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### **EDUCATION**

- Ph.D.** (1989-1994) **Harvard University**, Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations;  
Dissertation: "**Exodus Retold: Ancient Exegesis of the Departure from Egypt in  
Wis 10:15-21 and 19:1-9,**" advisor: Dr. James L. Kugel
- M.A.** (1993) **Harvard University**, Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations
- M.Div.** (1985-1989) **Westminster Theological Seminary** (Philadelphia, PA)
- B.A.** (1979-1982) **Messiah College** (Grantham, PA), Behavioral Science  
(1978-79) **Rutgers University** (New Brunswick, NJ), Psychology

### **LEARNED SOCIETIES**

- Society of Biblical Literature** (1991-present)  
Steering Committee: Wisdom in Israelite and Cognate Traditions (2006-present)
- Institute for Biblical Research** (1991-present)  
Executive Committee (2002-04); Board of Directors (2004-07)  
Editorial Board for the *Bulletin for Biblical Research* (2002-04)

### **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

#### **Fulltime**

##### **Westminster Theological Seminary (1994-2008)**

*Professor of Old Testament and Biblical Hermeneutics (2005-2008)*

*Associate Professor of Old Testament (1997-2005; tenured, 2001)*

*Assistant Professor of Old Testament (1994-97)*

**M.Div./MAR curriculum:** Hebrew; Old Testament Introduction; Poetry and Wisdom Literature; Old Testament History and Theology 1 (lectures on Exodus); Supervision of independent courses on Psalms and Proverbs; Preaching from the Old Testament

**Ph.D./Th.M. curriculum:** Ecclesiastes; Exodus; Biblical Interpretation in the Second Temple Period; Hermeneutics of the New Testament Period; Issues in Biblical Hermeneutics; Old Testament Theology; Dissertation supervision

##### **Theological German (1995-2008)**

Private instruction in reading theological German (first as a student then as a faculty member)

#### **Adjunct and Visiting**

**Princeton Theological Seminary, Princeton, NJ**

Accelerated Hebrew Reading: Pentateuch (fall 2009)  
Northwest Semitic Epigraphy, Ph.D. seminar (fall 2002)

**Eastern University, St. Davids, PA**

Genesis in Context (spring 2009)

**Fuller Theological Seminary, Colorado Springs, CO**

The Writings (January 2009)

**Biblical Theological Seminary, Hatfield, PA**

The Use of the Old Testament in the New Testament (2004-2008)

**Harvard Divinity School, Cambridge, MA**

Intermediate Biblical Hebrew (spring and summer 1992)

**Teaching Fellow**

**Harvard University, Undergraduate Core Curriculum (1991-94)**

Led weekly discussion sections of approximately fifteen students per section; advised students; prepared and graded examinations and papers.

Biblical Theology (Professor Paul Hanson, spring, 1993).

Introduction to the Hebrew Scriptures (Professor Theodore Hiebert, fall 1992).

The Bible and its Interpreters (Professor James Kugel, spring 1991 and head teaching fellow 1993).

The Concept of the Hero in Hellenic Civilization (Professor Gregory Nagy, fall 1991, 1992, and 1993)

Oral Literature: Introduction to Folklore (Professor Joseph Harris, fall 1991)

The Cultural Legacy of the Ancient Near East (Professor Paul Hanson, fall 1990)

***GUEST LECTURES (sample)***

**Westmont College**

February 10, 2011, "Paul, Adam, and Evolution"

**Asuza Pacific University**

November 16, 2010, "The Benefit of Doubt: Coming to Terms with Faith in a Post-modern Era"

**University of Pennsylvania**

October 25, 2010, "The Challenge of Reading the Bible Today: Can the Bible be Read both Critically and Religiously?" (Panel discussion with Marc Brettler and Dan Harrington, moderated by Jeffrey Tigay)

**Roanoke College**

April 8, 2010, "Academic Inquiry and Faith: Problems and Possibilities in the Modern World"

**Eastern University**

April 7, 2009, "Ancient Near Eastern Texts: Blueprint for Genesis"

**Princeton Theological Seminary**

February 9, 2009, "Is the Bible Ever Wrong?"

**The Center for Transformative Leadership, St. Paul, MN**

January 30-31, 2009, Weekend Seminar on Wisdom Literature

**American Scientific Affiliation, Eastern University**

November 15, 2008, "Genesis and Science"

**Duke Divinity School**

October 22, 2008, "Is the Bible Ever Wrong?"

