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## CURRICULUM VITAE

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TITLE Professor of Old Testament

### EDUCATION

1964 A.B., Transylvania University

1967 B.D., Yale Divinity School

1969 M.A., Yale University

1972 Ph.D., Yale University

### HONORS & AWARDS

1964 Danforth Graduate Fellowship

1967 Ordination, Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

1975 Post-Doctoral Fellowship, American Council of Learned Societies

1975 Yale University Morse Fellowship

1978 Fellow of Connecticut Academy of Arts and Sciences

1981 Director, NEH Summer Seminar for College Teachers

### EMPLOYMENT

1991- Hooper Professor of Religious Studies, Yale University

1983- Professor of Old Testament, Yale University

1976-83 Associate Professor of Old Testament, Yale University

1972-76 Assistant Professor of Old Testament, Yale University

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- 1971-72 Instructor in Old Testament, Union Theological Seminary (New York)
- 1970-71 Part-time lecturer, Yale University
- 1964-71 Assistant Minister, Lordship United Church of Christ

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

- 2004- Associate Dean of Academic Affairs, Yale Divinity School
- 2002-03 Director of Graduate Studies, Department of Religious Studies
- 1995-96 Chairman, Department of Religious Studies, Yale University
- 1991- Chairman, University Committee on the Study of Hebrew
- 1990-92 Member, Divinity School Advisory Cabinet for Budget and Administrative Planning
- 1986-92 Chairman, Department of Religious Studies, Yale University
- 1985-86 Director of Graduate Studies, Department of Religious Studies
- 1986- Member, Judaic Studies Advisory Committee

Offices Held in Scholarly Organizations:

- 1998-00 President, The Biblical Colloquium
- 1978-83 Old Testament Editor, Society of Biblical Literature Dissertation Series
- 1978-81 Chair, Columbia University Seminary for the Study of the Hebrew Bible
- 1977-83 Chair, Social Roles of Prophecy in Israel Group, Society of Biblical Literature
- 1977-79 Member of the National Council, Society of Biblical Literature

Societies:

- Society of Biblical Literature
- American Academy of Religion
- Society for Values in Higher Education
- American Oriental Society

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American Schools of Oriental Research

Columbia University Seminar for the Study of the Hebrew Bible

American Society for the Study of Religion

The Biblical Colloquium

The Colloquium for Biblical Research

## PUBLICATIONS

Books:

Genealogy and History in the Biblical World (Yale University Press, 1977)

Prophecy and Society in Ancient Israel (Fortress Press, 1980)

Sociological Approaches to the Old Testament (Fortress Press, 1984)

Canon, Theology and Old Testament Interpretation, ed. with Gene M. Tucker and David L. Petersen (Fortress Press, 1988)

Prophecy and Society in Ancient Israel, Korean translation, 1991

Prophecy and Society in Ancient Israel, Portuguese translation, 1993

Sociological Approaches to Old Testament Ethics, Japanese Translation, 1994

Articles:

“An Interpretation of Ezekiel's Dumbness,” Vetus Testamentum 22 (1972) pp. 91-104.

“Form-critical Investigation of the Prophetic Literature: The Present Situation,” Society of Biblical Literature Seminar Papers vol. 1, 100-127.(1973)

“The Old Testament Genealogies in Recent Research,” Journal of Biblical Literature 94 (1975) 169-189. Reprinted in I Studied Inscriptions from before the Flood, (ed. Richard S. Hess and David Toshio Tsumura; Winona Lake, Ind.: Eisenbrauns, 1994) 200-223.

“The Ambivalence of God,” Reflection 73 (1975) 9-10.

“This World--and the World to Come: Apocalyptic Religion and the Counterculture,” Encounter 38 (1977) pp. 117-124.

“Prophecy and Society in Ancient Israel: The Present State of the Inquiry,” Society of Biblical Literature Seminar Papers (1977) 341-358.

