

## Curriculum Vitae

Name: John Wesley Wright

Title: Professor of Theology and Christian Scripture

Institution: Point Loma Nazarene University

### Degrees

1989	Ph.D. in Theology, University of Notre Dame
1986	M.A., Theology, University of Notre Dame
1983	M.Div., Nazarene Theological Seminary
1980	B.A., Philosophy-Humanities and Psychology, Mount Vernon Nazarene College

### Honors and Awards:

“Bibliographical Resources for PLNU Library on the Augustinian Background of John Wesley,” RASP Grant, Point Loma Nazarene University, 2010-11.

“To Finish and to Continue: The Augustinian Tradition and Wesley and the Material Formation of the Christian Scriptures,” Wesley Fellow Summer Scholar for Research in Manchester, England Summer, 2010.

“Preparing a Reader on Theology and the Contemporary University,” RASP Grant, Point Loma Nazarene University, 2008-09.

“Bibliographical Resources for Vatican II and the Renewal of the Church Catholic,” RASP Grant, Point Loma Nazarene University 2007-08.

“Bibliographic resources for teaching classes on the Material Formation of the Christian Book and Second Temple Judaism as Revealed in the Discoveries at Khirbet Qumran,” Alumni Grant, Point Loma Nazarene University 2007.

“The Wesleyan and Vatican II,” Wesley Center Summer Research Grant, Summer 2006.

“The Ecclesially-Based University in a Liberal-Democratic Society,” Rhodes Consultation Special Project Grant, 2001-2002.

Institutional Renewal Grant, Rhodes Consultation on Church-Related Colleges, PLNU, 2000-2001.

Wesley Center Fellowship, Wesley Center for Twenty-First Century Studies, PLNU, Fall 1999.

Regional Rhodes Consultation on Church-Related Colleges Grant, 1998-1999.

Wesley Center Fellowship, Wesley Center for Twenty-First Century Studies, PLNU, Fall 1995.

Medallion Alumni Award, Mount Vernon Nazarene College, November 1993.

President's Award, Nazarene Theological Seminary, 1983.

Valedictorian, Mount Vernon Nazarene College, 1980.

Accomplishments:

*a. Publications:*

(1) Books

The History of Judah and the Old Testament: Power Manifested in Weakness. Contract signed with Cascade Press in 2009.

Chronicles: A Narratological Commentary, Berit Olam Series, Michael Glazier Press, contract signed. 150-200 pages of manuscript completed.

Postliberal Theology and the Church Catholic: Conversations with George Lindbeck, David Burrell, and Stanley Hauerwas (Grand Rapids, MI: BakerAcademic, 2012.

Telling God's Story: Narrative Preaching for Christian Formation. Downers Grove, IL: Intervarsity Press, 2007.

Conflicting Allegiances: The Church-Based University in a Liberal Democratic Society, ed. with Michael Budde; Grand Rapids: Brazos Press, 2004. (Cited as best new book on Christian higher education on the Coalition of Christian Colleges and Universities web site, 2005; finalist for the inaugural Lilly Fellows Program Book Award, 2006)

Priests, Prophets, and Scribes: Essays on the Formation and Heritage of Second Temple Judaism in Honor of Joseph Blenkinsopp, co-edited with Eugene Ulrich, Robert Carroll, and Philip R. Davies. Sheffield: JSOT Press, 1992. Festschrift with contributions from international colleagues, friends, and students of Joseph Blenkinsopp.

And Then There Was One: A Search for the True Disciple in the Gospel of Mark. Kansas City: Beacon Hill Press of Kansas City, 1985. 111 pp.

(2) Articles

“The Circle of Life as the Circle of Death: The Post-Christian Spiritual Nihilism of Disney's *The Lion King*,” Radical Orthodoxy: A Journal, in submission.

