

CURRICULUM VITAE

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AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

New Testament Studies; Early Christianity and Judaism in Late Antiquity; Greek Language; Hebrew Language; Intertestamental Literature; Rabbinics; Old Testament Studies; Jewish-Christian Dialogue and Interfaith Relationships in Cross-Cultural Studies.

EDUCATION

B.A. - Oral Roberts University (1978); Major concentration, Hebrew Old Testament; Minor concentration, Greek New Testament. Jerusalem University College (1973-1974). M.A. Hebrew University Jerusalem Israel, Major concentration Early Christianity; Minor Concentration Early Judaism (1981). Ph.D. Hebrew University, Specialization in New Testament Studies and the Jewish Beginnings of Christianity (Comparative Religions Department, 1986).

EXPERIENCE

Founded and ministered in Christian Coffee House, "The House of the Risen Son" Sapulpa, OK (1969-1972); Taught Modern Hebrew (Assistantship at Oral Roberts University, 1976-1978); Associate Pastor at Narkis Street Baptist Congregation, Jerusalem, Israel (1979-1987); Supervised Hebrew Language Division (American Ulpan, Jerusalem, Israel 1980-1981); Compiled cross references for the New International Version (Zondervan Publishing House, 1981-1982); Assisted research for Prof. David Flusser, (Hebrew University in Jerusalem, 1982-1986); Served as General Editor for David Flusser's book, Judaism and the Origins of Christianity (Magnes Press, 1988); Taught at the Institute of Holy Land Studies (now Jerusalem University College) (on early Christianity and rabbinics, 1987); Lectured in Comparative Religions Department, Hebrew University of Jerusalem (on gospel research and the Jewish sources of early Christianity, 1985-1987); Participated in Ecumenical Theological Research Fraternity in Israel and the Israel Inter-faith Committee (1979-1987); Lectured in AIPAC Conference, Tulsa (1992); Serves on editorial board of the *Compendia Rerum Iudaicarum ad Novum Testamentum* (1991-present); Active Participant in Jewish and Christian Dialogue Group in Tulsa; Occupies position as Professor of New Testament Studies, Graduate School of Theology and Missions , Oral Roberts University (also teaching Biblical and Mishnaic Hebrew, Jewish Background of Christianity, Dead Sea Scrolls, Rabbinics and intertestamental literature, 1987 to the present).

LITERARY ACTIVITIES

Books

The Prayer of Jesus: the Jewish Theology of Jewish Prayer (book manuscript in final preparation); Meet the Rabbis: Rabbinic Thought and the Teachings of Jesus (Peabody, MA: Hendrickson Publishers, 2010); Hebrew Heritage Bible Translation the Gospel of John (Hebrew Heritage Bible Society: Tulsa, 2009); Dr. Young is presently working on a Bible translation, The Book of Romans (published on the web, www.gospelresearch.org, 2006); the first book, the Gospel of Luke was published as The Hebrew Heritage Translation of the Gospel of Luke (Tulsa, OK: Gospel Research Foundation, 2002; republished on the web, www.gospelresearch.org, 2007); The Parables of Jesus in the Light of Christian Interpretation and Jewish Tradition (Peabody, MA: Hendrickson Publications, 1998, Second Edition June 2000; Third Edition 2003; Fifth Printing February, 2007); Paul the Jewish Theologian (Peabody, MA: Hendrickson Publications, 1997, Second Edition March 1999; Third Edition 2001; Fifth Printing, December 2006); Jesus the Jewish Theologian (Peabody, MA: Hendrickson Publications, 1995, Fourth Edition 1999; Fifth Edition 2002; Sixth Printing, September 2004); Jesus and His Jewish Parables (Paulist Press, 1989; Second Edition in Tulsa, OK: Gospel Research Foundation, 1999); The Jewish Background to the Lord's Prayer (Center for Judaic-Christian Studies: Dayton, OH, 1984) (Second Edition Tulsa, OK: Gospel Research Foundation 1999, Third Edition 2001).

Editorial Work

Dr. Young serves on the board of editors for the *Compendia Rerum Iudaicarum ad Novum Testamentum* series in the division titled, "Jewish Traditions in Early Christian Literature." The following books have been published as a part of this series: J. VanderKam and W. Adler, The Jewish Apocalyptic Heritage in Early Christianity (*Compendia Rerum Iudaicarum ad Novum Testamentum* series 1996); D. Runia, Philo in Early Christian Literature (*Compendia Rerum Iudaicarum ad Novum Testamentum* series 1993); H. Schreckenberg and K. Schubert, Jewish Historiography and Iconography in Early and Medieval Christianity (*Compendia Rerum Iudaicarum ad Novum Testamentum* series 1992); P. Tomson, Paul and the Jewish Law: Halakha in the Letters of the Apostle to the Gentiles, (*Compendia Rerum Iudaicarum ad Novum Testamentum* series 1990); Dr. Young worked as the general editor of David Flusser's book, Judaism and the Origins of Christianity (Magnes Press: Jerusalem, 1989).