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- “Early Israelite Prophecy,” Interpretation 32 (1978). Reprinted in Interpreting the Prophets, ed. James Luther Mays and Paul J. Achtemeier (Fortress Press, 1987) 1-13.
- “Jonah in the Biblical Tradition,” Reflection 76 (1978) 6-8.
- “The Hardening of Pharaoh's Heart,” The Catholic Biblical Quarterly 41 (1979) 18-36.
- “Between ‘Azel’ and ‘Azel’: Interpreting the Biblical Genealogies,” Biblical Archaeologist 43 (1979) 11-22.
- “Anthropology and the Study of the Old Testament,” Union Seminary Quarterly Review 34 (1979) 175-181.
- “Prophecy and Ecstasy: A Reexamination,” Journal of Biblical Literature 98 (1979) pp. 321-337. Reprinted in Community, Identity, and Ideology: Social Science Approaches to the Hebrew Bible (ed. Charles E. Carter and Carol L. Meyers; Winona Lake, Ind.: Eisenbrauns, 1996) 404-422.
- “From Prophecy to Apocalyptic: Reflections on the Shape of Israelite Religion,” Semeia 21 (1981) 79-95.
- “The Problems of Describing and Defining Apocalyptic Discourse,” Semeia 21 (1981) 133-136.
- “Enforcing the Covenant: The Mechanisms of Judicial Authority in Early Israel,” in The Quest for the Kingdom of God: Essays in Honor of George E. Mendenhall, ed. H.B. Huffmon et al. (Eisenbrauns, 1983) 59-75.
- “Israel’s Judicial System in the Preexilic Period,” The Jewish Quarterly Review 74 (1983) 229-248.
- “Prophecy and Society in Ancient Israel,” in The Bible and Liberation, ed. Norman K. Gottwald (Orbis Books, 1983) pp. 201-234.
- “Prophecy in Crisis: The Call of Ezekiel,” Interpretation 38 (1984). Reprinted in Interpreting the Prophets, ed. James Luther Mays and Paul J. Achtemeier (Fortress Press, 1987) 157-169.
- “Ancestor,” “Child,” “Family,” “Generation,” “Jeroboam I,” “Jeroboam II,” “Old Prophet,” “Prophet,” “Prophetess,” “Seer,” “Sociology of the Old Testament,” in Harper's Bible Dictionary (New York: Harper, 1985; expanded and revised edition published as The Harper Collins Bible Dictionary [San Francisco: Harper San Francisco, 1996]).
- “The City in the Old Testament,” in Civitas: Religious Interpretations of the City, ed. Peter Hawkins (Scholars Press, 1986) 3-13.
- “Biblical Prophecy,” in The Encyclopedia of Religion, ed. Mircea Eliade (Macmillan Publishing Company, 1987) 12:14-23.

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“The Death of the King of Tyre: The Editorial History of Ezekiel 28,” in Love & Death in the Ancient Near East: Essays in Honor of Marvin H. Pope, ed. J.H. Marks and Robert M. Good (Four Quarters Publishing Company, 1987) 211-218.

“Approaches to Old Testament Ethics,” in Canon, Theology, and Old Testament Interpretation, ed. Gene M. Tucker, David L. Petersen, and Robert R. Wilson (Fortress Press, 1988) 62-74.

“The Community of the Second Isaiah,” in Reading and Preaching the Book of Isaiah, ed. Christopher R. Seitz (Fortress Press, 1988) 53-70.

“Ezekiel,” in Harper’s Bible Commentary, ed. James L. Mays (Harper, 1988) 652-694.

“Jeremiah” in The Books of the Bible, ed. Bernhard W. Anderson (Charles Scribner’s Sons, 1989) 1:281-301.

“Ethics in Conflict: Sociological Aspects of Ancient Israelite Ethics,” in Text and Tradition: The Hebrew Bible and Folklore ed. Susan Niditch (Scholars Press, 1990) 193-205.

“Genealogy, Genealogies,” in The Anchor Bible Dictionary (Doubleday, 1992) 2:929-932.

“The Role of Law in Early Israelite Society,” in Law, Politics and Society in the Ancient Mediterranean World, ed. Baruch Halpern and Deborah W. Hobson (Sheffield Academic Press, 1993) 90-99.

“Introduction and Notes to 1 and 2 Kings,” in The HarperCollins Study Bible (HarperCollins, 1993) 509-604.

“The Use of the Old Testament in Handel’s Israel in Egypt,” Yale Studies in Sacred Music, Worship and the Arts, 1994, 34-39.

“The Old Testament Genealogies in Recent Research,” in “I Studied Inscriptions from before the Flood,” (ed. Richard S. Hess and David Toshio Tsumura; Winona Lake, Ind.: Eisenbrauns, 1994) 200-223 [reprint from Journal of Biblical Literature 94 (1975)].

“Sources and Methods in the study of Ancient Israelite Ethics,” Semeia 66 (1995) 55-63.

“The Former Prophets: Reading the Book of Kings,” in Old Testament Interpretation Past, Present, and Future ed. James Luther Mays et al. Tucker (Nashville: Abingdon, 1995) 83-84.

