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**Education:**

**Degrees**

- ◆ Ph.D. in Christian Theology (Old Testament Biblical Studies), McMaster Divinity College, Hamilton, Ontario, 2013 (Supervisor: Dr. Mark Boda; Dissertation: *The 'New Perspective' on Appraisal: Evaluation in the Book of Judges as Revealed by the Narrative Appraisal Model*)
- ◆ M.T.S. Biblical Studies (honors), McMaster University, Hamilton, Ontario, 2009 (Thesis: *From Objective Observation to Subjective Participation: How the Speaking Voices in Lamentations Lead from Suffering to Redemption*)
- ◆ B.Ed. (high distinction), Nipissing College of Laurentian University, North Bay, Ontario, 1976
- ◆ B.A. (distinction), Brock University, St. Catharines, Ontario, 1972

**Additional Courses**

- ◆ 10 courses in English, University of Waterloo (1988–1993) (Dean's Honor List, Senior Arts Scholarship)
- ◆ Diploma, Mount Carmel Bible College, Edmonton, Alberta 1974.

**Honors:**

- ◆ The Principal's Gold Medal, McMaster Divinity College, 2013.
- ◆ The Jack and Phyllis Middleton Memorial Award for Excellence in Theology, 2nd Place, Canadian Evangelical Theology Association, 2012
- ◆ The Margaret and Stanley Ford Scholarship, McMaster Divinity College 2011
- ◆ The Edith Laurence McDermid Scholarship, McMaster Divinity College 2011
- ◆ The Gordon S. Martin Memorial Scholarship, McMaster Divinity College 2010
- ◆ The Edith Laurence McDermid Scholarship, McMaster Divinity College 2010
- ◆ The Reverend Fred Allen Jewell Scholarship, McMaster Divinity College, 2009
- ◆ The Edith Laurence McDermid Scholarship, McMaster Divinity College, 2009
- ◆ Dean's Honor List, University of Waterloo 1993
- ◆ Senior Arts Scholarship, University of Waterloo 1993

## **Work Experience:**

### **Assistant Professor of Old Testament**

- ◆ McMaster Divinity College; Hamilton, Ontario (July 1, 2016 – present)
  - Courses taught: Hebrew 1: Introduction to Hebrew, Hebrew 2: Morphology, Hebrew 3: Syntax (Jonah and Ruth), Introductory Hebrew Online 1 and 2, Online Intermediate Hebrew, Women of the Old Testament, Research and Writing Workshop.

### **Lecturer in Old Testament**

- ◆ McMaster Divinity College; Hamilton, Ontario (2015 – 2016)
  - Courses taught: Introductory Hebrew 1 and 2, Online Hebrew 1 and 2, The Book of Judges, The Five Scrolls.

### **Adjunct Professor of Old Testament**

- ◆ The Five Scrolls: Ruth, Song of Songs, Ecclesiastes, Lamentations and Esther; Tyndale Seminary; Toronto, Ontario (Summer 2015)
- ◆ Online Introductory Hebrew 1 and 2; McMaster Divinity College, Hamilton, Ontario (Summer 2015)
- ◆ Introductory Hebrew 2; McMaster Divinity College; Hamilton, Ontario (Winter 2015)
- ◆ Introductory Hebrew 1; McMaster Divinity College; Hamilton, Ontario (Fall 2014)
- ◆ Introductory Hebrew 2; Tyndale Seminary; Toronto, Ontario (Winter 2015)
- ◆ Introductory Hebrew 1; Tyndale Seminary; Toronto, Ontario (Fall 2014)
- ◆ The Five Scrolls: Ruth, Song of Songs, Ecclesiastes, Lamentations and Esther; McMaster Divinity College; Hamilton, Ontario (Summer 2014)
- ◆ The Book of Judges; Tyndale Seminary; Toronto, Ontario (2012)
- ◆ Introductory Hebrew 2; Tyndale Seminary; Toronto, Ontario (2011)
- ◆ Introductory Hebrew 1; Tyndale Seminary; Toronto, Ontario (2010)

### **Post-doctoral Research Fellow**

- ◆ McMaster Divinity College (2013–14) Co-authoring a commentary on Judges for the Zondervan Exegetical Commentary on the Old Testament.

