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EDUCATION/ACADEMIC TRAINING

Doctor of Philosophy, Biblical Studies (Old Testament/Hebrew Bible); 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.

PROFESSIONAL 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.

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*

Graduate Research Assistant, Trinity International University (Deerfield, IL), 1981

Teaching Fellow in Greek, Trinity International University (Deerfield, IL), 1980.
Taught NT 491 *Greek Review*, (Department of New Testament)

PUBLICATIONS

Publications:

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

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

“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.* 15 articles including:

Ahishar
Gog
Haahashtari
Harum
Hathath
Hazzelelponi
Helah
Hozai
Iru
Ishbah
Ishma
Ismachiah
Nekoda
Nephisim
Tibni

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* 45, 4 (December 2002): 694-696.

Ben Zvi, Ehud. *Micah* (FOTL 21B). Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans, 2000. In *Journal of the Evangelical Theological Society* 45, 1 (March 2002): 149-150.

Ollenberger, B., Martens, E., and Hasel, G., eds. *The Flowering of Old Testament Theology* (Sources for Biblical and Theological Study, vol. 1). Winona Lake, IN: Eisenbrauns, 1992. 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.

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.

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Coherence and literary structure of Biblical books
 The nature of the coherence of the prophetic and wisdom books
 The literary nature of coherence and its applications to Biblical exegesis
The Book of Micah—its coherence, background, and theology
Genre and Interpretation in Ancient Israel
 The genre of Genesis 1-11 and implications for how it is to be read
 Cultural context in interpretation, particularly in relation to contested passages about women's roles
 The use of geographical context as an interpretive tool
Hebrew Prophecy
Old Testament Wisdom Literature
Biblical Theology, especially of the overarching narrative
Biblical grounding for Creation Care & Environmental Concern
The legal issues of the Book of Ruth

PROFESSIONAL

Courses Taught:

Old Testament Survey
New Testament Survey
Inductive Bible Study Methods
Hermeneutics
Pentateuch
OT Historical Books
OT Wisdom Books
OT Prophets
Genesis 1-11 and Origins
Exodus
Ruth
Proverbs
Jonah
Micah
Habakkuk
Acts (Spring 2021)
Ephesians
1 Thessalonians
Hebrew 1-2
Hebrew Exegesis: Micah
Hebrew Exegesis: Ruth & Jonah
Greek 1-2

Women Then and Now
Creation Care

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

RELATED EXPERIENCE

Senior Pastor, Wyckoff (NJ) Baptist Church, 1988-1994

College Pastor, Evangelical Community Church (Bloomington, IN), 1981-1983

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)

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