“Poetry and Prose in the Book of Jeremiah,” in Ki Baruch Hu: Ancient Near Eastern, Biblical and Judaic Studies in Honor of Baruch A. Levine, ed. Robert Chazan et al. (Winona Lake, Ind.: Eisenbrauns, 1999), 413-427.

“Interpreting Israel’s Religion: An Anthropological Perspective on the Problem of False

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Prophecy,” in “The Place Is too Small for Us”: The Israelite Prophets in Recent Scholarship (ed. Robert P. Gordon; Winona Lake, Ind.: Eisenbrauns, 1995) 332-344 [reprint from Sociological Approaches to the Old Testament, 67-80].

“Prophet,” “Sociology of the Old Testament” [revised and expanded edition] in The Harper Collins Bible Dictionary (San Francisco: Harper San Francisco, 1996).

“Prophecy and Ecstasy: A Reexamination,” in Community, Identity, and Ideology: Social Science Approaches to the Hebrew Bible (ed. Charles E. Carter & Carol L. Meyers; Winona Lake, Ind.: Eisenbrauns, 1996) 404-422 [reprinted from Journal of Biblical Literature 98 (1979) 321-337].

“The Prophetic Books,” in The Cambridge Companion to Biblical Interpretation (ed. John Barton; Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1998), 212-225.

“Who Was the Deuteronomist,” (Who Was Not the Deuteronomist?): Reflections on Pan-Deuteronomism,” in Those Elusive Deuteronomists: “Pan-Deuteronomism” and Scholarship in the Nineties (ed. Linda Schearing & Steven L. McKenzie (Sheffield: JSOT Press, 1999), 67-82.

“Historicizing the Prophets: History and Literature in the Book of Jeremiah,” in On the Way to Nineveh: Studies in Honor of George M. Landes (ed. Stephen L. Cook and S.C. Winter; Atlanta: Scholars Press, 1999), 136-154.

“George M. Landes: An Appreciation,” in On the Way to Nineveh, 1-2.

“Creation and New Creation: The Role of Creation Imagery in the Book of Daniel,” in God Who Creates: Essays in Honor of W. Sibley Towner (ed. William P. Brown and S. Dean McBride, Jr.; Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2000) 293-310.

“Ezekiel” (Revised Edition), in the Harper Collins Bible Commentary (Revised edition; ed. James L. Mays; San Francisco: Harper San Francisco, 2000) 583-622.

“Unity and Diversity in the Book of Kings,” in A Wise and Discerning Mind: Essays in Honor of Burke O. Long (a Festschrift for Burke Long, (ed. Saul Olyan and Robert C. Culley; Providence: Brown Judaic Studies, 2000) 293-310.

“The Biblical Roots of Apocalyptic,” in Imagining the End: Visions of Apocalypse from the Ancient Middle East to Modern America (ed. Abbas Amanat and Magnus Bernhardsson; London: Tauris, 2002) 56-66.

“Divination and Prophecy: Early Israel and Judaism,” to appear in Religious of the Ancient World: A Guide (Cambridge: Harvard University Press) (In Press).

“Deuteronomy, Ethnicity, and Reform: Reflections on the Social Setting of the Book of Deuteronomy,” to appear in the Festschrift for S. Dean McBride, Jr. (Winona Lake, IN: Eisenbrauns) (In Press).

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“Current Issues in the Study of Old Testament Prophecy,” to appear in the Festschrift for Herbert Huffmon (Sheffield: JSOT Press) (In Press).

Reviews:

“A Progress Report or an Obituary?,” review of Old Testament Form Criticism, ed. John Hayes, in Interpretation 30 (1976)

Prophecy and Tradition, by R.E. Clements, in Journal of the American Academy or Religion 45 (1977)

The Song of Songs, by Marvin H. Pope, in Religious Education 73 (1978)

Die Verheissungen an die Vaeter, by Claus Westermann, in The Catholic Biblical Quarterly 41 (1979)

Sehen und Schauen, by Hans Fuhs, in The Catholic Biblical Quarterly 42 (1980)

Studien zum Jeremiabuch, by Karl-Friedrich Pohlmann, in Religious Studies Review 7 (1981)

The Tribes of Yahweh, by Norman Gottwald, in Interpretation 36 (1982)

Ezekiel's Oracles against Egypt, by Lawrence Boadt, in Journal of Biblical Literature 102 (1983)

The People Called, by Paul D. Hanson, in Biblical Review 3/4 (Winter 1987)

2 Kings, by Burke O. Long, in Journal of Religion 78 (1993) 400.

Work in Progress:

Approaches to Old Testament Ethics (Overtures to Biblical Theology) [to be published by Fortress Press].

