

FACULTY VITA

I. PERSONAL

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II. EDUCATIONAL HISTORY

YEAR	DEGREE	SCHOOL	AREA OF STUDY
1990	Ph.D.	University of St. Andrews/Scotland	N T Studies and Languages
1981	M. Div.	Ashland Theological Seminary	Biblical Education N T
1979	M.A.	COG Theological Seminary	Biblical Education
1978	B.A.	Lee College	Biblical Education

ADDITIONAL ACADEMIC WORK:

1984 German Language Program, University of Heidelberg
1990 Christian College Coalition Israel Study Tour

III. PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCES

DEPARTMENT RANKED IN: School of Religion
RANK: Professor of New Testament Studies
YEAR RANKED: 1986
YEAR TENURED: 1992
DATE OF INITIAL APPOINTMENT: August, 1986

IV. PROFESSIONAL HISTORY

1986-present Lee University, Associate Professor of New Testament
1984-1986 University of St. Andrews, teaching assistant in Divinity; TEE for
European Bible Seminary, Rudersburg, Germany
1981-1984 European Bible Seminary, Rudersburg, Germany, Instructor of New Testament
and Doctrines
1979-1981 Ashland Theological Seminary, Ashland, OH, teaching assistant in New
Testament Greek

V. TEACHING AND RELATED ACTIVITY COURSES TAUGHT IN PAST TWO YEARS

Summer Session III of 2016

GREK 212		New Testament Greek (1 st yr.)
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Summer Session II of 2016

GREK 211		New Testament Greek (1 st yr)
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Fall 2016

BIBL 102		New Testament Survey
BIBL 110		Message of the New Testament
GREK 311		New Testament Greek (2 nd yr.)
BIBL 402		Romans and Galatians

Spring 2016

GREK 212		New Testament Greek (1 st yr.)
BIBL 404		1 & 2 Corinthians
BIBL 110		Message of the New Testament
BIBL 568	3	Advanced Pauline Theology

Fall of 2015

GREK 211-01	3	Elementary New Testament Greek
BIBL 560-01	3	People Groups of the New Testament World
BIBL 402-01	3	Romans and Galatians
BIBL 102-01	3	New Testament Survey

Summer Session III of 2015

GREK 312	3	New Testament Greek (2 nd yr.)
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Summer Session II of 2015

GREK 311	3	New Testament Greek (2 nd yr.)
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Spring of 2015

BIBL 470-01	3	Inductive Study of James
BIBL 314-01	3	Luke/Acts

GREK 312-01	3	New Testament Greek (2 nd yr.)
BIBL 110-02	3	Message of the New Testament

CAREER TEACHING AWARDS AND HONORS:

Evangelical Christian Publisher's Association (awards banquet, May 3, 2010) – *Peoples of the New Testament World* recognized as among the top 5 best books in the Bible Reference and Study category).

Archaeological Dig and Training, Association of Biblical Research, Jerusalem, May 2013
 Half Sabbatical, Fall 2004
 Excellence in Scholarship, 1994
 ACA Travel Grant, 1998
 ACA Travel Grant, 1999
 Half Sabbatical, Spring 1996

SPECIAL TEACHING ACTIVITIES:

ENCORE James A Path to Discipleship
 TEE in Cuba (March, 2002 and January 2003)
 TEE in Lima, Peru (January, 2003)
 TEE in Korea, Philippines, Guatemala (1990-98)
 Honduras Central America – Summer 1997
 Spring '93 – Thursday Only (education for commuting pastors)
 Israel Study Tour – 1993
 Summer Honors – Lee University
 “Bread of Life” class at Westmore Church of God (1997-2001)

VI. RESEARCH AND SCHOLARLY ACTIVITIES

SUBDISCIPLINE SPECIALIZATION/INTEREST:

The theological continuity that exists between Jesus and Paul.
 The various people groups in the New Testament (their origins and purposes)
 The ecological implications of Paul's writings in Romans 8
 Paul's use of sacrificial/priestly imagery in Romans

RESEARCH:

Modified inductive Bible study methods in the Epistle of James

Modified inductive Bible study methods in the Epistle of the Philippians

Priest-Sacrifice-Life as Worship Motif in Romans

Pauline anthropology as cosmology in Romans 8

The historical, political and religious factors that gave rise to such groups as the Pharisees, Sadducees, Zealots, Herodians, etc. and also of the Greco-Roman groups that inform our understanding of the New Testament world.

