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#### Education

- 2011 Princeton Theological Seminary, Ph.D., Biblical Studies (New Testament)  
Dissertation: "A Paradoxical Portrayal: God in the Gospel of Mark,"  
supervised by Dr. C. Clifton Black
- 2005 Princeton Theological Seminary, M.Div.
- 2002 University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, B. A. in Religious Studies and History, *summa cum laude*

#### Academic Appointments

- 2017-present Associate Dean of Graduate Studies [Seattle Pacific Seminary], Seattle Pacific University
- 2017-present Associate Professor of New Testament, Seattle Pacific University
- 2011-2017 Assistant Professor of New Testament, Seattle Pacific University
- 2010-2011 Instructor of Biblical Studies, Seattle Pacific University
- 2009-2010 Instructor, Princeton Theological Seminary, "Greek Translation"
- 2006-2009 Teaching Fellow, Princeton Theological Seminary  
Classes: Orientation to NT, Intro to OT Exegesis, Intro to NT Exegesis, Galatians,  
Romans, Greek
- 2001 Teaching Assistant, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill: History of Christian Traditions

#### Publications

*John 1-12: A Commentary in the Wesleyan Tradition* (NBBC; Kansas City: Beacon Hill Press, *forthcoming*).

"Transformed Discipleship: A Canonical Reading of Martha and Mary." Pages 154-177 in *The Usefulness of Scripture: Essays in Honor of Robert W. Wall* (eds. Daniel Castelo, Sara M. Koenig, and David R. Nienhuis; University Park, Penn.: Eisenbrauns, an imprint of The Pennsylvania State University Press, 2018).

Review of Thomas P. Nelligan, *The Quest for Mark's Sources: An Exploration of the Case for Mark's Use of First Corinthians* (Eugene, OR: Pickwick, 2015) in *CBQ* 79 (2017): 149-150.

"Feminist Hermeneutics." *Global Wesleyan Dictionary of Biblical Theology* (Kansas City, Mo.: Beacon Hill Press).

Review of *John's Gospel and Intimations of Apocalyptic* (eds. Catrin H. Williams and Christopher Rowland; London, Bloomsbury, 2013) in *The Review of Biblical Literature* (8/10/2015), bookreviews.org.

"Revelation." Pages 243-246 in *The Oxford Encyclopedia of the Bible and Theology*, volume 2 (Oxford: Oxford University, 2015).

“The Story of the Gospels.” Pages 107-121 in *A Compact Guide to the Whole Bible: Learning to Read Scripture’s Story* (eds. Robert W. Wall and David. R. Nienhuis; Grand Rapids.: Baker Academic, 2015).

“The Gospel of John—A Reading Guide,” for SPU’s Center for Biblical and Theological Education. Published online, winter 2014 (<http://blog.spu.edu/lectio>).

“Theological Perspective on Matthew 2:13-15; 2:16-23; 3:1-6,” Pages 20-37 in *Feasting on the Gospels—Matthew, Volume 1: A Feasting on the Word Commentary* (eds. Cynthia A. Jarvis and E. Elizabeth Johnson; Louisville: Westminster John Knox, 2013).

*The Theological Role of Paradox in the Gospel of Mark* (LNTS 492; London: T. & T. Clark, 2013).

“Exegetical Perspective on Psalm 136 and Jeremiah 31:7-9,” in *Feasting on the Word* (web subscriptions coordinated with printed book series, 2012).

“Living With Mystery,” *Response* 34.3 (Winter 2012): 42-43.

“The Gospel of Mark—A Reading Guide,” for SPU’s Center for Biblical and Theological Education. Published online, winter 2012 (<http://blog.spu.edu/lectio>).

“Preaching Mark: The Power of Change,” in *Homiletics* 21.1 (2009): 7.

Review of Ira Brent Driggers, *Following God Through Mark: Theological Tension in the Second Gospel* (WJK, 2007) in *Koinonia* 20 (2008): 124-127.

“A Comprehensive Bibliography of Paul Sevier Minear (1906-2007),” in *Horizons in Biblical Theology* 29 (2007): 61-73.

Review of Judith M. Lieu, *Christian Identity in the Graeco-Roman World* (Oxford, 2004) in *Koinonia* 18 (2006): 132-135.

Staff commentary writer for *Homiletics* (2005-2009).

### **Academic Presentations**

- 2015 “Surprising Secrets and Hidden Proclamations: Gethsemane and the Empty Tomb,” Presentation, Mark Group, Society of Biblical Literature, Annual Meeting
- 2015 “Questioning the Status Quo: Freedom to Debate in the Gospel of John,” Presentation, Academic Teaching in Biblical Studies Section, Society of Biblical Literature, Annual Meeting
- 2011 “Scripting Contradictions: Gethsemane’s Apocalyptically Shaped Hermeneutic,” Presentation, American Academy of Religion, Annual Meeting
- 2011 Response to Tom Boomershine’s Performance of Mark’s Passion Narrative, Society of Biblical Literature, Annual Meeting
- 2010 “Paradoxical Presence: The Concealed Revelation of God’s Activity in the Second Gospel,” Presentation, Society of Biblical Literature, Annual Meeting
- 2009 “Breaking In: The Impact of Apocalypticism on Expressions of πιστις in the Gospel of Mark,” Presentation, Society of Biblical Literature, Mid-Atlantic Regional Meeting

