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Curriculum Vitae

Professional Experience

2008-Present Professor of Christian Scriptures George W. Truett Theological Seminary at Baylor University
2003-2008 Academic Dean, Professor of Old Testament Studies, Bethany Theological Seminary
1999-2003 Professor of Old Testament Studies, Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary
1990-1999 Associate Professor of Old Testament Studies, Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary
1986-1990 Associate Professor of Hebrew Scriptures and Biblical Theology Pacific School of Religion
1981-1986 Assistant Professor of Hebrew Scriptures and Biblical Theology, Pacific School of Religion
1986 Visiting Professor, Pacific Theological College
1983 Summer School, Vancouver School of Theology
1979-1981 Instructor, The Interdenominational Theological Center

Education

Ph.D. Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia, 1981. *Dissertation:* The Sociological Setting of the Historical Apocalypses of I Enoch and the Book of Daniel, director Dr. Gene M. Tucker
M.Div. Bethany Theological Seminary, Oakbrook, Illinois, 1976
B.S. Manchester College, North Manchester, Indiana, Religion, 1973

Publications

BOOKS:

Psalms and Practice: Worship, Virtue, and Authority, Collegetown, Minnesota: The Liturgical Press (ed.) 2001.
Uncovering Racism, (Covenant Bible Series), with Kathryn Goering Reid, Elgin, Illinois: Brethren Press, 1999.
Listening In: A Multicultural Reading of the Psalms. Nashville: Abingdon, 1997.
Prophets and Paradigms: Essays in Honor of Gene M. Tucker. JSOT 2209 Sheffield: Sheffield Academic Press, 1996 (ed.).
Experience and Tradition: A Primer in Black Biblical Hermeneutics, Nashville: Abingdon, 1991.
Daniel and Enoch: A Form Critical and Sociological Study, Berkeley: Bibel Press, 1989.

Articles

- “Space as Anti-Imperial Testimony and Hegemonic Rationale,” in „Wer lässt uns Gutes sehen? Internationale Studien zu Klagen in den Psalmen“, hg. Johannes Schocks Herders biblische Studien Band 85. 2016. Pp 366-76.
- Stick to Poetry: It Suits You, *Insights, A Journal of the Faculty of Austin Seminary*, 130 no 2 Spring 2015, p 17-22, 27.
- “Tradition History, Old Testament” *New Interpreter’s Dictionary of the Bible*
- To Script or not to Script,” *Insights: The Faculty Journal of Austin Seminary* Fall 2008 pp. 24-26.
- “The Changing significance of Race: African Americans and the Hebrew Bible,” *Religion Compass*, 2 no 4 July 2008.
- “Ezekiel” *Messenger* March 2007.
- “Psalms” *Messenger* July/August 2006.
- “Laments and Worship,” *The Clergy Journal* November/December 2005 pp 8-9.
- “What’s In Your Investment Portfolio? Renewed In the Spirit” *Stewardship Magazine* Volume II/Part Four pp.1-5.
- “John McLeod Campbell on Christ’s Cry of Dereliction: A Case Study in Trinitarian Hermeneutics”, with Jinkins, Michael, *Evangelical Quarterly* 70: (1998) pp. 135-149
- “God’s Godforsakenness: The Cry of Dereliction as an Utterance Within the Trinity, with Michael Jinkins, *Horizons in Biblical Theology* 19 (1997) pp. 33-57.
- "Reading Scripture as an African-American," *The Bible Today*, volume 34, Number 6, November/December, 1996.
- “Deliver us from evil: resisting racial and gender oppression,” *Brethren Life and Thought* 41 no 2 - 3 Spring - Sum 1996, p 75-77.
- "Endangered Reading: The African-American Scholar between Text and People in *Cross Currents* Vol. 44, No. 4 Winter 1994/95.
- "Exegesis" for Lectionary Homiletics Volume III Number 11, 1992
- You Can Keep Your Mouth Open, but Don’t Swallow Any Flies: The Bible and Religious Pluralism, *Insights, A Journal of the Faculty of Austin Seminary*, October 1991.
- “Miller-Hayes as Normal Science,” *Journal for the Study of the Old Testament*, 39 Oct 1987, p 39-43.
- "The Structure of the Ten Week Apocalypse and the Book of Dream Vision, *Journal for the Study of Judaism* 16 (1986) pp. 189-201
- "An Evangelical Approach to Scripture," *TSF Bulletin* March-April Vol. 8 No. 4 (1985) 2-4.
- "Black Brethren Heritage," *Messenger*, Vol. 124 No. 7 (July, 1975).
- "Preparing the Way: Exploring the Bible," *Guide for Biblical Studies*, Vol. 90 No. 1 (1974-75) pp. 17-19.
- "Celebrating the Promise: Exploring the Bible," *Guide for Biblical Studies*, Vol. 89 No. 4 (1974) pp. 53-55.
- "A Day with James H. Cone," "Oak Leaves", *The Manchester College Newspaper* (December 5, 1972).
- "Man is No Commodity," *Messenger*, Vol. 120 No. 5 (May 15, 1971).

