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## EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Hebrew Bible/Old Testament, Yale University, 2000

Dissertation, under the direction of Robert R. Wilson:

*"My Servants the Prophets": Prophecy and Ideology in the Deutero-Jeremianic Prose*

M.A.R. *summa cum laude* in Old Testament, Yale Divinity School, 1994

B.A. in Religious Studies, Wesleyan University, 1985

## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

2006– Associate Professor of Hebrew Scriptures, Yale Divinity School

2001–06 Assistant Professor of Old Testament, Yale Divinity School

Fall 2000 Lecturer Convertible in Old Testament, Yale Divinity School

1996–99 Teaching Fellow, Yale Divinity School and Yale College

## BOOKS

*Old Testament Prophets for Today*. In press with Westminster John Knox Press; scheduled for publication in February 2009.

*Irony and Meaning in the Hebrew Bible*. In press with Indiana University Press; scheduled for publication in December 2008.

*Prophecy and Ideology in Jeremiah: Struggles for Authority in the Deutero-Jeremianic Prose*. London: T & T Clark, 2003.

## WORK IN PROGRESS

*Wrestle This Word: The Hebrew Scriptures and the Christian Believer.* Book manuscript in progress; under contract with Westminster John Knox Press.

“Jonah,” “Micah,” and “Nahum,” translations under contract for a Bible translation project under the auspices of the United Methodist Publishing House; edited by David L. Petersen, Brent Strawn, et al.

“Hewn By the Prophet: Violence and Sexual Transgression in the Tradition History of Hosea.” Article in preparation for a volume on violence and aesthetics in the Hebrew Bible, edited by Julia M. O’Brien; volume to be published by T & T Clark in the Library of Hebrew Bible/Old Testament Studies series.

“Isaiah 5:1-7,” “Isaiah 25:1-9,” and “Isaiah 45:1-7,” exegetical pieces in preparation for Year A, Volume XII of *Feasting on the Word: Preaching the Revised Common Lectionary* (Westminster John Knox). Volume scheduled for publication in 2010.

Review of Mark Leuchter, *The Polemics of Exile in Jeremiah 26-45* (Cambridge University Press, 2008), in preparation for *The Expository Times*.

*Living Countertestimony: Interviews with Walter Brueggemann.* Collaborative book project with Walter Brueggemann, under contract with Westminster John Knox Press. Projected date of completion: January 2011.

*Jeremiah 26-52.* International Exegetical Commentary on the Old Testament; series editors Walter Dietrich and David M. Carr. Collaborative book project (with Christl M. Maier writing *Jeremiah 1-25*) under contract with Eisenbrauns/Kohlhammer. Projected date of completion: 2016.

## ARTICLES

“Jeremiah in the Land of Aporia: Reconfiguring Redaction Criticism as Witness to Foreignness.” Forthcoming in a volume of Jeremiah studies edited by Louis Stulman and A. R. Pete Diamond, to be published by Sheffield Phoenix Press in 2009.

“Interrogating the Violent God of Hosea: A Conversation with Walter Brueggemann, Alice Keefe, and Ehud Ben Zvi.” *Horizons in Biblical Theology* 30 (2008): 59-70.

“Jeremiah.” Forthcoming in *A Theological Bible Commentary*, edited by Gail R. O’Day and David L. Petersen (for Westminster John Knox Press); volume scheduled for publication in 2008.

"Beyond Proof-texting." Pages 30-48 in *Gays and the Future of Anglicanism: Responses to the Windsor Report*, edited by Andrew Linzey and Richard Kirker. New York: John Hunt Publishing, 2005.

"The Formation of Godly Community: Old Testament Hermeneutics in the Presence of the Other." *Anglican Theological Review* 86 (2004): 623-36.

"The Trope of 'Exile' and the Displacement of Old Testament Theology." *Perspectives in Religious Studies* 31 (2004): 153-69.

"Ironic Representation, Authorial Voice, and Meaning in Qohelet." *Biblical Interpretation* 12 (2004): 37-68.

"The Call of Jeremiah and Diaspora Politics." *Journal of Biblical Literature* 119 (2000): 421-38.

"Phinehas Zeal and Rhetorical Strategy in 4QMMT." *Revue de Qumran* 70 (1997): 207-22.

"'Take Another Scroll and Write': A Study of the LXX and the MT of Jeremiah's Oracles Against Egypt and Babylon," *Vetus Testamentum* 47 (1997): 487-516.

