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Education

Ph.D. (2004), University of Wisconsin-Madison, Madison, WI; Department of Hebrew and Semitic Studies; minor in Classical Studies. My dissertation was entitled, “The Divine Council in Late Canonical and Non-Canonical Second Temple Jewish Literature.” The dissertation involved exegesis primarily in the Pentateuch, Wisdom Literature, and Isaiah, but also dealt at length with Israelite Religion (all stages), Second Temple texts (Qumran, Pseudepigrapha, Septuagint), and early rabbinic material.

M.A. (1998), University of Wisconsin-Madison, Madison, WI; Department of Hebrew and Semitic Studies

M.A. (1992), University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA; Department of Ancient History; Major Areas: Ancient Egypt and Syria-Palestine (Israel)

1988-1990, attended Dallas Theological Seminary (no degree)

B.A. (1986), Bob Jones University, Greenville, SC; graduated *summa cum laude* (3rd in a class of 534) Majors: History, Bible; Minor: Social Studies

Teaching Experience

2008-2010: Adjunct Instructor, History Department, Western Washington University, Bellingham, WA. I taught Ancient Israel, History of Mesopotamia, History of Egypt, and Ancient Cities; I also supervised senior research projects.

2007- current: Adjunct Distance Learning Program Instructor, Liberty University / Liberty Theological Seminary, Lynchburg, VA. I teach Old Testament Introduction I & II, Isaiah, Psalms, and Hebrew Tools.

2006-2007: Instructor, KAIROS Institute, Trinidad-Tobago

Fall 2003: Assistant Professor of Bible, Department of Religious Studies, Grace College, Winona Lake, IN. This position was a sabbatical replacement. I taught Introduction to the Old Testament, Historical Books of the Old Testament, and Christian Ethics.

2000- 2008: Adjunct Instructor, Department of Biblical Studies, College of Adult and Lifelong Learning (Correspondence and Online Program), Taylor University, Fort Wayne, IN. I taught ten courses for correspondence and online study, including:

- Wisdom Literature
- Hermeneutics
- History of Israel
- Archaeology & the OT
- Angelology
- Christian Ethics

2000-2002: Instructor, Madison Senior Scholars Program, University of Wisconsin-Madison. I taught five non-credit adult courses:

- Dead Sea Scrolls
- History of the Bible
- Angelology

- OT Pseudepigrapha
- Jesus Outside the NT
- World Religions

1999-2002, Spring 2004: Teaching Assistant in the Department of Communication Arts, University of Wisconsin-Madison. I taught Communication Arts 100, an introductory writing and public speaking course.

1995-2002: Adjunct Instructor of History in the Departments of Social & Behavioral Sciences, Marian College, Fond du Lac, WI. I taught World Civilizations I & II and Foundations of Christian Experience, an introductory theology class. My teaching experience included traditional undergraduates and adult learners.

1992-1995: Assistant Professor, Department of Biblical Studies, Pillsbury College, Owatonna, MN. While at Pillsbury I taught the following courses multiple times:

- OT Survey
- NT Survey
- Pentateuch
- Bible Doctrine
- Psalms & Wisdom Literature
- Biblical Archaeology
- Ancient Near East
- Hermeneutics
- History of Israel
- Advanced Bibliology
- Greek Grammar
- Christian Ethics

Publications:

Peer-Reviewed

2011

- “Divine Council,” in the *Dictionary of the Old Testament: Prophets* (Intervarsity Press, **forthcoming**, 2011)
- “Chaos and Death,” in the *Dictionary of the Old Testament: Prophets* (Intervarsity Press, **forthcoming**, 2011)
- “Destruction,” in the *Dictionary of the Old Testament: Prophets* (Intervarsity Press, **forthcoming**, 2011)

2010

- “Should אֱלֹהִים (*elōhîm*) with Plural Predication be Translated “Gods”? Bible Translator (**forthcoming** July 2010)
- “Did Jesus Allow for Reincarnation? Assessing the Syntax of John 9:3-4,” *AORIST* (**forthcoming**, 2010)
- Review of *The Lost World of Genesis One: Ancient Cosmology and the Origins Debate* (Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press Academic, 2009), by John Walton, *Journal of the Evangelical Theological Society* (**forthcoming**, 2010)

2009

- Review of *Body Snatchers in the Desert: The Horrible Truth At the Heart of the Roswell Story*, by Nick Redfern (Paraview, 2005); *Journal of Scientific Exploration* 23:2 (2009)