Book Chapters

- “The Case of the Malleable Monarch: David and Political Theology of the Psalter, *The Psalter as*

Witness: Exploring the Rich Texture of Theological Claims with the Aid of Diachronic and Synchronic Analysis The Baylor University-University of Bonn Symposium on the Book of Psalms. W. Dennis Tucker ed. Waco, Texas: Baylor Press, Appearing 2017.

"1-2 Kings" *The Africana Bible: reading Israel's Scriptures from Africa and the African diaspora*, Hugh Page Jr. ed. Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 2010 p130-135.

"The Stranger at the Center: The Academic Dean as Racial Minority" in *C(h)aos Theory: Reflections of Chief Academic Officers in Theological Education* eds. Kathleen D. Billman and Bruce C. Birch Eerdmans: Grand Rapids, 2011

"Justice-Talk in the Tanakh (Old Testament)" in Bucher, Leiter and Ramirez eds. *The Witness of the Hebrew Bible for a New Testament Church* Elgin, Illinois: Brethren Press, 2010. Pp. 103-21.

"The Psalms," in the *Peoples' Bible* Fortress Press, 2008. pp. 666f.

"The Experiment: Theological Education in the Church of the Brethren," in *Lines, Places, and Heritage: Essays Commemorating the 300th Anniversary of the Church of the Brethren* Steve Longenecker and Jeff Bach eds. Penobscot Press, 2008 pp. 127-140.

"The Book of Daniel, and additions in The Discipleship Bible 1201f.

"God's Intention," in *Fresh From the Word: Devotions for the 300th Anniversary of the Brethren* Brethren Press, 2007

"Exegetical Essays" in *The Lectionary Commentary; The Psalms and Hymn Responses for Worship*; Psalms 119, 122, 123, 124, 128, 130 Wm. B Eerdman's Publishing,

"Psalm 50: Prophetic Speech and God's Performative Utterances", *Prophets and Paradigms. Essays in Honor of Gene M. Tucker* Sheffield: Sheffield Academic Press, 1996.

"The Theology of the Book of Daniel and the Political Theory of W.E.B. DuBois." *The Recovery of Black Presence: An Interdisciplinary Exploration*. Nashville: Abingdon, 1995. Randall C. Bailey and Jacquelyn Grant, eds. pp. 37-49.

"Abraham" and "Ashkelon" in the *New Harper Collins Bible Dictionary*, P. Achtemeier, San Francisco: Harper Collins, 1996.

"The Role of Reading in Multicultural Exegesis" in *Text and Experience: Toward Cultural Exegesis of the Bible*. Daniel Smith-Christopher (Ed.) Sheffield: Sheffield Academic Press, 1995.

"Worth the Wait, or Reasonable People Don't Wait for Nothing" Psalm 130:5-8. *The Bible in Theology and Preaching: How Preachers Use Scripture*. Donald K. McKim. Nashville: Abingdon, 1994.

"The Art of Marc Chagall: An Interpretation of Scripture" in *Visual Art as Religious Reading*," in *Using Visual Arts as Primary Texts in Teaching Religious Studies*, eds. Diane Apostolos-Cappadona and D. Adams. New York: Crossroads, 1987.

"The Book of Exodus: A Laboratory for Hermeneutics" in *Conflict and Context Hermeneutics in the Americas* eds. R. Padilla and M. L. Branson. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1986.

"The End of Prophecy in Light of Contemporary Social Theory: A Draft," *SBL Seminar Papers* Kent Richards ed. (Scholars Press; Atlanta, 1985) 515-523.

"Samuel Weir," In *The Brethren Encyclopedia*, edited by D.F. Durnbaugh P. 1987, Philadelphia/Oakbrook, IL: The Brethren Encyclopedia, Inc., 1983.

Rising Elite of the Apocalyptic Movement," In *Society of Biblica Literature Seminar Papers*, 1983, edited by K.H. Richards, 147-56, Chico: Scholars Press (1983).

"The Kingdom and the Early Prophets: Interpreting the Bible," in *Guide for Biblical Studies*, Vol. 94 No. 3 (1979).