### **Graduate Assistant**

- ◆ Assistant Editor for McMaster Divinity College Press (2012–13)
- ◆ Assistant Lecturer in Intermediate Hebrew for Dr. Mark Boda, Professor of Old Testament, McMaster Divinity College, Hamilton, Ontario (2012)
- ◆ Editing for Dr. John Kessler, Professor of Old Testament, Tyndale Seminary, Toronto, Ontario (2008–2012)
- ◆ Teaching Assistant for Dr. Paul Evans, Assistant Professor of Old Testament, McMaster Divinity College, Hamilton, Ontario (2009–2010)
- ◆ Editing, Hebrew tutoring, and research assistant for Dr. Mark Boda, Professor of Old Testament, McMaster Divinity College, Hamilton, Ontario (2007–2008)

### **Teacher-Librarian (DPCDSB)**

- ◆ St. Edmund Campion Secondary School, Brampton, Ontario (2003–2010)

### **Department Head of English (DPCDSB)**

- ◆ Department Head, Mount Carmel Secondary School, Mississauga, Ontario (2000–2003)
- ◆ Assistant Department Head, Mount Carmel Secondary School, Mississauga, Ontario (1998–1999)

### **English Teacher (DPCDSB)**

- ◆ Mount Carmel Secondary School, Mississauga, Ontario (1990–2003)
- ◆ Cardinal Leger Secondary School, Brampton, Ontario (1988–1990)
- ◆ Ascension of Our Lord Secondary School, Malton, Ontario (1988)

### **Other Teaching Experience**

- ◆ Bramalea Secondary School, Brampton, Ontario (1987 short term)
- ◆ Brampton Christian School, Brampton, Ontario (1981–1986)
- ◆ Dufferin County Board of Education, Orangeville, Ontario (1980–1981)
- ◆ Orangeville Christian School, Orangeville, Ontario (1979–1980)
- ◆ F. H. Huffman Public School, Fort Frances, Ontario (1977–1979)

### **Professional Accreditations:**

#### **Educational Accreditations**

- ◆ Librarianship Specialist, University of Toronto, 2004
- ◆ Librarianship Part 2, University of Toronto, 2003
- ◆ Principal's Qualification Program Part 1, 2002
- ◆ Librarianship Part 1, York University, 2002
- ◆ Advanced Placement English: Language and Literature, 2001
- ◆ ESL Part 1, York University, 1998
- ◆ Honors Specialist (English), University of Toronto, 1994
- ◆ Honors Specialist (Geography), York University, 1993
- ◆ Religious Education Part 1, York University, 1989
- ◆ Senior English, York University, 1988
- ◆ Senior Geography, University of Toronto, 1986
- ◆ Reading Specialist, University of Toronto, 1985
- ◆ Ontario Teacher's Certificate, Laurentian University, 1976

### **Publications:**

- ◆ In Press, co-authored with Mark J. Boda: *Judges: A Commentary*. Zondervan Exegetical Commentary on the Old Testament. Grand Rapids: Zondervan.
- ◆ In Press: "Gender in Creation: Genesis 1–3." In *Discovering Biblical Equality*, edited by Cynthia Long Westfall and Ronald W. Pierce. 3<sup>rd</sup> edition. Grand Rapids, MI: InterVarsity.
- ◆ In Press, co-authored with Ronald W. Pierce: "The Treatment of Women under the Mosaic Law." In *Discovering Biblical Equality*, edited by Cynthia Long Westfall and Ronald W. Pierce. 3<sup>rd</sup> edition. Grand Rapids, MI: InterVarsity.