2008

- “Divine Council,” in the *Dictionary of the Old Testament: Wisdom, Poetry, and Writings* (Intervarsity Press, 2008)
- “Angels and Angel-Like Beings: Greco-Roman Literature,” in the *Encyclopedia of the Bible and Its Reception* (Berlin: Verlag Walter de Gruyter, 2009)
- “Does Deuteronomy 32:17 Assume or Deny the Reality of Other Gods?” *Bible Translator* 59:3 (July 2008): 137-145
- “Monotheism, Polytheism, Monolatry, or Henotheism? Toward an Assessment of Divine Plurality in the Hebrew Bible” *Bulletin of Biblical Research* 18:1 (2008): 1-30.
- Review of *Judges* (Old Testament Library; Westminster/John Knox, 2008), by Susan Niditch, *Journal of the Evangelical Theological Society* 51:3 (2008): 628-629
- Review of *The Origins of Biblical Monotheism: Israel’s Polytheistic Background and the Ugaritic Texts* (Oxford, 2003), by Mark S. Smith, *Near East Archaeological Society Bulletin* (2008)

2007

- “You’ve Seen One *elohim*, You’ve Seen Them All? A Critique of Mormonism’s Use of Psalm 82” (forthcoming, *Foundation for Ancient Research and Mormon Studies Review*)
- “Response to David Bokovy’s ‘Ye Really ARE Gods: A Response To Michael Heiser Concerning the LDS Use of Psalm 82 and the Gospel of John’” (forthcoming, *Foundation for Ancient Research and Mormon Studies Review*)

2006

- Review of *Text and History: Old Testament Texts as a Source of Israel’s History*, by Jens Bruun Kofoed (Eisenbrauns, 2004), *Journal of the Evangelical Theological Society* 49:1 (March 2006): 137-138
- Review of *Twilight of the Gods: Polytheism in the Hebrew Bible*, by David Penchansky (Louisville: Westminster John Knox, 2005), *Journal of Hebrew Scriptures* 6 (2006-2007); online journal, <http://www.arts.ualberta.ca/JHS/reviews/review227.htm>.
- “Are Yahweh and El Distinct Deities in Deut. 32:8-9 and Psalm 82?” *HIPHIL* 3 (2006); online journal, <http://www.see-j.net/Default.aspx?tabid=77>; posted October 3, 2006.

2001

- “Deuteronomy 32:8 and the Sons of God,” *Bibliotheca Sacra* 158:629 (January-March 2001): 52-74
- "The Mythological Provenance of Isaiah 14:12-15: A Reconsideration of the Ugaritic Material," *Vetus Testamentum* LI:3 (Fall 2001)

1995

- "Moses as High Priest and Sorcerer? A Response to Graham Hancock's Egyptian Explanation for the Ark of the Covenant," *Near East Archaeological Society Bulletin* (1994-1995)

Academic, Not Peer-Reviewed

2010

- “The Role of the Septuagint in the Transmission of the Scriptures,” *Bible and Spade* (forthcoming, 2010)

- (With Andrew Perrin), *Morphology for the Qumran Biblical Scrolls* (Bellingham, WA: Logos Bible Software, **forthcoming, 2010**); Qumran text transcriptions by Stephen Pfann

2009

- *Reverse Interlinear of the King James Version* (Bellingham, WA: Logos Bible Software, 2009)
- *Reverse Interlinear of the New King James Version* (Bellingham, WA: Logos Bible Software, 2009)
- “The Old Testament Response to Ancient Near Eastern Pagan Divination Practices (Deut. 18:9-14),” in *Of Global Wizardry: Techniques of Pagan Spirituality and a Christian Response*; ed. Peter Jones (Escondido: Main Entry Editions, 2009)