Articles Published

"Jesus, the Cross, and the Jewish People in First Century Israel" Jerusalem School of Synoptic Studies (forthcoming); "Jesus the Jewish Theologian" Restore Magazine, 2001; "Jewish Grace in Jesus' Parables" Restore Magazine, 1996; "'Save the Adulteress!' Ancient Jewish Responsa in the Gospels?" New Testament Studies (Cambridge University, vol. 41, 1995); "Leviticus," Spirit-Filled Bible (Nelson: Nashville, 1993); "The Ascension Motif of 2 Corinthians 12 in Jewish, Christian and Gnostic Texts," Grace Theological Journal 9.1 (1988), pp. 73-103; "Targum," International Standard Bible Encyclopedia (Wm.B. Eerdmans,

revised edition, 1988), vol. 4, pp. 727-733; "Who is My Neighbor? " Bible Times (1987), pp. 24-25; "Jewish Scholarship and Jesus" Immanuel 19 (1984\5), pp. 102-106; "The First Comparative Concordance for the Synoptic Gospels," Immanuel 20 (1986), pp. 38-44 ; "The Cross, Jesus and the Jewish People" Immanuel 24/25 (1990), pp. 23-34; "The Parable as a Literary Genre in Rabbinic Literature and in the Gospels," Ph.D. Dissertation at the Hebrew University (1986); co-authored an article with David Flusser, "Messianic Blessings in Jewish and Christian Texts" Judaism and the Origins of Christianity (Magnes Press: Jerusalem, 1988), pp. 280-300; "Two of Jesus' Parables and the Prophetic Day of the Lord," M.A. Thesis (Hebrew University); "Paul's Use of the Scriptures in his Epistle to the Romans" UCCI Theological Papers (No. 1) June, 1983.

CONFERENCES AND PROFESSIONAL MEETINGS (SELECT)

Narkis Street Baptist Congregation, Jerusalem Israel, "Gospel Studies Lectures," (1982); United Christian Council in Israel Theological Lecture Series, Jerusalem, Israel (1983); Lecturer for Study Tours of the Center of Judaic Christian Studies, Bridges for Peace and Christ for the Nations, Jerusalem, Israel (1983-5); Guest and research consultant for twelve part series produced for Trinity Broadcast Network by Yavo, Inc. and the Center for Judaic Christian Studies, "The Quest: The Jewish Jesus," filmed in Israel and Oklahoma City (1984); Ecumenical Theological Research Fraternity, "New Testament Research in Jerusalem," Jerusalem, Israel (1985); Guest Lecturer at HaKeshet Fellowship Meetings, Life Discovery Bible Institute of International Gospel Center, Bridges for Peace and First United Methodist Church, all of Tulsa, Oklahoma (1987-88); Society of Biblical Literature, Southwest Regional Meeting, "The Methodology of the Jerusalem School of Synoptic Research," Dallas, Texas (1987); Society of Biblical Literature, Southwest Regional Colloquium, "The Parables of Jesus: Critique of Brandon Scott's Hear then the Parable," Tulsa, Oklahoma (1988); Guest on programs of "Interfaith," produced by KOTV channel 6 (1987-89); Presentation to the Tulsa Jewish Christian Interfaith Dialogue Group, "Gospel and Rabbinic Parables" (1988); Speaker in "Voices of Faith" of the National Conference of Christians and Jews Interfaith Dialogue Series, Tulsa, Oklahoma (1989); Lecturer in all four, National Conferences of the Foundations of Our Faith, sponsored by Yavo Ministries and the Center for Judaic Christian Studies the last of which was convened in Austin, Texas (1990); Lecturer in Bridges for Peace Conferences in Denver, Colorado (1992, 1994, 1996, 2000); Guest Speaker for the Devar Torah Sermon, at the Egalitarian Synagogue of Jewish Theological Seminary, New York, New York (December, 1993); KOTV - Channel 6, Speaker in "In the Footsteps of Jesus Series" (1994); Speaker in 14th National Workshop on Christian Jewish Relations sponsored by National Conference of Christians and Jews (Tulsa, 1994); Feast of Pentecost Conference, Jerusalem, Israel (1995); Guest Speaker at the Jesus 2000 International Conference, sponsored by the Jerusalem School of Synoptic Studies and the Centre for the Study of Biblical Research, Jerusalem, Israel (1996); Guest Speaker at the Feast of Pentecost Celebration, Jerusalem (1996); Speaker for Jerusalem Conference, Little Rock, AR (1997- 2000); Lecturer for Centre for the Study of Biblical Research, Ontario, CA (1997-2000); Host and Sponsor as well as one of the speakers for the Gospel Research Foundation's "Our Hebrew Heritage and Gospel Research International Interfaith

