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EDUCATION

- 1992 Ph.D. The University of Chicago, *with honors*, Department of Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations and Department of Linguistics (joint degree)
- 1983 M.Div. Grace Theological Seminary, *summa cum laude*
- 1979 B.A. Grace College, *summa cum laude*

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2006–present Professor, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- 2000–2006 Associate Professor, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- 1997–2000 Assistant Professor, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- 1993–1997 Assistant Professor, Religious Studies, North Carolina State University
- 1991–1993 Visiting Assistant Professor, Old Testament, Wheaton College

PUBLICATIONS

Books

- in prep. *Elliptical Structures in Biblical Hebrew.*
- 2007 (editor) *Studies in Comparative Semitic and Afroasiatic Linguistics Presented to Gene B. Gragg.* Studies in Ancient Oriental Civilization, 60. Chicago: The Oriental Institute of the University of Chicago.
- 1999 (editor) *The Verbless Clause in Biblical Hebrew: Linguistic Approaches.* Linguistic Studies in Ancient West Semitic, 1. Winona Lake, Ind.: Eisenbrauns.
- 1996 *The Representation of Speech in Biblical Hebrew Narrative: A Linguistic Analysis.* Harvard Semitic Monographs, 55. Atlanta: Scholars Press. Reprinted with an “Afterword,” 2003.

Articles

- in press “Vocative Syntax in Biblical Prose and Poetry: A Preliminary Analysis.” *Journal of Semitic Studies.*
- 2008 “A Reconsideration of ‘Double-Duty’ Prepositions in Biblical Poetry.” *Journal of the Ancient Near Eastern Society* 31: 99-110.
- 2008 “Ellipsis.” In *Dictionary of the Old Testament: Wisdom, Poetry and Writings*, edited by Tremper Longman and Peter Enns. Downers Grove, Ill.: InterVarsity Press, 156–60.
- 2007 “The Syntax of Elliptical Comparative Constructions.” *Zeitschrift für Althebraistik* 17–20: 136–49.
- 2007 “The Relation of Coordination to Verb Gapping in Biblical Poetry.” *Journal for the Study of the Old Testament* 32: 41-60.

- 2007 “The Research of Gene B. Gragg.” In *Studies in Comparative Semitic and Afroasiatic Linguistics in Presented to Gene B. Gragg*. Studies in Ancient Oriental Civilization, 60. Chicago: The Oriental Institute of the University of Chicago.
- 2007 “Constraints on Ellipsis in Biblical Hebrew.” In *Studies in Comparative Semitic and Afroasiatic Linguistics Presented to Gene B. Gragg*. Studies in Ancient Oriental Civilization, 60. Chicago: The Oriental Institute of the University of Chicago, 165–80.
- 2007 “Evidentiality and Mirativity in Shilluk.” *Advances in Nilo-Saharan Linguistics: Proceedings of the 8th Nilo-Saharan Linguistics Colloquium, University of Hamburg, August 22–25, 2001*. Nilo-Saharan, 22. Edited by Doris L. Payne and Mechthild Reh. Cologne: Rüdiger Köppe, 193–208.
- 2006 “Silence as a Response in Biblical Hebrew Narrative: Strategies of Speakers and Narrators.” *Journal of Northwest Semitic Languages* 31, 23–43.
- 2006 “Variation of Direct Speech Complementizers in Achaemenid Aramaic Documents from Fifth Century B.C.E. Egypt.” In Thomas D. Cravens, ed., *Variation and Reconstruction*. Current Issues in Linguistic Theory 268. Amsterdam: Benjamins, 119–43.
- 2005 “Ellipsis involving Negation in Biblical Poetry,” in *Seeking out the Wisdom of the Ancients: Essays offered to honor Michael V. Fox on the occasion of his sixty-fifth birthday*, edited by Ronald L. Troxel, Kelvin G. Friebel, Dennis R. Magary (Winona Lake, Ind.: Eisenbrauns), 37–52.
- 2005 “Linguistics.” In *Dictionary of the Old Testament: Historical Books*, edited by Bill T. Arnold and H. G. M. Williamson (Downers Grove, Ill.: InterVarsity Press), 657–69.
- 2005 “Translating Biblical Proverbs in African Cultures: Between Form and Meaning” *The Bible Translator: Technical Papers* 56, 129–44.
- 2004 “Methodological Issues in Reconstructing a Language System from Epigraphic Fragments.” In James K. Hoffmeier and Alan Millard, eds., *The Future of Biblical Archaeology: Reassessing Methods and Assumptions* (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans), 281–305.
- 2003 “Afterword” (pp. 409–32) for reprinting of *The Representation of Speech in Biblical Hebrew Narrative: A Linguistic Analysis*.
- 2003 “A Linguistic Approach to Ellipsis in Biblical Poetry: Or, What to Do When Exegesis of What is There Depends on What Isn’t.” *Bulletin of Biblical Research* 13, 251–70.
- 2003 Response to Stephen B. Chapman, “The Old Testament Canon and its Authority for the Christian Church,” *Ex Auditu* 19, 149–52.
- 2001 “Evidence for Ergativity in Shilluk,” co-authored with Leoma G. Gilley. *Journal of African Languages and Linguistics* 22, 33–68.
- 1999–2000 “Patterns of Verbal Ellipsis in Ugaritic.” *Ugarit-Forschungen* 31, 333–72.
- 1999 “The Pragmatics of *waw* as a Discourse Marker in Biblical Hebrew Dialogue.” *Zeitschrift für Althebraistik* 12, 165–91.
- 1999 “Pivotal Issues in Analyzing the Verbless Clause.” In Cynthia L. Miller, ed., *The Verbless Clause in Biblical Hebrew: Linguistic Approaches*. Linguistic Studies in Ancient West Semitic, 1. Winona Lake, Ind.: Eisenbrauns, 1–17.

