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Curriculum Vitae

I. Educational Background

Yale University	1971-1972	Ph.D.
Universität Tübingen	1970-1971	
Yale University	1968-1970	M.Phil.
Yale University	1965-1968	B.D.
College of Wooster	1961-1965	B.A.

II. Professional Experience

2010-2012	Associate Dean of Faculty and Academic Affairs, Candler, Emory University
2008-2013	Franklin N. Parker Professor of Old Testament, Candler, Emory University
2002-2008	Professor of Old Testament, Candler School of Theology, Emory University
1999-2002	Clifford E. Baldrige Professor of Biblical Studies, Iliff School of Theology
1985-1998	Professor of Old Testament, Iliff School of Theology
1993-1996	Director, Joint Ph.D. Program, Iliff School of Theology and University of Denver
1989-1990	National Endowment for the Humanities Fellow
1985-1989	Director, Joint Ph.D. Program, Iliff School of Theology and the University of Denver
1983-1985	Associate Professor of Old Testament, Iliff School of Theology
1981-1983	Director, Program in Religious Studies, University of Illinois
1978-1983	Associate Professor of Religious Studies, University of Illinois
1977-1978	Fulbright Senior Lecturer in Hebrew Bible Studies, Aarhus University, Denmark
1972-1977	Assistant Professor of Religious Studies, University of Illinois

III. Publications (excluding reviews)

A. BOOKS

Genesis. Old Testament Library. Louisville: Westminster/John Knox, in press.

The Book of Genesis: Composition, Reception, and Interpretation. Co-edited with C. Evans and J. Lohr. Leiden: Brill, 2012.

Common English Bible. Convener of the Editorial Board. Nashville: Christian Resources Development Corporation, 2011.

The New Interpreter's One Volume Bible Commentary. Co-edited with B. Gaventa. Nashville: Abingdon, 2010.

Theological Bible Commentary. Co-edited with G. O'Day. Louisville: Westminster John Knox, 2009.

A Theological Introduction to the Old Testament, Second Edition. Co-authored with B. Birch, W. Brueggemann, and T. Fretheim. Nashville: Abingdon, 2005.

The Prophetic Literature: An Introduction. Louisville: Westminster John Knox, 2002. (Chinese edition published in 2007.)

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Harper's Bible Commentary. Co-edited with J. Mays, et al. San Francisco: Harper & Row, 1988.

Canon, Theology, and Old Testament Interpretation. Co-edited with G. Tucker and R. Wilson. Philadelphia: Fortress, 1988.

Prophecy in Israel: Search for an Identity. Issues in Religion and Theology, 10. Philadelphia: Fortress Press, 1987.

Haggai-Zechariah 1-8. Old Testament Library. Philadelphia: Westminster, 1984.

The Roles of Israel's Prophets. Journal for the Study of the Old Testament, Supplement Series, 17. Sheffield: JSOT Press, 1981.

Late Israelite Prophecy: Studies in Deutero-Prophetic Literature and in Chronicles. Society of Biblical Literature Monograph Series, Vol. 23. Missoula, Mont.: Society of Biblical Literature, 1977.

B. ARTICLES, CHAPTERS IN BOOKS, AND MAJOR DICTIONARY ENTRIES

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“The Priestly Portrayal of Jacob in Genesis,” *Historical Settings, Intertextuality, and Biblical Theology: Essays in Honor of Marvin A. Sweeney*, ed. H. Kim, T. Mayfield, & K. Park. (FAT 160; Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, 2022), 35-41.

“Prophetic Rhetoric and Exile,” *The Prophets Speak on Forced Migration*, ed. M. Boda, F. Ames, J. Ahn, & M. Leuchter. (Ancient Israel and its Literature; Atlanta, SBL Press, 2015), 9-18.

“Brevard Childs and Form Criticism,” *The Bible as Christian Scripture: The Work of Brevard S. Childs*, ed. C. Seitz & K. Richards. (Biblical Scholarship in North America; Atlanta: Society of Biblical Literature, 2013), 9-19.

"Blood in the Post-Flood World," *Making a Difference: Essays on the Bible and Judaism in Honor of Tamara Cohn Eskenazi*, ed. D. Clines, K. Richards, & J. Wright (HBM 49; Sheffield: Phoenix, 2012), 241-250.

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- "Max Weber and the Sociological Study of Ancient Israel," *Religious Change and Continuity. Sociological Perspectives*, ed. H. Johnson. (San Francisco: Jossey-Bass, 1979), 117-149.
- "Covenant Ritual: A Traditio-Historical Perspective," *Biblical Research* 22 (1977), 7-18, "Response" 35-37.

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"A Thrice-Told Tale: Genre, Theme, and Motif," *Biblical Research* 18 (1973), 30-43.

IV. Professional Service

Editorial Board, *Journal of Biblical Literature*, 2003-
Editorial Board, *Catholic Biblical Quarterly*, 2003-2010
Society of Biblical Literature, Programs and Initiatives Committee, 2003-2005
Society of Biblical Literature, President, 2004
Society of Biblical Literature, Vice-President, 2003
Society of Biblical Literature, Executive Committee, 1994-2004
Society of Biblical Literature, Council, 1992-2004
Chair, Society of Biblical Literature, Research and Publications Committee, 1994-2002
Scholars Press, Board of Directors, 1992-1999
Society of Biblical Literature, Research and Publications Committee, 1992-2002
The New Interpreter's Bible, Senior Old Testament Editor, 1989-2002
Old Testament Library, Editorial Advisory Board, 1989-
National Endowment for the Humanities Evaluation Panels, 1989-
Society of Biblical Literature, Investment Committee, 1985-1994
Editor, Society of Biblical Literature Dissertation Series, 1989-1993
Editorial Board, *Journal of Biblical Literature*, 1984-1989
Chair, Society of Biblical Literature Section on Israelite Prophetic Literature, 1983-1993
Editorial Board Member, *Biblical Research*, 1979-1984
Book review editor for all publications on Israelite prophecy, *Religious Studies Review*, 1978-1986
Abstractor for *Old Testament Abstracts*, 1978-1986

V. Church Service

Ordained PCUSA clergyperson
Member, Presbytery of Greater Atlanta, 2003-
Russia United Methodist Seminary Advisory Committee, 1994-
Member Denver Presbytery, 1983-2003
Member Southeastern Illinois Presbytery 1972-1983
Ring Lake Ranch Board of Directors, President, 1998-2003
Presbytery's representative to the McKinley Foundation Board of Directors; chairperson of the Board of Directors
Lecturer in various religious academies and continuing education events, e.g., PCUSA Center at Ghost Ranch, Ring Lake Ranch
Editor, Annual Bible Content Ordination Exam, PCUSA
Co-opted Member, Presbyteries' Cooperative Committee on Examinations for Candidates (PCUSA)

VI. Professional Societies

American Schools of Oriental Research
Catholic Biblical Association
Chicago Society of Biblical Research
Colloquium for Biblical Research
Old Testament Fishing Society
Society of Biblical Literature