

# Curriculum Vitae

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### EDUCATION

- 2012 **Doctor of Philosophy in Theology**  
Faculty of Theology, University of St. Michael's College, Toronto  
School of Theology, University of Toronto  
*Dissertation: John, Elijah, or One of the Prophets: How the Markan Reader Understands Jesus Through John/Elijah*  
Dissertation Supervisor: Dr. Terence L. Donaldson
- 2004 **Master of Theology**  
Biblical Department, Vancouver School of Theology  
*Thesis: The Gospel of Matthew's Construction of Christian Identity through the Stereotyping of the Pharisees,*  
Thesis Supervisor: Dr. Dietmar Neufeld
- 2003 **Master of Theological Studies**  
Vancouver School of Theology, Vancouver, B.C.
- 1979-1981 **Fine Arts: Classical Music Major (Bassoon)**  
Cleveland Institute of Music

### TEACHING APPOINTMENTS

#### Full Time Appointment

- 2015-2018 **Lecturer, Biblical Studies,**  
Codrington College (Barbados)
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|---|------------|
| <i>Introduction to Old Testament</i>          | (THEO1001) |
| <i>Introduction to New Testament</i>          | (THEO1002) |
| <i>Introduction to New Testament Greek</i>    | (THEO1010) |
| <i>Biblical Exegesis and Hermeneutics</i>     | (THEO2020) |
| <i>The Canonical Gospels</i>                  | (THEO2025) |
| <i>Deuteronomy and Deuteronomical History</i> | (THEO3004) |
| <i>Israelite Wisdom</i>                       | (THEO3003) |
| <i>Biblical Apocalyptic Theology</i>          | (THEO3005) |
| <i>Pauline Corpus</i>                         | (THEO3011) |
| <i>Themes in Old Testament Prophecy</i>       | (THEO3012) |

## Sessional Appointments

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| 2019-Present | <b>Course Supervisor (Online)</b><br><u>Thorneloe University</u><br><i>Introduction to the New Testament</i> (THEO 1070)  |
| 2014-Present | <b>Adjunct Professor (Online)</b><br><u>School of Ministry, University of Dallas</u><br><i>Pauline Literature</i> (RPS 6V77 DL1)<br><i>Introduction to the New Testament</i> (RPS 6322 DL1)   |
| 2012         | <b>Adjunct Professor</b><br><u>Vancouver School of Theology</u><br><i>The Synoptic Gospels</i> (NT500)  |
| 2010/2011    | <b>Lecturer</b><br><u>Native Ministries Program, Vancouver School of Theology</u><br>(Native Ministries Outreach Program in Prince Rupert, Hazelton, Bella Bella, and Bella Coola, BC)<br><i>Introduction to the Study of the New Testament</i> |
| 2009         | <b>Adjunct Professor</b><br><u>Vancouver School of Theology</u><br><i>Paul</i> (NT105)  |
| 2008         | <b>Visiting Instructor</b><br><u>Vancouver School of Theology at Sorrento Centre, BC</u><br><i>Matthew's Gospel</i> (D08NT001)  |
| 2005         | <b>Sessional Instructor</b><br><u>Vancouver School of Theology</u><br><i>Introductory New Testament Greek</i> (NT205)   |

## Appointments as Teaching Assistant

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| 2019-Present | <b>Grading Tutor for Dr. Patricia Dutcher-Walls</b><br>Professor of Hebrew Bible<br><u>Vancouver School of Theology</u><br><i>Introduction to Hebrew Bible</i> (HB500)                               |
| 2008         | <b>Teaching Assistant to Dr. Ann Jarvis,</b><br><b>Professor of New Testament</b><br><u>Toronto School of Theology</u><br><i>Paul on Character and Ethics in the First Century Context</i> (TRB3719) |

(Teaching Assistant Appointments, continued)