Commentary on the Books of Kings (Hermeneia Series) [to be published by Fortress Press].

Poetry and Prose in the Book of Jeremiah, to appear in the Society of Biblical Literature Monograph Series (Atlanta: Scholars Press).

Lectures:

“Prophecy and Politics in the Book of Kings” at Society of Biblical Literature, Chicago, November 21, 1988

Colloquium for Biblical Research, Colgate Rochester Divinity School, August 17-20, 1989

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- Biblical Colloquium, St. Mary's Seminary, Baltimore, Maryland, October 27-29, 1989
- "W. Robertson Smith and the Study of the Hebrew Bible," American Academy of Religion, Anaheim, California, November 18-21, 1989
- "Ezekiel," Amherst College, February 13, 1990
- "True and False Prophecy: An Ancient Dilemma and a Modern Problem," Andover Newton Theological Seminary, April 17, 1990
- American Society for the Study of Religion, Southern Methodist University, April 27-29, 1990
- "The Editing of the Book of Kings," Columbia Seminar for the Study of Hebrew Bible, May 16, 1990
- "Prophecy as an Ethical Problem," Yale Divinity School, June 1, 1990
- "The Hezekian Edition of the Book of Kings," The Society of Biblical Literature, New Orleans, November 17-20, 1990
- "Interpreting Prophetic Texts," the American Society for the Study of Religion, Ohio State University, April 25-28, 1991
- "Interpreting Biblical Prophecy: The Eternal Word and the Threat of Falsehood," Conference on Philosophy and Biblical Studies, UCLA, May 17-18, 1991
- "Inner-biblical Interpretation of Prophecy: Jeremiah and Daniel 9," Colloquium for Biblical Research, Union Theological Seminary, August 20-23, 1992, also at the Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, San Francisco, November 20-24, 1992
- "Prophecy and Politics in the Book of Kings," New York University, December 3, 1992
- "Religion in the Mediterranean," five lectures delivered during the Yale Alumni College Abroad, May 18-June 2, 1993
- "Sources and Methods in the study of Ancient Israelite Ethics," Society of Biblical Literature International Meeting, Münster, July 25-28, 1993
- "Poetry and Prose in Jeremiah: The Function of the C Material," The Biblical Colloquium, Baltimore, October 22-24, 1993
- "The So-called Deuteronomistic Prose in Jeremiah," Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C., November 20-23, 1993
- "Who Was the Deuteronomist? (Who Was Not the Deuteronomist?): Reflections on Pan-Deuteronomism," Columbia University Seminar for the Study of the Hebrew Bible,

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January 19, 1994

Colloquium for Biblical Research, Montreat, NC, August 18-21, 1994

“Prophecy in the Hebrew Bible,” Amherst College, October 5, 1994

“Deuteronomistic Historiography in Context: the Book of Kings,” Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, Chicago, November 19-22, 1994

“The Bible in the Parish: The Old Testament,” Wood Lecture, Yale Divinity School, February 23, 1995

“The Book of Kings and Ancient Historiography,” Anshe Colloquium and Lecture, Johns Hopkins University, April 26-27, 1995

“Moses in Old Testament Tradition,” Loyola College, Baltimore, October 26, 1995

“Who Was the Deuteronomist? (Who Was Not the Deuteronomist?): Reflections on Pan-Deuteronomism,” Colloquium for Biblical Research, Drew University, August 15-18, 1996

The Biblical Colloquium, San Diego, October 18-20, 1996.

“Response to David L. Petersen’s “Whose Prophets should We Teach?” Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, New Orleans, November 23-26, 1996.

“Introduction to Ezekiel,” Amherst College, February 6, 1997.

“The Biblical Roots of Apocalyptic,” Yale University, February 4, 1998.

The American Society for the Study of Religion, Duke University, April 24-25, 1998.

“The Function of the Biographical Material in the Book of Jeremiah,” The Biblical Colloquium, Baltimore, MD. October 30, 1998.

The Society of Biblical Literature, Orlando, FL. November 19-24, 1998.

“An Introduction to Prophecy,” Amherst College, December 9, 1998.

Seminar on Dead Sea Scrolls for Fairfield County Clergy Association (all-day seminar), May 13, 1999.

“The Lure of the Millennium”: two-day YDS Alumni Continuing Education Seminar at Berkeley Divinity School. May 25-26, 1999.

Colloquium for Biblical Research, Ring Lake Ranch, Dubois, Wyoming. August 15-20, 1999.

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Three-hour seminar on biblical apocalyptic for the Middlesex Clergy Association of the United Church of Christ. October 19, 1999.