- ◆ Forthcoming: “A Cord of Three Strands is Not Quickly Broken: The Deterioration of Unity and Community in Judges.” In *Festschrift for Gus Konkel*, edited by Rick Wadholm, Jr. Eugene, OR: MDC Press.
- ◆ *Judging the Judges: A Narrative Appraisal Analysis*. LSAWS 15. University Park, PA: Eisenbrauns, 2020.
- ◆ “Narrative Appraisal as a Linguistic Approach to Evaluation in Text: The Case of Pronouns.” *Journal for Semitics* 28 (2019) 1–23. <https://doi.org/10.25159/2663-6573/6406>.
- ◆ “Monarchy in Judges: Positive or Negative?” *Journal of Biblical and Theological Studies* 4 (2019) 26–41. <http://jbtsonline.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/06/JBTS-4.1-Article-2.pdf>
- ◆ “Appraisal Theory and the Interpretation of Judges 6.” In *Modeling Biblical Language: Papers from the McMaster Divinity College Linguistics Circle*, edited by Stanley E. Porter, Gregory P. Fewster, and Christopher Land. Linguistic Biblical Studies. Leiden; Boston: Brill, 2016.
- ◆ “‘The Wisest Might Err’: A Re-evaluation of Solomon’s Character as Revealed by His Prayer for Wisdom in 1 Kings 3:1–15.” *Canadian Theological Review* 2 (2013): 29–45.
- ◆ “Daughter Zion: Metaphor and Dialogue in the Book of Lamentations.” In *Daughter Zion: Her Portrait, Her Response*, edited by Mark J. Boda, Carol J. Dempsey, and LeAnn Snow Flesher. Atlanta: SBL, 2012.
- ◆ “Ann Murry.” In *The Biographical History of Women Biblical Interpreters*, edited by Marion Taylor. Grand Rapids: Baker, 2012.
- ◆ “Worship Music: Maintaining Dynamic Tension.” *McMaster Journal of Theology and Ministry* 7 (2006) 132–59. <http://www.mcmaster.ca/mjtm/volume7.htm>

## Reviews:

- ◆ Review of *The Completion of Judges: Strategies of Ending in 17–21*, by David J. Beldman. Siphrut 21. Winona Lake, IN: Eisenbrauns, 2017. In *The Catholic Biblical Quarterly* 81, no. 2 (2019): 305–7. <https://muse.jhu.edu/article/721285>
- ◆ Review of *Dismembering the Whole: Composition and Purpose of Judges 19–21* by Edenburg, Cynthia. *Ancient Israel and Its Literature* 24. Atlanta. GA: SBL, 2016. In *Journal of Hebrew Scriptures* (2017). [http://www.jhsonline.org/reviews/reviews\\_new/review828.htm](http://www.jhsonline.org/reviews/reviews_new/review828.htm)
- ◆ Review of *Judges* by Frolov, Serge. FOTL 6B. Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans, 2013. In *Journal of Hebrew Scriptures* 14 (2014). [http://www.jhsonline.org/reviews/reviews\\_new/review731.htm](http://www.jhsonline.org/reviews/reviews_new/review731.htm)
- ◆ Review of *Basics of Biblical Hebrew Grammar* and *Basics of Biblical Hebrew Workbook* by Pratico, Gary D. and Miles V. Van Pelt.” 2nd ed., Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2007. In *Journal of Hebrew Scriptures* 11 (2011). [http://www.jhsonline.org/reviews/reviews\\_new/review534.htm](http://www.jhsonline.org/reviews/reviews_new/review534.htm)
- ◆ Review of *My Words Are Lovely: Studies in the Rhetoric of the Psalms* by Foster, Robert L., and David M. Howard.” *The Library of Hebrew Bible/Old Testament Studies*. New York: T&T Clark, 2008. In *Journal of Hebrew Scriptures* 9 (2009). [http://www.jhsonline.org/reviews/reviews\\_new/review366.htm](http://www.jhsonline.org/reviews/reviews_new/review366.htm)

