

# CURRICULUM VITAE

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### EDUCATION

- Ph.D.** Department of Religious Studies, Yale University Graduate School May 1998  
**Field: Hebrew Bible / Old Testament**
- M.A.** Yale University Graduate School – December 1997
- M.Phil.** Yale University Graduate School – May 1996
- S.T.M.** Yale University Divinity School – May 1991
- M.Div.** Yale University Divinity School – May 1990  
*Summa cum laude*
- B.S.** Houston Baptist University – May 1986  
*Summa cum laude*

### ACADEMIC COMPETENCIES

- Literary and Historical Approaches to the Bible
- Discourse Analysis of the Hebrew Bible
- Classical Hebrew Grammar and Syntax
- Historical Hebrew Grammar
- Biblical Theology
- Contemporary Uses of the Hebrew Bible
- Northwest Semitic Languages
- Ancient Near Eastern Literatures

### LANGUAGES

- Classical Hebrew
- Ugaritic
- Standard Babylonian
- Aramaic
- Phoenician and Punic Inscriptions
- German
- Koine Greek
- French

### AWARDS AND HONORS

- Golden Mustang Outstanding Faculty Award 2004-2005
- University Dissertation Fellowship – Yale University – 1996-1997
- Two Brothers Fellowship – Yale University Divinity School – Summer 1991  
Used to study biblical archaeology at the Leon Levy Expedition at Ashqelon, Israel

### PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES

- SMU Representative for the American Schools of Oriental Research
- Member of the Nominating Committee for the Southwestern Region of the Society of Biblical Literature
- Society of Biblical Literature
- American Academy of Religion
- Catholic Biblical Association
- National Association of Professors of Hebrew
- Association of Anglican Biblical Scholars

## **PUBLISHED WORKS**

### **Monographs**

*Power, Politics, and Prophecy: The Character of Samuel and the Deuteronomistic Evaluation of Prophecy.* Library of Hebrew Bible/Old Testament studies. London; New York: T&T Clark International, 2006.

*Narrative Structure and Discourse Constellations: An Analysis of Clause Function in Biblical Hebrew Prose.* Harvard Semitic Studies 55. Winona Lake: Eisenbrauns, 2004.

### **Articles**

“Charles Cutler Torrey” and “Georg Albrecht Alt.” In *Historical Dictionary of Major Biblical Interpreters.* Downer’s Grove, IL: InterVarsity, 2007.

“Hermeneutics and Red Riding Hood” and “Form Criticism of the Prophets and Modern American Poetry.” In *Teaching the Bible: Practical Strategies for Classroom Instruction.* Mark Roncace and Patrick Gray, eds. Atlanta: Society of Biblical Literature, 2005.

“Hebrew Language.” In *Dictionary of the Old Testament: Historical Books.* Downer’s Grove, IL: InterVarsity, 2005.

“Review of Walter Brueggemann, *Reverberations of Faith: A Theological Handbook of Old Testament Themes.*” *Theology Today* 60/3 (2003): 464.

“‘Abimelek Ruled over Israel’: The Use and Significance of the Abimelek Story (Judges 9) for the Interpretation of the Book of Judges” [in Hebrew]. *‘Al-Hapereq: A Journal for the Teaching of the Bible in Government Schools (Jerusalem)* 16 (1999): 84-89.

## **ARTICLES UNDER CONTRACT**

“Exegetical Articles over Psalm 85:8-13, Psalm 23, and Psalm 145:10-18,” in *The Lectionary Commentary Series, Volume III;* Barbara Brown Taylor and David Bartlett, eds. Philadelphia: Westminster John Knox. Forthcoming in 2007.

“Arcturus,” in *The Encyclopedia of the Bible and Its Reception.* Hermann Spieckermann and Choon-Leong Seow, eds. New York: Walter De Gruyter. Forthcoming in 2008.

## **ARTICLES IN REVIEW**

“‘But If Not....*What?*’: A Rhetorical Analysis of the Confession of the Three Youths (Daniel 3:15-18),” to be submitted to the *Journal of Biblical Literature*, 2006.

## **PAPERS PRESENTED AT ACADEMIC MEETINGS**

“Reporting the Truth: An Analysis of *WAYYIQTOL* Forms in Direct Discourse in the Joseph Novella (Gen 37, 39-47).” Presented to the *Linguistics and Biblical Hebrew* Section at the national meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, New Orleans, LA, November 1996.

“Lies and Half Truths: A Syntactical Study of the Reports of Potiphar's Wife against Joseph (Gen 39:6b-20).” Presented to the *Hebrew Bible* Section of the meeting of the New England Chapter of the Society of Biblical Literature, Cambridge, MA, March 1996.

“‘But If Not...*What?*’: The Rhetorical Structure of the Confession of the Three Youths (Dan 3:15-18).” Presented to the *Biblical Criticism and Literary Criticism* Section at the national meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, Atlanta, GA, November 2003.

