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EDUCATION

Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion (HUC-JIR), Cincinnati, OH

Doctorate of Philosophy in Hebraic and Cognate Studies: Winter 2013

Dissertation Topic: *Defining the Philistines in the Latter Prophets*

Master of Philosophy in Hebraic and Cognate Studies: Winter 2004

Areas of Concentration: The Hebrew Scriptures, Archaeology and Religion of Syria-Palestine, Ancient Near Eastern History, Ancient Near Eastern Languages and Literature

Asbury Theological Seminary, Wilmore, KY

Master of Arts in Biblical Studies: Spring 1999

International Society of Theta Phi (Honor Society); Hebrew Honor Society

Asbury College, Wilmore, KY

Bachelor of Arts in Ancient Languages (*Magna Cum Laude*): Spring 1997

Intercollegiate Athletics (Baseball); Spiritual Life Coordinator (Trustees Hall); Hall Chaplain; Men's Glee Club (chaplain); Fellowship of Christian Athletes officer

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Professional Memberships:

The American School of Oriental Research

Society of Biblical Literature

Positions held:

Professor of Old Testament and Near East Studies 2018–current

(Indiana Wesleyan University)

Adjunct Professor Jerusalem University College 2018–current

Associate Professor of Old Testament and Near East Studies 2014–2018

(Indiana Wesleyan University)

Assistant Professor of Religion (Indiana Wesleyan University) 2007–2014

Instructor of Religion (Indiana Wesleyan University) 2005–07

Minister of Young Adults (Covington First Church of the Nazarene (Park Hills, KY)) 2002–05

Ordained Elder, Church of the Nazarene (Eastern Kentucky District) 2004–Present

Minister of Youth/Young Adults, Central Church of the Nazarene (Fort Wright, KY) 2000–01

Instructor, HUC-JIR Adult Interfaith Academy: *Archaeology and the Bible* Fall 2003

Instructor, HUC-JIR Rabbinic School: *Introduction to the Hebrew Scriptures* Fall 2002

Courses taught at Indiana Wesleyan University (IWU):

Surveys: Introduction to the Old Testament; Introduction to the Old Testament (Honors College); Introduction to the New Testament

Advanced Bible: Inductive Bible Study; Biblical Foundations of Worship; Historical Books; Minor Prophets; Lands of the Bible; History of the Biblical World; Cultural Settings of the Bible; Archaeology of Syria-Palestine

Interdisciplinary Courses: Jerusalem and Its People; Art, Architecture, and Artifacts of the Biblical World: Israel, Palestine, and Jordan; Cross-Cultural Exposure Trip: Israel, Palestine, and Jordan; Intercultural Internship; Israeli-Palestinian Conflict

UNIVERSITY LEADERSHIP POSITIONS AND SERVICE

IWU Leadership Roles:

Inaugural Chair of the College of Arts and Sciences Division Chair Meetings	2015–16
Chair, School of Theology and Ministry Graduate Committee	2015–Present
Division Chair, Religious and Ministerial Studies	2013–Present
Department Coordinator (Biblical Studies)	2010–2013
Chair, School of Theology and Ministry Curriculum Committee	2010–Present
Department Coordinator (Biblical Studies, Theology & Philosophy)	2007–10
Acting Co-chair of the Division of Religion and Philosophy	Spring 2009
Director of IWU's Summer in Israel Program	2008–Present

IWU Committees and Programs:

University Senate	
At-large College of Arts and Sciences representative	2017–Present; '14–'16
CAS Academic Affairs	
Division chair appointment	2013–Present
At-large College of Arts and Sciences representative	2012–13
At-large School of Theology and Ministry representative	2010–12
Ministerial Education Coordinating Committee (IWU)	2017–Present
Faculty Task Forces	2019–20
CAS Ad Hoc Leadership Counsel	
International Studies-Intercultural Studies	
CAS Schedule	
Faculty Search Committees	
STM Recruiter	2019
STM Office Manager	2019
School of Theology and Ministry New Faculty Search Committee (Bible)	2017–18
School of Theology and Ministry Faculty Search Committee (Theology)	2015–16
Honor College Faculty Search Committee (Theology)	2014–15
School of Theology and Ministry Faculty Search Committee (Church Hist.)	2013–14
Associate Dean STM Search Committee	2010–12
School of Theology and Ministry New Faculty Search Committee (Bible)	2009–10
First Year Experience Faculty (OT Survey)	2019, '18, '16, '15, '14
Faculty Host, IWU's Cultural Immersion Program	Summer 2014
Faculty in Residence (South Hall East)	2012–13
School of Theology and Ministry Bible Exam Committee	2011–12
Intercultural Studies External Review Committee	Spring 2010
Honors College Committee Member	2008–10

