

Curriculum Vitae

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I Education

- 1987 Ph.D., Westminster Theological Seminary
Mentor: Raymond B. Dillard
Dissertation: Hezekiah in Biblical Tradition (University Microfilms)
- 1977 M.Div., Winnipeg Theological Seminary
- 1971 B.R.E., Winnipeg Bible College

II Employment

- 2012- McMaster Divinity College (Professor)
- 2001-2012 Providence University College and Theological Seminary (President)
- 1984-2001 Providence Theological Seminary (Professor)
- 1978-1982 Winkler Bible Institute (Instructor)
- 1971-1982 Bethel Bergthaler Mennonite Church (Pastor)
- 1969-1970 Kelfield Gospel Chapel (Pastor)

III Professional Development

1. Case Studies Institute, 1989
2. Sabbatical at Tyndale House, Cambridge England, 1992

This sabbatical was a study on the textual questions of Isaiah and Kings in the Hezekiah account. This particular story has four complete textual versions: two in the masoretic text and two in the Greek texts. This study led to a better understanding of the history of the story in composition, the process of prophetic composition, and the nature of the Greek translation in Isaiah.

3. Sabbatical at University of St. Paul, Ottawa, 1998

This sabbatical was devoted to a translation and commentary on the book of Job. It also included further research on the history of the text of the Old Testament.

IV Research Grants

- Tyndale House Research Fellowship, 1992
- Association of Theological Seminaries Younger Scholar's Grant, 1992

These grants were used to fund sabbatical studies which were undertaken at Tyndale House, Cambridge.

V Professional Associations

- Ordained in the General Conference Mennonite Church (Mennonite Church Canada)
- Board Member Haggai Institute Inc. (Canada)
- Member of Society of Biblical Literature
- Member of Evangelical Theological Society

VI Publications

1. Translator for Job, *The New Living Translation*, Tyndale, 1996; second edition 2004.

This translation was to replace the Living Bible Paraphrase by Ken Taylor. After initial submissions the translators were consulted again by the editors before a final translation was adopted. Complete translations were provided for both the first and second editions.

2. Books

The Book of Job, Cornerstone Biblical Commentary, Wheaton Illinois:Tyndale Press, 2006.

1 & 2 Kings, New International Version Application Commentary, Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2006.

3. Lexical and Dictionary Articles

Lexical contributions to approximately ten topics in the five volume theological dictionary published by Zondervan under the editorship of Willem VanGemeren under the title *New International Dictionary of Old Testament Theology and Exegesis*. The dictionary deals with every word of the Old Testament both in terms of lexical meaning and theological significance. Each topic involved an exhaustive study of a number of words in the Hebrew Bible, as well as all occurrences of related words in cognate languages (Akkadian, Aramaic and Canaanite Inscriptions, etc.).

Three articles contributed to the *Dictionary of Biblical Images* edited by Daniel Reid and published by IntersVarsity.

4. Journal Articles

“The Elihu Speeches in the Greek Translation of Job,” Pages 149-174 in *“Translation is Required”: The Septuagint in Retrospect and Prospect*, ed. Robert J. V. Hiebert, SBLSCS, Atlanta, Society of Biblical Literature, 2010.

“Biblical Wisdom for Tending the Garden,” *Didaskalia* 20 (2009) 97-104.

“The Bible and Archaeology,” *Didaskalia* 5/2 (1994) 56-65.

“The Sources of the Story of Hezekiah in the Book of Isaiah,” *Vetus Testamentum* XLIII (1993) 462-82.

“Wisdom as the Way to Knowing God,” *Didaskalia* 4/1 (1992) 15-25.

“Male and Female as the Image of God,” *Didaskalia* 3/2 (1992) 1-8.

“The Sacrifice of Obedience,” *Didaskalia* 2/2 (1991) 2-11.

“The Apostolic Preaching of the Resurrection,” *Didaskalia* 2/1 (1990) 12-22.

“Resist or Surrender,” *Journal for Case Teaching* 1 (1989) 16-21.

“The Exaltation of the Eternal King,” *Didaskalia* 1/2 (1989) 14-22.

5. Pedagogical Articles

“Children of the Dust,” *Focus*, Winter 2010, 7-10.

“Christians in Conflict and at Peace,” *The Messenger* 40/6, March 27, 2002 3-4.