"Dancing Across the Seams: The Interplay of Public and Private Theophany in Exodus 33:12-23." Pages 12-21 in *Church Divinity 1991-92*. Edited by Francis S. Tebbe. Donaldson, Ind.: Graduate Theological Foundation, 1992.

## **INVITED LECTURES AND PAPERS**

"Hewn By the Prophet: Violence and Sexual Transgression in the Tradition History of Hosea," for the Columbia Seminar on the Hebrew Bible, Columbia University, New York, April 2008.

"Interrogating the Violent God of Hosea: A Conversation with Walter Brueggemann, Alice Keefe, and Ehud Ben Zvi," for the Israelite Prophetic Literature section of the Society of Biblical Literature, San Diego, California, November 2007.

"Jeremiah Among Ancient and Contemporary Readers: Reconfiguring Redaction Criticism as Witness to Foreignness," for the Writing/Reading Jeremiah group of the Society of Biblical Literature, San Diego, California, November 2007.

"Contested Hermeneutics: Theological Reflections on the Undecidability of Micah 2:12-13," for the Israelite Prophetic Literature section of the Society of Biblical Literature, Washington, D.C., November 2006.

“The Ending of Esther and Narratological Excess,” for the Lenox Colloquium, Princeton Theological Seminary, Princeton, New Jersey, June 2006.

“Impotent Divine Word? Balaam and the Irony of Blessing,” for the Columbia Seminar on the Hebrew Bible, Columbia University, New York, April 2005.

“Foreign Rulers and the Ironizing of Power in the Hebrew Bible,” for the Biblical Criticism and Literary Criticism section of the Society of Biblical Literature, San Antonio, Texas, November 2004.

“Rhetorical Smoke and Mirrors: Archaizing Tradition and Structural Poetics in Psalm 68,” for the Biblical Hebrew Poetry section of the Society of Biblical Literature, San Antonio, Texas, November 2004.

“The Formation of Godly Community: Old Testament Hermeneutics in the Presence of the Other,” for the Episcopal Church Foundation Fellows Forum, Birmingham, Alabama, February 2004.

“Hewn By the Prophet: Ambiguity and Unstable Metaphorization in the Diction of Hosea,” for the Israelite Prophetic Literature section of the Society of Biblical Literature, Atlanta, Georgia, November 2003.

“Wakening the Ear: Rhetorical Pedagogy in the Servant Songs of Isaiah,” at Duke Divinity School, Durham, North Carolina, November 2002.

“Scandalous Love: Divine Compassion Unbound in Hosea and Jonah,” for the University of Connecticut Center for Judaic & Middle Eastern Studies and the Connecticut Council of Churches and Synagogues, Stamford, Connecticut, April 2001.

“The Psalms in Current Biblical Scholarship: Challenges and Opportunities,” at the Yale Institute of Sacred Music, New Haven, Connecticut, September 2000.

“The Subversion of Exodus Traditions in Amos,” at Yale Divinity School, New Haven, Connecticut, March 2000.

“Divine Judgment and Mercy in the Book of Jeremiah,” at Holy Apostles College & Seminary, Cromwell, Connecticut, January 2000.

## **BOOK REVIEWS AND SHORT ESSAYS**

“Micah 3:5-12,” “Amos 5:18-24,” “Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18,” and “Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24,” exegetical pieces forthcoming on *WorkingPreacher.org*, a homiletics resource of the Center for Biblical Preaching at Luther Seminary.

*A Commentary on Micah*, by Bruce K. Waltke (Eerdmans, 2007). Review in *Journal of Hebrew Scriptures* 8 (2008).

"I Kings 17:8-24," "I Kings 18:20-39," and "I Kings 21:1-21," theological pieces for Year C, Volume III of *Feasting on the Word: Preaching the Revised Common Lectionary* (Westminster John Knox). Volume scheduled for publication in 2009.

*Jeremiah: Preacher of Grace, Poet of Truth*, by Carol Dempsey (Liturgical, 2007). Review in *Review of Biblical Literature*, [http://www.bookreviews.org/pdf/5779\\_6189.pdf](http://www.bookreviews.org/pdf/5779_6189.pdf) (2008).

*The Theology of the Book of Jeremiah*, by Walter Brueggemann (Cambridge, 2006). Review in *Review of Biblical Literature*, [http://www.bookreviews.org/pdf/5816\\_6140.pdf](http://www.bookreviews.org/pdf/5816_6140.pdf) (2008).

"Our Unity is in Christ," a piece published on the web site of Thinking Anglicans, <http://www.thinkinganglicans.org.uk/archives/002439.html>, June 2007.

