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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; 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 2014-2016 Faculty Administrator of UFDN 1000 Wesleyan Small Groups
Sept.2011-2015 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

2013-2016	SPU Faculty Status Committee (chair, 2015-16)
2007-2010	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, Biblical Literacy Think-tank

PUBLICATIONS

Books

A Concise Guide to Reading the New Testament: A Canonical Introduction. Grand Rapids: Baker Academic, 2017.

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, Chapters, Reviews, Entries

"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, 2017.

"Reading James, Re-Reading Paul." Forthcoming in *The Early Reception of Paul the Jew*. Gabrielle Boccaccini and Isaac Oliver, eds. London: Bloomsbury T&T Clark, 2017.

"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.

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

"On Reading Canonical Collections: A Response." 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. 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).

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

“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) pp.183-200.

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/>).

RECENT SCHOLARLY PRESENTATIONS

- 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 *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.

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

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