



NEW COLLEGE

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Kirby Laing Centre for Public Theology  
Cambridge, UK

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Morling College,  
Sydney, Australia

### Education

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2012	PhD in Religion and Theology, University of Bristol, UK; Supervisor: Gordon Wenham
2007	MA in Biblical Studies, Denver Seminary
2003	BA in English Literature and Writing, University of Wisconsin— Platteville

### Positions Held

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2023 – present	Dean of Studies & Associate Director of CASE, New College, University of New South Wales, Sydney, Australia
2022 – 2023	Pastor & Director of Theological Training, Lakewood Baptist Church, Gainesville, Georgia
2014 – 2021	Lecturer (= Associate Professor) in Old Testament and Biblical Languages, Malyon Theological College, Brisbane, Australia
2012 – 2014	Faculty in Biblical Studies and Director of Operations, Yellowstone Theological Institute, Bozeman, MT
2011 – 2012	Associate/Adjunct Faculty in Old Testament, Denver Seminary
2009 – 2010	Tutor in Biblical Hebrew, University of Bristol (Trinity College), UK

## **Honors, Awards, and Grants**

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2024 – present	Honorary Fellow, Morling College
2021 – present	Associate Fellow, Kirby Laing Center for Public Theology
2019	Research Grant, Australian College of Theology
2019–present	Honorary Research Fellow, School of Historical and Philosophical Inquiry, University of Queensland, Australia
2014	Young Scholars Summit, sponsored by the Institute of Biblical Research and convened at Tyndale House, Cambridge, UK
2010	Joyce Baldwin-Caine Award in Old Testament, Trinity College, University of Bristol, UK
2007	Zondervan Hebrew Scholar Award, Zondervan Publishing and Denver Seminary, Denver, USA

## **Classes Taught**

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- Old Testament Overview
- Old Testament I: Pentateuch & Former Prophets
- Old Testament II: Latter Prophets & Writings
- Elementary Hebrew A
- Elementary Hebrew B
- Hebrew Tools
- Elementary Greek A
- Elementary Greek B
- Exegesis of Genesis (English; co-taught)
- Exegesis of Deuteronomy (English)
- Exegesis of the Pentateuch (Hebrew)
- Exegesis of 1 & 2 Kings (English)
- Exegesis of the Psalter (English/Hebrew)

## **Publications**

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### **Current Projects**

Under contract      *A Theological Introduction to the Pentateuch*, co-authored with Craig Bartholomew (Intervarsity Academic Press).

### **Books**

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| 2020 | <i>Memoir of Moses: The Literary Creation of Covenantal Memory in Deuteronomy</i> (Fortress Academic).      |
| 2019 | <i>Invited to Know God: The Book of Deuteronomy</i> , The Transformative Word Series (Lexham Press).        |
| 2013 | <i>Puzzling Portraits: Seeing the Old Testament's Confusing Characters as Ethical Models</i> (Wipf & Stock) |

## Book Chapters

- 2018 “In My Father’s House: The Role of Wonder in Proverbs’ Vision of Education,” pp. 254–269, in *Wondering About God Together: Research-Led Learning & Teaching in Theological Education*, Les Ball & Peter G. Bolt, eds. (Macquarie Park, NSW: SCD Press).

## Journal Articles

- 2017 “Of Wedding Songs and Prophecies: Canonical Reading as the Clue to Understanding Psalm 45 as Prophecy,” *Crucible Journal* 8.2
- 2016 “Joining the Journey: Using Memory Research to Help Students Identify with Biblical Events,” *Christian Education Journal*

## Select Publications – Popular

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- 2024 “How Does the Pentateuch Inform Public Theology?” *Ethics in Conversation*, Kirby Laing Centre for Public Theology in Cambridge, UK. Accessible here: <https://kirbylaingcentre.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/11/202411-APT-2-6.pdf>
- 2023 “The Fellowship of the Curious,” *CASE Quarterly* 67, The Centre for Christian Apologetics, Scholarship and Education. Accessible here: <https://www.case.edu.au/blogs/case-subscription-library/the-fellowship-of-the-curious>
- 2021 “An Older Wardrobe: Echoes of Deuteronomy in The Silver Chair,” *A Pilgrim in Narnia* blog. Accessible here: <https://apilgriminnarnia.com/2021/02/02/an-older-wardrobe/>
- 2020 “A Divine Wrinkle in Time: Memory and Mental Time Travel in the Bible,” *The Biblical Mind*, Center for Hebraic Thought. Accessible here: <https://hebraicthought.org/memory-in-the-bible-deuteronomy/>

## Select Academic Papers

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- 2024 “Rabbits and Rock Badgers! What on Earth Was Leviticus for?” Scripture and Hermeneutics Seminar, Kirby Laing Centre for Public Theology in Cambridge, UK. Virtual event.

- 2019 “The Death of Theological Education? A Review and Discussion of Miroslav Volf and Matthew Croasmun’s *For the Life of the World: Theology that Makes a Difference*,” Australia and New Zealand Association of Theological Schools, Auckland, New Zealand.
- 2018 “More than Mindfulness: Memory and the Motivation of Ethics in Deuteronomy,” A Response to Jeremiah Unterman’s *Justice for All: How the Jewish Bible Revolutionized Ethics*, Scripture and Hermeneutics Seminar, Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting. Denver, Colorado, USA.
- 2015 “Joining the Journey: How Cognitive Science Helps Students Identify with Ancient Events,” Australia and New Zealand Association of Theological Schools. Sydney, Australia.
- 2014 “About the Shape of It: How a Canonical Reading Helps Us Understand Psalm 45 Messianically,” Institute of Biblical Research, Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting. San Diego, California, USA.
- 2013 “Modus Operandi? Deuteronomy's Religiosity in Dialogue with Whitehouse's 'Modes of Religiosity'” Society of Biblical Literature Regional Meeting. Denver, Colorado, USA.

### **Professional Memberships & Committees**

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- Society of Biblical Literature
- Institute for Biblical Research
- The Scripture and Hermeneutics Seminar (Co-chairman)
- The Australian & New Zealand Association of Theological Schools (Steering committee, Theological Education Group) (2015–2020)

### **Research Areas**

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- Pentateuch, Psalms, Wisdom literature, Historical books
- Biblical Theology
- Theological Interpretation
- Biblical Narrative
- Memory in the Bible

## Referees

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- Craig Bartholomew  
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