Conferences," Tulsa, OK (1998-2001); Guest Lecturer for one week course, "Moses and the Torah in Early Christianity," at Trinity Episcopal Seminary, Pittsburgh, PA (1998); Guest Speaker for Christian Believers United, "The Power of Pentecost in Jewish Tradition and the New Testament Faith," Ridgecrest, NC (1998-2001); Guest Speaker for Blossoming Rose Ministries, Bridgeman, MI (1998-2000); Lecturer for Chapel of the Cross, Dallas TX (1999); Lecturer for Kehilat Dvar HaShem, Houston, TX (1999-2000); Tour Host on 12 Day Israel Study Tour for Gospel Research Foundation (2000); Seminar Speaker for Joy of Israel, Westport, CT (2000); Seminar Speaker for Adat Yeshua, Kansas City, MO (1999-2000); Taught at Jerusalem University College, "Jesus and His Times", Jerusalem, Israel (2000); Guest Speaker for First United Methodist Carpenters' Class Retreat, Tulsa, OK (2001); Paper presentation, "The Power of Pentecost: Word and Spirit as Points of Convergence for Christianity and Judaism in the First Century" for the Society of Pentecostal Studies, Tulsa, OK (2001); "The Parables of Jesus" lecture given at Ecumenical Theological Research Fraternity Symposium to Honor David Flusser, Jerusalem, Israel (2001); Asian-Pacific Conference on Discipleship, Kopula Lampur, Malaysia (2001); "Jerusalem in the Perspective of Christians through the Centuries" National Committee for Community and Justice Trialogue Series (2002); "Jewish Festivals in the Time of Jesus," Pentecost Conference, Christian Believers United, Ridgecrest North Carolina (2003); "Jewish Sects in the Time of Jesus," Jerusalem Conference, Little Rock, Arkansas (2004); "Teaching Rabbinic Literature to Christian Students," Hebrew Union College, Cincinnati, Ohio (2005); "Leadership and Discipleship in the Kingdom of Heaven" and "The Relevance of Rabbinic Literature for New Testament Studies" Jerusalem Perspective Conference, Jerusalem, Israel (2006). Orthodox and Evangelical Dialogue, lectures given with Rabbi Sh. Riskin's Center for Jewish and Christian Understanding and Co-operation (Jerusalem, 2012).

HONORS

Graduated cum laude, 1978 Oral Roberts University; Recipient of Fellowship Grants from the Hebrew University's Institute for Philosophy and History for the years 1980, 1981, 1982 and 1983. Recipient of Fellowship Grant from the Center for Judaic-Christian Studies for the year 1984. Outstanding Student of the Hebrew University's Faculty of Humanities' 1981 Graduating Class (Valedictorian honor awarded on the basis of grade point average). Faculty Service Award (ORU, 1991, 1993); President University Faculty Senate (ORU, 1994); Nominee from the School of Theology for the Scholar of the Year Award (ORU, 2003); National Conference for Community and Justice Interfaith Award (October, 2004).

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Israel Interfaith Association; The Jerusalem School of Synoptic Studies; The Center for Judaic-Christian Studies; The Ecumenical Theological Research Fraternity in Israel; Society of Biblical Literature; The National Conference of Christians and Jews; The Tulsa Interfaith Dialogue Groups; Midwest Jewish Studies Association. 14th National Conference Workshop Executive and Planning Committees; Bridges for Peace, Advisory Board; Jewish Christian

Dialogue Group; Knippa Lecture Board, Grace Lutheran Church; Jerusalem School of Synoptic Studies; The Gospel Research Foundation, founder and president; Boy Scouts of America.

PERSONAL BACKGROUND

Born - Tulsa, Oklahoma, August 4, 1955; Father - Sen. John W. Young, attorney and state legislator; Mother - Mrs. Claudeen Humes Young, school teacher; Brothers John M. Young, attorney; David Lee Young, President and CEO of H & I Engineering ; no sisters; wife, Mrs. Gayle Brazil Young, (married October 9, 1999); one child - Matthew David Young; Religious affiliation - Brad and Gayle Young worship at Fellowship Bible Church, Tulsa, Oklahoma.

