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## EDUCATION

Trinity Evangelical Divinity School  
Deerfield, IL  
Ph. D. in Old Testament, 2006

Trinity Evangelical Divinity School  
Deerfield, IL  
M. Div., *magna cum laude*, 1999

University of California at Los Angeles  
Los Angeles, CA  
B.A. in English, 1995

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

SEATTLE PACIFIC UNIVERSITY  
Seattle, WA  
*Associate Professor of Old Testament*, 2012-  
Courses: Christian Formation, Christian Scriptures, Israelite Prophets, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Minor Prophets, Psalms, Inductive Bible Study: Hosea, Biblical Topics: Exile, Hebrew Exegesis of Isaiah 40-55, Global Readings of Scripture, University Colloquium

UNITED CHURCH  
Seattle, WA  
*Teaching Pastor*, 2019-

SEATTLE PACIFIC UNIVERSITY  
Seattle, WA  
*Interim University Chaplain*, 2014-2018  
Provided leadership regarding the Christian mission of the university and oversight of the Office of University Ministries, comprised of the departments of Campus Ministries and the John Perkins Center.

SEATTLE PACIFIC UNIVERSITY  
Seattle, WA  
*Assistant Professor of Old Testament*, 2006-11

BIBLICAL THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY  
Hatfield, PA  
*Adjunct Instructor of Old Testament*, 2007-14

Courses: Reading the Old Testament Missionally

TRINITY EVANGELICAL DIVINITY SCHOOL

Deerfield, IL

*Distance Education Course Tutor, 2000-2006*

Courses: Introduction to Old Testament, Pentateuch, Psalms, Proverbs, OT Theology

STOCKTON BANSUK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Stockton, CA

*English Ministry Pastor, 2005-06*

CHOUN KOREAN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF SACRAMENTO

Citrus Heights, CA

*Education Pastor, 2003-05*

NORTH PARK UNIVERSITY

Chicago, IL

*Adjunct Instructor in Biblical and Theological Studies, 2001-02*

Courses: Introduction to the Bible, Book of Psalms, Hebrew Prophets

## PUBLICATIONS

### Books

With Daniel Castelo, *Hosea*. Two Horizons Commentary on the Old Testament. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2015.

*The 'Way of the LORD' in the Book of Isaiah*. Library of Hebrew Bible/Old Testament Studies 522. London: T & T Clark International, 2010.

### Peer Reviewed Articles

“The Lynching of the Suffering Servant of Isaiah: Death at the Hands of Persons Unknown.” *Ex Auditu* 31 (2016): 108-120.

“Exile and Migration: Toward a Biblical Theology of Immigration and Displacement.” *Covenant Quarterly* 74.2 (2016): 3-15.

“Which Version of the Twelve Prophets Should Christians Read?: A Case for Reading the LXX Twelve Prophets.” *Journal of Theological Interpretation* 7.1 (2013): 21-36.

“In Search of a Narrative: The (Post-)Exile for Asian American Biblical Interpretation and Theology.” *Society of Asian North American Christian Studies Journal* 3 (2011): 23-36.

## Topic Review

“Nahum.” In *Oxford Handbook of the Minor Prophets*. Edited by Julia O’Brien. New York: Oxford University Press, forthcoming.

“Isaiah: History of Interpretation.” Pages 378-91 in *Dictionary of the Old Testament Prophets*. Edited by Mark J. Boda and J. G. McConville. Downers Grove: InterVarsity, 2012.

## Book Chapters

“Critical Methods and Critiques: Theological Interpretation.” Pages 141-159 in *The T&T Clark Handbook to Asian American Biblical Hermeneutics*. Edited by Uriah Kim and Seung Ai Yang. New York: T & T Clark, 2019.

“A Theological Interpretation of the Cyrus Passages in Isaiah.” Pages 176-189 in *Interpreting the Old Testament Theologically: Essays in Honor of Willem A. VanGemeren*. Edited by Andrew Abernethy. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2018.

“The Witness of Israel’s Prophets: Isaiah – Malachi.” Pages 79-92 in *A Compact Guide to the Whole Bible: Learning to Read Scripture’s Story*. Edited by Rob W. Wall and David R. Nienhuis. Grand Rapids: Baker Academic, 2015.

“I am Not I am: Hosea 1:9.” “A Rhythm of Grief and Hope: Lamentations 3:22-24.” Pages 82-84 and 151-153, respectively, in *Devotions on the Hebrew Bible: 54 Reflections to Inspire and to Instruct*. Edited by Milton Eng and Lee M. Fields. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2015.

