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EDUCATION

- Ph.D. 2005      University of Aberdeen, in New Testament Studies. Dissertation: *The Letter of James in the Formation of the New Testament Catholic Epistle Collection*
- M.Div. 1996      Duke University Divinity School
- B.A. 1990      Seattle Pacific University, Educational Ministry

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- 2015-present      Professor of New Testament Studies, Seattle Pacific University
- 2009-2015      Associate Professor of New Testament Studies, Seattle Pacific University
- 2004-2008      Assistant Professor of New Testament Studies, Seattle Pacific University
- 2001-2004      Postgraduate Faculty, University of Aberdeen, Scotland
- 1999-2001      Instructor in Theology, Seattle Pacific University
- 1998-1999      Part-time Adjunct Faculty, Seattle Pacific University

GRANTS AND AWARDS

- April 2016      Ivy Honorary Mortar Board Top Professor, 2016
- May 2015      Grant Recipient, SERVE Program of Faculty Grants for Theology and Vocation. \$2750 awarded to train faculty in teaching revised UFDN 1000 course.
- May 2014      Grant Recipient, SERVE Program of Faculty Grants for Theology and Vocation. \$5031 awarded to develop small group meetings in university curriculum.
- March 2014      Grant Recipient, Bart Wall Memorial Fund for Faculty Scholarship. \$2330 in funds for travel to two international conferences.
- 2007-2009      Co-author (with Dr. Rick Steele) of major grant proposal to the Murdock Charitable Trust to fund comprehensive programming in biblical and theological education for SPU community. \$600,000 awarded for three years, renewable.
- February 2005 – Grant Recipient, Lilly SERVE Program of Faculty Grants for Theology and Vocation. \$4500 awarded to assess the University Foundations program.

TEACHING RESPONSIBILITIES

- Undergraduate University Foundations Program: *Christian Formation, Christian Scripture*
- Undergraduate Bible Courses: *Four Gospels, One Jesus; New Testament Letters; Biblical Texts; Biblical Topics; Christian Disciplines – Bible Study; Community Bible Study*
- Graduate Bible Courses: *Bible I, Interpreting and Teaching the Bible; Bible III, Introduction to the New Testament; English Bible Exegesis*
- Undergraduate Courses in Reconciliation Studies: *Introduction to Christian Reconciliation; Christ and Culture: Reconciliation*



## SEATTLE PACIFIC UNIVERSITY GOVERNANCE, ADMINISTRATION, AND OTHER COMMITTEES

### University Governance

2013-2016	SPU Faculty Status Committee (chair, 2015-16)
2007-2010	SPU Faculty Diversity Committee

### School of Theology Committees

2017-Present	Professional Development Committee
2014-16	Faculty Administrator of UFDN 1000 Wesleyan Small Groups
2014-Present	UFDN 1000 First Year Experience Committee (chair)
2011-15	Chair, Bible Department
2010-Present	Lectureship Committee
2009-10	Interim Director, SPU Center for Biblical and Theological Education
2008-2010	School of Theology/School of Business Collaboration Committee
2007-2011	Undergraduate Curriculum Committee (chair)
2007-11	Principal Investigator, Murdock Grant for Biblical and Theological Education
2007-2008	Scholarship Committee

### Other Committees

July-Sept. 2014	Otto Miller Hall Re-Dedication Committee
Jan.2010-2014	CBTE Advisory Council, Grant Review Committee, Biblical Literacy Think-tank

## PUBLICATIONS

### Books

*The Usefulness of Scripture: Essays in Honor of Robert W. Wall.* Co-Edited with Daniel Castelo and Sara M. Koenig. University Park, PA: The Pennsylvania State University Press, 2018.

*A Concise Guide to Reading the New Testament: A Canonical Introduction.* Grand Rapids: Baker Academic, 2018.

*A Compact Guide to the Whole Bible: Learning to Read the Biblical Story.* Ed., with Robert W. Wall. Grand Rapids: Baker Academic, 2014.

*The Church's Guide to Reading the Catholic Epistles: The Shaping and Shape of a Canonical Collection.* With Robert W. Wall. Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans Publishing Co., 2013.

*Not By Paul Alone: The Formation of the Catholic Epistle Collection and the Christian Canon.* Waco, TX: Baylor University Press, 2007.

### Scholarly Articles, Chapters, Entries, and Reviews

"The Spirit in the Catholic Epistles." Forthcoming in *The T&T Clark Companion to Pneumatology*. Daniel Castelo, ed. New York, NY: T&T Clark, 2019.

"2 Peter, the Johannine Epistles, and the Authority of 'Eyewitness' Tradition." Forthcoming in *Second Peter in New Perspective: Radboud Prestige Lectures by Jörg Frey*. Jörg Frey, Jan van der Watt, and Mattijs den Dulk, eds. Leiden: Brill, 2018.

