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CURRENT POSITION

Sept 2021-May 2022 **Denver Seminary, Denver, CO**
Visiting Scholar in Old Testament

EDUCATION

- 2018** **Trinity College, University of Bristol, Bristol, UK**
Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Old Testament
Dissertation: *'A Table in the Wilderness?': The Rhetorical Function of Food Language in Psalm 78*
Supervisors: Gordon Wenham (2011-2016) and David Firth (2016-2017);
Secondary Supervisor: Ellen Davis, Duke Divinity School
External Examiner: J Clinton McCann, Eden Theological Seminary
- 2000** **Denver Seminary, Denver, CO**
Masters of Arts (MA) in Biblical Studies, *with honors*
Thesis: *Dining in the Kingdom: Jesus and Table Fellowship in the Gospel of Luke*
Supervisor: Craig Blomberg
- 1992** **University of Texas, Austin, TX**
Secondary Education Teaching Credential
Subject Areas: English and History
- 1991** **University of Texas, Austin, TX**
Bachelors of Arts (BA) in the PLAN II Honors Program and English, *with honors*
Minor: History
English Honors Thesis: *Tony Hillerman: The Man Who Cries Navajo Wolf*
Supervisor: Kurth Sprague

ADDITIONAL COURSEWORK

- 2021-present** **Denver Seminary, Denver, CO**
Certificate in Spiritual Direction
- July 2021** **Regent College, Vancouver, BC**
May 2020 Graduate Coursework (audit): 'David's Crown: Poetic Meditations on the Psalms' (Malcolm Guite); 'Theology of Luke Acts' (Darrell Bock)
- 2019-2021** **Shasta College, Culinary Arts Program**
Coursework: Intermediate and Advanced Culinary Courses

- June 2005** **Graduate Theological Union, Berkeley, CA**
Graduate Coursework: Jesus and Meal Fellowship in Luke's Gospel (Robert Karris)
- June 2004** **University of Notre Dame, South Bend, IN**
Graduate Coursework: Old Testament Theology (Walter Brueggemann)
- 2002-2004** **Wheaton College, Wheaton, IL**
Doctoral Coursework: Old Testament Theology (Paul House), Paul and the Law (Doug Moo), Global Issues Colloquium (Renee Padilla), Theology in America (Mark Noll)
- 1998-2001** **University of Denver, Judaic Studies Program, Denver, CO**
Graduate Coursework: Judaism at the Time of Jesus (Stanley Wagner), The Holocaust in Contemporary Religious Thought (Fred Greenspahn), The Bible in Judaism (Fred Greenspahn)
- August 1997** **Covenant Theological Seminary, Francis A. Schaeffer Institute, St. Louis, MO**
Graduate Coursework: Christian Life and Contemporary Culture (Jerram Barrs)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2014-2020** **Associate Professor, Simpson University, Redding, CA**
Courses Created and Taught:
BIBL 1300: Literature of the Old Testament
BIBL 1330: Biblical Backgrounds
BIBL 2220: Hermeneutics
BIBL 3035: Genesis (traditional & hybrid)
BIBL 3040: Old Testament History
BIBL 3030: Book of Job
BIBL 4230: Psalms (traditional & hybrid)
BIBL 4423W: Old Testament Theology (capstone writing course)
Special Topics: BIBL 4400: 'Food, Faith and Place' (hybrid + service learning component)
- Courses Team-Taught:*
BIBL 2700: Research Methods (with a colleague in the Bible Theology department)
CORE 3035: 'On Time' (a biblical, theological, liturgical, and musical exploration of the topic of 'Time' with a professor in the music department)
- Courses Led:*
BIBST 393: Historical and Geographical Setting (through JUC, Jerusalem University College)
- Recognitions:* Professor of the Year Award (2018-2019)
- 2007-2014** **Assistant Professor, Simpson University, Redding, CA**
Recognitions: Professor of the Year Award (2010-2011)

Spring 2005 **Instructor, Wheaton College, Wheaton, IL**
 BIB 111 Old Testament (undergraduate)

Spring 2003 **Assistant Instructor, Wheaton College, Wheaton, IL**
 HEBR 301 Introductory Biblical Hebrew (graduate)

Sept 2000-Dec 2001 **Instructor, Dayspring Center for Christian Studies, Boulder, CO**
 BIB 100 Literature of the Old Testament (adult)

2000-2001 **Instructor, Colorado Christian University, Lakewood, CO**
 BIB 111 Old Testament (undergraduate)
 BIB 113 New Testament (undergraduate)

Spring 2001 **Instructor, University of Colorado, Boulder, CO**
 ARSC 1000 Expository Writing (undergraduate)