## Book Reviews

Article Review of Steed Vernyl Davidson, *Empire and Exile: Postcolonial Readings of the Book of Jeremiah* and Kathleen M. O’Connor, *Jeremiah: Pain and Promise in Biblical Interpretation* 22 (2014): 220-226.

Robert W. Heimburger. *God and the Illegal Alien: United States Immigration Law and a Theology of Politics* in [Politics, Religion & Ideology \(2020\)](#).

Walter Brueggemann, *God, Neighbor, Empire: The Excess of Divine Fidelity and the Command of Common Good* in *Interpretation* 73.1 (2018): 71.

Ronald E. Clements, *Jerusalem and the Nations: Studies in the Book of Isaiah* in [Review of Biblical Literature \(2015\)](#).

R. W. L. Moberly, *Old Testament Theology: Reading the Hebrew Bible as Christian Scripture* in *Themelios* 39.2 (2014): 308-10.

Shalom M. Paul. *Isaiah 40–66: Translation and Commentary* in *Themelios* 38.1 (2013): 74-76.

Ulrich F. Berges, trans. Millard C. Lind, *The Book of Isaiah: Its Composition and Final Form* in [Review of Biblical Literature \(2013\)](#).

Julia M. O'Brien, *Challenging Prophetic Metaphor: Theology and Ideology in the Prophets* in [Review of Biblical Literature \(2009\)](#).

Thomas L. Leclerc, *Introduction to the Prophets: Their Stories, Sayings, and Scrolls* in [Review of Biblical Literature \(2008\)](#).

### Writings in Service of the Church

“Building an Old Testament Library: Hosea-Malachi.” *Catalyst: Perspectives for Wesleyan-Methodist Seminarians and Leaders*. May 27, 2020 at <https://www.catalystresources.org/building-an-old-testament-library-hosea-malachi-7/>

“Christ of the Coronavirus: A Meditation on Isaiah 53 for Good Friday.” *Inheritance*. April 9, 2020 at <https://www.inheritancemag.com/article/christ-of-the-coronavirus>

“What Has San Francisco to do with Babylon: An Asian American Missional Theology.” *Inheritance*. 64.2 (2019) 126-135 at <https://www.inheritancemag.com/stories/what-has-san-francisco-to-do-with-babylon>

“Faith, Culture, Politics, Come Together in Scorsese’s Silence.” *Inheritance*. March, 29, 2017 at <https://inheritancemag.com/article/faith-culture-politics-come-together-in-scorseses-silence>; originally published January 2017 in *Response* at <https://response.spu.edu/2017/01/faith-culture-politics-come-together-in-scorseses-silence/>

“Blessed are the Peacemakers: Teaching for Justice.” *CCCU Advance Magazine*. Spring, 2016 at <https://www.cccu.org/magazine/blessed-are-the-peacemakers/>

“Why Evangelicals should care about ‘The Mikado’ Controversy if they care about reconciliation in the church.” *Sojourners*. July 21, 2014 at <https://sojo.net/articles/why-evangelicals-should-care-about-mikado-controversy-if-they-care-about-reconciliation>

“Isaiah.” *Lectio: Guided Bible Readings* for the Center for Biblical and Theological Education, Seattle Pacific University at <http://blog.spu.edu/lectio/readings/isaiah>, Fall 2012.

Lectionary Commentaries on the following texts for the Center for Biblical Preaching at <http://www.workingpreacher.org>: [Isaiah 63:7-9 \(Dec 26, 2010\)](#); [Jeremiah 31:7-14 \(Jan 2, 2011\)](#); [Isaiah 42:1-9 \(Jan 9, 2011\)](#); [Isaiah 49:1-7 \(Jan 16, 2011\)](#); [Isaiah 9:1-4 \(Jan 26, 2014\)](#); [Isaiah 58:1-9a \[9b-12\] \(Feb 9, 2014\)](#); [Jeremiah 28:5-9 \(June 29, 2014\)](#); [Jeremiah 15:15-21 \(August 31, 2014\)](#) [Amos 5:6-7, 10-15 \(Oct 14, 2018\)](#)

## Video Productions

“Lessons From Isaiah: A Six-Part Video Series.” Center for Biblical and Theological Education, Seattle Pacific University at <http://spu.edu/centers/cbte/video.asp>, Fall 2012.

## ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS

### Peer Reviewed Presentations

“Theological and Postcolonial Interpretation for a Global Church: An Asian American Perspective.” Theological Interpretation of Scripture Group, Society of Biblical Literature, Denver, CO, November 2018.