"Violence and Vengeance: Ingredients for Tragedy," in *Encounter with the Text: Form and*

History in the Hebrew Bible. Martin Buss, ed., Fortress/Scholar Press (1979)

Book Reviews:

Robert Gnuse, *Misunderstood Stories: Theological Commentary on Genesis 1–11.* Eugene, OR: Cascade, 2014 pp. xvii + 286. Review of Biblical Literature Published 10/1/2015.

Jimoh, A. Yemisi *Spiritual, Blues & Jazz People in African American Fiction: Living in Paradox* *Religious Studies Review* Jan 2004, Vol 30 Issue 1 p 53.

Crenshaw, James L. *Psalms: An Introduction* Review of Biblical Literature 2003 Vol 5, p 304.

Mark G. Brett, *Biblical Criticism in Crisis? The Impact of the Canonical Approach on Old Testament Studies* in *Journal of the Academy of Religion* Summer 93 Vol 61 Issue 2 p 350.

Daniel Schibler, *Le Livre de Michee* Commentaire evangelique de la bible Vaux-sur-Seine, France: Edifac, 1989 *Catholic Biblical Quarterly* 54:333-334 Ap 1992 152

Lawrence A. Hoffman, ed *The Land of Israel: Jewish Perspectives* Critical Review of Books in Religion: 349-350 1991 x, 338 Notre Dame, Indiana: University of Notre Dame Press, 1986: *Critical Review of Books in Religion*

James H. Cone, *God of the Oppressed*, New York: Seabury (1975). *Drew Gateway*.

E.P. Sanders, *Jewish and Christian Self-Definition, Volume One, The Shaping of Christianity in the Second and Third Centuries*, Philadelphia: Fortress (1980). *Hebrew Studies*, vol. 21 (1985) 181-183.

E.P. Sanders, A.I. Baumgarten and Alan Mendelson, editors, *Jewish and Christian Self-Definitions, Volume Two: Aspects of Judaism in the Greco-Roman Period*, Philadelphia: Fortress, 1981. *Hebrew Studies*.

Norbert Lohfink, *Great Themes from the Old Testament* (tr. Ronald Walls; Edinburgh: T. & T. Clark (1982); first published as *Unsere grossen Worter: Das Alte Testament zu Themen dieser Jahre* (Feiburg: Herder, 1977). *Catholic Biblical Quarterly*.

Richard Elliott Friedman, *The Exile and Biblical Narrative. The Formation of the Deuteronomistic and Priestly Works*, Harvard Semitic Museum 22, Chico: Scholars Press (1981), for *Journal of Biblical Literature*, 1983.

Douglas Knight, editor, *Tradition and Theology in the Old Testament*, Philadelphia: Fortress (1977). *Drew Gateway*.

J. G. McConville, *I & II Chronicles, (The Daily Study Bible, Old Testament)*, Philadelphia: Westminster (1984). *Catholic Biblical Quarterly*.

George Coats and Burke Long, *Canon and Authority: Essays in Old Testament Religion and Theology.* Philadelphia: Fortress (1977). For *Drew Gateway*, Volume 48, No. 2, pp. 58-60.

Rex Mason, *The Cambridge Bible: The Books of Haggai, Zechariah and Malachi*, London: Cambridge University Press (1977). For *Religious Studies Review* (July 1978).

Burke Long, *1 Kings with an Introduction to Historical Literature.* Volume Nine in The Forms of the Old Testament Literature Series. Grand Rapids: Wm. B. Eerdmans (1984). *TSF Bulletin*.

Claus Westerman, *Elements of Old Testament Theology*, Translated by Douglas W. Stott, Atlanta: John Knox (1982). *TSF Bulletin*.

William Oglesby, *Biblical Themes for Pastoral Care*, Nashville: Abingdon, 1980. *Interdenominational Theological Center Journal*.