## Papers Presented:

- ◆ “Gender in Genesis 1–3 in Conversation with 1 Timothy 2.” Paper presented at the Evangelical Theological Society, Evangelicals and Gender section, Denver, CO, November 2018.
- ◆ “Narrative Appraisal as a Linguistic Approach to Evaluation in Text: The Case of Pronouns.” Paper presented at the Society of Biblical Literature, Linguistics in Biblical Hebrew Section, Boston, MA, November 2017.
- ◆ “Jephthah: Savvy Diplomat or Bungling Negotiator?” Paper presented at the Canadian Society of Biblical Studies section of the Congress of the Humanities and Social Sciences, Toronto, ON, Canada, May 2017.
- ◆ “Judges 20 Revisited: Order in the Midst of Confusion (Revised and expanded).” Paper presented at the Evangelical Theological Society, Old Testament Narrative Literature section, San Antonio, TX, November 2016.
- ◆ “Judges 20 Revisited: Order in the Midst of Confusion.” Paper presented at the Canadian Society of Biblical Studies section of the Congress of the Humanities and Social Sciences, Calgary, AB, Canada, May 2016.
- ◆ “Caleb Reproved; Achsah Approved.” Paper presented at the Society of Biblical Literature, Joshua-Judges Section, Atlanta, GA, November 2015.
- ◆ “An Evaluation of Ehud as Revealed by the Narrative Appraisal Model.” Paper presented at the Institute for Biblical Research, San Diego, CA, November 2014.
- ◆ “Insights Obtained by the Application of Heller’s Discourse Structure to the Narrative of Judges.” Paper presented at the Evangelical Theological Society, Old Testament Narrative Literature section, San Diego, CA, November 2014.
- ◆ “Subdue the Earth? A Re-evaluation of the Use of כָּבַשׁ in Genesis 1:28.” Paper presented at the Canadian Society of Biblical Studies section of the Congress in the Humanities and Social Sciences, St. Catharines, ON, May 2014.
- ◆ “The (Im)mutability and (Im)passibility of YHWH: The Contribution of Judges 2:11–23.” Paper presented at the Canadian Evangelical Theology Association section of the Congress in the Humanities and Social Sciences, St. Catharines, ON, May 2014.
- ◆ “‘The Wisest Might Err’: A Re-evaluation of Solomon’s Character as Revealed by His Prayer for Wisdom in 1 Kings 3:1–15.” Paper presented at the New Voices in Canadian Evangelical Theology Conference, Canadian Evangelical Theology Association, Hamilton, ON, October 2012.
- ◆ “‘In the Eyes of Yahweh’: The Role of Linguistic Evaluation Theory in Determining Normative Voice in Judges.” Paper presented at the Tyndale Biblical Studies Symposium, Toronto, ON, February 2012.
- ◆ “From Objective Observation to Subjective Participation: Daughter Zion and the Speaker in Lamentations.” Paper presented at the Society of Biblical Literature, Biblical Hebrew Poetry Section, Boston, MA, November 2008.

### Podcasts:

- ◆ February, 2020: Women and the Old Testament Law. Split Frame of Reference <http://www.splitframeofreference.com>

### Academic Supervision:

- ◆ Second Supervisor (In progress): Daniel Kim (PhD)
- ◆ Second Supervisor (In progress): Daisy Mui (PhD)
- ◆ Supervisor: Seunghoon Baik (MA), 2019: "The Amalgamation of Moses and David in Book IV of the Psalter: An Answer to the Failure of the Davidic Covenant."
- ◆ Supervisor: Doyoon Lee (MA), 2017: "The Rhetorical Function of Theophany in Theodicy in Habakkuk 3:3–15."
- ◆ Supervisor: Daniel Kim (MA), 2016: "A Study of Hezekiah's Embedded Psalmic Prayer (Isaiah 38:9–20) in the Context of Isaiah 36–39 and Its Metaphorical Significance in Isaiah 40–57."
- ◆ Second Supervisor: Benjamin Putt (MDiv), 2016: "Constraint and Variation: The Implications of Context and Co-text for Inter-stratal Relations in the Biblical Languages."

### Editorial Work:

- ◆ Editorial Board, Dialogismos, published by Oklahoma Christian University, Graduate School of Theology. <http://www.oc.edu/academics/graduate/theology/dialogismos-ejournal/index.html>

### Memberships:

- ◆ Institute for Biblical Research (fellow)
- ◆ Society of Biblical Literature (member)
- ◆ Evangelical Theological Society (member)
- ◆ Canadian Society of Biblical Studies (member)
- ◆ Canadian-American Theological Association (member)

### Church Involvement:

- ◆ I have lead Sunday Morning Seminars (5–8 week sessions) for adults at my local church on the following topics: Ruth, Song of Songs, Esther, Lamentations, Ecclesiastes, Judges, and, upcoming, The OT Law and Christians
- ◆ I serve as an elder in my local church