and director of the M.A. in Religion program at Point Loma Nazarene University.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE (Teaching)

Point Loma Nazarene University
Professor of Old Testament (tenure-track) 2010-present.
Associate Professor of Old Testament (tenure-track) 2006-2010.
Director of the M.A. Program in Religion 2005-present.
Assistant Professor of Old Testament (tenure-track) 2004-2006.

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

Candler School of Theology at Emory University
Dean's Teaching Fellow 2002-2003.

PUBLICATIONS AND CURRENT PROJECTS

Scholarly Publications

Authored Books

Biblical History and Israel's Past. Co-authored with Megan Bishop Moore. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2011.

Ezekiel. Beacon Bible Commentary. Kansas City: Beacon Hill Press (forthcoming spring 2012).

Ancient Israel at War. Essential Histories 67. Oxford: Osprey Publishing, 2007.

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

Edited Books

Interpreting Exile: Interdisciplinary Studies of Displacement and Deportation in Biblical and Modern Contexts. Co-edited with Frank Ritzel Ames and Jacob Wright. SBL Ancient Israel and Its Literature Series. Atlanta: Society of Biblical Literature, 2011.

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

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. LHB/OTS 446. New York: T&T Clark, 2006.

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

Articles (scholarly journals)

"Dealing with the Trauma of Defeat: The Rhetoric of the Devastation and Rejuvenation of Nature in Ezekiel." *Journal of Biblical Literature* 128 (2009): 469-490.

"Hosea 4-14 in Twentieth-Century Scholarship." *Currents in Biblical Research* 8.3 (2010): 314-375.

"Hosea 1-3 in Twentieth-Century Scholarship." *Currents in Biblical Research* 7.2 (2009): 177-218.

- “Creation and Trauma: The Devastation and Rejuvenation of Nature in Ezekiel.” *Wesleyan Theological Journal* 44 (2009): 70-90.
- “Political Critique: Church Praxis from the Framework of the Book of Amos.” *Wesleyan Theological Journal* 41 Spring (2006): 72-95.
- “A Reconsideration of *l^ckassôt* in Hosea 2,11(MT).” *Zeitschrift für die alttestamentliche Wissenschaft* 116, 3 (2004): 334-347.
- “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): 226-244.
- “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): 639-666.

Translations

Primary translator for the Book of Judges in the *Common English Bible* (new Bible translation) from Abingdon Press and others.

Articles (book chapters)

- “An Interdisciplinary Approach to the Exile.” In *Interpreting Exile: Interdisciplinary Studies of Displacement and Deportation in Biblical and Modern Contexts*. Co-edited with Frank Ritzel Ames and Jacob Wright. SBL Ancient Israel and Its Literature Series. Atlanta: Society of Biblical Literature Press, 2011.
- “Prophecy, Canon, and Imagination: Walter Brueggemann’s *The Prophetic Imagination* and the Contributions of Biblical Interpretation to the Prophetic Project.” In *Nurturing the Prophetic Imagination*. Edited by Jamie Gates and Mark Mann. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, forthcoming.
- “Pekah, Son of Remaliah: Rebel, Officer, King,” in *I Am Soldier: War Stories from the Ancient World to the Twentieth Century*. Edited by Richard Holmes. Oxford: Osprey, 2009.
- “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. SBL Symposium Series 42. Atlanta: Society of Biblical Literature, 2008.
- “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. LHB/OTS 446; New York: T&T Clark, 2006.

“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.

Articles (dictionaries and reference works)

“Diachronic Interpretation.” *Oxford Encyclopedia of Biblical Interpretation*. Submitted in March 2012.

“Judges: Introduction and Notes” in *The Common English Study Bible*. Nashville: Abingdon Press, forthcoming.

“Israelite History.” In *Dictionary of the Old Testament Prophets*. Downer’s Grove, Ill.: InterVarsity Press, forthcoming, 2011.

“Book of Hosea” in *Dictionary of Scripture and Ethics*. Edited by Joel Green, Jacqueline Lapsley, Rebekah Miles, and Allen Verhey. Grand Rapids: Baker Academic, 2011.

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

“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.

Articles in *The New Interpreter’s Dictionary of the Bible Volume 4*. Nashville: Abingdon, forthcoming (submitted and accepted):

“Negeb”

“Nun, Nunites”

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

“Damascus”

“Dart”

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

“Aram, Arameans”

“Armor-Bearer”

“Ben-Hadad”

“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.

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”

Sample Book Notes Written for Religious Studies Review (Prophets in Ancient Near East Section):

- 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)

Book Reviews

- 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): 346-348.
- 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* [<http://www.bookreviews.org>] (2009).

Papers and Other Presentations

- “What Is the Future of Israel’s Past?” Presidential Address to the Society of Biblical Literature Pacific Coast Region. Whittier College, March 2011.
- “Walter Brueggemann’s *Prophetic Imagination*.” Nurturing the Prophetic Imagination Conference. Point Loma Nazarene University, San Diego, CA. March 2010.
- “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.