The existential crisis and resolution expressed by Paul in Phil. 1:19 ff.

The identity and role of the Hellenists in Acts 6 & 7.

The eschatological significance of Jesus' table-fellowship with sinners.

The philosophy of Martin Heidegger as it relates to contemporary theology and hermeneutics.

Paul's understanding of God as reflected in his doctrine that God justifies the ungodly (Romans 4:5)

Pauline pneumatology, especially as it is presented in Galatians 3 and 4.

PUBLISHED BOOKS:

Ephesians: A Path to Glory. Pathway Press, 2017. (forthcoming)

Philippians: A Path to Joy. Pathway Press, 2013

James: A Path to Discipleship. Pathway Press, 2012.

A Pentecostal Approach to Bible Study: Leader's Guide. Pathway Press, 2012.

A Concise Background of the New Testament. Olive Tree, 2011 (an e-book).

Peoples of the New Testament World. Hendrickson Publishers, 2008.

A Theology of Inclusion in Jesus and Paul. Mellen Biblical Press, 1996.

New Testament Survey. Pathway Press, 1993.

CHAPTERS/SECTIONS:

ARTICLES:

Logos Bible Software- Lexham Project (Electronic Bible Dictionary) 2012-13

“Stephen”

“Taxation”

“Nero Caesar”

“Alexander the Great”

“Divine Sovereignty and Existential Anxiety in Paul: Soliloquy and Self-Disclosure in Philippians” in *Festschrift* for Dr. Donald N. Bowdle (2000)

Galatians. *Full Life Bible Commentary*, Zondervan Publishing Co. August, 1999.
Evangelical Dictionary of Biblical Theology. Baker, 1996.

“Body”

“Golden Rule”

“Grief: Grieving the Holy Spirit”

“John the Baptist”

“The Strong and the Weak; Weak, Weakness”

PUBLISHED ARTICLES

“Kirbet el-Maqatir: From the Hasmoneans to the Herods – Part 1” *Bible and Spade*, forthcoming (2016)

“Kirbet el-Maqatir: From the Herods to the Revolt – Part 2” *Bible and Spade*, forthcoming (2016)

“Priest – sacrifice – Life as Worship: a Pauline Matrix for Understanding Romans.” *Bibliotheca Sacra* (2015) 85-99.

Book Review published in the *Journal of Theology* on *Perspectives of Jesus in the Writings of Paul: A Historical Examination of Shared Core Commitments with a View to Determining the Extent of Paul’s Dependence on Jesus*, by Gerry Schoberg, Cambridge: James Clarke & Co, 2013.

PAPERS/RESEARCH REPORTS:

Fall 2015

“The Answer to Everything: the Trinity as Primordial Paradigm for Life and Love”

The Evangelical Theological Conference

November 17-19, 2015

Summer 2015

“Jewish Conflict and the Roman Conquest of Israel” Archaeological Dig – Kirbet el-Maqatir, Israel (May 24-
June 13, 2015)

Spring 2015

“Coffee, Cake and Theology” – *Paul and the Image of God*

SOR Student Banquet – *The Mystery of God*

Five Points Museum- *Archaeology and the New Testament*

Summer 2014

“Paul’s Χριστός Ontology: The Theological Significance of Συν-, Συγ- and Συμ- Prefixes in Romans”

Spring 2013

“Priest ~ Sacrifice ~ Life as Worship”: A Pauline Matrix¹ for Understanding Romans” (SPS Annual Conference, Seattle WA)

“Priest ~ Sacrifice ~ Life as Worship”: A Pauline Matrix² for Understanding Romans” (upgraded version -SBL International Conference, St. Andrews, Scotland)

“Pauline Cosmology as Anthropology in Romans 8” (upgraded version - *Creation, Conflict and Chaos*, Princeton Theological Seminary, May, 2013.