*Engaging the Bible: Critical Readings from Contemporary Women*, edited by Choi Hee An and Katheryn Pfisterer Darr (Fortress, 2006). Review in *The Bible & Critical Theory* 3 (2007), DOI: 10.2104/bc070028.

"Psalm 1," "Psalm 47," and "Psalm 98," exegetical pieces for Year B, Volume II of *Feasting on the Word: Preaching the Revised Common Lectionary* (Westminster John Knox). Volume scheduled for publication in 2008.

"Voiced in Paradox: Prophecy and the Contemporary Church." *Reflections* 93/1 (Winter 2006): 10-13.

"Jeremiah, Book of." Forthcoming in *The Cambridge Dictionary of Christianity*, edited by Daniel Patte (for Cambridge University Press). Volume scheduled for publication in 2008.

"Jeremiah and Lamentations." Forthcoming in *The Dictionary of Early Judaism*, edited by John J. Collins and Daniel C. Harlow (for Eerdmans). Volume scheduled for publication in 2008.

"The Lamb That Was Slain: Rereading 'Dominion' in Scriptural Traditions." Essay published on the web site of Catholic Concern for Animals ([www.catholic-animals.org](http://www.catholic-animals.org), Fall 2006) and used as a resource for the "Christian Concern for All God's Creatures" conference sponsored by God's Creatures Ministry, Caldwell, New Jersey, June 2006.

*Reading the Book of Jeremiah: A Search for Coherence*, edited by Martin Kessler (Eisenbrauns, 2004). Review in the *Journal of Hebrew Scriptures* 6 (2006).

*Jeremiah*, by Louis Stulman (Abingdon, 2005). Review in *Review of Biblical Literature*, [http://www.bookreviews.org/pdf/4643\\_4778.pdf](http://www.bookreviews.org/pdf/4643_4778.pdf) (2005).

*Jeremiah 21-36*, by Jack R. Lundbom (Anchor Bible; Doubleday, 2004). Review in *Journal of Biblical Literature* 124 (2005): 361-5.

“Teaching Hermeneutics through Creative Communal Praxis.” Pages 11-13 in *Teaching the Bible: Strategies for Classroom Instruction*, edited by Susan Ackerman and Ross Wagner. Atlanta: Society of Biblical Literature, 2005.

*Love and Violence: Marriage as Metaphor for the Relationship between YHWH and Israel in the Prophetic Books*, by Gerlinde Baumann (Liturgical Press, 2003). Review in *Interpretation* 59 (2005): 214-16.

*Battle of the Gods: The God of Israel Versus Marduk of Babylon: A Literary/Theological Interpretation of Jeremiah 50-51*, by Martin Kessler (Van Gorcum, 2003). Review in *Hebrew Studies* 46 (2005): 101-4.

*The Jewish Study Bible*, edited by Adele Berlin and Marc Zvi Brettler, with consulting editor Michael Fishbane (Jewish Publication Society; Oxford, 2004). Review in *Anglican Theological Review* 87 (2005): 347-50.

*The Book of Job: A Contest of Moral Imaginations*, by Carol A. Newsom (Oxford, 2003). Review in *Review of Biblical Literature*, [http://www.bookreviews.org/pdf/3404\\_3715.pdf](http://www.bookreviews.org/pdf/3404_3715.pdf) (2004).

*A Hebrew Reader for Ruth*, by Donald R. Vance (Hendrickson, 2003). Review in *Journal of Hebrew Scriptures* 5 (2004-05).

*The Image, the Depths, and the Surface: Multivalent Approaches to Biblical Study*, by Susan Gillingham (Hendrickson, 2002). Review in *Journal of Hebrew Scriptures* 4 (2002-03).

*Borders, Boundaries and the Bible*, edited by Martin O’Kane (Sheffield, 2002). Review in *Anglican Theological Review* 85 (2003): 552-3.

*Deutero-Isaiah* by Klaus Baltzer (Hermeneia; Fortress, 2001). Review in *Scottish Journal of Theology* 56 (2003): 103-6.

*A Biblical Text and Its Afterlives: The Survival of Jonah in Western Culture*, by Yvonne Sherwood (Cambridge University Press, 2000). Review in *Anglican Theological Review* 84 (2002): 422-4.

*Job: And Death No Dominion*, by Daniel Berrigan (Sheed & Ward, 2000). Review in *Anglican Theological Review* 84 (2002): 147-8.

