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### **Education**

Ph.D. in Religion, Vanderbilt University, 1999 (Hebrew Bible)  
M.T.S, Trinity Lutheran Seminary, 1991 (Old Testament)  
B.A. *summa cum laude*, California Lutheran University, 1986 (Music)

### **Vocational Experience**

Professor of Religion, Luther College, Decorah, Iowa, 2014-  
Registrar, Luther College, Decorah, Iowa, 2015-2018  
Assistant to the Dean for Advising, Luther College, Decorah, Iowa, 2017-18  
Associate Professor of Religion, Luther College, Decorah, Iowa, 2005-2014  
Assistant Professor of Religion, Luther College, Decorah, Iowa, 1999-2005

Courses in rotation:

Introduction to the Bible (Hebrew Bible and New Testament);  
Introduction to the Hebrew Bible and Apocrypha; Biblical Hebrew  
(Elementary-Advanced); Archaeology and the Bible; Recreational Use of  
the Natural World (interdisciplinary team-taught course); Religion and  
Sport; Ethics and Sport (interdisciplinary team-taught course); Aramaic  
(as independent study)

Instructor, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tennessee, 1998-1999

- Elementary Hebrew (Fall, 1998)
- Readings in Biblical Hebrew (Spring, 1999)

Adjunct Instructor, Trinity Lutheran Seminary, Columbus, Ohio, 1991-1998

- Greek I (Summer, 1996-1998; Fall, Winter, and Spring Terms, 1992-1995)
- Hebrew I and II (1991-1993)

Adjunct Instructor, Methodist Theological School, Delaware, Ohio, 1992-1994

- Elementary and Intermediate Hebrew (1992-1993)
- Elementary and Intermediate Greek (1993-1994)

### **Publications**

- "Judges as a parody of leadership in the Persian Period" in *Focusing Biblical Studies: The Crucial Nature of the Persian and Hellenistic Periods: Essays in Honor of Douglas A. Knight*, ed. Jon L. Berquist and Alice Hunt. London: T&T Clark International (2012).
- "Bronze Serpent." *The New Interpreter's Dictionary of the Bible*. Nashville: Abingdon Press (2009).
- "Serpent." *The New Interpreter's Dictionary of the Bible*. Nashville: Abingdon Press (2009).
- CBQ article featured in "The Mystery of Nechushtan," *Biblical Archaeology Review* 33, no. 2 (March/April 2007).]
- "Putting It All Together: New Historicism and Teaching the Hebrew Bible in a Church-Related College." *SBL Forum*, Volume 3, no. 2 (February, 2005). (With Robert Shedinger)
- "A reassessment of Hezekiah's reform in light of the *Imlk* jar handles and other iconographic evidence." *The Catholic Biblical Quarterly*, Volume 64, no. 3 (July 2002).

### **Selected Papers and Presentations**

- “Fostering cooperative learning in *Introduction to Biblical Studies*,” Upper Midwest Regional Meeting of the American Academy of Religion and Society of Biblical Literature, April 10, 2021.
- “Ancient Stories, Our Stories: A Collaborative Reading of Judges,” Central States Regional Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature/American Schools of Oriental Research, March 13-14, 2016. Co-presented with Makayla Marinack, LC '16.
- “Transparency in the Eye of the Reader: How Inner-biblical Allusions Make Clear and Obscure Meaning(s) in the Book of Judges,” Paideia Texts and Issues Lecture, Luther College, September 16, 2014.
- “Judges 19-21: Anti-Ezra Polemic?” Central States Regional Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature/American Schools of Oriental Research, March 18-19, 2012.
- “The Use of Response Cards in Elementary and Intermediate Biblical Hebrew Classes to Promote Active Student Participation,” Upper Midwest Regional meeting of the American Academy of Religion/Society of Biblical Literature, April 1-2, 2011.
- “The Silent Women of Yehud Speak Out: Judges as a Satirical Critique in the Persian Period,” Religion Forum, Luther College, April 22, 2010.
- “Judges and *South Park*, or Reassessing the Deuteronomistic History in the Introductory Bible Classroom and Why It Matters,” AAR/SBL Upper Midwest Regional Meeting, April 9-10, 2010.
- “Honoring the Life and Work of James Barr,” (Presenter/Panelist), Southeastern Commission for the Study of Religion meeting, Atlanta, Georgia, March 8-9, 2008.
- “Reading the text, not the textbook: Teaching the Hebrew Bible with a New Historicist framework,” Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, November 19-22, 2005. (Prepared with Robert Shedinger)
- “The bronze serpent, the *Imk* stamps, and Sennacherib’s invasion: a reassessment of Hezekiah’s reform,” Central States Regional Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, Kansas City, Missouri, April 1-2, 2001.