- “Divine Retribution in Herodotus and the Book of Chronicles,” in Volume of the Proceedings of Ancient Historiography Seminar, Canadian Society of Biblical Studies. Winona Lakes, IN: Eisenbrauns, forthcoming 2012.
- “Conceiving the Implausible: What Would it Take to Render a Ten-Sermon Series on Chronicles Intelligible?” in The Bible Tells Me So: Reading the Bible as Scripture (Edited by Richard Thompson and Thomas Oord; Nampa, ID; Sacrasage Press, 2011), 273-93.
- “Process Philosophy as the Onto-Theo-Logic of State Regulated Capitalism: The Economics of Nihilism” in Gift and Economy: Ethics, Hospitality and the Market (Edited by Eric Severson; Cambridge, England: Cambridge Scholars Press, 2012), 110-123.
- “Beyond the Disciplines, God: The Study of the Christian Scriptures and the Formation of a Faithful Habitus for Truthful Learning” in Beyond Integration: Inter/Disciplinary Possibilities for the Future of Christian Higher Education (edited by Todd C. Ream, Jerry Pattengale, and David L. Riggs; Abilene, TX: Abilene Christian University Press, 2012), pp. 165-87.
- “Salvation,” “Sanctification,” “Grace” in The Dictionary of Scripture and Ethics. Edited by Joel Green et al.; Grand Rapids: Baker Academic Press, 2011.
- “Christian Education and the Tacit Desire for God: A Forum on James K. A. Smith’s Desiring the Kingdom: Worship, Worldview, and Cultural Formation,” Christian Scholar’s Review 39:2 (2010) 226-29.
- “What Becomes of Revelation and the Scriptures?” in God Reconsidered: The Promise and Peril of Process Theology. Edited by Al Truesdale. Kansas City, MO: Beacon Hill Press of Kansas City, 2010, pp. 39-46.
- “What Becomes of Evil, Sin, Grace, and Salvation?” in God Reconsidered: The Promise and Peril of Process Theology. Edited by Al Truesdale. Edited by Al Truesdale. Kansas City, MO: Beacon Hill Press of Kansas City, 2010, 97-105.
- “When Did Relationship Replace Repentance and Faith,” Didache: Faithful Teaching 2009 (9:1)  
[http://didache.nazarene.org/index.php?option=com\\_docman&task=doc\\_view&gid=767&Itemid=](http://didache.nazarene.org/index.php?option=com_docman&task=doc_view&gid=767&Itemid=).
- “Those Doing the Work for the Service in the House of the Lord”: 1 Chronicles 23:6-24:31 and the Socio-Historical Context for the Temple of Yahweh in Jerusalem in the late Persian/Early Hellenistic Period” in Judah and the Judeans in the Fourth Century BCE. Edited by Oded Lipschits, Alberts Rainer, and Gary Knoppers; Winona Lake, IN: Eisenbrauns, 2007), pp. 361-84.

- “Homeless in San Diego: An Editorial,” San Diego Union-Tribune, November 2, 2007.
- “To Re-Present the Triune God on behalf of the Church: Ministry (*Diakonia*) in Ignatius of Antioch” in Wise Shepherd: Biblical and Theological Resources for the Pastoral Task. Edited by Brad Kelle; San Diego: Point Loma Press, 2006, pp. 63-78.
- “A Commentary on Commentaries on Chronicles,” Journal of Hebrew Studies 5 (2005) Article 20 ([http://www.arts.ualberta.ca/JHS/Articles/article\\_50.htm](http://www.arts.ualberta.ca/JHS/Articles/article_50.htm)).
- “Re-mapping Yehud: The Borders of Yehud and the Genealogies of Chronicles,” in Judah and the Judeans in the Persian Period. Edited by Oded Lipschits and Manfred Oeming; Winona Lake, IN: Eisenbrauns, 2005, pp. 67-89.
- “Being Visible while Poor: An Editorial,” San Diego Union-Tribune, Friday, December 24, 2004.
- “Catholicity before Identity: The Catholicity of the Church of the Nazarene and its Membership Ritual,” 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, pp. 46-55.
- “How Many Masters? From the Church-Related to an Ecclesially-Based University,” in Conflicting Allegiance: The Church-Based University in a Liberal Democratic Society. Edited by John W. Wright and Michael Budde; Grand Rapids: Brazos Press, 2004, pp. 13-28.
- “Nicea and Christology in the Book of Revelation,” Wesleyan Theological Journal 39:2 (2004) 7-38.
- “Beyond Transcendence and Immanence: The Characterization of the Presence and Activity of God in the Book of Chronicles” in The Chronicler as Theologian: Essays in Honor of Ralph W. Klein. Edited by M. Patrick Graham, Steven L. McKenzie, and Gary N. Knoppers. JSOTSS 371; London: T. & T. Clark, 2003, pp. 240-67.
- John W. Wright and J. Douglas Harrison, “The Ecclesial Practice of Reconciliation and the End of the Wesleyan,” Wesleyan Theological Journal 37:2 (2002) 194-214.
- Rodney Clapp and John Wright, “God as Santa,” The Christian Century 119:22 (October 23-November 5, 2002) 29-31.
- “A Tale of Three Cities: Urban Gates, Squares and Power in Iron Age II, Neo-Babylonian and Achaemenid Judah,” Second Temple Studies III: Studies in