GOALS AND ASPIRATIONS

To pursue a career of teaching, research and writing; To produce a corrected, expanded, updated version of Paul Billerbeck's Kommentar zum Neuen Testament aus Talmud und Midrasch in English; To produce a new translation of the Bible; To write a study New Testament for the popular reader; To provide educational opportunities through the Gospel Research Foundation for local church and civic groups; To effectively combat Anti-Semitism through educational exchange and academic research; To enable Christians to discover the Jewish heritage of their faith; To encourage travel seminars to Israel for interfaith understanding; To achieve academic excellence while fostering spiritual growth to maturity in the attainment of the Kingdom of heaven in Graduate Education; To pursue excellence in theological education at Oral Roberts University.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

DR. BRAD H. YOUNG

Dr. Brad H. Young fills the tenured position of Professor of Biblical Studies in the Graduate School of Theology at Oral Roberts University. In 1986, he completed work on his doctorate at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem, Israel in the field of Comparative Religions. Brad is a native of Sapulpa, Oklahoma who went to Israel for the first time in 1972. After experiencing Israel and exploring the historical beginnings of his Christian faith, he decided to devote his life to a career in research and education. He completed his B.A. at ORU, and then traveled to Israel for further studies. In 1978, he entered the graduate program at the Hebrew University where he studied the beginnings of Christianity and early Judaism. While working on his two graduate degrees at the Hebrew University, he served as Research Assistant to Prof. David Flusser and was the general editor of Flusser's 750 page book, *Judaism and the Origins of Christianity*.

From 1985-1987, he taught early Christianity at the Hebrew University in the Comparative Religions Department. Brad is one of the founding scholars of the Jerusalem School of Synoptic Studies and has been involved with interfaith dialogue in Israel and America. In Israel, he also worked closely with Dr. Robert L. Lindsey in active ministry and New Testament research. He specializes in the Jewish background to early Christianity. He has contributed to scholarly journals and has spoken at numerous academic and religious conferences. He has served on the Board of Editors for the scholarly series on "Jewish Traditions in early Christianity" for the foundation of the Compendia in Amsterdam and Jerusalem. In 1989 Paulist Press published a revision of his doctoral dissertation, *Jesus and His Jewish Parables*, where Brad explored the close relationship between the message of Jesus' parables and their Jewish counterparts in rabbinic literature. His work has challenged the roots of anti-Semitism and anti-Judaism in New Testament scholarship as it places Jesus within the religious world of the first century. Brad has achieved recognition in his academic work in the disciplines of New Testament, Hebrew language, rabbinic literature, Middle Eastern culture, Jewish thought and archaeology. He regularly teaches classes on the Parables of Jesus, the Jewish Background of the Gospels, the life of the Apostle Paul as a Jewish apostle to the Gentiles, Rabbinic Literature, Jewish Apocalyptic Literature and the Dead Sea Scrolls. Brad has prepared Christian leaders and pastors for effective ministry. A number of his former students are working on Ph.D. degrees at Jewish academic institutions.

In addition to teaching full time and speaking at seminars and conferences around the world, Brad has maintained a strong commitment to research and writing. The Gospel Research Foundation facilitates his work as an author and teacher. Hendrickson Publishers released his widely acclaimed book, *Jesus the Jewish Theologian*, a book that opens up the Jewish world of Jesus and helps readers probe the deeper meaning of his teachings. The sequel book, *Paul the Jewish Theologian*, places the apostle firmly within his Hebrew heritage while working among Christians, Jews and Gentiles. It demonstrates the continuity between the Torah and the Gospel. Hendrickson also released his extensive work, *The Parables: Jewish Tradition and Christian Interpretation* which compares the Gospel texts with rabbinic literature. His first book on the parables, developed a methodology for comparative study, exploring 125 rabbinic parables and their connection to the Gospel texts. The newer

book takes that methodology and applies it to the Gospel parables using Jewish texts and Christian interpretations. One third of everything Jesus said in the Synoptic Gospels is recorded in parables. This book is a comprehensive commentary for this one third of Jesus' message rooted deeply in the authentic Jewish context for his life and ministry.

Active in his church and community, he has worked to place the best of academic learning the service of the people. He is a frequent speaker in church and civic groups. In his years on the graduate theology faculty at Oral Roberts University, he has sought to build bridges of understanding between the Jewish and Christian communities. Having lived in Israel for nearly ten years, Brad has worked to help Christians in America better understand Israeli society and culture as well as the complexities of Middle East politics.

As an internationally recognized authority on the life and teachings of Jesus, Brad has had a remarkable impact. His work has challenged listeners to return Jesus to his own culture, time and people, to the distant and foreign world of late Second Temple Period Judaism. Students, laity and clergy alike are challenged to pluck up their courage and to hear the teachings of Jesus afresh. Having broad appeal, Brad's teaching seminars attract both Catholics and mainline Protestants, evangelicals and Charismatics in church meetings, civic groups or academic settings.

Whether through writing, teaching or public speaking, Brad's message always enlightens, stimulates and stretches his audiences. His passion is studying and teaching about Jesus presented in the Gospel texts, against the rich and diverse backdrop of ancient Judaism. For such a task, having lived studied, and taught in Jerusalem ten years, Brad is uniquely qualified.