SCHOLARSHIP

Publications (Articles):

<i>The Global Wesleyan Dictionary of Biblical Theology</i> (Beacon Hill Press)	2018
Article: "Idolatry"	
<i>The Global Wesleyan Dictionary of Biblical Theology</i> (Beacon Hill Press)	2018
Article: "Prophets and Prophecy"	
<i>Museum of the Bible Curriculum Project</i>	Spring 2015
Article: "Hazor, Megiddo, and Gezer"	

<i>Illustrated Bible Life</i> Fall 2014 (WordAction) Article: "Journey to Sinai"	Sept–Nov 2014
<i>Illustrated Bible Life</i> Fall 2014 (WordAction) Article: "Samson the Ancient Record"	Sept–Nov 2014
<i>Museum of the Bible Curriculum Project</i> Article: "Settlement of the Land-Villages, Tribes and Judges"	Summer 2014
<i>Museum of the Bible Curriculum Project</i> Article: "The Philistines"	Summer 2014
<i>Museum of the Bible Curriculum Project</i> Article: "Northern Kingdom-Israel"	Summer 2014
<i>Museum of the Bible Curriculum Project</i> Article: "Babylonian Invasion and Exile"	Summer 2014
<i>Museum of the Bible Curriculum Project</i> Article: "Thutmose III's Campaigns in Canaan"	Summer 2014
<i>Museum of the Bible Curriculum Project</i> Article: "Tribal Organization and Land Distribution"	Summer 2014
<i>Museum of the Bible Curriculum Project</i> Article: "The Excavations at Jericho"	Summer 2014
<i>Museum of the Bible Curriculum Project</i> Article: "The Taanach Cult Stand"	Summer 2014
<i>Museum of the Bible Curriculum Project</i> Article: "The Ashkelon Calf and Shrine"	Summer 2014
<i>Museum of the Bible Curriculum Project</i> Article: "The Merneptah Stele"	Summer 2014
<i>Museum of the Bible Curriculum Project</i> Article: "The Philistines-geography and culture"	Summer 2014
<i>Museum of the Bible Curriculum Project</i> Article: "Jerusalem-The City of David Excavations"	Summer 2014
<i>Museum of the Bible Curriculum Project</i> Article: "Jeroboam's Altar at Tell Dan"	Summer 2014
<i>Museum of the Bible Curriculum Project</i> Article: "King Ahab-The Aggressive Builder"	Summer 2014
<i>Museum of the Bible Curriculum Project</i> Article: "Assyrian Expansion and the Fall of Northern"	Summer 2014
<i>Museum of the Bible Curriculum Project</i> Article: "Herod the Great and His Dynasty"	Summer 2014
<i>Museum of the Bible Curriculum Project</i> Article: "Herodian sites-Excavations at Jerusalem, Herodium, Jericho, Massada, Samaria, Baniyas and Caesarea"	Summer 2014
<i>Illustrated Bible Life</i> Summer 2014 (WordAction) Commentary: "Ezekiel 1:22–3:3"	June–Aug 2014
<i>Illustrated Bible Life</i> Summer 2014 (WordAction) Commentary: "Exodus 17:1–7; Numbers 20:2–13"	June–Aug 2014
<i>Illustrated Bible Life</i> Summer 2014 (WordAction) Commentary: "Jeremiah 36:1–10"	June–Aug 2014
<i>Illustrated Bible Life</i> Summer 2014 (WordAction) Commentary: "Job 4:2, 7–8; 6:24–25; 8:2–3; 9:1–3"	June–Aug 2014
<i>Illustrated Bible Life</i> Summer 2014 (WordAction) Article: "Seals of Biblical Figures"	June–Aug 2014
<i>Illustrated Bible Life</i> Summer 2014 (WordAction) Article: "Bethsaida"	June–Aug 2014