- Politics, Class and Material Culture. Edited by Philip R. Davies and John M. Halligan; JSSOTSS 340; Sheffield: Sheffield Academic Press, 2002, pp. 19-50.
- “Genealogies” and “Election,” Dictionary of the Old Testament: Pentateuch Downers Grove, IL. InterVarsity Press, 2002.
- “Wesley’s Theology as Methodist Practice: Toward the Post-modern Retrieval of the Wesleyan Tradition,” Wesleyan Theological Journal 35 (2000) 7-31.
- “The Fabula of the Book of Chronicles” in The Chronicler as Author: Studies in Text and Texture. Edited by M. Patrick Graham and Steven McKenzie. JSOTSS 263; Sheffield: Sheffield Academic Press, 1999, pp. 136-155.
- Revision of Notes, “1 & 2 Chronicles,” NIV Reflecting God Study Bible. Zondervan Publishing Company, 1999.
- “The Founding Father: The Narrative Structure of the Chronicler’s David Narrative,” Journal of Biblical Literature 117 (1998) 45-59.
- Sixty notes for the Life and Times Historical Reference Bible. Nashville: Thomas Nelson Press, 1998.
- “The Fight for Peace: Narrative and History in the Battle Accounts in Chronicles” in The Chronicler as Historian. Edited by M. Patrick Graham, Kenneth G. Hoglund, and Steven L. McKenzie. JSOTSS 238; Sheffield: Sheffield Academic Press, 1997, pp. 150-177.
- “What’s at Stake: Future Options for Ministry,” in Maps and Models for Ministry. Edited by David Whitelaw; San Diego: Point Loma Press, 1996, pp. 117-24.
- “The Old Testament against Israelite Religion: Towards a Holiness Hermeneutic,” Wesleyan Theological Journal 30 (1995) 68-90.
- “The Innocence of David in 1 Chronicles 21,” Journal for the Study of the Old Testament 60 (1993) 87-105.
- “From the Center to the Periphery: 1 Chronicles 23-27 and the Interpretation of Chronicles in the Nineteenth Century,” in Priests, Prophets, and Scribes: Essays on the Formation and Heritage of Second Temple Judaism in Honor of Joseph Blenkinsopp. Sheffield: JSOT Press, 1992, pp. 20-42.
- “Another View of the ‘Dead Sea Scrolls Scandal’,” Biblical Archaeological Review 18:3 (1992) 64-65.
- “Amram” (I, p. 217), “Beno” (I, p. 674-5), “Bilgah” (I, p. 742), “Delaiah” (II, p. 133), “Eliashib” (II, pp. 460-61), “Gamul” (II, p. 966), “Gershom” (II, pp. 993-94),