**Central PA Forum for Religion and Science, Messiah College**

September 16, 2008, "Genesis and Science"

**Torch Trinity Graduate School of Theology, Seoul, Korea**

May 5-11, 2008, "Ecclesiastes According to the Gospel: Christian Thoughts on Qohelet's Theology"

**Princeton Theological Seminary**

December 9, 2003, Th.M. seminar "The Old Testament in the New" (Prof. Ross Wagner); lecture entitled "Apostolic Hermeneutics and an Evangelical Understanding of Scripture"

## **PAPERS AND PRESENTATIONS**

**"Further Thoughts on an Incarnational Model of Scripture,"** Center for Philosophy of Religion at the University of Notre Dame, Logos Workshop in Philosophical Theology: Divine Revelation—Meaning, Authority, and Canon, June 2–4, 2011

**Panel Discussion: Kent Sparks's *God's Word in Human Words*,** annual meeting of the *Society of Biblical Literature*, November 2008, Boston, MA

**Panel Discussion: *The Old Testament Use of the Old Testament* (co-author),** annual meeting of the *Evangelical Theological Society*, November 2008, Providence, RI.

**"Evangelical and Critical Biblical Scholarship: Two Models of Coherence and Relevance in Biblical Interpretation,"** annual meeting of the *Korean Evangelical Theological Society*, March 2008, Seoul, S. Korea.

**"A Historical-Hermeneutical Approach to the NT's use of the OT,"** annual meeting of the *Korean Evangelical Theological Society*, March 2008, Seoul, S. Korea.

**"Exodus in Modern Study and Some Theological Reflections on Historiography,"** *Korean Bible Society Society*, March 2008, Seoul, S. Korea.

**"Preliminary Observations on the Incarnational Nature of Scripture,"** annual meeting of the *Evangelical Theological Society*, November 2006, Washington, D.C.. The session was devoted to interaction with my *Inspiration and Incarnation*. A version of this paper was also delivered at Calvin College, March 2007.

**"Some Thoughts on Theological Exegesis of OT Narrative: Toward a Viable Model of Coherence and Relevance,"** eastern regional meeting of the *Evangelical Theological Society*, April 2005, Souderton, PA.

**"Exodus, the Problem of History, and Some Theological Implications,"** annual meeting of the *Evangelical Theological Society*, November 2004, San Antonio, TX.

**"Intertextuality,"** Moderator, *Institute for Biblical Research* annual meeting November 1998, Orlando, FL.

**"The Song at the Sea in Wis 10:20-21,"** annual meeting *Society of Biblical Literature* annual meeting, November 1993, Washington, D.C.,

**"Creation and Re-creation: Psalm 95 and its Interpretation in Hebrews 3:7-4:13,"** annual meeting, *Society of Biblical Literature*, November 1992, San Francisco, CA.,

**"Teaching Outside Your Field,"** Derek Bok Teaching Center, January 1992, Harvard University. Videotaped talk to be used for future orientation sessions for teaching assistants teaching outside of their field.

## **PUBLICATIONS**

### **Books**

***Reading the Bible Critically and Religiously: Jewish, Catholic, and Protestant Perspectives*,** co-authored with Marc Brettler and Daniel Harrington; in progress, Oxford University Press, forthcoming 2012.

*Baker Illustrated Bible Dictionary*, co-editor with Tremper Longman III and Mark Strauss, Baker, forthcoming, 2012.

*The Evolution of Adam: What the Bible Does and Doesn't Say about Human Origins*, Baker, forthcoming 2011.

*Ecclesiastes*, Eerdmans, Two Horizons Commentary Series, forthcoming, 2011.

*Telling God's Story: Teaching Your Children the Bible*, Olive Branch Books, 2011.  
Introductory parent guide to children's Bible curriculum grades 1-12.

*Eyes to See and Ears to Hear: Essays in Memory of J. Alan Groves*, editor (with Douglas Green and Michael Kelly), P&R, 2010.

*Three Views on the New Testament's Use of the Old Testament*, co-authored with Walter Kaiser, Jr. and Darrell Bock, Zondervan, 2008.