Summer 2000 **Assistant Instructor, Denver Seminary, Denver, CO**
 NT 501 New Testament Greek I (graduate)

AWARDS, GRANTS, AND HONORS

2020-2021 *Owen Distinguished Scholar Award*, Simpson University, Redding, CA
2019-2020

2020-2021 *Dale Scholar Grant*, Simpson University, Redding, CA
2018-2019
2015-2016
2013-2014
2011-2012

2018-2019 *Professor of the Year Award*, Simpson University, Redding, CA
2010-2011

2017 Nomination for prize for outstanding excellence in doctoral thesis,
 Faculty of Arts, University of Bristol, UK

2000 *Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities*
 Denver Seminary, Denver, CO

1991 *Golden Key Honor Society nomination*; University of Texas, Austin, TX

1990 *Normandy Student Scholar*, WWII history focus; Caen, France

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Psalms, Rhetoric, Food, Agriculture/Land Care, OT Theology, Spiritual Formation

PUBLICATIONS

“Summer and Winter, Seedtime and Harvest: Re-Considering the Psalter’s Agrarian Hope in a Season of Covid,” *AVAR* (forthcoming, Spring 2022); theme issue on ‘Food and the Pandemic’

“Turning Tables in Israel’s History: Food Language and Reversals in Psalms 105 & 106,” *Catholic Biblical Quarterly* 83 (2021): 588-598.

“Sourdough & Bitter Tears: Food and Communal Laments in the Time of COVID-19” *Word & World* 41:2 (Spring 2021), 177-184.

“Praise the LORD, the (un)Creator of Heaven and Earth: Psalm 105’s Depiction of YHWH’s Sovereignty in the Egyptian Plagues,” in *For Us, but Not to Us: Essays on Creation, Covenant, and Context in Honor of John H. Walton*, edited by Adam E. Miglio, Caryn A. Reeder, Joshua T. Walton, and Kenneth C. Way, 99-109. Eugene, OR: Pickwick, 2020.

“‘A Table in the Wilderness?’: The Rhetorical Function of Food Language in Psalm 78” (abstract), *Tyndale Bulletin* 69.2 (2018), 313-316.

CONFERENCE PAPERS

“‘To every thing there is a season’ (Eccles 3:1): Food, Feasts, and the Megillot”; Tyndale Fellowship Conference, Old Testament Study Group; Cambridge UK, June 2022 (forthcoming)

“Sowing Tears, Reaping Joy: The Cultivation of Hope in the Psalms of Ascents (Pss 120-134)”; Society of Biblical Literature Regional Meeting (Rocky Mountain-Great Plains); Denver CO, March 2022 (forthcoming)

“‘From the Sheepfolds’ (Ps 78:70): The Rhetorical Function of David’s Shepherding Pedigree in Psalm 78 and 1&2 Samuel”; Society of Biblical Literature Conference; ‘Book of Psalms’/‘Book of Samuel’ session; San Antonio TX, November 2021

“Davidic Repasts: The Rhetorical Use of Food Language in the Davidic Collections of Books I&II of the Psalter”; Tyndale Fellowship, OT Study Group; Cambridge UK, June 2019

“Food on the Journey: The Rhetorical Use of Food Language in the Psalms of Ascents (Pss 120-134)”; Society of Biblical Literature Conference; ‘Biblical Hebrew Poetry’ session; Denver CO, November 2018

“Turning Tables within Israel’s History: Food Language and Reversals in Psalm 105 and 106”; Trinity College Bristol Postgraduate Research Conference; Bristol UK, June 2017

“Asaph’s Pantry: The Rhetorical Use of Food Language in the Asaph Collection (Psalms 50, 73-83)”; Society of Biblical Literature Conference; ‘Meals in the HB/OT and Its World’ session; San Antonio TX, November 2016

“The Rhetoric of Food: An Exploration in the Psalms”; Trinity College Bristol Postgraduate Research Conference; Bristol UK, June 2016

“Charting the Currents of Israel’s Exodus: the Structural and Rhetorical Use of Water References in Psalm 78”; Trinity College Bristol Postgraduate Research Conference; Bristol UK, July 2014

“A Consuming Desire: A Look at Psalm 78’s Retelling of the Quail Account of Numbers 11”; Trinity College Bristol Postgraduate Research Conference; Bristol UK, June 2013

“The Undoing of Creation: Psalm 105’s Depiction of Divine Judgment in the Egyptian Plagues”; Evangelical Theological Society Conference; Milwaukee WI, November 2012

“Praise the LORD, the (un)Creator of Heaven and Earth”: Psalm 105’s Depiction of YHWH’s Sovereignty in the Egyptian Plagues”; Trinity College Bristol Postgraduate Research Conference; Bristol UK, June 2012