### **Selected Church and Community Presentations**

- September 24, 2017 ReMARKable: Crossed Identities; sermon on Mark 8:27-38; Bothell UMC
- June 5, Mar 13, 2016 “Saying Goodbye,” and “Lazarus and Preparing for Easter,” First Free Methodist Church, Homebuilders class
- Feb. 2, 2016 Chapel Speaker, SPU

Nov.-Dec. 2015	“Christmas in the Gospels,” First Free Methodist Church, Koinonia class
Oct. 23, 2015	Panel Discussion for Prospective SPU Students
Jan. 4, 11, 18, 25, 2015	“Women in the Gospel of John,” First Free Methodist Church, Koinonia class
Feb. 25, 2012; Nov. 2, 2013; Feb. 8, 2014; Feb. 20, 2016	“Discernment in the Gospels,” Discernment Weekend for prospective students, Seattle Pacific Seminary
Dec. 1, 8, 15, 2013	“Christmas in the Gospels (Matthew, Luke, and John),” Redmond Presbyterian Church
Oct.-Nov. 2013	“On Life and Love in the Gospel of John (John 1, 3, and 13),” First Free Methodist Church, Koinonia class
Sept. 16, 2013	Panel Discussion and Book Review of Reza Aslan, <i>Zealot</i> , with Richard Dahlstrom and Michael Gruber, hosted by Jenny Spohr, at Kindling’s Muse
Feb.-Mar. 2013	“Walking with Jesus to the Cross,” Lenten Meditations, Redmond Presbyterian Church
Oct. 18, 2012	“Resurrection and the Mission of God,” Asian-American Ministry Program Missional Formation Class, Seattle Pacific Seminary, held at Seattle Chinese Alliance Church
Oct. 16, 2012	“How to Talk about Controversial Subjects Without Making Enemies of Your Friends,” Panel Discussion at SPU’s Day of Common Learning
April 11, 2012	Respondent, “The Mark of Immediacy,” a Taproot Theater performance of Mark’s Gospel, First Free Methodist Church
Feb. 5, 2012	“An Introduction to Mark,” Mill Creek Presbyterian Church
Oct. 19, 2011	““Real or Not Real?": Science Fiction that Ignites our Fears,” Panel Discussion at SPU’s Day of Common Learning

**Fellowships, Grants, Honors, and Awards**

Summer 2015	Bart Grant Recipient (Encouraging junior scholars to publish)
2014-15	SPU Faculty Research Grant awarded (for <i>John</i> NBBC commentary)
2012-2015	Grant recipient, Lilly SERVE Grant, Seattle Pacific University, “Theology Student Union”
2013	Participant, Wabash Workshop for Theology Faculty Teaching Online
2012-2013	Grant recipient and PI, Lilly SERVE Grant, Seattle Pacific University, “Flipping the UFDN 2000 Classroom”
2009	Howard Clark Kee Award, Society of Biblical Literature, Mid-Atlantic Region
2005-2009	George S. Green Fellowship in Biblical Studies, Princeton Theological Seminary
2005-2009	Merit Tuition Scholarship, Princeton Theological Seminary
2001-2002	Daniel H. Moore Award, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, Department of Religious Studies
2001	Inducted into Phi Beta Kappa

### **University-Wide Service**

2014-present SOT representative to cross-campus interviews (alternate 2014-15; regular member 2015-)  
2015-16 SPU LMS task force (assessing Blackboard; moving to Canvas)  
Spring-Fall 2013 SPU Learning and Technology Task Force Member

### **School of Theology Service**

2017-present Graduate Admissions Committee, *ex officio*  
2016-present Graduate Curriculum Committee, (2017-present, *chair*)  
2012-2016 Graduate Admissions Committee, Seattle Pacific Seminary  
2010-2016 SOT Scholarship Committee  
2014-16 Seattle Pacific Seminary Strategic Task Force member  
2014-16 SOT Search Committee member (2014-15: Assistant Prof. of Wesleyan Theology; 2015-16: Assistant Professor of Practical Theology and Ministry; Summer 2016: Director of Seminary Administration)  
2012-15 Theology Student Union Faculty Advisor  
2012-13 Online Task Force Committee, Seattle Pacific Seminary, Member  
2011-12 Faculty Member to Seattle Pacific Seminary Class Meeting

### **Professional Affiliations**

Society of Biblical Literature  
Wesleyan Theological Society

### **Church Affiliation**

2017-present Member, Bothell United Methodist Church; inquiring in UMC candidacy process  
2012-2016 Member, First Free Methodist Church (Communion server, liturgist, Sunday school teacher, homelessness advocacy small group member)  
2004-2011 Member, Princeton United Methodist Church

### **Languages**

Koine Greek, Biblical Hebrew, Latin, French, German