*Dictionary of the Old Testament: Wisdom, Poetry, and Writings*, co-editor with T. Longman III, IVP, 2008.  
*Christianity Today* "Award of Merit" for 2009 and the Evangelical Christian Publishers Association's "2009 Christian Book of the Year" award in the Bible Reference and Study category.

*Invitation to Genesis*, Disciple Bible Study, Abingdon Press, 2006.  
Ten-week adult education participant guide to the theology of Genesis. This is complimented by corresponding video presentations. In addition to authoring the participant book, I also mapped out the entire study, and providing consultation for the scholars and the editors at Abingdon.

*Inspiration and Incarnation: Evangelicals and the Problem of the Old Testament*, Baker, 2005.

*Exodus*. NIV Application Commentary, Zondervan, 2000.

*Exodus Retold: Ancient Exegesis of the Departure from Egypt in Wis 10:15-21 and 19:1-9*, Harvard Semitic Museum Monographs 57, Scholars Press, 1997.

*Poetry and Wisdom*, IBR Bibliographies, Baker, 1997.

## Articles and Essays

**"Pseudo-Solomon and His Scripture: Biblical Interpretation in the Wisdom of Solomon,"** *Companion to Biblical Interpretation in Early Judaism*, ed. M. Henze, Eerdmans, forthcoming, 2011.

**"The Contribution of Ecclesiastes to Biblical Theology,"** *The Bible as a Human Witness to Divine Revelation* (Gerald Sheppard FS); eds. R. Heskett and B. Irwin; Leiden: T&T Clark, 2011, 185-201.

**"Ecclesiastes according to the Gospel: Christian Thoughts on Qohelet's Theology,"** *Eyes to See and Ears to Hear: Essays in Memory of J. Alan Groves*, eds. P. Enns et al., P&R, 2010, 47-60.

**"Preliminary Observations on an Incarnational Model of Scripture: Its Viability and Usefulness,"** *Calvin Theological Journal*, 42/2 (2007): 219-36.

**"Exodus, the Problem of Historiography, and Some Theological Reflections,"** *Act 3 Review* 15/4 (2007).

**"Response to Professor Greg Beale,"** *Themelios* 32/3 (2007): 5-13 [response to Beale's review of *Inspiration and Incarnation*]

**"Bible in Context: The Continuing Vitality of Reformed Biblical Scholarship,"** *Westminster Theological Journal* 68 (2006): 203-18.

**"Response to G. K. Beale's Review of *Inspiration and Incarnation: Evangelicals and the Problem of the Old Testament*,"** *Journal of the Evangelical Theological Society* 49/2 (2006): 313-26.

**"Loving Christ While I Cheer for the Yankees,"** *by Faith* (January/February 2006): 21-23.

**"Some Thoughts on Theological Exegesis of the Old Testament: Toward a Viable Model of Biblical Coherence and Relevance,"** *Reformation and Revival Journal* 14/4 (2005): 81-104.

- כִּלְהָאָדָם** and the Evaluation of Qohelet's Wisdom in Qoh 12:13, or The 'A is so, and What's More, B' **Theology of Ecclesiastes,**" *The Idea of Biblical Interpretation* (James Kugel FS); ed. H. Najman and J. Newman; Leiden, E. J. Brill, 2003, 125-37.
- "Apostolic Hermeneutics and an Evangelical Doctrine of Scripture: Moving beyond the Modernist Impasse,"** *Westminster Theological Journal* 65 (2003): 263-87.
- "William Henry Green and the Authorship of the Pentateuch: Some Historical Considerations,"** *Journal of the Evangelical Theological Society* 45/3 (September 2002): 385-403.
- "Matthew and Hosea: A Response to John Sailhamer,"** *Westminster Theological Journal* 63 (2001): 97-105.
- "Wisdom of Solomon and Biblical Interpretation in the Second Temple Period,"** *The Way of Wisdom* (B. K. Waltke Festschrift; ed. J. I. Packer and S. Soderlund, Zondervan, 2000, 212-25.
- "Expansions of Scripture,"** *Justification and Variegated Nomism*, ed. D. A. Carson; J. C. B. Mohr/Baker, 2000, 73-98.
- "The 'Moveable Well' in 1 Cor 10:4: An Extra-Biblical Tradition in an Apostolic Text."** *Bulletin for Biblical Research* 6 (1996): 23-38.
- "A Retelling of the Song at the Sea in Wis 10,20-21."** *Biblica* 76 (1995): 1-24. Republished in *The Function of Scripture in Early Jewish and Christian Tradition*, eds. C. A. Evans and J. A. Sanders, 142-65. JSNTSup 154/SSEJC 6. Sheffield: Sheffield Academic Press, 1998.
- "Creation and Re-creation: Psalm 95 and its Interpretation in Hebrews 3:7-4:13."** *Westminster Theological Journal* 55 (1993): 255-80. Partially republished as "The Interpretation of Psalm 95 in Hebrews 3.1-4.13." *Early Christian Interpretation of the Scriptures of Israel: Investigations and Proposals*, eds. C. A. Evans and J. A. Sanders, 352-63. JSNTSup 148/SSEJC 5. Sheffield: Sheffield Academic Press, 1997.

