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## ACADEMIC TRAINING

- Doctor of Philosophy, Biblical Studies (Old Testament); Drew University (Madison, NJ), May 23, 1987  
Dissertation: "The Coherence of Micah: A Review of the Proposals and a New Interpretation."  
Committee: Dr. Herbert Huffmon, Dr. Paul Riemann, Dr. Robert Chapman  
Comprehensive Exams (April 1985):
  - ➔ Interpretation of the Old Testament (major exam)
  - ➔ Hebrew and Aramaic
  - ➔ History and Religion of Israel and the Ancient Near East
  - ➔ Interpretation of the New Testament
  - ➔ History and Religion of the Hellenistic World.
- Master of Philosophy, Drew University, October 25, 1985
- Master of Divinity, *summa cum laude*, Trinity International University (Deerfield, IL), June 11, 1982
- American Institute of Holy Land Studies (Jerusalem, Israel). Short Course in Historical Geography of Palestine (March-April, 1982)
- Bachelor of Arts, Highest Distinction, Classical Greek, Indiana University (Bloomington, IN), May 7, 1978.

## EMPLOYMENT EXPERIENCE

- President and Professor of Biblical Studies, Urbana Theological Seminary (Urbana, IL), 2002-present.
- Director and Scholar in Residence, Christian Studies Center (Champaign-Urbana, IL) and Open Studies Faculty, Trinity International University (Deerfield, IL), 1994-2003.  
Founding and leading studies center and then a seminary, teaching seminary and college level classes in Biblical Studies and Languages, conducting ongoing research and writing, advising students. Duties have also included leadership in developing mission, vision, and curriculum for a graduate program, managing faculty and staff, and development work.

- Senior Pastor, Wyckoff (NJ) Baptist Church, 1988-1994  
Taught, led, and provided pastoral care for congregation of 250. Managed a small multiple staff.
- Adjunct Faculty:
  - Drew University (Madison, NJ), 1993-1994  
Taught BIBST 103 *Old Testament Exegesis*; BIBST 145 *Beginning Greek*; BIBST 146 *Greek Exegesis*; BIBST 148 *Readings in the Greek New Testament*
  - Alliance Theological Seminary (Nyack, NY), 1991  
Taught CM 611 *Person in Ministry*
  - Trinity International University Extension (Greenwood, IN), 1987  
Taught OT 675 *Themes in the Old Testament*
- College Pastor, Evangelical Community Church (Bloomington, IN), 1981-1983  
Initiated and led ministry for university students, planned and taught college level courses in Institute.
- Graduate Research Assistant, Trinity International University (Deerfield, IL), 1981  
Assisted Dr. Thomas E. McComiskey (Professor of Old Testament) in research and grading.
- Teaching Fellow in Greek, Trinity International University (Deerfield, IL), 1980.  
Taught NT 491 *Greek Review*, (Department of New Testament)

## **HONORS**

Stanley R. Hopper Merit Fellowship (Drew, 1983-1986)  
 Trinity Faculty Scholarship (Trinity, 1981)  
 Phi Beta Kappa (Indiana, 1978)  
 Phi Eta Sigma Graduate School Scholarship (Indiana, 1978)  
 David and Jenny Curry Scholarship in Classics (Indiana, 1975-1978)  
 Phi Eta Sigma Honorary (Indiana, 1975)  
 Della J. Evans Distinguished Scholarship (Indiana, 1974-1978)  
 National Merit Finalist (Bloomington High School South, 1974)  
 National Honor Society (Bloomington High School South, 1973)

## PROFESSIONAL

### Subjects Prepared to Teach:

Biblical Studies (Old Testament; New Testament)  
Biblical Theology  
Hebrew  
Greek  
Ancient History/ Biblical Backgrounds (Ancient Near Eastern or Hellenistic Religion/ History/ Literature)

### Areas of Research Interest:

Literary structure and coherence of Biblical books  
Old Testament Prophecy  
Old Testament Wisdom Literature  
Biblical Theology of the Environment

### Research and Publication:

*The Coherence of Micah: A Review of the Proposals and a New Interpretation.* (Library of Hebrew Bible/Old Testament Studies, 611; London: Bloomsbury, 2015).

“Remnant, Redactor, and Biblical Theologian: A Comparative Study of Coherence in Micah and the Twelve,” pages 185-208 in Nogalski, James and Sweeney, Marvin. *Reading and Hearing the Book of the Twelve.* (SBL Symposium Series, 15). Atlanta, Society of Biblical Literature, 2000.

Contributor to *The Anchor Bible Dictionary.*

*Discover a Treasure.* Workbook on Inductive Bible Study, used in teaching classes. Urbana, IL: Urbana Theological Seminary, 2014.

### Reviews of:

Jacobs, Mignon. *The Conceptual Coherence of the Book of Micah.* (JSOTSup 322). Sheffield: Sheffield Academic Press, 2001. In *Review of Biblical Literature* 5 (2003): 292-296. (Also available at <http://www.bookreviews.org/BookDetail.asp?TitleId=1599>.)

Ben Zvi, Ehud. *Micah* (FOTL 21B). Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans, 2000. In *Hebrew Studies* 43 (2002): 284-287.

Andersen, Francis and Freedman, David. *Micah: A New Translation with Introduction and Commentary* (Anchor Bible 24E). New York: Doubleday, 2000. In *Journal of the Evangelical Theological Society.*

Ben Zvi, Ehud. *Micah* (FOTL 21B). Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans, 2000. In *Journal of the Evangelical Theological Society*.

Martens, Elmer and Ollenberger, B. *The Flowering of Old Testament Theology*. In *The Bulletin of the American College of Biblical Theologians* (1994).

### **Papers Presented:**

Response to Heath Thomas, “‘Building’ House to House (Isa 5:8): Theological Reflection on Land Development & Creation Care.” Presented in the *Creation Care* section at the Institute for Biblical Research meeting, November 21, 2009, in New Orleans, LA.

“ ‘Remnant, Redactor, and Biblical Theologian:’ Coherence in Micah and the Twelve: A Comparative Study” Presented at the *Consultation on the Formation of the Book of the Twelve*, Society of Biblical Literature meeting, November 23, 1996, in New Orleans, LA.

“Literary Coherence as a Criterion in Determining the Biblical Theology of a Book.” Response to paper by Elmer Martens, American College of Biblical Theologians, May 7, 1994, in Deerfield IL.

### **Research Interests:**

The Book of Micah—its coherence, background, and theology.

The nature of the coherence of the prophetic and wisdom books.

The literary structure of Biblical books.

The legal issues of the Book of Ruth

The literary nature of coherence and its applications to Biblical exegesis

### **Current Projects:**

A commentary/exposition on the book of Micah.

Completion of a new version of *Discover a Treasure* (workbook on Inductive Bible Study) that will teach inductive Bible study method with a Biblical framework and in the context of a communications model for Hermeneutics based on the work of J. Brown in *Scripture as Communication* (Baker, 2007).

Lay the groundwork for a book on Psalm 104 as part of the Biblical case for Christian environmental responsibility.

**Languages:**

Reading knowledge of Biblical Hebrew, Aramaic, Classical and Koine Greek, Latin, French, German

**Professional Affiliations:**

Society of Biblical Literature  
Institute for Biblical Research (Fellow)  
Evangelical Theological Society  
Biblical Archaeology Society