Forthcoming Books and Projects

Professional Presentations

- “Recognizing the Plasticity of the Psalter: A Response to William Yarchin,” Book of Psalms Section Annual Meeting SBL 11/24/2015
- “The Trouble Remembering Zion: A Look at Psalm 137” in Bible and Cultural Studies Section/African American Hermeneutics Section/ Minoritized Criticism and Biblical Interpretation Seminar Annual Meeting SBL11/22/2015
- “The Hasmonean Reception History of Psalm 137 and the Problem of Zion,” in the Comparative Studies of Literature from the Persian and Hellenistic Periods: Writings (including Psalms) 7/22/2015.
- “Zion Promise and Problem: Psalm 137 University Münster/Baylor University Symposium
- “David: The Fantasy King of Psalm 110” in the Writings (including Psalms) section of the International SBL Vienna,7/10/2014.
- “Praying the ABCs and the ABCs of Praying” Exile (Forced Migrations) in Biblical Literature section Annual; Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature 11/24/13
- “Rethinking the Colored Story: The Bible’s and Ours” African American Biblical Hermeneutics Section Annual; Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature11/23/13. *This piece is being revised for publication in the book Bible @ the Block edited by Jione Havea.*
- “Wicked Problems and the Psalms of Ascent,” Biblical Hermeneutics and Cultural Studies Task Force Catholic Biblical Association Meeting Gonzaga University July 2013
- “The Case of the Malleable Monarch: David and Political Theology of the Psalter,” Baylor-Bonn Psalms Symposium May 2013. *This piece is being revised for the publication of the proceedings in a Baylor Press volume.*
- David as Architect and Artifact: Are There David traditions in the Pre-Exilic Psalms International SBL 2011.
- Zion David in the Hymnbook of Freedom SBL Annual Meeting 2011 Book of Psalms Section
- “The Psalter’s David: Psalms 89 and 132 in Israelite Religion” Southwest Commission on Religious Studies. March 5, 2011
- “The Death of the Introduction to the Hebrew Bible/Old Testament” Southwest Commission on Religious Studies March 2010.
- Another Look at *Dawn of Apocalyptic*: Retrospective on Ideology and Utopia in Isaiah 40-66" Catholic Biblical Association meeting August 4, 2002
- Chicken, Egg of Soufflé: Isaiah, the Psalms and the new Historical and Cultural Materialism, International Society of Biblical Literature Meeting Berlin, Germany July 20, 2002
- Who are you to Bless! The Phenomenon of Blessing and Psalm 103 and 104 Southwest Regional Society of Biblical Literature Meeting 2002
- "Psalms, *Sachkritik* and Reader Response Criticism" Texas Bible Seminar, 1993
- "Psalm 1: An Integrated Approach" Southwest Society of Biblical Literature Meeting, 1992
- "Lone Ranger No More: A Multi-Cultural Reading of Psalm 1" Cassasa Conference Loyola Marymont, 1992
- "A New Era in Biblical Studies: Goals, Strategies and Rules." A paper for a Consultation of Younger Black Scholars in Religion sponsored by the Lilly Endowment, October 1986 Interdenominational Theological Center, Atlanta, Georgia.
- Hermeneutics and the Ten Week Apocalypse delivered at the Pacific Society of Biblical Literature meeting March 1985.

"Meditation and Beyond, a Review of *The Tribes of Yahweh*," Pacific Coast Theological Society, November, 1983.

"The Structure of the Historical Apocalypses of 1 Enoch," Intertestamental Literature Section, Pacific Coast Section Society of Biblical Literature Meeting (March 26, 1982).

"The Superscriptions in the Book of Daniel: A Look at **Sitz-im-Leben**," Form Criticism (Hebrew Scriptures) Section National Society of Biblical Literature Meeting, New Orleans (November 18-21).

"The Nature of the Apocalyptic Vision Report Form," Regional Society of Biblical Literature Meeting, Columbia, South Carolina (March 1978).

Electronic Publications

6/26/2016 1st Reading - Time after Pentecost - (Ord. 13) 1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21
Commentary Working Preacher Commentary (Forthcoming)
6/26/2016 Alt. 1st Reading - Time after Pentecost - (Ord. 13) 2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14
Commentary Working Preacher Commentary (Forthcoming)
7/3/2016 Alt. 1st Reading - Time after Pentecost - (Ord. 14) 2 Kings 5:1-14 Commentary
Working Preacher Commentary (Forthcoming)
7/31/2016 Alt. 1st Reading - Time after Pentecost - (Ord. 18) Hosea 11:1-11 Commentary
Working Preacher Commentary (Forthcoming)
Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18 Commentary Truett Pulpit (Forthcoming)
Isaiah 55:1-9 Commentary Truett Pulpit (Forthcoming)
Joshua 5:9-12 Commentary Truett Pulpit (Forthcoming)
Isaiah 43:16-21 Commentary Truett Pulpit (Forthcoming)
1 Kings 5:1-5; 8:1-13 Commentary Working Preacher Commentary 10/27/2013
1 Kings 19:1-18 Commentary on Working Preacher Commentary 11/3/2013
Amos 1:1-2; 5:14-15, 21-24 Commentary in Working Preacher Commentary 11/10/2013
Isaiah 9:1-7 Commentary on Working Preacher Commentary 11/17/2-13
Daniel 6:6-27 Commentary on Working Preacher Commentary 12/2/2-13
Joel 2:12-13, 28-29 Commentary on Working Preacher Commentary 12/9/2013
Isaiah 61:1-11 Commentary on Working Preacher Commentary 12/16/2013