<i>Illustrated Bible Life</i> Winter 2013 (WordAction) Article: "Nazareth"	Dec–Feb 2013–14
<i>The Archaeology Study Bible</i> (Dr. Duane Garret, General Editor) Article: The Samaria Ivories Article: The Unity of Amos Article: The Prayer of Nabonidus (2QprNab).	2005
Scholarship in Practice:	
IWU's Summer in the Holy Land Program: Administrator and Lead teacher IWU Chapel-John 13	2020 (forthcoming) January 2019
IWU's Summer in Israel Program: Administrator and Lead teacher	2018, '16, '14, '12, '10, '08 March 2018
Holy Lands Trip: Administrator and Lead teacher IWU Alumni and Friends, and Wesley Seminary	February 2018
Global Engagement Leadership Seminar "Building Long-Term Relationships with Students and Partners"	February 2018
Courageous Conversations (IWU Multicultural Day) Panel Participant: "Language-How it captures and shapes our values and view of God"	February 2018
Sabbatical Presentation (Jordan and Numbers)	Spring 2018
Principium Lecture Series-IWU "Living Communities or Museums? The State of the Christian Church in the Holy Land"	Spring 2015
Northeastern Indiana District, Church of the Nazarene Camp Meeting Bible Teacher	Summer 2015, '14, '13, '12, '09
Passages Speaker Series, Museum of the Bible (Springfield, MO) Copresenter, "Sin City: The Archaeological Treasure Trove of Tel Dan"	Fall 2014
Panel member, Israel-Palestine (IWU Student Government Hot Topics)	Fall 2014
Panel member, Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning "Teaching Initiative Gatherings" (HUC-JIR)	Summer 2013
School of Theology and Ministry Consecration Speaker "Eat Up"	Spring 2013
Preaching Coach Festival of Preaching Wesley Seminary/College Wesleyan Church	Spring 2013
Theological Research Seminar (IWU) "Philistines in the Latter Prophets"	Fall 2012
Tel Dan Excavations (HUC-JIR)	Summer 2012, '08
Theological Research Seminar (IWU) "Defining a Biblical Philistine"	Spring 2012
Tel Rehov Excavations (Hebrew University of Jerusalem)	Summer 2010
Tel Dan Excavations Lecture Series "Defining Biblical Philistia"	Summer 2008
Honors College Lecture Series "The Oracles Against Philistia"	Fall 2007
Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion Summer in Israel Program Tel Megiddo Excavations, Modern Hebrew study, tour	Summer 2000
Pulpit Supply	As needed

Curriculum and Assessment (Authored/Co-Authored Reports and Awards):