"Reading James, Re-Reading Paul." Forthcoming in *The Early Reception of Paul the Second Temple Jew: Text, Narrative, and Reception History*. LSTS 92. Isaac Oliver and Gabrielle Boccaccini, eds. London: Bloomsbury T&T Clark, 2018.

"From the Beginning: The Formation of an Apostolic Christian Identity in 2 Peter and 1-3 John." In *Muted Voices of the New Testament: Readings in the Catholic Epistles and Hebrews*. Hockey, Katherine M, Madison N. Pierce, and Francis Watson, eds. LNTS. New York: T&T Clark, 2017, 71-86.

"Atonement in 1-2 Peter." *T&T Clark Companion to the Atonement*. Adam Johnson, ed. New York: T&T Clark, 2017, 685-688.

"On Reading Canonical Collections: A Response." With Robert W. Wall. *Journal of Theological Interpretation* 9.1 (2015), 149-160.



“Bergman, Ingmar (1918-2007).” Encyclopedia article in volume B of *The Encyclopedia of the Bible and Its Reception* (Walter de Gruyter: entry published in 2007, encyclopedia publication ongoing).

“The Letter of James as a Canon-Conscious Pseudepigraph,” in K-W Niebuhr and R. Wall (eds.) *The Catholic Epistles and Apostolic Tradition* (Baylor University Press, 2009), 183-200.

Review of Lee M. McDonald’s *The Biblical Canon* (*Catholic Historical Review*, 93.4, 2007).

#### Chapters, Articles and Essays for General Audiences

“The Story of the Church: Acts and the Letters,” in *A Compact Guide to the Whole Bible: Learning to Read the Biblical Story*. David R. Nienhuis and Robert W. Wall, eds. Grand Rapids: Baker Academic, 2014.

“Reading the Bible as Story,” in *A Compact Guide to the Whole Bible: Learning to Read the Biblical Story*. David R. Nienhuis and Robert W. Wall, eds. Grand Rapids: Baker Academic, 2014.

“The Community of Holiness,” in *Holiness as a Liberal Art*. Daniel Castelo, ed. Eugene, OR: Wipf and Stock Publishers, 2012.

“Holiness as Reconciliation,” in *Holiness: Eight Essays from the School of Theology at Seattle Pacific University*. D. Castelo ed. Seattle Pacific University, 2010, pp.8-9.

“What’s Christian about Reconciliation?” *Response Magazine* vol.32 no.1 (Win. 2009) p.14. Associated online exclusive essay: “Is Reconciliation Synonymous with Diversity? Understanding Our Differences at the Table of the Lord” ([www.spu.edu/depts/uc/response/exclusives/Exclusive-reconciliation-diversity.asp](http://www.spu.edu/depts/uc/response/exclusives/Exclusive-reconciliation-diversity.asp)).

“The Problem of Evangelical Biblical Illiteracy.” *Modern Reformation* vol.19 no. 1 (Jan-Feb. 2010).

#### Center for Biblical and Theological Education Lectio Guides

*The Letter of James – A Reading Guide*, for SPU’s Center for Biblical and Theological Education. Published online summer 2013 (<http://blog.spu.edu/lectio>).

*The Gospel According to Matthew – A Reading Guide*, for SPU’s Center for Biblical and Theological Education. Published online in winter 2011 (<http://blog.spu.edu/lectio/introduction-to-matthew/>).

#### RECENT SCHOLARLY PRESENTATIONS

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| July 2016 | “Reading James, Re-Reading Paul.” Nangeroni/Enoch Seminar on the Reception of Paul the Second Temple Jew. Waldensian School of Theology, Rome, Italy.  |
| Mar.2015  | Council of Independent Colleges “Information Fluency” Conference, Baltimore MD. Invited presentation on a “Biblical Studies Resource Project” created for <i>Four Gospels</i> course. Also serving as group facilitator for conference attendees.                      |
| Nov. 2014 | “Claiming John for the Pillars: Expanding the Canonical Function of 2 Peter.” Invited paper for University of Wuppertal (Germany) conference “Core or Fringe? 2 Peter and the New Testament.”  |
| July 2014 | Invited response to panel review of Nienhuis and Wall’s <i>Reading the Letters of James, Peter, John and Jude as Scripture</i> . International Society of Biblical Literature Conference, University of Vienna, Austria.   |
| Nov. 2012 | “The Canonical Function of 2 Peter and Jude.” Invited paper presented at the 8 <sup>th</sup> International Biblical Studies Conference of the Pontifical Institute of Sicily, (Palermo) Italy.   |
| Nov. 2011 | Invited response to John C. Poirier, “2 Peter’s Knowledge of the Transfiguration’s Synoptic Context.” Presented at the <i>Extent of Theological Diversity in the Second Century</i> section of the Society of Biblical Literature annual meeting in San Francisco, CA. |

#### PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

Society of Biblical Literature, 2002-Present  
British New Testament Society, 2001-Present