“Towards a Theological Interpretation of Exile and Migration.” GOCN Forum on Missional Hermeneutics, Society of Biblical Literature, San Antonio, TX, November 2016.

“The Unity of LXX Twelve Prophets: Greek Catchwords in LXX Hosea and LXX Malachi.” Book of the Twelve Prophets Section, Society of Biblical Literature, Baltimore, MD, November 2013.

“From Servant to Servants: Continuing the Legacy of the Exile in the Post-Exilic Era.” GOCN Forum on Missional Hermeneutics, Society of Biblical Literature, Atlanta, GA, November 2010.

"In Search of a Narrative: The (Post-) Exile for Asian American Biblical Interpretation and Theology." Asian American Biblical Interpretation for North America, sponsored by the Institute for the Study of Asian American Christianity, Society of Biblical Literature, Atlanta, GA, November 2010.

“Isaiah’s Theology of the Word.” Wesleyan Theological Society, Azusa, CA, March 2010.

“Isaianic New Exodus – Failed, Delayed, or Fulfilled?” Israelite Prophets Group, Society of Biblical Literature, San Diego, CA, November 2007.

“Images of ‘High’ and ‘Low’ and the ‘Way of the LORD’ in the Book of Isaiah.” Formation of Isaiah Group, Society of Biblical Literature, Washington, D.C., November 2006.

“The Presentation of a Conqueror: The Rhetorical Function of Isaiah 41 in Relation to Cyrus’ Role in Isaiah 40-48,” Evangelical Theological Society, Toronto, ON, November 2002.

#### Presentations by Invitation

Panelist for Book Review of *Opening Israel’s Scriptures* by Ellen F. Davis. Theological Interpretation of Scripture Group, Society of Biblical Literature, November 2019.

Panelist for “Worship in Christian Educational Institutions” and “Worship in Times of Crisis and Trauma” seminars, and presenter of “Worshipping Following the Trauma of a School Shooting” workshop. Calvin Symposium on Worship, Grand Rapids, MI, January 2019.

“Working Together: Creative Collaborations Between Student Development and Academic Affairs.” With Jeff Jordan and Jeff VanDuzer. CCCU Chief Academic Officer Conference, San Diego, CA, February 2017.

Response to “Whither Missional Hermeneutics?” GOCN Forum on Missional Hermeneutics, Society of Biblical Literature, Boston, November 2017.

“The Vocation of an Ethnic Minority Evangelical Biblical Scholar.” Institute for Biblical Research Ethnic Minority Breakfast, Boston, MA, November 2017.

“Challenging Prophetic Literature and Ministry.” Old Testament Lund Lectures, North Park Theological Seminary, Chicago, IL, September, 2015.

“The Lynching of the Suffering Servant of Isaiah.” Symposium on the Theological Interpretation of Scripture, North Park Theological Seminary, Chicago, IL, September 2015.

“Asian American Theology Today.” Inaugural Asian American Ministry Conference, Seattle Pacific Seminary, Seattle, WA, June 2011.

“Why Asian American Christian Women are Superior: A Response to *Mirrored Reflections* and *Battle Hymn of the Tiger Mother*.” Asian American Equipping Symposium, Fuller Theological Seminary, Pasadena, CA, February 2011.

## PREACHING AND TEACHING FOR THE CHURCH

Speaker for “Be Still and Know that I am God,” Japanese Evangelical Missionary Society Warm Beach Conference, Stanwood, WA, August, 15-18, 2019.

Sermons Preached for Seattle Pacific University Chapel, 2014-18,  
<https://digitalcommons.spu.edu/chapel/>

“The Gospel of Exile,” a sermon, and “Introduction to the Old Testament Prophets,” a lecture, for Valley Christian Center, Dublin, CA, April 30, 2017.

“What is the Bible and Where did it Come From?,” class taught for Amplify Youth Group, Quest Church, Oct 16, 2016.

“Faith, Creation, and Evolution,” class co-taught with Eric Long, Quest Church, Seattle, WA, Oct 8, 2016.

Speaker for “Transformed by Grace,” Lighthouse Christian Church Retreat, Camp Berachah, Auburn, WA, May 1-3, 2015.

“Grief, But Not Despair,” a sermon for Compass Christian Church, Federal Way, June 29, 2014.

“The Word of God and the Word of Scribes,” a sermon for Quest Church, Seattle, WA, May 4, 2014.

“Jeremiah: Exile and Mission,” a course of SPU’s Asian American Ministry Program, Lighthouse Christian Church, Bellevue, WA, April 3 – June 5, 2014.