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| 2006      | <b>Teaching Assistant to Dr. Ann Jervis,<br/>Professor of New Testament<br/><u>Toronto School of Theology</u></b><br><i>Paul on Character and Ethics in the First Century Context</i><br>(TRB3719/6719)  |
| 2004      | <b>Teaching Assistant to Dr. Colleen Shantz,<br/>Associate Professor of Christian Origins and Biblical Studies<br/><u>Toronto School of Theology</u></b><br><i>Jesus in the New Testament</i><br>(SMB1501)   |
| 2004      | <b>Teaching Assistant to Dr. Lloyd Gaston,<br/>Professor of New Testament<br/><u>Vancouver School of Theology</u></b><br><i>Paul</i><br>(NT105)  |
| 2003-2007 | <b>Teaching Assistant<br/><u>Summer School, Vancouver School of Theology</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◆ Reginald Bibby<br/>(<i>Restless God and Restless Churches</i>)</li><li>◆ Michael Battle<br/>(<i>A Christian Spirituality of Restorative Justice</i>)</li><li>◆ Mark Noll and David Livingstone<br/>(<i>Science and Belief</i>)</li><li>◆ Marcus Borg<br/>(<i>Conversations About Jesus</i>)</li><li>◆ Elisabeth Schüssler Fiorenza<br/>(<i>Wisdom Ways: An Introduction to Feminist Biblical Interpretation</i>)</li><li>◆ Matthew Fox<br/>(<i>Science, Mysticism and Faith</i>)</li><li>◆ Walter Vogels<br/>(<i>The Religious Language of Job</i>)</li><li>◆ William Countryman<br/>(<i>Christian Spirituality</i>)</li><li>◆ John Dominic Crossan<br/>(<i>The Historical Jesus Then and Now: The Challenge of the Kingdom of God</i>)</li></ul> |

◆ Alan Jones

*(The Betrayal of God by Religion: The Struggle and Gift  
of the Spirit in an Age of Warring Fundamentalisms)*

*(Teaching Assistant Appointments, continued)*

2003                    **Teaching Assistant to Dr. Jim Lindenberger,  
Professor of Hebrew Bible**  
Vancouver School of Theology

*Deuteronomistic History*

2003                    **Teaching Assistant to Dr. William R. Crockett,  
Professor of Theology**  
Native Ministries, Vancouver School of Theology

*Christology*

**Guest Lecturer**

2014                    **In *Creating Jesus: The Historical Jesus in Scholarship, Film &  
Fiction*, Taught by Dr. Harry Maier**                    (NT613/713)  
Vancouver School of Theology

Presented “Hayden White’s Historiography and the Historical  
Jesus”

2006                    **In *Paul on Character and Ethics in the First Century Context*  
Taught by Dr. Ann Jervis**                    (TRB3719/6719)  
Toronto School of Theology

Presented “Stoic Philosophy” as part of Course Taught by

**EDITORIAL APPOINTMENTS**

2013-Present           **Book Review Editor: Biblical Studies**  
Anglican Theological Review

2014-2016             **Section Editor: Christianity**  
De Gruyter Open

**REVIEW APPOINTMENTS**

2014                    **Paper Reviewer**  
Theological Studies  
Anglican Theological Review

## AWARDS AND PRIZES

- 2005 The Albert H. Morrison and Kate Cairns post-graduate scholarship for the student(s) graduating from the Vancouver School of Theology in the preceding three years with the highest standing in the entire theological program.
- 2004 The George R. Gordon Prize for highest standing in Biblical History and Literature, awarded by the Biblical Department of the Vancouver School of Theology in 2004.
- 2004 The Principal's Graduate Award awarded by the Principal of the Vancouver School of Theology.

## RESEARCH CONTRIBUTIONS

### Book Chapters

Forthcoming: "Matthew's Trojan Horse: The Construction of Christian Identity in the Sermon on the Mount through a Stereotype of the Scribes and Pharisees," in *Paul and Matthew among Jews and Gentiles. Essays in Honour of Terence L. Donaldson*, edited by Ronald Charles (London • New York: Bloomsbury).

"Genesis 22 and 9/11," in *Readings on the Bible*, edited by Mark Roncace (Point of View Publishing, 2019).

"The Dark Side of the Sermon on the Mount," in *Engaging Scripture*, edited by Mark Roncace (Point of View Publishing, 2019).

"The Dark Side of the Sermon on the Mount," in *Reflections on the Bible*, edited by Mark Roncace (Point of View Publishing, 2019).

"The Dark Side of the Sermon on the Mount," in *Perspectives on the Bible*, edited by Mark Roncace (Point of View Publishing, 2019).

"The Dark Side of the Sermon on the Mount," in *Issues in New Testament Interpretation*, edited by Mark Roncace (Point of View Publishing, 2019).

"Is Jesus Divine in Mark?," in *Issues in New Testament Interpretation*, edited by Mark Roncace (Point of View Publishing, 2019).