## Dictionary/Encyclopedia Entries

- [dozens of articles] *Baker Illustrated Bible Dictionary*, eds., T Longman III, P. Enns, M. Strauss, Zondervan, forthcoming, 2012
- "Plagues"** and **"Dating the Exodus,"** *Baker Handbook to the Bible*, eds. J. S. Duvall and J. D. Hays, Baker, forthcoming, 2011
- "The Lives of the Prophets,"** *The Dictionary of Early Judaism*, eds. J. J. Collins and D. C. Harlow, Eerdmans, 2010.
- "Ecclesiastes"** and **"Wisdom of Solomon,"** *Dictionary of the Old Testament: Wisdom, Poetry, and Writings*, eds. T. Longman III and P. Enns, IVP, 2008 **"Faith,"** *Dictionary of the Old Testament: Historical Books*, eds. Bill. T. Arnold and Hugh Williamson, IVP (2006) 296-300.
- "Exodus/New Exodus"** and **"Pseudepigrapha,"** *Dictionary for Theological Interpretation of Scripture*, ed. Kevin Vanhoozer, Baker (2005) 216-18; 652-53.
- "Exodus Route and Wilderness Itinerary,"** *Dictionary of the Old Testament: Pentateuch*, eds. D. Baker and T. Desmond Alexander, IVP, 2003, 272-80.
- "Exodus"** and **"Grumbling,"** *New Dictionary of Biblical Theology*, ed. T. Desmond Alexander, IVP (2000) 146-52; 527-29.
- "Biblical Interpretation, Jewish."** *Dictionary of New Testament Background*, eds. C. A. Evans and S. E. Porter, IVP, 2000, 159-65.
- "Afterlife," "Crown," "Exodus,"** and **"Harp."** *Dictionary of Biblical Imagery*, eds, L. Ryken, J. C. Wilhoit, T. Longman III, IVP, 1998.
- "Law," "Sword," "Thirst,"** and **"Year."** *New International Dictionary of Old Testament Theology and Exegesis*, W. VanGemeren. Zondervan, 1997.

**“Abortion,” “Adam,” “Adultery,” “Ark,” “Babylon,” “Blasphemy,” “Creation/New Creation,” “Day of the Lord,” “Decision Making/Plan,” “Instruction,” “Last Days,” “Law,” “Moses,” and “Noah.”** *Everyday Study Bible*. Word, 1996.

## Contributor

*The Lost Bible: Ancient Jewish Writings outside of Scripture* (introduction and study notes to Wisdom of Solomon). *Jewish Publication Society*, forthcoming, 2012.

*Renovare Study Bible* (introduction and study notes to the Additions to Daniel). HarperSanFrancisco, 2005.

*Faith in Action Study Bible* (notes to Exodus). Zondervan, 2005.

*New Century Version* (style reviewer for Joshua, Judges, Ruth, Samuel, Kings). Thomas Nelson, 2004.

*New Interpreters Study Bible* (introduction and study notes to Wisdom of Solomon) Abingdon Press, 2003.

*The Message* (exegetical consultant, Exodus and Numbers). NavPress, 2001.

*God’s Word to the Nations Bible Society* (technical reviewer, Wisdom of Solomon). World, 1995.

## Book Reviews

Kenton L. Sparks, *God’s Word in Human Words: An Evangelical Appropriation of Critical Biblical Scholarship*, in *McMaster Journal of Theology and Mission* 12 (2010-2011). [http://www.mcmaster.ca/mjtm/volume12\\_000.htm](http://www.mcmaster.ca/mjtm/volume12_000.htm)

G. K. Beale, *The Erosion of Inerrancy*, in *Bulletin for Biblical Research* 19.4 (2009): 628-31.

Bruce K. Waltke, *The Book of Proverbs*, in *Westminster Theological Journal* 68 (2006): 147-51.

