

DAVID R. NIENHUIS
PROFESSOR OF NEW TESTAMENT STUDIES

Curriculum Vitae

Seattle Pacific University School of Theology and Seattle Pacific Seminary,
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TEACHING RESPONSIBILITIES

Undergraduate University Foundations Program: *Christian Formation, Christian Scripture*

Undergraduate Bible Courses: *Four Gospels, One Jesus; New Testament Letters; Biblical Texts; 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*

MAJOR ADMINISTRATIVE RESPONSIBILITIES IN THE SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY

June 2014-Present Faculty Administrator of UFDN 1000 Wesleyan Small Groups

Sept.2011-Present Chair, School of Theology Bible Department

May 2009-Jan.2010 Interim Director, Center for Biblical and Theological Education, SPU

June 2007-May 2010 Principal Investigator, Murdock Grant for Biblical and Theological Education

June 2006-Aug.2009 Director of University Foundations Program

SEATTLE PACIFIC UNIVERSITY GOVERNANCE AND OTHER COMMITTEES

University Governance

Sept.2013-Present SPU Faculty Status Committee

Sept.2007-June 2010 SPU Faculty Diversity Committee

School of Theology Committees

2014-Present UFDN 1000 First Year Experience Committee (chair)

2010-Present Lectureship Committee

2008-2010 School of Theology/School of Business Collaboration Committee

2007-2011 Undergraduate Curriculum Committee (chair)

2007-2008 Scholarship Committee

Other Committees

July-Sept. 2014 Otto Miller Hall Re-Dedication Committee

Jan.2010-2014 CBTE Advisory Council, Grant Review Committee, and Biblical Literacy Think-tank

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*, supervised by Professor Francis Watson.
- M.Div. 1996 Duke University Divinity School, *Summa cum laude*
- B.A. 1990 Seattle Pacific University, Educational Ministry

PUBLICATIONS

BOOKS

- 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).

Articles and Book Chapters

- "Response to Davids and Lockett's Review of *Reading the Letters of James, Peter, John and Jude as Scripture*." With Robert W. Wall. *Journal of Theological Interpretation* 9.1 (2015) 149-160.
- "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. (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. (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).
- "The Problem of Evangelical Biblical Illiteracy." *Modern Reformation* vol.19 no. 1 (Jan-Feb. 2010).
- "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) pp.183-200.

Reference Work Entries

“Atonement in 1 Peter,” in *The T&T Clark Companion to the Atonement*, ed. Adam Johnson (forthcoming from T&T Clark, 2015)

“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).

Book Reviews

Review of Dale Allison, Jr., *James: International Critical Commentary* (forthcoming in *The Marginalia Review of Books*, an online review of books in History, Philosophy and Religion, published by the Los Angeles Times — <http://marginalia.lareviewofbooks.org>)

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

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/>).

MANUSCRIPTS IN PREPARATION

Reading the New Testament as a Canonical Collection – textbook introducing the New Testament from a canonical perspective; under contract with Baker Academic and due for release in late 2016 or early 2017.

A Crucial Letter: the Canonical Function of the Second Letter of Peter. Ongoing, long-term research project.

RECENT SCHOLARLY PRESENTATIONS

Mar.2015 Council of Independent Colleges “Information Fluency” Conference, Baltimore MD. Invited presentation on a “Biblical Studies Resource Project” created for *Four Gospels* 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 *Reading the Letters of James, Peter, John and Jude as Scripture*. 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 8th 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 *Extent of Theological Diversity in the Second Century* section of the Society of Biblical Literature annual meeting in San Francisco, CA.
- April 2009 “General? Non-Pauline? Other? Reflections on the Canonical Title and Boundaries of the Catholic Epistle Collection,” presented at the New Testament and Hellenistic Religions section of the Pacific Northwest Regional Society of Biblical Literature conference, Tacoma WA.

GRANTS AND AWARDS

- May 2014 Grant Recipient, Lilly 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.
- April 2007-May 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.

RELATED WORK EXPERIENCE

- Retreat Speaker, Laity Lodge TX (www.laitylodge.org)
- Sept.12-14, 2014 “The Lord’s Prayer”
- July 24-27, 2014 “Give us this day our daily bread” (w/Ellen Davis of Duke Univ.)
- Oct.18-20, 2013 “The Sermon on the Mount”
- Mar.22-24, 2013 “The Letter of James for Today”

Frequent Teacher in Seattle-Area Congregations

Leader and Parishoner, St. Paul’s Episcopal Church, Seattle
 Vestry Member, 2013-present
 Profile Committee, Search for New Rector, April 2014-Present
 Occasional Preaching and Teaching

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

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

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENT HISTORY

2015-present	Professor of New Testament Studies, Seattle Pacific University
2009-2015	Associate Professor of New Testament Studies
2004-2008	Assistant Professor of New Testament Studies
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