- “Hakkoz” (III, pp. 24-25), “Happizzez” (III, p. 55), “Hezir” (III, p. 193), “Huppah” (III, p. 334), “Ibri” (III, pp. 355-56), “Iddo” (III, pp. 375-76), “Isshiah” (III, p. 578), “Jahath” (III, pp. 611-12), “Jakim” (III, p. 616), “Jehezkel” (III, pp. 740-41), Jekamean” (III, p. 676), “Jeriah” (III, p. 723), “Jerimoth” (III, pp. 740-41), “Jeshebeab” (III, p. 769), “Jozebad” (III, pp. 1023-24), “Michael” (IV, pp. 811-12), “Zechariah” (VI, pp. 1057-60), The Anchor Bible Dictionary. New York: Doubleday, 1992.
- “The Legacy of David in Chronicles: The Narrative Function of the Chronicler’s 23-27,” Journal of Biblical Literature 110 (1991) 229-42.
- “Guarding the Gates: 1 Chronicles 26:1-19 and the Roles of Gatekeepers in Chronicles,” Journal for the Study of the Old Testament 48 (1990) 69-81.
- “Origen in the Scholar’s Den: A Rationale for the Hexapla,” in Origen of Alexandria: His World and His Legacy, pp. 48-62. Edited by Charles Kannengiesser and William Petersen. Notre Dame, IN: University of Notre Dame Press, 1988.
- B. Papers:*
- "On Faith(s): The Wesleyan Tradition and the World's Religions": Embourgeoisment and the Colonialization of the American Holiness Movement through the Wesleyan Theological Society," Wesleyan Theological Society Annual Meeting, Trevecca Nazarene University, Nashville, TN, March 2-3, 2012.
- “Blueprints for the University: Kant’s *The Conflict of the Faculty* and Newman’s *Discourses on the Scope and Nature of University Education: Addressed to the Catholics of Dublin*,” Invited paper, Theology Colloquium: John Henry Newman, Department of Religion, October 2011.
- “The Circle of Life as the Circle of Death: The Post-Christian Spiritual Nihilism of Disney’s The Lion King,” Wesleyan Philosophical Society Annual Meeting, Southern Methodist University, March 2011.
- “Divine Retribution in Herodotus and the Book of Chronicles,” Invited Paper for Ancient Historiography Seminar, Canadian Society of Biblical Studies, Montreal, Canada, May 2010.
- “Process Theology as the Onto-Theo-Logic of State-Regulated Capitalism,” Wesleyan Philosophical Society Annual Meeting, Azusa Pacific University, Spring 2010.
- “Irenaeus, the “Rule of Truth,” and the Materiality of Early Christian Codices: The Historical Formation of the *Logos* of the Christian Book,” Historical Theology Section, Wesleyan Theological Society Annual Meeting, Azusa Pacific University, Spring 2010.

- ““And the Birthright was Given to Joseph”: Joseph as the Included/Excluded Bastard Son of Israel,” Chronicles and Ezra/Nehemiah Group, SBL Annual Meeting, Boston, MA. November 24, 2008.
- “The Patronage of Philosophical Libraries in the Early Roman Empire: Khirbet Qumran and the Villa of the Papyri,” Joint Session: Social History of Formative Christianity and Judaism/Qumran Sections; SBL Annual Meeting, Boston, MA. November 23, 2008.
- “Protestant Theology and the Making of the Modern German University and the De-Christianizing Program of the French Revolution,” Panel Discussion on Thomas Howard’s Protestant Theology and the Making of the Modern German University, Fides et Historia Conference, Bluffton University, Bluffton, Ohio, September 19, 2008.
- “Is Chaos Something or Nothing? God and Creation ex Nihilo in Genesis 1:1-3,” Wesleyan Theological Society Annual Meeting, Duke University, March 2008.
- “Refusing the Dialectic: The Missionaries of Charity as the Embodiment of Political Theology,” Invited Seminar, Department of Theology, Azusa Pacific University, Azusa, CA. March 3, 2008.
- “When Did Relationship Replace Repentance and Faith?” Invited Public Lecture, Department of Theology, Azusa Pacific University, Azusa, CA. March 3, 2008.
- “Beyond the Disciplines, God: The Study of the Christian Scriptures and the Formation of a Faithful Habitus for Truthful Learning,” Invited Keynote Paper, Celebration of Scholarship Program, Indiana Wesleyan University, March 4, 2008; to be published in Beyond Integration? Inter/Disciplinary Possibilities for the Future of Christian Higher Education (ed. by Todd C. Ream, Jerry Pattengale, and David L. Riggs; proposal submitted, Baker Academic Press).
- “A Post Post-Medieval Recovery of Habitus in Reading Scripture with the Church,” Invited Response, Christian Theology and Scripture Section, SBL Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA, November 19, 2007.
- “Ex-spectre-ating Hegel: Utopia, Dystopia, and Irony in the Book of Chronicles,” Invited Response, Chronicles, Ezra, Nehemiah Section, SBL Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA, November 18, 2007.
- “Creator, Creation, and Participation: Usus and Fruitio in Augustine and John Wesley,” Wesleyan Philosophical Society Annual Meeting. Kankakee, Illinois, March 2007.