Bill T. Arnold and Bryan E. Beyer, eds: *Readings from the Ancient Near East*, Philip J. King and Lawrence E. Stager: *Life in Biblical Israel*, in *Westminster Theological Journal* 65 (2003): 145-46.

Paul R. House, *Old Testament Theology*; Walter Brueggemann, *Theology of the Old Testament: Testimony, Dispute, Advocacy*, in *Westminster Theological Journal*, 64 (2002): 202-07.

Charles L. Quarles, *Midrash Criticism: Introduction and Appraisal* in *Westminster Theological Journal* 62 (2001): 303-06.

Terry L. Brensinger, *Judges*. Believers Church Bible Commentary, in *Brethren in Christ History and Life* 23/3 (2000): 517-20.

C. L. Seow, *Ecclesiastes* (Anchor Bible 18c), in *Journal of the Evangelical Theological Society* 43/2 (2000) 320-21.

Sylvia C. Keesmaat, *Paul and His Story: (Re)Interpreting the Exodus Story*, in *Bulletin for Biblical Research* 10.1(2000): 151-53.

Helmut Engel, *Das Buch der Weisheit*, in *Biblica* 80 (1999): 571-74.

Dale F. Leschert, *Hermeneutical Foundations of Hebrews: A Study in the Validity of the Epistle’s Interpretation of Some Core Citations from the Psalms* in *Westminster Theological Journal* 60 (1998): 164-68.

A. R. Millard, J. K. Hoffmeier and D. W. Baker, eds., *Faith, History, and Tradition: Old Testament Historiography in Its Ancient Near Eastern Context* in *Westminster Theological Journal* 59 (1997): 128-31

David L. Puckett, *John Calvin’s Exegesis of the Old Testament* in *Westminster Theological Journal* 58 (1996): 324-27.

N. T. Wright, *The Crown and the Fire: Meditations on the Cross and the Life of the Spirit*. and *Following Jesus: Biblical Reflections on Discipleship*, in *Westminster Theological Journal* 58 (1996): 327-28.

Ellis R. Brotzman, *Old Testament Textual Criticism: A Practical Introduction*, in *Westminster Theological Journal* 57 (1995): 251-53.

Walter E. Rast, *Through the Ages in Palestinian Archaeology: An Introductory Handbook*, in *Westminster Theological Journal* 56 (1994): 188-90.

John W. Watts, *Psalm and Story: Inset Hymns in Hebrew Narrative*, in *Westminster Theological Journal* 55 (1993): 346-48.

Eugene H. Merrill, *Kingdom of Priests: A History of Old Testament Israel*, in *Westminster Theological Journal* 53 (1991): 145-47.

## **Internet**

### **“a time to tear down, a Time to Build Up” (peterennsonline.com)**

This is my website. The focus of this website is Biblical Theology and Biblical Studies and how these fields interface with contemporary Christian faith.

### **“inspiration and incarnation” (iandibook.com)**

Official site for my 2005 book. Includes facts about the book and interaction about issues it raises.

### **The BioLogos Foundation (biologos.org)**

Weekly blogs posts on matters pertaining to science and faith, mainly issue of biblical interpretation. My focus is on biblical re-education so our readers can synthesize more readily Christian faith and scientific truth.

### **The Huffington Post (huffingtonpost.com/religion/)**

Periodic contributor to their science and religion page.

## **EDITOR**

*Westminster Theological Journal*, 2000-2005.

Editorial Board, *Bulletin for Biblical Research*, 2002-06.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE**

Associate Academic Dean, Westminster Theological Seminary (1998-2001)

Chair, Hermeneutics (PhD) Field Committee, Westminster Theological Seminary (1997-2000)

Chair, Old Testament Search Committee, Westminster Theological Seminary (2006-2008)

## **PERSONAL**

Born January 2, 1961; Passaic, NJ.

Married to Susan, September 15, 1984

Children: Erich (11/3/87), Elizabeth (7/3/90), Sophia (6/4/93)

Interests: baseball, reading historical novels, psychology and faith, spending time with family, working in yard, traveling, guitar, movies



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