Fall 2012

“Pauline Cosmology as Anthropology in Romans 8” (ETS Annual Conference, Milwaukee, WI)

Spring 2011

“Paul as ‘Priest’: The Language of Sacrifice and Temple in Romans” (ETS Annual Conference.)

2010

“The Apostle Paul and Lament: Godly Sorrow as a Pedagogical Tool” (SBL Annual Conference, Atlanta GA)

“Spirit Presence and Church Praxis: Ethical Implications for a Pentecostal/Charismatic Theology” (SPS Annual Conference, Eugene, OR).

“The Apostle Paul and Lament: Godly Sorrow as a Pedagogical Tool” (SPS Spring, Conference, March St. Paul, MN).

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Fall 2008

Spring 2007

“The Pauline Imperative, *Paristēmi* and the Mandate for Holiness in Romans 6,12 and 15” (ETS Annual Conference, San Diego, CA)

“Paul’s Hermeneutical Inversion: *Herem*, *Paristēmi* and the Sacrifice of the Gentiles in Romans” (SBL International Conference, Vienna, Austria; Spring 2007)

Spring 2006

Pauline Cosmology as Anthropology in Romans 8:18-23 (SBL International Conference, Edinburgh, 2006)

Spring, 2003 – “The Birthplace of a Sect: Ezra-Nehemiah and the Emergence of the Pharisees.” Regional ETS conference, Bryan College, Dayton, TN.

Fall, 2003 – “The Power and Influence of the Scribe in Antiquity and First Century Judaism.” National annual ETS conference, Atlanta, GA (Nov. 19-21, 2003)

Spring, 2002 – “Spirit Presence and Church Praxis: Ethical Implications for a Pentecostal/Charismatic Theology.” (Central States SBL and ASOR Regional Meeting, April 7-8, 2002, Kansas City, Mo).

Fall, 1999 – “The Conduct of the Kingdom: the Eschatological Significance of Jesus’ Table-Fellowship with Publicans and Sinners.” National Conference of the Evangelical Theological Society, Danvers, MA

Spring, 1999 – “Divine Sovereignty and Existential Anxiety in Paul: Phil. 1:19 ff.” Regional Conference for the Evangelical Theological Society, Wake Forest, NC

Fall 1998- “Missionary Strategy of Stephen and the Hellenists in Acts 6-7” National Conference for the Society of Biblical Literature, San Francisco

Fall 1996- “Pauline Pneumatology in Galatians” National Conference of the Evangelical Theological Society, Philadelphia

Spring 1994- Response to Earl Ellis’ Pauline Theology, National Conference for the Society for Pentecostal Studies, Lakeland, FL

Spring 1993- “Pauline Pneumatology in Galatians” National Conference for the Society for Pentecostal Studies, Guadalajara, Mexico.

Fall 1989- “The Later Heidegger, Language, and the New Hermeneutic” presented at the Intermountain Philosophy Society at Marshall University, West Virginia.

VII. HIGHLIGHTS OF SERVICE ACTIVITIES

SERVICE TO THE INSTITUTION:

SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY:

OTHER SERVICE:

VIII. HONORS AND RECOGNITIONS IN PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

IX. OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

PRESENTATIONS (Recitals, Lectures, Addresses, etc.):

PROFESSIONAL MEETINGS (Past five years):

Evangelical Theological Society – Fall 1990 to present

Society of Biblical Literature – Fall 1988 to present

MEMBERSHIPS IN PROFESSIONAL AND HONOR SOCIETIES (List offices):

Society of Biblical Literature, 1988-present

Evangelical Theological Society, 1990 to present

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