“When Two Fail to Become One,” *The Mennonite*, Spetember, 1981.

6. Book Reviews

Review of Shemaryahu Talmon, *Text and Canon of the Hebrew Bible*, *RBL* 01, 2012.
http://www.bookreviews.org/pdf/7848_8570.pdf

Review of “Rumors of Wisdom: Job 28 as Poetry,” *Journal of Hebrew Scriptures* 11, 2011.
http://www.jhsonline.org/reviews/reviews_new/review522.htm

Review of Emmanuel Tov, *Textual Criticism of the Hebrew Bible*, *RBL* 12, 202.
http://www.bookreviews.org/pdf/1814_3051.pdf

Craig Bartholemew, *Ecclesiastes*, Baker Academic 2009, reviewed in *JETS* 53 (2010) 389-91.

Sandra L. Gravett, *Introduction to the Hebrew Bible: a thematic approach*, Westminster John Knox 2008, reviewed in *JETS* 52 (2009) 587-89.

Isaac Kalimi, *Reshaping of ancient Israelite History in Chronicles*, Eisenbrauns 2005, reviewed in *JETS* 49 (2006) 404-5.

- Norman Gottwald, *The Politics of Ancient Israel*, Westminster John Knox 2001, reviewed in *Didaskalia* 15:1 (2003) 86-88.
- V. Philips Long, et al., *Windows into Old Testament History: Evidence, Argument, and the Crisis of "Biblical Israel,"* Eerdmans 2002, reviewed in *Didaskalia* 14:1 (2002) 103-105.
- John J. Collins, *The Apocalyptic Imagination: An Introduction to Jewish Apocalyptic Literature*, 2nd ed., Eerdmans 1998, reviewed in *Didaskalia* 12:2 (2001) 129-31.
- Karen H. Jobes & Moisés Silva, *Invitation to the Septuagint*, Baker Academic 2000, reviewed in *Didaskalia* 12:2 (2001) 131-32.
- Ehud Ben Zvi, *Micah*, FOTL XXIB, Eerdmans 2000, reviewed in *Didaskalia* 12:2 (2001) 133-35.
- Michal H. Floyd, *Minor Prophets*, FOLT XX, Eerdmans 2000, reviewed in *Didaskalia* (2001) 133-35.
- Tremper Longman III, *The Book of Ecclesiastes*, NICOT, Eerdmans 1998, reviewed in *Didaskalia* 12:1 (2000) 109-14.
- Joseph A. Fitzmyer, *The Dead Sea Scrolls and Christian Origins*, Eerdmans 2000, reviewed in *Didaskalia* 12:1 (2000) 114-116.
- Gabriele Boccaccini, *Beyond the Essene Hypothesis: the parting of the ways between Qumran and Enochic Judaism*, Eerdmans 1998, reviewed in *Didaskalia* 11:2 (2000) 115-18.
- Eugene Ulrich, *The Dead Sea Scrolls and the origins of the Bible*, Brill / Eerdmans 1999, reviewed in *Didaskalia* 11:2 (2000) 122-24.
- Walter Brueggemann, *Isaiah 1-39; Isaiah 40-66*, Westminster John Knox 1998, reviewed in *Didaskalia* 10:2 (1999) 109-11.
- James L. Crenshaw, *Old Testament Wisdom: an Introduction*, Westminster John Knox 1998, reviewed in *Didaskalia* 10:2 (1999) 111-12.
- Donald E. Gowan, *The Theology of the Prophetic Books: The Death and Resurrection of Israel*, Westminster John Knox 1998, reviewed in *Didaskalia* 10:2 (1999) 112-14.
- Jörg Jeremias, *The Book of Amos: A Commentary*, OTL, Westminster John Knox 1998, reviewed in *Didaskalia* 10:1 (1998) 98-100.
- Elizabeth Achtemeier, *Preaching from the Minor Prophets: Texts and Sermon Suggestions*, Eerdmans 1998, reviewed in *Didaskalia* 10:1 (1998) 101-2.
- Daniel I. Block, *The Book of Ezekiel*, 2 vols., NICOT, Eerdmans 1997, reviewed in *Didaskalia* 10:1 (1998) 102-4.
- William S. LaSor, et al., *Old Testament Survey: The Message, Form, and Background of the Old Testament*, Eerdmans 1996, reviewed in *Didaskalia* 9:2 (1998) 91-93.
- Erhard S. Gerstenberger, *Leviticus: A Commentary*, OTL, Westminster John Knox 1996, reviewed in *Didaskalia* 9:2 (1998) 100-1.
- John J. Collins, *Jewish Wisdom in the Hellenistic Age*, OTL, Westminster John Knox 1997, reviewed in *Didaskalia* 9:2 (1998) 118-200.