“As it is Written As it is Written in the Law of Moses: King, Torah, and Temple in the Book of Chronicles,” Invited Paper for Special Sessions on the Authorization and Reception of the Torah in the Late Persian/Early Hellenistic Period, International Society of Biblical Literature Meeting, Edinburgh, Scotland, July 2006.

“To This You Were Called: The Politics of Vocation in Max Weber and 1 Peter,” “Faith, Hope, and Works Conference,” Point Loma Nazarene University, San Diego, CA, February 11, 2006.

“A Commentary on Commentaries of Chronicles,” Panel Discussion on “New Commentaries on Chronicles,” Chronicles, Ezra, Nehemiah Group, SBL Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA, November 20, 2005.

“Those Doing the Work for the Service in the House of the Lord”: 1 Chronicles 23:6-24:31 and the Socio-Historical Context for the Temple of Yahweh in Jerusalem in the late Persian/Early Hellenistic Period,” Judah and the Judeans in the Fourth Century BCE: An International Conference, Muenster, Germany, August 12-15, 2005.

Panel Discussion on “The Church in the Shadow of Wesley,” Wesleyan Theological Society Meeting, Seattle Pacific University, Seattle, Washington, March 5, 2005.

Panel Discussion on Elisabeth Fried’s The Priest and the Great King, Literature and History of the Persian Period Group, Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, San Antonio, TX, November, 2004.

“Post-colonial Perspectives on the Persian Period,” Literature and History of the Persian Period Group, SBL Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA, November 2003.

“Re-mapping Yehud: The Borders of Yehud and the Genealogies of Chronicles,” Judah and the Judeans in the Persian Period: An International Conference sponsored by the University of Heidelberg and Tel-Aviv University, Heidelberg, Germany, July 2003.

“The Ecclesial Practice of Reconciliation as the End of the Wesleyan” Wesleyan Theological Society, Indiana Wesleyan University, March, 2001.

“Beyond Immanence or Transcendence: The Activity of God in the Book of Chronicles,” invited paper, Chronicles, Ezra, Nehemiah Group, SBL Annual Meeting, Nashville, November, 2000.

“Blessing and Honor and Glory and Might Forever and Ever!” Nicea and the Christology of Book of Revelation,” Wesleyan Theological Society, Azusa-Pacific University, March 2000.



- “Radical Reformation Themes and Tyndale’s The Obedience of a Christian Man,”  
William Tyndale Conference, Point Loma Nazarene University, February, 2000.
- “Wesley’s Theology as Methodist Practice: Toward the Post-modern Retrieval of the  
Wesleyan Tradition,” Wesleyan Theological Society, Bethany, OK, March, 1999.
- Daniel Spross and John Wright, “To the Angel of the Church, Write: A Biblical Vision  
of a Just World in the Book of Revelation,” Nazarene Theological Symposium at  
the Compassionate Ministry Conference, Colorado Springs, October, 1998.
- “‘How Firm a Foundation?’ or Is It, ‘How Firm a Foundation!’: Beyond Critique in a  
Theological and Scientific Analysis of Creation Science,” Church of the Nazarene  
Science and Theology Conference, Kansas City, MO, March, 1998.
- “Miracle and the Historical/Theological Horizons of Anglo-American Biblical  
Translations: From Tyndale to the NIV,” Western Regional William Tyndale  
Conference, Point Loma Nazarene College, January, 1998
- Ron Benefiel with John Wright, “Consumer versus Commitment Based Congregations in  
the Church of the Nazarene, 1992-1996: Sociological and Theological  
Reflections,” Association of Nazarene Sociologists of Religion, March 14, 1997
- “Francis of Assisi as Over-Human: A Nietzschean ‘Theology’ of Christian Perfection,”  
Conference on “What Happens to ‘Person’ in a ‘Post-Modern’ Era?” sponsored  
by The Wesley Center for 21st Century Studies, Point Loma Nazarene College,  
January 1997.
- “The Fabula of the Book of Chronicles,” Chronicles, Ezra, Nehemiah Group, SBL  
Annual Meeting, New Orleans, November, 1996.
- “‘No Prophet Like Moses’: Deuteronomy 34:10-12 and the Theological Structure of the  
Pentateuch,” AAR/SBL Western Regional Meeting, San Diego, California, March  
1996.
- “Towards a Holiness Hermeneutic: The Old Testament against Israelite Religion,”  
Wesleyan Theological Society, Dayton, Ohio, November 1994.
- “The End of an Era: 1 Chronicles 22-29 and the Iranian Epic Tradition,” Chronicles,  
Ezra, Nehemiah Group, SBL Annual Meeting, Washington, DC, November 1993.
- “Vindicating the Guilty: The Innocence of David in 1 Chronicles 21,” Chronicles, Ezra,  
Nehemiah Group, SBL Annual Meeting, Kansas City, Missouri November, 1991.
- “Space, Power, and Community: Lessons from the Architectonics of the Iron Age II  
Israelite City,” “Community after Communism,” Midwest Radical Scholars and

