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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**

- 2020-present    SPU School of Theology Associate Dean for Academic Programs
- 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

**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*

**GRANTS, AWARDS, AND HONORS**

- August 2019     Accepted into the membership of the *Studiosorum Novi Testamenti Societas* (SNTS).
- April 2016       Ivy Honorary Mortar Board Top Professor for 2015-16.
- 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.

## PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

Studiorum Novi Testamenti Societas, 2019-Present  
The Enoch Seminar, 2016-Present  
Society of Biblical Literature, 2002-Present  
British New Testament Society, 2001-Present

## 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.

### Peer-Reviewed Articles, Book Chapters, and Short Commentaries

"The Letter of James." Short commentary in *The Wesley One-Volume Commentary on the Bible*. Kenneth J. Collins and Robert W. Wall, eds. Nashville, TN: Abingdon Press, 2020, 868-74.

"2 Peter, the Johannine Epistles, and the Authority of 'Eyewitness' Tradition." In *2 Peter and the Apocalypse of Peter: Towards a New Perspective*. Jörg Frey, Jan van der Watt, and Mattijs den Dulk, eds. Leiden: Brill, 2019, 147-59.

"Reading James, Re-Reading Paul." 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, 236-51.

"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.

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

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

### Entries and Book Reviews

"The Spirit in the Catholic Epistles." In *The T&T Clark Handbook of Pneumatology*. Daniel Castelo and Kenneth Loyer, eds. New York, NY: T&T Clark, 2020, 33-40.

Review of *Inspiration: Towards a Christian Interpretation of Biblical Inspiration*, by Gerald O'Collins, S.J. *The Scottish Journal of Theology* 73.2 (2020), 172-74.

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

"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).

Review of Lee M. McDonald's *The Biblical Canon*. In *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).

Seattle Pacific University 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/>).

**SELECT 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 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 *Extent of Theological Diversity in the Second Century* section of the Society of Biblical Literature annual meeting in San Francisco, CA.

**SELECT RECENT SPEAKING AND TEACHING ENGAGEMENTS**

- Dec.6-8, 2019 “Finding Room in the House of the LORD,” weekend retreat speaker, Laity Lodge, TX.
- Nov.10, 2019 Sunday Preacher, St. Paul’s Episcopal Church, Seattle WA.
- Nov.6, 2019 “Introduction to Matthew,” St. Paul’s Episcopal Church Wednesday night class, Seattle WA.

- Nov.7, 2018 “Introduction to Luke,” St. Paul’s Episcopal Church Wednesday night class, Seattle WA.
- Oct.12-14, 2018 “Unleashing the Bible,” retreat speaker and Sunday preacher, Bethany Presbyterian Church, Seattle WA.
- July 26-29, 2018 “Participation in Christ,” weekend retreat speaker, Laity Lodge, TX.
- Nov.2-5, 2017 ARocha Retreat Speaker, Laity Lodge, TX.
- Oct.5-8, 2017 “All This Is From God: Christian Reconciliation,” weekend retreat speaker, Laity Lodge, TX.
- Sept.-Oct. 2016 “Finding Our Way into the Bible,” Three-week Fall Foundations Course, St. Paul’s Episcopal Church, Seattle.
- June 10, 2016 Undergraduate Baccalaureate Speaker, Seattle Pacific University
- April 26-27, 2016 “God’s Healing Economy,” ARocha Artists Retreat speaker, Nashville TN.
- April 23, 2016 Top Prof Lecture, Ivy Honorary Induction Ceremony

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

#### University Governance

- 2013-16 SPU Faculty Status Committee (chair, 2015-16)
- 2007-10 SPU Faculty Diversity Committee

#### School of Theology Committees

- 2019-20 Search Committee for Biblical Studies position (Hired Dr. Esther Cen)
- 2017-Present Professional Development Committee
- 2014-16 Faculty Administrator of UFDN 1000 Wesleyan Small Groups
- 2014-16 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
- 2008-10 School of Theology/School of Business Collaboration Committee
- 2008-09 Search Committee for Theological Studies position (hired Dr. Brian Bantum)
- 2007-11 Undergraduate Curriculum Committee (chair)
- 2007-11 Principal Investigator, Murdock Grant for Biblical and Theological Education
- 2007-08 Scholarship Committee
- 2007-06 Search Committee for School of Theology Dean (hired Dr. Doug Strong)

#### Other Committees

- May-June 2020 Covid-19 Scenario Planning Taskforce
- Jan.2017-June 2019 SPU Character Formation Initiative Committee
- July-Sept. 2014 Otto Miller Hall Re-Dedication Committee
- Jan.2010-2014 CBTE Advisory Council, Grant Review Committee, Biblical Literacy Think-tank