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## EDUCATION

Ph.D., Biblical Studies, University of Manchester, U.K. (2013)

- Dissertation: *Communal Participation in the Spirit: The Corinthian Correspondence in Light of early Jewish Mysticism in the Dead Sea Scrolls*

M.A., Theology with distinction, University of Manchester, U.K. (2009)

- Thesis: *The Motif of Impurity in Mark 5:1-20*

M.Div., with high honors, Oral Roberts University, Tulsa, OK (2003)

B.A., History, *summa cum laude*, Truman State University, Kirksville, MO (1999)

**ACADEMIC SPECIALIZATION:** New Testament; Second Temple Judaism; Dead Sea Scrolls; Early Jewish Mysticism; Religious studies

**LANGUAGES:** Biblical Greek; Biblical Hebrew; German (reading knowledge)

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

### Associate Professor

Oral Roberts University, Undergraduate Theology and Graduate School of Theology and Ministry, Tulsa, OK (Spring 2018-present)

- B.A. Courses: Pauline Epistles; Hebrews and General Epistles; Old Testament Historical Books; Seminar in Theological Research; Church Administration; Teaching the Bible; Senior Paper
- B.A. Courses Online: Luke/Acts (designed); Intertestamental Literature; Historical Geography of the Holy Land; Major Religions of the World.
- Masters Courses: Pauline Theology and Early Jewish Thought
- D.Min.: Applied Research Project Supervision

### Adjunct Professor

Oral Roberts University, Undergraduate Theology, Tulsa, OK (2016-2017)

- B.A. Courses: Introduction to Theology; Contemporary Theology; Ethics; Church Administration; Discipleship and Small Groups; Teaching the Bible
- B.A. Courses Online: Luke/Acts; Parables-Kingdom Seen, Kingdom Come (designed); Survey of New Testament Literature; Intertestamental Literature (designed); Historical Geography of the Holy Land (designed)

### Adjunct Professor

University of Tulsa, Department of Religion and Philosophy, Tulsa, OK (Fall 2017)

- Introduction to Hebrew Bible

### Adjunct Professor

Southwestern Christian University, Broken Arrow, OK (2015-2017)

- B.A. Courses: Pastoral Epistles; Hermeneutics; The Life and Leadership of David; Romans; Wisdom Literature; Christian Professional Ethics; Effective Learning Strategies
- Masters Courses: Systematic Theology I

### Adjunct Professor

Oklahoma Wesleyan University, Tulsa, OK (2014-2017)

- B.A. Courses: Pastoral Care (designed); Inductive Bible Study Romans
- B.A. Courses Online: New Testament Survey; Pastoral Care; Inductive Bible Study Romans; Christian Worldview & Apologetics
- M.A. Courses: The Interpretation of Scripture
- M.A. Courses Online: The Interpretation of Scripture; The Doctrine of the Atonement

#### **Visiting Faculty**

European Nazarene College, Büsingen, Germany (Spring 2014)

- B.A. Course Distance: Pauline Literature

#### **Teaching Assistant**

Nazarene Theological Seminary, Kansas City, MO (Spring 2014)

- Masters Course: Holiness in the Gospels

#### **Visiting Lecturer**

Nazarene Theological College, Manchester, U.K. (2010-2013)

- B.A. Courses: Introduction to Biblical Languages (Greek & Hebrew); Studies in Corinthian Correspondence; Studies in Matthew/Mark
- M.A. Courses: Christian Holiness in Biblical Perspectives; Christian Holiness in Pauline Perspectives

#### **Postgraduate Assistant**

Nazarene Theological College, Manchester, U.K. (2010-2013)

- For Biblical studies department: 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grader for biblical studies courses, Research Supervision at graduate and postgraduate level, Co-teacher
- Assistant to Pastoral Care Group of students
- For Manchester Wesley Research Centre: administration of library, publicity and marketing
- Design & Publicity for Nazarene Theological college: design of publications, prospectus, promotional materials, student guides, work with publicity team on marketing strategies and recruitment

#### **Graduate Teaching Assistant**

Oral Roberts University (2000-2002)

- B.A. Courses: Survey of Old Testament Literature; Survey of New Testament Literature
- Research assistant to Dr. David Dorries on the miraculous in church history

### **HONORS AND AWARDS**

- The Innovation in Online Teaching Award, Oral Roberts University, 2018.
- Manchester Wesley Research Centre Junior Fellowship 2011, 2012, 2013
- Postgraduate Assistantship, Nazarene Theological College 2010-2013

### **PUBLICATIONS**

"Review of Scot McKnight and Joseph B. Modica, eds. *The Apostle Paul and the Christian Life: Ethical and Missional Implications of the New Perspective.*" *Wesleyan Theological Journal* forthcoming.

"Review of Gordon D. Fee, *Jesus the Lord according to Paul the Apostle: a concise introduction.*" *Spiritus: ORU Journal of Theology* 3.1 (2018): 132–135.