"Romans 13.1-7: The Strategic Inconsistency of the Apostle Paul," in *From Rome to Beijing: Symposia on Robert Jewett's Commentary on Romans*, edited by K. K. Yeo (Lincoln, NE: Kairos Studies, 2013).

### Articles

"Study Guide for Issue on the Theological Interpretation of Scripture" (with Don Collett), in *The Anglican Theological Review*, Fall 2017 (Volume 99/4).

"One Really Striking Minor Agreement: TIS ESTIN O PAISAS SE in Matthew 26:68 and Luke 22:64," in *Novum Testamentum*, 2010 (Volume 52) 313-333.

(Research Contribution, continued)

## Reviews

“Fortress Commentary on the Bible: The Old Testament and Apocrypha,” Edited by Gale A. Yee, Hugh R Page Jr., and Matthew J. M. Coomber. (Minneapolis: Fortress, 2014) in *The Anglican Theological Review*, Fall 2015 (Volume 97/4) 744-745.

“The Jesus Sayings: The Quest for His Authentic Message,” by Rex Weyler (Toronto: House of Anansi Press, 2008) *The Pacific Rim Review of Books*, Spring 2008 (Issue 8) 20.

“Cross-Cultural Paul: Journeys to Others, Journey to Ourselves,” by Charles H Cosgrove, Herold Weiss and Khiok-KhngYeo (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2005) in *Toronto Journal of Theology*, Spring 2007 (Volume 23/1) 61-63.

“Colossians Remixed: Subverting the Empire,” by Brian J. Walsh and Sylvia C. Keesmat (Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 2004) in *Toronto Journal of Theology*, Fall 2005 (Volume 21/1) 280-81.

## Papers Presented at Scholarly Societies

Will Present *Children of the Devil: John 8:44 and the Theology of Hate* in the Early Jewish Christian Relations Unit, at the annual meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, 2019.

Will Present *For Those Who Don't Have an Ear to Hear: Mark 14:47, Matthew 26:51-52, and Luke 22:36, 38* in the Synoptic Gospels Unit, at the annual meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, 2019.

*Matthew's Trojan Horse: The Construction of Christian Identity in the Sermon on the Mount through a Stereotype of the Scribes and Pharisees*, at the Vancouver School of Theology's September Research Colloquium, 2019.

*The Dark Side of the Sermon on the Mount* at the Vancouver School of Theology Research Associates Hosted Dialogue, February 2019.

*The Merit of Abraham and the Christ Follower: The Purpose of Paul's Use of Abraham in Romans 4* in the Jewish-Christian Dialogue and Sacred Texts Program Unit, at the annual meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, 2017.

*Hallelujah, He is Risen! (Elijah, that is...)* in the Christian Theology and the Bible Program Unit, at the annual meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, 2017.

*The Meta-Historical Jesus: Or, What Has the Historical Jesus Done for Me Lately (and How Did He Do It?)* in the Historical Jesus Unit, at the annual meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, 2015.

*The Point of Entry of the Virtual Self: A Perspective on Perspective Criticism*, in the Special Session on Perspective Criticism, at the annual meeting of the Canadian Society of Biblical Studies, 2014.

(Research Contribution, continued)

*Performing Mark in the Context of the Early Jesus Movement* in the Performance Criticism of Biblical and Other Ancient Texts Unit, at the annual meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, 2013.

Review of Gary Yamasaki's *Perspective Criticism: Point of View and Evaluative Guidance in Biblical Narrative* (Eugene: Cascade Book, 2012) at the annual Pacific Northwest Regional meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, 2013.

*Is 1 Peter's Attempt Of Casting Off The Mechanisms Of Social Control In A Responsible Manner Successful?* in the Letters of James, Peter, and Jude Unit, at the annual meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, 2011.

*The Power and Powerlessness of Jesus in the Gospel of Mark*, at the annual Pacific Northwest Regional meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, 2010.

*Delirious Interpretation (or, 'Why do I keep seeing Skyscrapers Falling Behind Jesus in the Bible')* in the Reading, Theory and the Bible Unit, at the annual meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, 2009.

*The Pauline Machine: The Apostle and His Interpreters Meet Deleuze and Guattari* in the Biblical Criticism and Literary Criticism Program Unit, at the annual meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, 2008.

*Romans 13.1-7: The Strategic Inconsistency of the Apostle Paul* at the Roundtable Symposium on Robert Jewett's Hermeneia Commentary on Paul's Letter to the Romans, a Peter Kaye Event at the Vancouver School of Theology, May 2008.