Professional Societies

Society of Biblical Literature 1974 - Member
Catholic Biblical Association 1979 – present
Pacific Coast Theological Society, 1982-90
American Schools of Oriental Research Member 1979-1990
Associate Trustee ASOR 1984-86

Honors, Awards, and:

John G. Gammie Distinguished Scholar Southwest Commission on Religious Studies 2012-2013
Fund for Theological Education: Dissertation Year Fellow 1980-1981
Outstanding Young Man 1978
Fund for Theological Education: Black Doctoral Fellow 1976-1978
Who's Who in American College and University Students 1973
Who's Who in High School Students 1970

Courses Taught

Hebrew (2 semesters)

Christian Scriptures 1 (Pentateuch and Historical Books)

Christian Scriptures 2 (Prophets and Writings)

University/Departmental Service 2008-2015

Baylor University Teaching and Learning with Technology Committee

Baylor University Academy of Teaching and Learning advisory council

Baylor University Scholarly Communications Committee

Baylor University Libraries Advisory Council

Truett Award Committee

Truett D.Min. Committee

Truett Assessment and Institutional Effectiveness Committee

Post-Graduate Education/Workshops

Baylor University New Media Faculty Seminar Fall 2010

Baylor University Summer Faculty Institute 2010

Enoch Conference, Florence, Italy, June 2000

Leader of workshop for Called to Make Justice: Religious Professional Responding to Domestic and Sexual Violence, 1993

Consultation Men in Solidarity with Women against Family Violence, National Council of Churches, 1990

Consultation on African-Americans and Biblical Interpretation, Institute for Ecumenical Research, 1987

Bible Study Leader, National Association of Ecumenical Staff, 1987

Consultation on African-Americans and Biblical Interpretation Institute for Ecumenical and Cultural Research, 1986

General Commission on the Status and Role of Women (UMC), 1986

Continuing Education Seminar, Austin Presbyterian Seminary, 1986

Consultation on the Theology of Diaconia; Justice and Equality Project-Center for Ethics and Social Policy, National Black Seminarians Conference 1985

West Coast Military Chaplains Retreat (UCC), 1985

Nicaragua Study Trip, 1985; Ecumenical Peace Institute

Consultation on Unit III, WCC for North Americans, 1985

Ecumenical Conference on Creation

Ministering to Victims of Violence, Sacramento Clergy Symposium, 1984

American School of Oriental Research Symposium on Tell en-Nasbeh and the

Development of Archeological Methodology, (national ASOR meeting) 1985; chair and organizer of the symposium

Speaker at the National Prayer Breakfast, Alameda Naval Air Station, 1983

Appearance on the television show *Mosaic*, KPIX Channel 5, San Francisco, February, 1983

Association of Theological Schools, Younger Scholars Grant 1983

Seminar with Jose Miguez Bonino, "Freedom through Unity, Liberation through Ecumenism,"
1983

Khirbet Iskander Excavation, 1982; square supervisor

NEH Grantsmanship Workshop, Stanford Center for Chicano Research, 1982

Boston University School of Theology, January, 1980

Miller-Pinkerton Archeological Survey of Central Moab; staff member 1979

Institute for Scholarly Publishing, Scholar's Press/SBL/AAR, 1977

Ministerial Experience

Associate Pastor, Austin Mennonite Church, November 1999-2003

Interim Pastor, Saint Paul Cumberland Presbyterian Church, November 1998-April 1999

Church Service

Church of the Brethren National Older Adults Conference. Bible study leader, 1996.

Review and Evaluation of the General Board Committee 1995-1997

Lecturer at numerous church conferences and pastors' retreats in Hawaii, California, and Texas.

Bethany Theological Seminary Board of Directors 1990 - 1998

Moderator Fellowship in Christ Fremont Church of the Brethren

Chair Church of the Brethren Study Committee on the Inclusion of Ethnic Minorities

Resource team "People of the Covenant" Christian Ed.

Church of the Brethren Delegate to National Council of Churches Governing Board

1983

Ordained May 1981

Community Service

Vice-Chair Community Race Relations Commission of Waco/McLennan County

Board member Today's Action Tomorrows Leaders steering committee