“Isaiah as Poetry, History, Christian Scripture,” for Adult Sunday School, North Creek Presbyterian Church, Mill Creek, WA, Oct 21, 2012.

“The Bible as Missional Narrative,” for the Missional Formation for the Church course taught at Seattle Chinese Alliance Church, Seattle, WA, Oct 4, 2012 and Lighthouse Church, Bellevue, WA, Sept 30, 2010 as part of the Asian American Ministry Program Church Partnership at SPU.

“Introducing Isaiah,” a sermon for Seattle Pacific University Chapel, Oct 2, 2012.

“Isaiah as Poetry, History, Christian Scripture,” for Adult Sunday School and sermon, “My Hometown: Isaiah 1:18-2:5,” Warm Beach Free Methodist Church, Stanwood, WA, Sept 23, 2012.

“Isaiah Lectio Review Mini Course,” sponsored by SPU’s Center for Scholarship and Faculty Development, Sept 7, 2012.

“The Whole Story for a Whole Gospel: The Biblical Basis for Mission,” a workshop for the Hole in the Gospel Conference sponsored by the Center for Biblical and Theological Education, Seattle Pacific University, May 10, 2011.

“From Holy to Wholly: Exo 19-20; Lev 11,” a sermon for the Vine Church, Los Angeles, CA, Aug 1, 2010 and also for Quest Church, Seattle, WA, July 4, 2010.

Speaker for “Dis-Eased,” a joint youth retreat for Seattle Asian American churches, Feb 13-15, 2010.

“Exile and Advent,” a four week Adult Bible Study class at Shoreline Covenant Church, Shoreline, WA, Nov 29-Dec 13, 2009.

“From Knowing to Doing and Doing to Knowing: Proverbs 1.1-7,” a sermon delivered at SPU’s Faculty Retreat, Coupeville, WA, Sept 14, 2009.

“Is Christianity a White Man’s Religion?” and “Divergent Paths in the Same Direction: Jer 29:1-7; Isa 48:17-22” for Evangelical Chinese Church Summer Retreat and Sunday Morning Worship Service, Seattle, WA, Sept 12-13, 2009.

“Wisdom for Emerging Adults,” Life Together Ministry Retreat Speaker, Quest Church, June 19-21, 2009.

“Faith and Evolution,” class co-taught with Eric Long, Quest Church, Seattle, WA, Oct 30-Nov 6, 2008.

“The Extraordinary Life,” Warm Beach Conference Speaker for Japanese Evangelical Missionary Society, Stanwood, WA, August, 14-17, 2008.

“Authenticity of the Bible,” Asian American Christian Fellowship, University of Washington, Seattle, WA, Jan 16, 2008.

“Have the Dead Sea Scrolls Changed our Bibles?” lecture given for SPU Homecoming Alumni, Feb 2, 2007.

“The Dead Sea Scrolls and Christianity,” class taught at Quest Church, Seattle, WA, Dec 4, 2006.

## GRANTS, AWARDS, AND WORKSHOPS

Wabash Peer Mentoring Cluster, 2016, 2017.

Wabash Teaching and Learning Colloquy for Mid-Career Asian/Asian North American Religion and Theology Faculty, 2016.

Sabbatical, Seattle Pacific University, Spring 2013.



Faculty Research Grant, SPU Center for Scholarship and Faculty Development, 2012 (with Daniel Castelo).

Wabash Teaching and Learning Workshop for Pre-Tenure Asian & Asian American Religion and Theology Faculty, 2011-12.

Biblical and Theological Education Grant, SPU Center for Biblical and Theological Education, 2010 (with Daniel Castelo).

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

Formation of the Book of Isaiah  
Israelite Prophetic Literature  
Minor Prophets  
Exile and Forced Migration  
Theological Interpretation of Scripture  
Missional Hermeneutics  
Asian American Biblical Interpretation and Theology

## SCHOLARLY MEMBERSHIPS

Editorial Board, *Journal of Theological Interpretation*, 2016-

Co-chair, Theological Interpretation of Scripture Program, Society of Biblical Literature, 2018-

Steering Committee, Theological Interpretation of Scripture Program, Society of Biblical Literature, 2016-

Steering Committee, GOCN Forum on Missional Hermeneutics, Society of Biblical Literature, 2016-

Member, Society of Biblical Literature

Member, Institute of Biblical Research

## ECCLESIAL AFFILIATION

Ordained Minister of Word and Sacrament, Evangelical Covenant Church.