*One Really Striking Minor Agreement: "TIS ESTIN HO PAISAS SE" in Matthew 26:68 and Luke 22:64* in the Q Program Unit, at the annual meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, 2007.

*The Gospel of Matthew's Construction of Christian Identity through the Stereotyping of the Pharisees* in the Construction of Christian Identities Program Unit, at the annual meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, 2006.

*Is Peter Rehabilitated in the Gospel of Matthew?* in the Matthew Section, at the annual meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, 2005.

Respondent to lecture entitled *In Search of Paul: How Jesus' Apostle Opposed Rome's Empire with God's Kingdom* by Dr. John Dominic Crossan, as part of the Vancouver School of Theology Chalmer's Summer School Special Presentations.

Respondent to paper on Matthew 27:24 entitled *Matthew 27:24 and the Less Pious Reading* by Ryan Wettlaufer of Wycliffe College in a Toronto School of Theology Biblical Department Seminar in February 2005.

## **Membership in Learned Societies**

Society of Biblical Literature

Canadian Society of Biblical Studies

Catholic Biblical Studies

Anglican Association of Biblical Scholars

Westar Institute

The Context Group

The Greater Vancouver Biblical Colloquium

## **Miscellanea**

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| 2011 | Received Honourable Mention in the Anglican Church of Canada's "Marks of Mission" nationwide song composition competition for "Sanctus."   |
| 2010 | Participated in <i>Babel Performance Lab Exploratory Workshop</i> , directed by Tom Scholte, Associate Professor in the Department of Theatre and Film at the University of British Columbia. The <i>Babel</i> Project rendered three lectures that I gave (one on the Creation story in Genesis, one on alienation in Heidegger, and one on anthropology in Bultmann) into enacted dramatic form. An additional screening and discussion of this project was given on October 6 <sup>th</sup> , 2010 to the Greater Vancouver Regional Biblical Colloquium. |



## CHURCH INVOLVEMENT

### Adult Education

- 2019 Taught Introduction to Biblical Studies: New Testament at Ladner United Church.
- 2018 Taught Introduction to Biblical Studies: Old Testament at Ladner United Church.
- 2018 Taught non-accredited adult education course for Codrington College in Guyana on Introduction to the Old Testament and Introduction to the New Testament.
- 2017 Taught Lenten course on Genesis at Holy Cross church, St. John, Barbados.
- 2016-2017 Taught Diploma course (non-accredited adult education course for Codrington College on Introduction to the Old Testament. This was taught in partnership with the Anglican Province of the West Indies. This course also has online participants.
- 2014 Led study for clergy of the Diocese of New Westminster, Anglican Church of Canada, on the Gospel of Mark (in preparation for Lectionary Year B).
- 2013 Led study at Christ Church Cathedral, Vancouver (Anglican) on Jesus and Wisdom Literature.
- 2012 Led study at St. Helen's Anglican Church, Vancouver, on The Ending of the Gospel of Mark (chapters 13-16).
- 2012 Led study at Christ Church Cathedral, Vancouver (Anglican) entitled Living into Contradictions with Herod and Jesus which considered issues relating to being male in the modern world through a narrative exploration of Herod and Jesus in the Gospel according to Mark.
- 2010 Led series at Christ Church Cathedral, Vancouver (Anglican) discussing the New Testament in relationship to contemporary issues, including women's rights, homosexuality, Anti-Judaism, and religious exclusivism.
- 2001 Assisted with leadership of "Philosopher's Café" at Christ Church Cathedral, Vancouver (Anglican).

### Committee Member

Current member of the Diocese of New Westminster Christian Formation Subcommittee.

Current member of Ecumenical Multi-Faith Unit, in the Diocese of New Westminster, Anglican Church of Canada.

### **Other Ministry Experience**

Current Member of Pastoral Support Team at Christ Church Cathedral, Vancouver (Anglican).

Preached at various churches in British Columbia and Ontario.

Assisted with leadership of youth program at Christ Church Cathedral, Vancouver (Anglican), in 2000-2001.

Administrative Assistant at Synod Office of the Diocese of New Westminster, Anglican Church of Canada from 2000-2001.

### **OTHER EMPLOYMENT**

Human Resource Manager for Starbucks Coffee Company for Vancouver region from 1990-1992.