New Undergraduate Programs Sports Ministry Minor Pastoral Counseling and Care (In-process)	2019-2020
New Undergraduate Programs Pastoral Ministries 2 nd Major Bible- 2 nd Major	Spring 2019
Graduate Programs Advanced standing and competency standards	Spring 2019
New Graduate Programs MA Biblical and Theological Studies MA Spiritual Care MA Christian Theology	Spring 2018
New Undergraduate Program Major: Worship Ministry (ordination track)	Spring 2016
New Undergraduate Program Major: Children's Ministries (ordination track)	Spring 2016
New Undergraduate Program Major: Biblical and Theological Studies	Spring 2016
Proposed Undergraduate Program: Minor: Human Trafficking Studies	Spring 2016
New Graduate Program Masters of Practical Theology in Christian Ministries (72 hours) In fulfillment of \$945,000 in grant money from the Kern Foundation	2012-16
School of Theology and Ministry Program Assessment Mapping Rewrite Adolescent Ministries, Children's Ministries, Christian Education, Christian Ministries, Christian Worship, Global Ministries, International and Community Development, Sports Ministries, Worship Arts, Youth Ministries	Summer 2015
<i>2017 IWU Assessment Award: Process Maturity (School of Theology and Ministry)</i> <i>2015 IWU Assessment Award: Most Improved (School of Theology and Ministry)</i>	
School of Theology and Ministry Program Curriculum Rewrite Adolescent Ministries, Children's Ministries, Christian Education, Christian Ministries, Christian Worship, Global Ministries, Intercultural Studies, International and Community Development, Philosophy and Theology, Sports Ministries, Youth Ministries	2013-15
New Undergraduate Program (Worship Leadership) Major: Worship Arts-Music Ministry Double Major	2014-15
New Undergraduate Program Minor: Christian Studies	2014-15
New Course: BIL 580 Archaeology and the Bible	Spring 2015
School of Theology and Ministry Program Assessment Report	2012-13
Biblical Literature Major Assessment Projects	2014, '13, '12, '11, '10
New Course: THEO 570/REL 580 Faith and Politics of the Modern Middle East	Spring 2012, '15
New Course: BIBL 552/BIL 581 Historical Contexts of Scripture	Spring 2011, '15
New Course: BIL 381 Cultural Settings of the Bible	Spring 2011
New Course: BIL 380 History of the Biblical World	Spring 2010
New IWU Program: Summer in Israel Program (9-12 hours)	Spring 2009

New Undergraduate Program	
Minor: Biblical History and Geography	Spring 2009
New Course: BIL 281 (now REL) Jerusalem and Its People	Spring 2009
New Course: BIL 282 Art, Architecture, and Artifacts of the Biblical World	Spring 2009
Summer in Israel Trip Proposal	Fall 2007
New Course: BIL 425 (now 480) Archaeology of Syria-Palestine	Spring 2007

Conferences Attended, Enrichment Forums:

Mission Fit Hiring at IWU	May 2018
Church of the Nazarene General Assemblies	Summer 2017, '13
Sabbatical-Jordan tour and church networking	March 2017
Oikonomia Network Faculty Retreat (Phoenix)	Winter 2015
Theological Symposium on the Nature of Wesleyan Higher Education (Wesleyan Church)	Spring 2014
Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meetings	Fall 2013, '12, '09, '08
Northeast Indiana Nazarene District Assembly	Yearly since 2007
Wesleyan General Conference	Summer 2012
IWU Learning Academy 102: Assessment	May 2012
IWU Learning Academy 101: Course Design	May 2012
NAFSA Student Learning Abroad (Webinar Participant)	Spring 2012
International Travel Class Faculty Seminar/Workshop	Fall 2011
The American School of Oriental Research National Convention (New Orleans)	Fall 2009
A Doctrinal Symposium on Hermeneutics (Wesleyan Church)	Summer 2009
Geographical & Historical Settings Course (Jerusalem University College)	Summer 2008
A Doctrinal Symposium Ecclesiology (Wesleyan Church)	Summer 2007

SERVICE AND LEADERSHIP BEYOND IWU

Church Service and Leadership:

Adult Sunday School Assistant/Guest Teacher (Marion 1 st)	2014–Present
Ministerial Credentials Board (NEI District, Church of the Nazarene)	2014–2017
Communion Distribution Committee (Nazarene General Assembly)	Summer 2013
Northeast Indiana District Assembly Delegate	Yearly since 2007
District Finance Committee (NEI District, Church of the Nazarene)	2012–2014
Marion 1 st Church of the Nazarene board member	2010–2014
Chair, Church Redesign/Remodeling Committee (Marion 1 st)	2010–2014
Children’s Ministry Assistant Teacher, elementary age (Marion 1 st)	2010–2014
Ministerial Studies Board (NEI District, Church of the Nazarene)	2009–2014
Chair, Kiddie Prep Preschool Committee (Marion 1 st)	2008–2010
Active member (Marion 1 st)	2005–Present

Community Service and Leadership:

Lakeview Christian School Board Chair	2018–Present
Lakeview Christian School Board Member	2014–2018
Coaching	2011–Present
Various age groups in area leagues (baseball, softball, basketball)	