2008

- *Semitic Inscriptions: Analyzed Texts and English Translations* (Bellingham, WA: Logos Bible Software, 2008); Hebrew, Phoenician, Moabite, Ammonite, Ekronite by Michael S. Heiser; Aramaic texts by Charles Hardy and Charles Otte III
- “Ancient Semitic Inscriptions: How Can They Assist English Bible Study?” Logos Bible Software Blog; May 30, 2006; accessed at <http://blog.logos.com/archives/2008/02/ancient-semitic-inscriptions-how-can-they-assist-english-bible-study/>
- Introductions to the following books in the *Morphologically-Tagged Greek Pseudepigrapha* (Bellingham, WA: Logos Bible Software, 2008):
 - “General Introduction”; “Book of Jubilees”; “1 Enoch”; “Testament of Abraham, Recensions A and B”; “Testament of Job”; “Joseph and Aseneth”; “Pseudo-Phocylides”; “Testaments of the Twelve Patriarchs”; “Eupolemus”; “Pseudo-Eupolemus”; “Fragments of Pseudo-Greek Poets”; “Hellenistic Synagogal Prayers”; “Letter of Aristeas”; “Life of Adam and Eve”; “Martyrdom and Ascension of Isaiah”; “Sibylline Oracles”; “2 Baruch”; “3 Baruch”; “4 Baruch”; “Apocalypse of Daniel”; “Theophilus”; “Pseudo-Callisthenes); “Ahiqar”; “Prayer of Jacob”; “Prayer of Joseph”; “Odes of Solomon”; “Demetrius the Chronographer”; “Aristobulus”; “Cleodemus Malchus”; “Artapanus”; “Ezekiel the Tragedian”; “Pseudo-Orpheus / Orphica”; “Philo the Epic Poet”; “Theodotus”; “Pseudo-Hecataeus”; “Aristeas the Exegete”; “History of Joseph”; “Eldad and Modad”; “History of the Rechabites”; “Jannes and Jambres”; “Apocryphon of Ezekiel”; “Testament of Adam”; “Apocalypse of Sedrach”; “Greek Apocalypse of Ezra”; “Apocalypse of Zephaniah”; “Psalms of Solomon”; “Apocalypse of Elijah”; “Testament of Solomon”; “Lives of the Prophets”; “Testament of Moses / Assumption of Moses”; “3 Maccabees”; “4 Maccabees”; “4 Ezra (Apocalypse of Ezra)”

- “Thinking Clearly About the Jesus Family Tomb,” *Bible and Spade* 21:4 (2008)

2007

- “Why Use the Septuagint?” Logos Bible Software Blog; May 30, 2006; accessed at <http://blog.logos.com/archives/2007/12/why-use-the-septuagint.html>

2006

- “The *Da Vinci Code* as New Age Apologetic: The Jesus Bloodline Mythology and New Age Cosmology,” *Countercult Apologetics Journal* 1:2 (Feb. 2006)
- Review of *The Re-Enchantment of the West*, vol. 1, by Christopher Partridge (Continuum, 2004); *Countercult Apologetics Journal* 1:3 (2006)
- “Why Syntax Matters . . . To You!” Logos Bible Software Blog; May 30, 2006; accessed at <http://www.logos.com/logos3/syntax>.
- “What’s Ugaritic Got to Do with Anything?” Logos Bible Software product page; October 25, 2006; accessed at <http://www.logos.com/ugaritic>.

2005

- *Glossary of Logos Morpho-Syntactic Database Terminology* (Bellingham, WA: Logos Bible Software, 2005)

Popular Non-Fiction

2010

- “The New Testament Misquotes the Old Testament?” *Bible Study Magazine* 2:3 (March-April, 2010)
- “The Mother of Immanuel: Virgin or Not?” *Bible Study Magazine* 2:3 (March-April, 2010)
- “Standing in the Council” *Bible Study Magazine* 2:3 (March-April, 2010)
- “Lawyers, Mechanics, and Ancient Astronauts,” L.A. Marzulli’s *Prophecy, Politics, and the Supernatural Newsletter* (February 2010)
- “I Saw Satan Fall like Lightning” . . . When?” *Bible Study Magazine* 2:2 (January-February, 2010)
- “Dumbledore Meets Phillip and Peter,” *Bible Study Magazine* 2:2 (January-February, 2010)
- “ALH84001: NASA Shorthand for ‘Panspermia Rules,’” L.A. Marzulli’s *Prophecy, Politics, and the Supernatural Newsletter* (January 2010)

