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EDUCATION

2001-2005	University of Aberdeen, Ph.D., New Testament Studies Dissertation: *The Letter of James in the Formation of the New Testament Catholic Epistle Collection*, supervised by Professor Francis Watson.
1993-1996	Duke University Divinity School, M.Div. (*Summa cum laude*)
1986-1990	Seattle Pacific University, B.A. in Educational Ministry

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Sept. 2004-present	Associate Professor of New Testament Studies, Seattle Pacific University • Assistant, 2004- August 2008 • Associate, September 2009-present
May 2009-Jan.2010	Interim Director, Center for Biblical and Theological Education, SPU
2001-2004	University of Aberdeen Postgraduate Faculty in Divinity
1999-2001	Instructor in Theology, Seattle Pacific University
1998-1999	Part-time Adjunct Faculty, Seattle Pacific University
1998-1999	Director of Youth and Family Ministries, Sand Point Community United Methodist Church, Seattle WA

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

2002-present	Society of Biblical Literature

AWARDS, GRANTS, AND DISTINCTIONS

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.
2001-2004	Recipient of the Overseas Research Students Award, Universities UK
2001-2004	Recipient of the University of Aberdeen Faculty Teaching Award
1996	Graduated *summa cum laude* from Duke University Divinity School

RESEARCH AREAS

- New Testament Letters, especially the Catholic Epistles
- Development of Early Christianity, especially the New Testament Canon
- The Theology and Practice of Christian Reconciliation

COURSES TAUGHT AT SEATTLE PACIFIC UNIVERSITY

- University Foundations: Christian Formation
- University Foundations: Christian Scriptures
- University Foundations: Christian Doctrine
- New Testament Letters
- Four Gospels, One Jesus
- Biblical Texts: The Catholic Epistles
- Christian Disciplines: Bible Study Methods
- Community Bible Study (books taught: 1Cor.; 1-2 Pet.; Jas; Jude)
- Christ and Culture (topics: War & Peace; Reconciliation)
- Foundations of Educational Ministry
- Youth Cultures and the Christian Faith

PUBLICATIONS

- *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).
- *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 Community of Holiness," in *Holiness as a Liberal Art.* Daniel Castelo, ed. (Eugene, OR: Wipf and Stock Publishers, 2012).
- *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/).
- "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.
- "The Problem of Evangelical Biblical Illiteracy." *Modern Reformation* vol.19 no. 1 (Jan-Feb. 2010) pp.10-13, 17.
- "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 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.
- *Not By Paul Alone: The Formation of the Catholic Epistle Collection and the Christian Canon* (Baylor University Press, 2007).
- Review of Lee M. McDonald's *The Biblical Canon* (*Catholic Historical Review,* Vol.93, no.4, 2007).
- "Bergman, Ingmar (1918-2007)." Encyclopedia article in volume B of *The Encyclopedia of the Bible and Its Reception* (Walter de Gruyter: article published in 2007, encyclopedia publication ongoing).

CURRENT WRITING PROJECTS

- Monograph: *A Crucial Letter: The Canonical Function of the Second Letter of Peter*.

ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS

November 2012	"The Canonical Function of 2 Peter and Jude." Invited speaking engagement held at the 8th International Biblical Studies Conference of the Pontifical Institute of Sicily (Palermo) Italy.
November 2011	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.
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.
May 2006	"The Letter of James as a Canon-Conscious Pseudepigraph," presented at the New Testament and Hellenistic Religions section of the Pacific Northwest Regional Society of Biblical Literature conference.
2002-2004	Yearly paper presentations at New Testament Postgraduate Seminar, University of Aberdeen.
June 2002	"A Canonical History of the Catholic Epistles," presented at the Scottish Postgraduate Theology Conference, Edinburgh.
March 1996	"Angels in the Midst: Images of In-Between in Wim Wenders' Films" (with Dr. Brent Plate). Presented at the Arts, Literature and Religion section of the Southeast Regional American Academy of Religion:

SELECT TEACHING AND SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

June 19, 2013	"The Letter of James." Day-long seminar with SPU faculty, staff, and local pastors.
Mar.22-24, 2013	"The Letter of James." Weekend teaching engagement at Laity Lodge, TX.
December 9, 2012	"The Magnificat." Bible study session at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Seattle.
Jan.26, Feb.1, 8, 2012	"The Healing Stories in the Gospel of Mark." Three-week study, St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Seattle.
September 11, 2011	Preacher, Seattle Pacific University Faculty Retreat worship service.
May 6, 2010	"The Problem of Biblical Illiteracy," presented at the Bible, Youth and Culture Conference hosted by the Center for Biblical and Theological Education
Feb.22-Mar.15, 2009	"James and Social Justice," presented at St. Margaret's Episcopal Church, Factoria WA
June 6, 2008	Keynote Speaker, Ivy Cutting Graduation Ceremony, Seattle Pacific University
Mar.30-Apr.13, 2008	"The Historical Formation of the Christian Scriptures," First Covenant Church, Seattle, WA.
Jan.13-Feb.3, 2008	"The Bible as Canon: The Historical Formation of the Christian Scriptures," presented at St. Margaret's Episcopal Church, Factoria WA.
January 6, 2008	"Thoughts on the Current State of Youth Ministry in America." Guest Speaker for Bethany Presbyterian Church's Youth Leadership Team, Seattle WA.

April 29-May 20, 2007	"The Disciplines of the Reconciled Community." St. Margaret's Episcopal Church, Factoria WA
Feb. 25-Apr.1, 2007	"The Call of Lent: Reconciliation." Lenten Adult Ed. speaker, Shoreline Covenant Church, Shoreline WA
October 22/29, 2006	"The Church as Reconciling Community," St. Margaret's Episcopal Church, Factoria WA
June, 2006	Guest panelist on Dick Staub's Faith and Culture Broadcast *The Kindling's Muse*, discussing "The Feminine Divine."
April 13, 2006	"Vocation as Reconciliation – The Bible & Theological Vocations in Funding and Fueling Reconciliation," Seattle Pacific University forum presentation with Dr. Kerry Dearborn.