### **Recent Book Reviews**

- Review of *The Old Testament: Canon, History, and Literature* by Richard D. Nelson. *Interpretation* Volume 74, no. 4 (October, 2020).
- Review of *Ancient Israel: What Do We Know and How Do We Know It?* by Lester L. Grabbe. *Review of Biblical Literature* [<http://www.bookreviews.org>] (2019).
- Review of *Reading the Historical Books: A Student's Guide to Engaging the Biblical Text* by Patricia Dutcher-Walls. *Interpretation*, Volume 70, no. 1 (January, 2016).
- Review of *Introduction to the Historical Books: Strategies for Reading* by Stephen L. McKenzie. *Interpretation*, Volume 66, no. 4 (October, 2012).

### **Recent Workshops Led**

- “Learner-Centered Advising,” Faculty Development Workshop, Luther College, July, 2017.
- New Advisor Workshop, Faculty Development Workshop, Luther College, May, 2017
- “Review, Reflect, Learn!” Student Workshop in the Connect for Success Program, August, 2014
- “Using Rubrics,” Faculty Development Workshop, Luther College, June, 2014
- “Using data to improve teaching and learning in Religion 101,” Faculty Development Workshop, Luther College (Co-facilitated with Sean Burke), January, 2014.
- “Facing the Forces of Change with Hope,” Workshop for the Board of Regents Meeting, October, 2013 (Co-facilitated small group conversation with faculty colleague Erin Flater on the topic of “Measuring Education Excellent through Learning Results”).
- “Faith and Learning on the Ground – the Sequel.” Staff Development Workshop, Luther College (Co-presented with College Pastor Mike Blair), August, 2012.

- “Faith and Learning on the Ground.” Sesquicentennial Staff Workshop, Luther College (Co-presented with College Pastor Mike Blair), June, 2011.

## **Service**

### *Governance Committees and Committees of the College*

- Faculty Organization Committee (Spring, 2010 and 2011-2014; chair, 2012-13)
- Humanities and Fine Arts Division Chair (Spring, 2010 and 2011-2014)
- Campus Life Committee (2007-2010)
- Academic Planning Committee (2002-2005)

### *Recent Task Force Groups and ad hoc Committees:*

- “Vocation Inspired Peer Mentoring” planning committee (CIC-NetVue grant), 2018-19
- “Next Steps for Sophomores” e-portfolio committee, 2017-18
- E-portfolio “Learning Community” (CIC-NetVue Grant Project), 2016-17
- Quality Initiative (HLC) proposal writing committee, 2015-16
- Student Evaluation Form task force group (Spring, 2011)
- Search committees (Departments of Religion, Classical Studies, and Music; College Ministries; Human Resources)

### *Publication:*

- “Transparency in the Eye of the Reader: How Inner-biblical Allusions Make Clear and Obscure Meaning(s) in the Book of Judges,” [Agora, Fall, 2014](#).

### *Presentations:*

- Regular chapel speaker
- Adult Education guest speaker (local and area congregations)

## **Selected Professional Development Activities**

- ACM/Teagle Grant “Introducing Change: Introductory Courses and the Nature of Faculty Work,” 2013-14 academic year.
  - Workshop participant, February 8-10, 2013.
  - Presentation to the Luther College Board of Regents Student Learning and Campus Life Committee, May 17, 2013.
  - Presentation for Faculty Meeting, May 21, 2013.
- Wabash College Center for Inquiry Workshop, “Connecting Institutional and Assessment Data with Teacher Development,” March 21-23, 2013.

## **Selected Professional Activities**

- Section Co-chair for the Pedagogy Section, Central States Regional Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, 2014-2016.
- Proofreader and consultant for the *New Interpreter’s Bible* (Abingdon Press), 1997-2005
- Peer Reviewer for *Teaching Theology and Religion*, publication of the Wabash Center, Wabash College, 2002
- Volunteer for the archaeological excavation at Megiddo, Israel, 2000

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

- Luther Center for Sustainable Communities Community-based Research Grant (faculty/student collaborative research project), 2014-15
- ACM/Teagle Grant  
“Introducing Change: Introductory Courses and the Nature of Faculty Work,” 2013-14

- Luther College
  - Faculty Sabbatical Award, Spring, 2009
  - Sense of Vocation Course Development Grant, 2007
  - H. George and Jutta F. Anderson Faculty Development Grant (awarded to one junior faculty member annually), 2000
  - ELCA College and Seminary Faculty Study Grant, 2000
- Vanderbilt University
  - Full tuition scholarship, 1995-1997
- Trinity Lutheran Seminary
  - Theodore S. Liefelt Biblical Studies Award, 1991
  - Edward C. Fendt Outstanding Junior Award, 1990
- California Lutheran University
  - Scholastic Honor Society, 1986
  - Music Departmental Honors, 1986
  - Alpha Mu Gamma (Foreign Language Honors), 1983
  - Dean's List, 1982-1986

**Professional Affiliations**

- Society of Biblical Literature, 1996-