- “Origin Stories in the Bible and the Ancient World.” Presented by invitation at the Symposium on Biological Origins and the Environment- First United Methodist Church of San Diego, April 19, 2008.
- “Creation and Trauma: The Devastation and Rejuvenation of Nature in Ezekiel.” Wesleyan Theological Society. Duke University. Durham, NC. March 2008.
- “Reading Biblical Characters and Characterization (Elijah).” Workshop conducted at Nazarene National Youth Pastor Retreat. San Diego, CA. January 2007.
- “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.
- “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.
- “Midrash and Christian Interpretation.” Workshop conducted at Nazarene National Youth Pastor Retreat. San Diego, CA. January 2006.
- “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.
- “Wartime Rhetoric: Prophetic Metaphorization of Cities as Female.” Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting (Warfare in Ancient Israel Consultation). San Antonio, TX. November 2004.

Popular/Church-related Publications

- “Humor in the Bible.” Co-authored with Robert W. Smith. *Rev!* July/August (2007): 76-77.
- “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.
- “Shaping New Pastors for the 21st Century: How Well Are Colleges and Seminaries Preparing Tomorrow’s Pastors?” (interview), *Rev!* March/April (2006): 52-60.
- “Babylon: City of Fact and City of Legend,” *Illustrated Bible Life*. Sept.-Nov. (2000).
- “Miracles in the Old Testament,” *Illustrated Bible Life*. June-Aug. (2000).

“Easter Worship and the Psalms,” *Illustrated Bible Life*. Mar.-May (2000).

“A Postmodern Church for a Postmodern Generation,” in *Generation Xers Talk about the Church of the Nazarene*. Edited by Thomas J. Oord. Kansas City, MO: Nazarene Publishing House, 1999.

In Progress/Under Contract

Article on the phenomenon of prophecy in the ancient world. Under contract with *Currents in Biblical Literature*. To be submitted fall 2012.

“Seventh Century History and Issues.” Essay for *Foundations for a History of Israel*. Edited by Bill Arnold and Richard Hess. Baker Publishing. To be submitted fall 2012.

“Post-War Rituals of Return and Reintegration of Warriors.” Paper prepared for SBL Warfare in Ancient Israel Section for November 2012.

John H. Hayes, *Interpreting History, Prophecy, and Law*. Edited and Introduced by Brad E. Kelle. Eugene, OR: Cascade. Under contract.

The Prophets and the Orators: A New Model for the Old Testament Prophets and Prophetic Literature (book-length project).

ADDITIONAL PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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.

Society of Biblical Literature
President of SBL Pacific Coast Region 2010-2011

Vice President of SBL Pacific Coast Region 2009-2010

Chair of “Warfare in Ancient Israel” section at SBL Annual Meetings 2007-2012 (steering committee: Susan Niditch, Frank Ames, Jacob Wright).

Chair of “Warfare in Ancient Israel” consultation at SBL Annual Meetings 2004-2006 (steering committee: Susan Niditch, Frank Ames).

Chair of “Neo-Assyrian Insights on Ancient Israel and the Hebrew Bible” session at SBL Pacific Coast Regional Meetings 2008-present.

Outside Reviewer of Manuscripts for Oxford University of Press (Oxford Bibliographies Online project—December 2009)

Outside Reviewer of Book Manuscripts for InterVarsity Press (spring 2009)

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

Point Loma Nazarene University
 Director of the M.A. Program in Religion 2005-present

Chair of the Faculty Resources Committee 2006-2007

Co-Chair of the Wesleyan Identity Task Force 2006-2007

TEACHING INTERESTS

Primary: Hebrew Bible (general), Prophetic Literature, Israelite and Judean History, Rhetorical Interpretation, Biblical Hebrew and Aramaic.

Secondary: Ancient Near Eastern Backgrounds to the Hebrew Bible; Akkadian; Ugaritic; New Testament; Apocalyptic Literature and Culture.

PROFESSIONAL AND ACADEMIC HONORS

Sabbatical Award (Point Loma Nazarene University) Fall 2011

Research and Special Projects grant from Point Loma Nazarene University 2010-2011.

Wesleyan Center for 21st-Century Studies Research Fellow Award (Point Loma Nazarene University) Fall 2010.

Research and Special Projects grant from Point Loma Nazarene University 2008-2009.

Wesleyan Center for 21st-Century Studies Research Scholar Award (Point Loma Nazarene University) Summer 2008.

Research and Special Projects grant from Point Loma Nazarene University 2007-2008.

Research and Special Projects grant from Point Loma Nazarene University 2006-2007.

Wesleyan Center for 21st-Century Studies Research Fellow Award (Point Loma Nazarene University) Fall 2006.

Research and Special Projects grant from Point Loma Nazarene University 2005-2006.

Commencement speaker for Point Loma Nazarene University graduate commencement 2006.

Faculty Convocation speaker Point Loma Nazarene University August 2005.

Research and Special Projects grant from Point Loma Nazarene University 2004-2005.

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

Graduation Magna Cum Laude, Candler School of Theology at Emory University (1998).

Thesis title: "Character in Process: The Characterization of Gideon in Judges 6-8"
 (Director: Dr. Carol Newsom)

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

LANGUAGES

Classical/Semitic: Biblical Hebrew; Biblical Aramaic; Akkadian; Ugaritic; Koine Greek
Modern: Reading Knowledge of German and French

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

Society of Biblical Literature
Catholic Biblical Association
Wesleyan Theological Society

REFERENCES

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