## **PROFESSIONAL TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

- 2001-Present Assistant Professor of Old Testament, Perkins School of Theology,  
Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas
- 1999-2001 Visiting Professor of Old Testament, Perkins School of Theology,  
Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas
- 1998-1999 Adjunct Professor of Hebrew Bible, Yale Divinity School, Yale University,  
New Haven, Connecticut

## **SCHEDULE OF CLASSES – 1999-2005**

### **Fall Term 1999**

- OT7309 (HSTN) – Exegesis of the Books of Amos and Hosea – 6 Students
- OT8351 – Major Motifs of Biblical Theology: Death and Dying in the Old Testament – 17 Students

### **Spring Term 2000**

- OT7310 – Exegesis of the Book of Deuteronomy – 13 Students
- DM9349 – Models for Ministry in the Old Testament – 6 Students

### **Summer Term 2000**

- OT7305 – Exegesis of the Book of Exodus – 20 Students

### **Fall Term 2000**

- OT6301 (HSTN6363) – Interpretation of the Old Testament I – 52 Students
- OT8551 – Major Motifs of Biblical Theology: Redemption in the Hebrew Bible – 10 Students
- RELI7380 – The Composition of the Pentateuch – 1 Student

### **Spring Term 2001**

- OT6302 (HSTN) – Interpretation of the Old Testament II – 24 Students
- OT8355 – Daniel and Apocalyptic Writings in the Hebrew Bible – 14 Students

### **Summer Term 2001**

- Exegesis of the Book of 1 Samuel – 15 Students

### **Fall Term 2001**

- OT6301 – Interpretation of the Old Testament I – 49 Students
- HB7300 – Introduction to Biblical Hebrew I – 12 Students
- RELI7384 – The Book of Psalms – 1 Student

### **Spring Term 2002**

- OT6302 – Interpretation of the Old Testament II – 56 Students
- HB7301 – Introduction to Biblical Hebrew II – 8 Students
- RELI7383- The Interpretation of the Latter Prophets – 1 Student

### **Fall Term 2002**

- OT6301 – Interpretation of the Old Testament I – 28 Students
- HB7300 – Introduction to Biblical Hebrew I – 28 Students

### **Spring Term 2003**

- OT6302 – Interpretation of the Old Testament II – 40 Students
- HB7301 – Introduction to Biblical Hebrew II – 12 Students

### **Fall Term 2003**

- OT6301 (San Antonio) – Interpretation of the Old Testament I – 21 Students
- HB7300 – Introduction to Biblical Hebrew I – 23 Students
- BB/ST8325 – Authority of the Bible for Theology – 12 Students (Team taught)

### **Spring Term 2003**

- OT6302 (San Antonio) – Interpretation of the Old Testament II – 18 Students
- HB7301 – Introduction to Biblical Hebrew II – 18 Students

### **Fall Term 2003**

- ST8325/BB8325 – The Authority of the Bible for Theology – 12 Students
- OT6301 – Interpretation of the Old Testament I – 17 Students
- HB7300 – Introduction to Biblical Hebrew I – 23 Students

### **Spring Term 2004**

- BB9301 – Division I Reading Course (Intermediate Hebrew Grammar) – 1 Student
- OT6302 – Interpretation of the Old Testament II – 17 Students
- HB7301 – Introduction to Biblical Hebrew II – 14 Students

### **Summer Term 2004**

- HB7300/HB7301 – Introduction to Biblical Hebrew I and II – 14 Students

### **Fall Term 2004**

- OT8345 – Ancient Texts/Modern Readers Seminar – 13 Students
- OT6301 – Interpretation of the Old Testament I – 44 Students

### **Spring Term 2005**

- On Research Leave

### **Fall Term 2005**

- OT6301 – Interpretation of the Old Testament I – 45 Students
- HB7300 – Introduction to Biblical Hebrew I – 24 Students

### **Spring Term 2006**

- OT6301 – Interpretation of the Old Testament I – 44 Students
- HB7300 – Introduction to Biblical Hebrew I – 16 Students

### **Summer Term 2006**

- HB7300/HB7301 – Introduction to Biblical Hebrew I and II – 14 Students

### **Fall Term 2006**

- OT6301 – Interpretation of the Old Testament I – 44 Students
- HB7300 – Introduction to Biblical Hebrew I – 12 Students

## **ARCHAEOLOGICAL EXPERIENCE**

Summer 1991 and 1993 – Worked and studied at Harvard University's Leon Levy Expedition at Ashqelon, Israel.

Supervisors: Elizabeth Bloch-Smith and Lawrence Stager

## **RECENT LECTURES / CHURCH RELATED OPPORTUNITIES (Selected)**

Spring 2003 – “The Parables of Jesus,” Eight-Week Study at St. Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church, Dallas, Texas

- February 2003 – “How the World Works: Wisdom Literature,” Four-week study at St. Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church, Dallas, Texas
- March 2003 – “The Book of Jeremiah,” Two-day study for the Texas East District of the United Methodist Church, Baytown, Texas.
- June 2003 – “The Great Commandment,” Lecture for the “Summer Scholars Series” at St. Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church, Dallas, Texas
- September 2003 – (With Amy Heller) Review of *The DaVinci Code* at St. Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church. (450 in attendance.)
- November 2005 – “What Would Jesus Know?: The Value of the Book of Leviticus,” Four-week study at Episcopal Church of the Ascension, Dallas, Texas

## **COMMITTEE AND OTHER RESPONSIBILITIES**

- Secretary to the Faculty, Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University.
- Faculty Marshal for Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University.
- Service on the Board of Examining Chaplains for the Episcopal Diocese of Dallas.  
Evaluate and grade ordination exams for those persons seeking diaconal and priestly ordination in the diocese.
- Service on the “AIDS Supper Club,” a service of AIDS Services of Dallas. Prepare and serve a monthly meal to residents of a medical facility in South Dallas.