Activists Conference, Loyola University of Chicago, Chicago, IL, November 1991.

“A Tale of Three Cities: Urban Gates, Public Squares, and Power in Iron Age II, Neo-Babylonian, and Achaemenid Israel,” *Sociology of the Second Temple Group*, SBL Annual Meeting, New Orleans, November 1990.

“The Founding Father: The Structure of the Chronicler’s David Narrative,” *Chronicles, Ezra, Nehemiah Group*, SBL Annual Meeting, Anaheim, CA, November 1989.

“The Legacy of a Lameduck: The Narrative Function of 1 Chronicles 23-27,” *Chronicles, Ezra, Nehemiah Group*, SBL Annual Meeting, November 1988.

“Guarding the Gates: 1 Chronicles 26:1-19 and the Roles of Gatekeepers in I and II Chronicles,” *Chronicles, Ezra, Nehemiah Group*, SBL Annual Meeting Boston, November, 1987.

#### PROFESSIONAL INVOLVEMENT

Regular Blogger, The Colossian Forum on Faith, Science, and Culture, site opening in November 2011.

Guest Blogger, The Biologos Forum: Science and Faith in Dialogue, The Biologos Foundation, [www.biologos.org](http://www.biologos.org).

Editorial Board, Brazos Press, 2000--present

Co-Chair, “Literature and History of the Persian Period Group,” Society of Biblical Literature, 1997 – 2005

Steering Committee, *Chronicles, Ezra/Nehemiah Group*, Society of Biblical Literature, 1991-present

Abstractor for *Zeitschrift für die alttestamentliche Wissenschaft* 100:3 and *Transeuphratène* 15 to present, Old Testament Abstracts

Catholic Biblical Association

Society of Biblical Literature

Wesleyan Philosophical Society

Wesleyan Theological Society

#### TEACHING AND PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

*Professor of Theology and Christian Scripture, Point Loma Nazarene College, January 1995 -- present.*

*Director of Masters of Ministry, Point Loma Nazarene University, 2000-2004.*

*Senior Pastor, The Church of the Nazarene in Mid-City, English-Speaking Congregation, 4101 University Ave., San Diego, California 2000—present.*

*Pastoral Team, The Church of the Nazarene in Mid-City, San Diego, California, 1997--2000.*

*Pastor, Winamac Church of the Nazarene, Box 339, Winamac, IN 46996, July 1992 -- January 1995.*

*Visiting Assistant Professor of Theology, University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, IN 46556, Fall 1991 -- Spring 1992.*

*Visiting Assistant Professor of Religious Studies, St. Mary's College, Notre Dame, IN 46556, Fall 1988 -- Spring 1991.*

*Pastor, Hebron Church of the Nazarene, 194 Boardwalk, Hebron, IN 46341, July 1988 --July 1989.*

*Part-time Lecturer in Religious Studies, St. Mary's College, Notre Dame, IN 46556, August 1988 -- May 1989.*

*Director of Youth Ministries, South Bend First Presbyterian Church, 333 W. Colfax Ave., South Bend, IN 46601, January 1985 -- August 1987.*