2009

- “Even the Bible Needed an Upgrade,” *Bible Study Magazine* 2:1 (November-December, 2009)
- “He, Him, Me, Myself and I: What Pronouns Tell Us About How the Bible was Written—and Edited,” *Bible Study Magazine* 2:1 (November-December, 2009)
- “It’s Possible, Isn’t It? How Ancient Astronaut Theorists Argue from Our Lack of Omniscience,” L.A. Marzulli’s *Prophecy, Politics, and the Supernatural Newsletter* (November, 2009)
- “The Power of the ET-Savior Delusion: The Displacement of Theism with Exotheology,” L.A. Marzulli’s *Prophecy, Politics, and the Supernatural Newsletter* (October 2009)
- “Zecharia Sitchin: Why You Can Safely Ignore Him,” *UFO Digest* (September 3, 2009) <http://www.ufodigest.com/news/0909/ignore-him.php>
- “Zecharia Sitchin: Why You Can Safely Ignore Him,” L.A. Marzulli’s *Prophecy, Politics, and the Supernatural Newsletter* (September 2009)
- “Jesus *Didn’t* Give the Name of Antichrist,” World Net Daily Exclusive Commentary, August 3, 2009 (<http://www.wnd.com/index.php?pageId=105792>)
- “Does God Need a Co-Signer?” *Bible Study Magazine* 1:6 (September-October, 2009)

- “Panspermia: What it is and Why it Matters,” in *How To Overcome the Most Frightening Issues You Will Face This Century* (Anomalos Publishing, 2009)
- “God’s Right-Hand . . . Woman?” *Bible Study Magazine* 1:5 (July-August, 2009)
- “Small Providences, Big Results,” *Bible Study Magazine* 1:5 (July-August, 2009)
- “When Giants Walked the Earth,” *Bible Study Magazine* 1:4 (May-June, 2009)
- “Signed, Sealed, and Delivered—To Satan?” *Bible Study Magazine* 1:4 (May-June, 2009)
- “Clash of the Manuscripts: Goliath and the Hebrew Text of the Old Testament,” *Bible Study Magazine* 1:4 (May-June, 2009)
- “Born Again . . . And Again and Again?” *Bible Study Magazine* 1:3 (Mar-April, 2009)
- “Sanctified Dirt—Holy Ground,” *Bible Study Magazine* 1:3 (Mar-April, 2009)
- “Love Potion Numbers 5,” *Bible Study Magazine* 1:2 (Jan-Feb, 2009)
- “Paul’s Lost Letters,” *Bible Study Magazine* 1:2 (Jan-Feb, 2009)

2008

- “Who Took Verse 4 Out of My Bible?” *Bible Study Magazine* 1:1 (Nov-Dec, 2008)

2006

- “Why Should Christians Care About Ufology?” *Anomalos* 1:1 (2006)
- “Christian Theology and an ET Reality, Part 1: The Historical Background,” *Anomalos* 1:2 (2006)

2005

- Review of *Alien Intrusion: UFOs and the Evolution Connection*, by Gary Bates (Master Books, 2005); <http://www.raidersnewsupdate.com>
- Review of *Body Snatchers in the Desert: The Horrible Truth At the Heart of the Roswell Story*, by Nick Redfern (Paraview, 2005); <http://www.raidersnewsupdate.com>

2002

- *The Bible Code Myth* (CAM Publishing, 2002)
- Review of *Lights in the Sky and Little Green Men: A Rationale Christian Look at UFOs and Extraterrestrials*, by Hugh Ross, Ken Samples, and Mark Clark (NavPress, 2002); <http://www.raidersnewsupdate.com>

Fiction

- *The Façade* (2001)

Papers Read at Academic Conferences

- “Their Valley”, “Your Strength”, or “the Anakim”? An Explanation and Defense of LXX *Enakim* in Jeremiah 47:5 (LXX 29:5) and 49:4 (NETS LXX 30:4; Rahlfs 30:20),” Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature; New Orleans, LA, 2009
- “Decision Making in Yahweh’s Heavenly Council: A Contribution to the Open Theism Debate,” Annual Meeting of the Evangelical Theological Society; New Orleans, LA, 2009
- “The Concept of a Godhead in the Old Testament,” Northwest Regional Meeting of the Evangelical Theological Society; Beaverton, OR, 2009
- “*Beth Essentiae* in Biblical Hebrew,” Pacific Northwest Regional Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature; Tacoma, WA, 2009