- Johannes Botterweck, et al., *Theological Dictionary of the Old Testament I*, vol. VII, Eerdmans 1995, reviewed in *Didaskalia* 8:2 (1997) 81-83.
- David Wolfers, *Deep Things out of Darkness: The Book of Job*, Eerdmans 1995, reviewed in *Didaskalia* 8:2 (1997) 83-87.
- Rolph P. Knierim, *The Task of Old Testament Theology: Substance, Method, and Cases*, Eerdmans 1995, reviewed in *Didaskalia* 8:2 (1997) 88-91.
- Rolf Rendtorff, *Canon and Theology: Overtures to an Old Testament Theology*, Fortress 1993, reviewed in *JETS* 39 (1996) 518-19.
- Victor P. Hamilton, *The Book of Genesis Chapters 18-50*, NICOT, Eerdmans 1995, reviewed in *Didaskalia* 7:2 (1996) 88-9.
- John Howard Yoder, *The Politics of Jesus*, 2nd ed., Eerdmans 1994, reviewed in *Didaskalia* 6:2 (1995) 90-1.
- Sara Japhet, *I & II Chronicles: A Commentary*, OTL, Westminster John Knox 1993, reviewed in *WTJ* 57 (1995) 257-59.
- Robert L. Alden, *Job*, NAC, Broadman and Holman 1993, reviewed in *WTJ* 57 (1995) 259-60.
- David M. Howard Jr., *An Introduction to the Old Testament Historical Books*, Moody 1993, reviewed in *Didaskalia* 6:1 (1994) 70-2.
- Timothy R. Ashley, *The Book of Numbers*, NICOT, Eerdmans 1993, reviewed in *Didaskalia* 5:2 (1994) 98-9.
- J. Gerald Janzen, *Abraham and all the Families of the Earth: Genesis 12-50*, ITC, Eerdmans 1993, reviewed in *Didaskalia* 5:2 (1994) 99-101.
- Christopher J. H. Wright, *God's People in God's Land: Family, Land, and Property in the Old Testament*, Eerdmans 1990, reviewed in *Didaskalia* 5:1 (1993) 108-9.
- Gnana Robinson, *Let us be Like the Nations: 1 & 2 Samuel*, ITC, Eerdmans 1993, reviewed in *Didaskalia* 5:1 (1993) 110-11.
- John G. Snaith, *Song of Songs*, NCBC, Eerdmans 1993, reviewed in *Didaskalia* 5:1 (1993) 112-13.
- Jacques Ellul, *Reason for Being: A Meditation on Ecclesiastes*, Eerdmans 1990, reviewed in *Didaskalia* 3:1 (1991) 45-6.
- Simon J. DeVries, *1 & 2 Chronicles*, FOTL, Eerdmans 1989, reviewed in *WTJ* 53 (1991) 357-9.
- Howard J. van Till, ed., *Portraits of Creation: Biblical and Scientific Perspectives on the World's Formation*, Eerdmans 1990, reviewed in *Didaskalia* 2:1 (1990) 46-8.
- Gary V. Smith, *Amos: A Commentary*, Zondervan 1989, reviewed in *Didaskalia* 1:1 (1989) 45-6.
- David Noel Freedman et al., eds., *Eerdmans Dictionary of the Bible*, Eerdmans 2000, reviewed in *JBL* 4 (2002) 67-9.
- Mark S. Smith, *Psalms: The Divine Journey*, Paulist 1987, reviewed in *RST* 10 (1990) 92-3.

VII Work in Progress

Believers Church Bible Commentary on *1 & 2 Chronicles* scheduled with the Herald Press (Mennonite Publication) for completion in 2013.

VIII Courses Taught

1. Doctor of Ministry

Communications Module: this module introduced students to a wide variety of communications productions including books, magazines, newspapers, video and audio recording, and other electronic media.