"Review of Ben C. Blackwell, John K. Goodrich, and Jason Maston, eds., *Reading Romans in Context: Paul and Second Temple Judaism.*" *Wesleyan Theological Journal* 53.1 (Spring 2018): 192–193.

"Scribe, Critical Issues," in *The Lexham Bible Dictionary* (ed. John D. Barry and Lazarus Wentz; Bellingham, WA: Lexham Press, 2015).

"Acrocorinth," in *The Lexham Bible Dictionary* (ed. John D. Barry and Lazarus Wentz; Bellingham, WA: Lexham Press, 2015).

"Review of Markus Bockmuehl, *Simon Peter in Scripture and Memory: The New Testament Apostle in the Early Church*." *Evangelical Quarterly* 86.2 (April 2014): 179–180.

"Southern Clerical View of Slavery in the Late Antebellum South." In *The Apprentice Historian* 6 (1999).

## CONFERENCE/SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS

"Sanctified but not Saved: Paul's Contagious Marital Holiness in 1 Cor 7:14," Society for Pentecostal Studies and Wesleyan Theological Society, Cleveland, TN, 10 March 2018

"Piety and Sacrament: John Wesley and the Practice of Spiritual Disciplines," V17 Values Conference, Florissant, MO, 20 May 2017 [[website](#)]

"What would Paul say? 'Present your bodies as living sacrifices or as a living sacrifice;' and why should we care? A close read of Romans 12:1-2," Wesleyan Theological Society, Asbury Theological Seminary, 3-4 March, 2017

"Don't Dis the *RUAH*: Jewish Mysticism's Disregard of *RUAH*'s Theophanic Agency in Ezekiel," Society of Biblical Literature, San Antonio, Texas, November 2016 [[website](#)]

"Communal Edification: Paul's *Unprofitable*? Heavenly Ascent Reconsidered," Nazarene Theological Seminary Research Seminar, Kansas City, MO, 22 January 2014

"Reading 2 Cor 3:18 Corporately: Beholding, Transformation, and Theosis?" Invited paper, One-Day Theology Conference, Nazarene Theological College, Manchester, UK, 15 June 2013 [[website](#)]

"'Because of the Angels': Revisiting Paul's temple metaphor through the *Songs of the Sabbath Sacrifice*," Ehrhardt Seminar, University of Manchester, UK, 28 April 2013 [[website](#)]

"Beholding with One Face: a Communal Reading of 2 Cor 3:18 in light of the Dead Sea Scrolls," Durham, Manchester, Sheffield Postgraduate Conference, (University of Durham), Durham, UK, 21 March 2013

"Temple Communities and Communion in Temples: Insights into Paul's temple metaphor through an angelic liturgy," Durham, Manchester, Sheffield Postgraduate Conference, (University of Sheffield), Sheffield, UK, 23 April 2012

"'Because of the Angels': Revisiting Paul's temple metaphor through the *Songs of the Sabbath Sacrifice*," Nazarene Theological College Postgraduate Research Seminar, Manchester, UK, 20 April 2012

"The spirit of God in the *Hodayot* as the means of revelation, purification, transformation and union with the heavenly assembly," Nazarene Theological College Postgraduate Research Seminar, Manchester, UK, 14 January 2011

"The Role of the Spirit of God in the *Hodayot*," Durham, Manchester, Sheffield Postgraduate Conference, (University of Manchester), Manchester, UK, 10 March 2011

"*Ruach* and Mysticism in Ezekiel," MWRC Colloquium, Manchester, UK, 17 June 2011 [[website](#)]

## MINISTRY EXPERIENCE

### Advisory Board Member

Core Church, Broken Arrow, OK (2014-2017)

- Teach Discovery Class; Prayer ministry; Small group leader; offering counter

### Volunteer

Vinlife Church, Manchester, UK (2009-2013)

- Life Group Leader; Street Outreach to homeless; Barnabas Soup Kitchen; taught university student Bible study; led Alpha small group; Sound Team member; participant in community outreach projects; occasional preaching.

### Church Administrator/Youth Ministry Administrator

Family Church, Tulsa/Broken Arrow, OK (2002-2008)

- Oversaw all aspects of the church office, including phone system, computers, scheduling, databases, church publications, mailings, weekly bulletins, newsletters, mass emails, Phone Tree, office volunteers, building maintenance, filing, and organization.

- Youth Ministry Administrator: worked with youth pastor, creative sessions, strategic planning, curriculum development, logos, website updates, publications, mailings, special youth events, mission trips, camps, worship, and retreats. Taught, preached, led worship, and led youth small groups.
- Led young adult/college student small group.
- Audio/visual team member.
- Nazarene Minister's License (Northeast Oklahoma District) 2007, 2008.

#### **Internship**

John 3:16 Mission, Tulsa, OK (2001-2002)

- Taught *Anger Management*; worked with counselor for the Men's Recovery Program and Men's Night Shelter.

#### **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

British New Testament Society (BNTS)

Manchester Wesley Research Centre (MWRC) Junior Research Fellow – Biblical Studies

Society of Biblical Literature (SBL)

Wesleyan Theological Society

Textbook & Academic Authors Association