The Biblical Colloquium, Baltimore, MD (President and chair of all sessions). October 29-31, 1999.

Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, Boston, MA (Panel Presentation on the Sociological Study of the Old Testament). November 20-23, 1999.

Columbia University Seminar for the Study of the Hebrew Bible, paper, "Unity and Diversity in the Book of Kings." April 5, 2000.

Colloquium for Biblical Research, Yale University (host), August 17-20, 2000  
The Biblical Colloquium, Princeton Theological Seminary (President; presided at all sessions) October 27-29, 2000.

The Society of Biblical Literature, Nashville, TN (colloquium on the work of Burke O. Long) November 17-21, 2000.

"Along the Ancient Trade Routes: A Voyage Through the Arabian and Red Seas," five lectures during the Yale Alumni College Abroad, March 8-25, 2001.

Colloquium for Biblical Research, Duke University, paper, "In Search of the Prophets: Israelite Prophecy in Recent Research." August 16-19, 2001.

Columbia University, lecture to faculty teaching in the Humanities Program, "Teaching the Biblical Books of Deuteronomy and Exodus." August 29, 2001.

The Biblical Colloquium, Princeton Theological Seminary, response to a paper on the genealogies in the Books of Chronicles. October 26-27, 2001.

Conference on Biblical Icons of Israelite Religion, New York University, paper, "Israelite Prophecy as Icon: The Special Role of Prophets and Prophetic Writing in Israelite Religion." October 28-29, 2001.

"Christians, Muslims, and Jews: Who are God's Chosen People?," Litchfield & Middlesex Association of the United Church of Christ, Clergy Forum, Madison, CT, January 29, 2003.

"A Seer Reads Scripture: Daniel and the Shaping of Religion in the Second Temple Period," David Gelbart Memorial Lecture, Jewish Theological Seminary of America, February 19, 2003.

"The Isaiah Texts in Handel's Messiah," Branford Lutheran Church, March 22, 2003.

"Deuteronomy, Ethnicity, and Reform: Reflections on the Social Setting of the Book of Deuteronomy," The Biblical Colloquium, Princeton Theological Seminary, November 19, 2003.

"Prophetic Texts from the Ancient Near East and the Development of the Prophetic 'Canon'," Columbia University Seminar for the Study of the Hebrew Bible, November 19, 2003.

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“Coexistence of Cultures and Faiths: Jews, Christians, and Muslims in Spain During the Middle Ages,” three lectures delivered during the Yale Alumni College Abroad, April 5-16, 2004.

DEPARTMENTAL/UNIVERSITY COMMITTEE & ADMINISTRATIVE WORK

Building Committee, chair, (Yale Divinity School)

Yale College Executive, Committee

Indian Buddhism Search Committee, (Dept. Religious Studies)

Graduate Admissions Committee, (Dept. Religious Studies)

Liturgical Studies Search Committee, (2<sup>nd</sup> semester, Yale Divinity School)

Curriculum Committee, (Yale Divinity School)

Junior Faculty Development Seminar, (Yale Divinity School)

Judaic Studies Advisory Committee, (Yale College)

PROFESSIONAL ADMINISTRATIVE WORK OUTSIDE THE UNIVERSITY

National Selection Committee (Middle East and North Africa) Fulbright  
Graduate Student Grants

EDITORSHIP, EDITORIAL COMMITTEES

Co-editor, Festschrift for George M. Landes (to be published by the American  
Schools of Oriental Research).

MEMBERSHIP

American Academy of Religion

Society for Values in Higher Education

American Oriental Society

American Schools of Oriental Research

American Society for the Study of Religion

The Biblical Colloquium, President, 1999-

The Colloquium for Biblical Research

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Society of Biblical Literature, Member of National Council, 1977-79

Society of Biblical Literature, Chair of Social Roles of Prophecy in Israel Group, 1977-83

Columbia University Seminar for the Study of the Hebrew Bible, chair, 1978-81

Society of Biblical Literature, Member of Council, New England Region, 1978-81

Society of Biblical Literature, Old Testament Editor, Dissertation Series, 1978-83

#### COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Member, Civic Orchestra of New Haven, 1975-

President, Civic Orchestra of New Haven, 1979-84

Member, Southern Connecticut State College Summer Pops Orchestra, 1976-86

Board Member, Southern Connecticut State College Pops Society, 1981-86

Hamden Symphony Orchestra, 1977-78

Member, Oriental Club of New Haven, 1972- (Secretary, 1976-79; President, 1984-86)