2. Masters Courses

Hermeneutics: a course on lexical and syntactical semantics, form and genre analysis, and hermeneutical theories on the relationship of author, text and reader.

Old Testament Theology: a comprehensive examination of the theology of the Old Testament, following the method of Gerhard Hasel in beginning with the theology of each compositional unit in the Old Testament.

Text and Interpretation: an examination of available textual evidence in Greek and Hebrew Old Testament Scriptures, a review of the process of composition and canonization in the Old Testament.

Old Testament Literature and Culture: an examination of the literature and culture of the ancient near east, the way it appears in the Bible, and the way it guides us in Biblical interpretation.

Qumran: a study of the archaeology of Qumran, the Biblical and other writings found in the area of the Dead Sea, and their contribution to Biblical Studies in text and canon.

Isaiah: study of the eschatology of Isaiah, including literary critical matters and the process of composition.

Minor Prophets: a study of selected themes from the writings of the Minor Prophets. The course includes canonical arrangement, beginning with Hosea (repent), Joel (day of the LORD and call to repent), Amos (day of the LORD and promise to David), Jonah (the call to forgiveness), and so forth.

Post Exilic Theology: a study of Chronicles and Ezra-Nehemiah Ezra Nehemiah provides historical theological background, Chronicles is a study on Israel as it was destined to be.

Pentateuch: study of the theology of the Pentateuch. This course follows the lead of David J. Clines in the *Theme of the Pentateuch*.

Deuteronomistic History: a study of the theology of Joshua through Kings and related literature as it relates to the renewal of the covenant for life in the land as proscribed in Deuteronomy.

Psalms: examination of literary and theological studies of selected themes in the psalms, beginning with the structure of Psalms around the theme of kingship as marked in the first three major sections (Ps 2, 41, 72, 89).

Job: a literary and theological study of the book of Job with particular attention to the development of poetic structures such as the lament of birth (Job 3) with the birth of the universe in the divine response (Job 38:1-21).

IX Thesis Supervision

Timothy M. Konkel, "History of wisdom: Towards an understanding of woman wisdom in Proverbs 8," 2007.

Dorothy Siebert, "Jeremiah: a model for response to persecution and threats of violence," 2007.

Rosemarie E. Friesen, "Walking with God in relation to work, service, and worship in the Torah," 2003.

Michael T. Landry, "Military might and activity of King Ahab," 1999.

Angeline Janel Falk Schellenberg, "Development of the divine warrior motif in apocalyptic literature," 1999.

David H. Michels, "Syncretism or contextualization in the Psalms or 'What's this Canaanite stuff doing in God's Book?'," 1995.

Ronald W. Bell, "Literary reading of Jephthah as the exemplary judge: an example at a turning point in the history of Israel," 1995.

Wayne L. Pope, "Marriage: a study of the covenant relationship as found in the Old Testament," 1995.

Daniel J. W. Hiebert, "Linguistic study of 'elep in the former prophets with reference to the large numbers of the Old Testament," 1992.

Donna J. P. Babcock, "New Covenant of Jeremiah: Jeremiah 31:31-34," 1991.

Paul Edward Hughes, "Ancient Israelite Law: a methodological critique of Albrecht Alt's reconstruction," 1990.

Michael Thiesen, "Function of the promise to David in the eschatology of Chronicles," 1990.

Caleb O. Ogunkle, "Struggle of faith in Habakkuk 2:4 and its application in later writings," 1988.

Jonathan E. Dyck, "Canonical exegesis of Brevard S. Childs: an analysis of its theological and hermeneutical logic," 1988.

Thomas Wesley Dobson, "Inauguration of the monarchy in Israel," 1987.

John K. Stafford, "Reign of Manasseh in the book of Chronicles," 1986.

Greg Falk, "Structure, message, date, and origin of Isaiah 40-48," 1986.

X Conference Addresses

Haggai Institute National Conference, Sao Paulo, Brazil.

Evangelical Mennonite Church Conference, Winnipeg, Manitoba.

Evangelical Mennonite Mission Church Conference, Hepburn, Saskatchewan.

Fellowship of Evangelical Baptist Churches, Waldheim, Saskatchewan.

Evangelical Free Church District Conference, Winnipeg, Manitoba.

XI Offices

- President Emeritus, Providence University College & Theological Seminary
- Chairman of Haggai Institute Canada, Inc.