*Has God Only One Blessing? Judaism as a Source of Christian Self-Understanding*, by Mary C. Boys (Paulist Press, 2000). Review in *Anglican Theological Review* 83 (2001): 891-2.

*Gender in the Book of Jeremiah: A Feminist-Literary Reading*, by Angela Bauer (Peter Lang, 1999). Review in *Journal of Biblical Literature* 119 (2000): 554-5.

## **GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, CONSULTATIONS, AND PRIZES**

Participant in Luther Seminary project, "The Christian's Callings in the World: Reorienting Theological Education," under the auspices of Lilly's Programs for the Theological Exploration of Vocation, February 2008

2007 Fortress Press Teacher of the Year Award for Innovative Teaching at the Graduate Level

Wabash Center consultation, "Teaching Biblical Exegesis in Theological Schools," 2006-07

Wabash Center outcomes assessment consultation, September 2006

Griswold Fund research grants, Yale University, 2006-07 and 2002-03

Wabash Center grant for "Building Bridges, Crossing Borders: Modeling Connectivity in the Theological Classroom," a collaborative project involving 8 theological schools, 2004-08 (co-coordinator)

Conant Fund Incentive Grant for "Enhancing Learning and Integration Skills in Old Testament Interpretation," 2004

Wabash Center Teaching & Learning Workshop for Theological School Faculty, 2002-03

Episcopal Church Foundation Fellow, 1998-99, 1996-97, 1994-95

Oliver Ellsworth Daggett Scholarship Prize, Yale Divinity School, 1993-94

Alexander M. Rodger Scholar, Yale Divinity School, 1991-92

North American Scholar, The Fund for Theological Education, 1991-92

Bainton Book Prize, Yale Divinity School, 1991

## **COLLEAGUESHIP AND SERVICE**

Steering committee, Writing/Reading Jeremiah group of the Society of Biblical Literature (2006– )

Steering committee, Israelite Prophetic Literature section of the Society of Biblical Literature (2006– )

Manuscript evaluation for *The Bible & Critical Theory* and *Vetus Testamentum*

Adviser, Oxford Centre for Animal Ethics (2006– )

National Advisory Council, Yale *Faith as a Way of Life* project (2003–06)

Invited preacher and/or speaker:

Christ Church, New Brunswick, New Jersey  
 Resource Center for Women & Ministry in the South, Durham, North Carolina  
 First Congregational Church, Branford, Connecticut  
 New Haven Deanery, Episcopal Diocese of Connecticut  
 St. James' Episcopal Church, Madison Avenue, New York City  
 St. Thomas's Episcopal Church, New Haven, Connecticut  
 The Congregational Church of New Canaan, New Canaan, Connecticut  
 YDS Commencement worship service: 2003, 2004, 2006, 2008  
 Grace Episcopal Church, Lake Providence, Louisiana  
 St. Paul's on the Green, Norwalk, Connecticut  
 Trinity Church, Southport, Connecticut  
 Church of the Holy Trinity, Middletown, Connecticut  
 Trinity Episcopal Church, Portland, Connecticut

## **COURSES TAUGHT**

Character and Community in the Biblical Short Story: Jonah, Ruth, Esther  
 Contemporary Christian Theologies of the Old Testament  
 Dangerous Holiness: Theology of the Prophet Ezekiel  
 Exorcising Marcion's Ghost: Claiming the Sacred in Difficult Old Testament Texts  
 Gender, Sex, and Power in the Books of Ruth and Esther  
 Godly Skepticism: The Book of Ecclesiastes and Its Reception in Early Christian Tradition  
 Hermeneutics and Authority: Reading Isaiah in Community  
 Irony and Meaning in the Hebrew Bible  
 Irony and the Outsider in Old Testament Narrative  
 Old Testament Interpretation: The Pentateuch and the Former Prophets  
 Old Testament Interpretation: The Latter Prophets and the Writings  
 Tradition and Ideology in the Book of Jeremiah  
 English exegesis of Exodus, Amos, Hosea, and Jonah  
 Hebrew exegesis of Genesis, Judges, Isaiah, the Minor Prophets, Psalms

Reading courses, Summer Term courses, and directed studies:

Prophetic Witness in a Postmodern World: The Old Testament for the Contemporary Church

Gender and Queer Theory in Contemporary Hebrew Bible Scholarship  
Reading the Psalms: Theology and Praxis  
Apocalyptic Eschatology and the Book of Isaiah  
Book of Wisdom: Feminine Personifications of God  
Psalm 139

## **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

Society of Biblical Literature  
Catholic Biblical Association  
Episcopal Church Foundation Fellows