“A Triptych of the Table: Rebellion, Judgment, and Restoration in the Book of Isaiah”; Society of Biblical Literature Conference; ‘Meals in the HB/OT and Its World’ session; Atlanta GA, November 2010

“Guests at the Table of God: Fellowship and Judgment at Divine-Human Meals”; Evangelical Theological Society Conference; San Diego CA, November 2007

“Turning Tables and Musical Chairs: Role Reversals and Situational Irony at Divine-Human Meals”; Evangelical Theological Society Conference; Washington D.C., November 2006

“God and Man at Table in Isaiah 25:6: A Banquet of Celebration or a Feast of Destruction?”; Evangelical Theological Society Regional Conference; Lincoln IL, March 2004

PRESENTATIONS

“‘Taste & See’ (Ps 34:8): Food, Faith, and the Psalms”; Evening lecture; Downing House Retreat Center; Denver, CO; 25 August 2021

“Food and the Poetics of Communal Lament”; SBL Virtual Annual Conference; Panel Presentation in ‘Meals in the HB/OT and Its World’ session; 10 November 2020

“Playing with their Food: An Introduction to the Rhetorical Use of Food Language in the Psalter”; Faculty Colloquy; Simpson University; Redding CA; 7 October 2019

“Tell me, what is it you plan to do with your one wild and precious life?” (Mary Oliver)”; Convocation Address, Simpson University; Redding CA; 6 September 2019

“Ordinary Songs for the Journey (Psalms 120-134)”; Church Service in collaboration with Dr. Pinkston (on piano); Redding First Church of the Nazarene; Redding CA; 26 August 2018

“Ash Wednesday: A Journey into Lent”; Chapel/Church Experience in collaboration with Drs. Campbell and Pinkston; Simpson University/Redding First Church of the Nazarene; Redding CA; 1 March 2017

“The Psalms Chapel”; Chapel Experience planned in collaboration with my BIBL 4230 Psalms (Fall 2015) students; Simpson University; Redding CA; 27 January 2016

“Ambling Through the Psalms: A Walking Tour of its Landscape and Language”; Redding First Church of the Nazarene; Redding CA; 15 September 2013

“Remember Not to Forget” (Deuteronomy 6:1-12, 20-24); Baccalaureate Address; Simpson University; Redding CA; 26 April 2013

“Welcoming the Strangers in your Midst” (Deuteronomy 10:12-22); Chapel Address; Simpson University; Redding CA; 4 April 2012

ACADEMIC SERVICE

2018-2020	SU Faculty Writing Group, organizer
2015-2020	SU Faculty Development Committee, co-chair and member
2015-2018	SU Endowed Scholarship Committee, faculty representative
2012-2015	SU CORE Integrative Curriculum Committee, member
2008-2011	SU Student Development Leadership Team, faculty representative
2008-2011	SU Bible & Theology Department, acting chair

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

February 2022-present	<i>Kirby Laing Centre for Public Theology</i> , Associate Fellow; ‘Food, Agriculture, and Land Care’ Research Hub, acting chair
Oct 2021-present	<i>Society of Biblical Literature</i> , Rocky Mountain-Great Plains Region, Program Committee member

2018-present *Society of Biblical Literature*, Annual Conference Program Unit “Meals in the HB/OT and Its World,” Co-chair (2020-present), Steering Committee member (2010-12, 2018-20)

2008-2020 *Christian Scholars Review*, Campus representative, Simpson University

MEMBERSHIPS IN PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

Institute for Biblical Research
Society of Biblical Literature
Tyndale Fellowship for Biblical/Theological Research

MINISTRY EXPERIENCE

June 2021-present *Ministry Retreat Center Host*, Downing House, Denver, CO

2019-2020 *Member*, Simpson University Gospel Choir; Redding, CA

2018-2019 *Co-coordinator*, Attending to the Seasons (quarterly fellowship), Refuge Retreat; Shingletown, CA

2003-2005 *Coordinator*, Graduate School Chapel Program, Wheaton College; Wheaton, IL

summer 2001 *Wilderness Guide Team Leader*, Young Life’s Appalachian Extreme; Canton, NC

Jan 1999-May 2000 *Coordinator*, Young Adult Ministries, Corona Presbyterian Church; Denver, CO

1995-1997 *Full-time Staff*, College & High School Ministry, Young Life; Bryan/College Station, TX

1993-1995 *Part-time Staff*, College Ministry & Missions, First Evangelical Free Church; Austin TX

**summers 1993
1995, 1996** *Volunteer Staff*, Food Manager, Head Cook, Basecamp Coordinator, Young Life’s Wilderness Ranch; Creede, CO

1986-1991 *Volunteer Leader*, High School Ministry, Young Life; Austin, TX