- “The Concept of a Godhead in the Old Testament,” Annual Meeting of the Evangelical Theological Society; Providence, RI, 2008
- “Elohim with Plural Predication in the Hebrew Bible,” Pacific Northwest Regional Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature; Newberg, OR, 2008
- “Thinking Clearly About the Jesus Family Tomb,” Annual Meeting of the Near East Archaeological Society, San Diego, CA, 2008
- “Did Jesus Allow for Reincarnation? Assessing the Syntax of John 9:3-4” Annual Meeting of the Evangelical Theological Society, San Diego, CA, 2008
- “Anthropomorphisms in P,” Pacific Northwest Regional Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature; May 4-6, 2007; Lethbridge, Alberta
- “Did Jesus Allow for Reincarnation? Assessing the Syntax of John 9:3-4” Northwest Regional Meeting of the Evangelical Theological Society, February, 2007
- “New Implementations of Digital Resources for the Study of the Language and Literature of Ugarit”; Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, Washington, DC, 2006
- “You’ve Seen One Elohim, You’ve Seen Them All? A Critique of Mormonism’s Use of Psalm 82,” Annual Meeting of the Evangelical Theological Society, Washington, DC, 2006
- “Are YHWH and El (Elyon) Separate Deities in Deut. 32:8-9 and Psalm 82?”; International Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, Edinburgh, Scotland, July 2006
- “Advances in Hebrew Syntax Database Technology as a Tool for Biblical Theology,” International Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, Edinburgh, Scotland, July 2006
- “Monotheism, Polytheism, Monolatry, or Henotheism? Toward an Honest (and Orthodox) Assessment of Divine Plurality in the Hebrew Bible,” Annual Meeting of the Evangelical Theological Society, Philadelphia, PA; November, 2005
- “Yahweh, the Sons of God, and the *Monogenes* Son of God, Yahweh’s Hypostatic Vice Regent: The Divine Council of Israelite Religion as the Foundation of High Christology and Heterodox Christologies,” Annual Meeting of the Evangelical Theological Society, Philadelphia, PA; November, 2005
- “Isaiah 40-66 and Deuteronomy 4 and 32: Implications for the Rhetoric of Monotheism,” Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, Atlanta, GA; November, 2003
- “The Baal Cycle as Backdrop to Daniel 7: An Old Testament Rationale for Jewish Binitarianism,” Annual Meeting of the Evangelical Theological Society, Atlanta, GA; November, 2003
- “The Jesus Ossuary: A Critical Analysis,” Annual Meeting of the Near East Archaeological Society, Atlanta, GA; November, 2003
- “The Divine Council in the Dead Sea Scrolls,” Annual Meeting of the Near East Archaeological Society, Danvers, MA; November, 1999
- “The Mythological Provenance of Isaiah 14:12-15: A Reconsideration of the Ugaritic Material,” Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, Boston, MA; November 1999
- “The Divine Council in the Hebrew Bible and Israelite Monotheism,” Annual Meeting of the Evangelical Theological Society, Orlando, FL; November, 1998
- “Mount Sinai in Arabia? A Reconsideration of Frank Moore Cross’s Proposal,” Annual Meeting of the Evangelical Theological Society, Orlando, FL; November, 1998

Academic Honors

- Leila Custard History Award, Bob Jones University, 1986
- Ancient History Department scholarship, University of Pennsylvania, 1990
- James L. Weinstein Fellowship in Hebrew Studies, University of Wisconsin-Madison, 1995
- Scholarship, Wisconsin Society for Jewish Learning, University of Wisconsin-Madison; 1996, 1997
- Society of Biblical Literature Regional Scholar Award, 2007 (Pacific Northwest Region)

Academic Leadership Positions

- 2009-2010, President, Northwest Region of the Evangelical Theological Society
- 2008-2009, Vice-President, Northwest Region of the Evangelical Theological Society
- 2008-2010, Program Unit Chair, Bible and Technology Section, International Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature

Other Academic Work Experience

- (Current): Academic Editor, Logos Research Systems / Logos Bible Software, Bellingham, WA. Logos is the leading creator of software for research in the original languages of the Bible and digital library collections for ministry and biblical study.
- (Current): Editor, Bible Study Magazine, Logos Bible Software, Bellingham, WA
- Editor, Center for Education and Work, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Educational Sciences (series editor for the case studies for the CEW's project on Charter Schools and Real-World Practices)
- Proofreader, Hendrickson Publishers (summer, 2000; Leningradensis / Dotan Hebrew Bible project)
- Editorial Assistant, National Association for Professors of Hebrew, Department of Hebrew and Semitics, UW-Madison (this semester; responsible for the NAPH database and website)