- 1995 “Discourse Functions of Quotative Frames in Biblical Hebrew Narrative.” In Walter R. Bodine, ed., *Discourse Analysis of Biblical Literature: What It Is and What It Offers*, 155–82. Semeia Studies. Atlanta: Scholars Press.
- 1994 “Introducing Direct Discourse in Biblical Hebrew Narrative.” In Robert D. Bergen, ed., *Biblical Hebrew and Discourse Linguistics*, 199–241. Dallas: Summer Institute of Linguistics.
- 1984 “Connectives in Murle Epistolary Texts.” *Occasional Papers in the Study of Sudanese Languages* 5 (1984): 81–134.

Review article

- 1997 “In Conversation with *In Conversation with Jonah*,” *Journal of Hebrew Scriptures* 1 (1996/1997) [electronic journal at <http://www.arts.ualberta.ca/JHS/Articles/article2.htm>]

Reviews

- 2005 Review of Max Roglund, *Alleged Non-Past Uses of qatal in Classical Hebrew* (SSN 44; Assen: Van Gorcum, 2003), in *Catholic Biblical Quarterly* 67, 123–25.
- 2002 Review of S. R. Driver, *A Treatise on the Use of the Tenses in Hebrew and Some Other Syntactical Questions*, reprinted with an introduction by W. Randall Garr, in *Journal of Near Eastern Studies* 61, 223–25.
- 1997 Review of Longacre, *Joseph: A Study in Divine Providence. A Text Theoretical and Text-Linguistic Analysis of Genesis 37 and 39–48*, in *Journal of Near Eastern Studies* 56, 155–56.
- 1997 Review of Person, *In Conversation with Jonah: Conversation Analysis, Literary Criticism, and the Book of Jonah*, in *Biblica* 78, 415–20.
- 1996 Review of Winther-Nielsen, *A Functional Discourse Grammar of Joshua: A Computer-Assisted Rhetorical Structure Analysis*, in *Catholic Biblical Quarterly* 58, 736–38.
- 1995 Review of Bodine, *Linguistics and Biblical Hebrew*, in *Hebrew Studies* 36, 123–26.
- 1994 Review of Meier, *Speaking of Speaking: Marking Direct Discourse in the Hebrew Bible*, in *Catholic Biblical Quarterly* 56, 558–60.
- 1989 Review of Groß, *Die Pendenskonstruktion im Biblischen Hebräisch*, in *Religious Studies Review* 15, 352.

PAPERS AND INVITED LECTURES

- 2009 “Pronominal Reference and Vocative Expressions.” Linguistics and Biblical Hebrew Section, Society of Biblical Literature annual meeting.
- 2009 “The Translator as Change and Transformation Agent,” with Jacobus A. Naudé. Invited lecture. Central University of Technology, Bloemfontein, South Africa.
- 2008 “The Morphology and Semantics of Intransitive Verbs in Shilluk.” Invited lecture. Linguistic Circle, University of Edinburgh.
- 2008 “Writing a Grammar for Language Practitioners: The Case of Biblical Hebrew.” Invited lecture to the linguistic series “Language Enhancement for Language Practitioners.” University of the Free State, Bloemfontein, South Africa.
- 2007 “Biblical Hebrew Ellipsis in Typological Perspective.” Linguistics and Biblical Hebrew Section, Society of Biblical Literature annual meeting.

- 2007 “Intransitive Verb Classes in Shilluk.” 10th Nilo-Saharan Linguistics Colloquium. CNRS, Paris.
- 2007 “Vocative Syntax in Biblical Hebrew.” Invited lecture. Oberseminar, University of Stellenbosch, South Africa.
- 2006 “The Syntax of the Vocative.” Linguistics and Biblical Hebrew Section, Society of Biblical Literature annual meeting.
- 2006 “The Syntax of Ellipsis in Prose and Verse.” Invited lecture. Catholic University of America.
- 2006 “The Syntax of Ellipsis in Biblical Hebrew,” “Silence as a Response in Biblical Hebrew Narrative,” “Translating Proverbs.” Invited speaker. UBS Triennial Translation Workshop, Mombasa.
- 2005 “The Syntax of Comparative Constructions.” Linguistics and Biblical Hebrew Section, Society of Biblical Literature annual meeting.
- 2005 “Languages without Speakers: Reconstructing Ancient Near Eastern Languages from Epigraphic Fragments.” Invited lecture. Oriental Institute, University of Chicago.
- 2004 “Reading between the Lines: Ellipsis in Biblical Hebrew Poetry.” Invited lecture, Institute for Research in the Humanities.
- 2004 “Constraints on Ellipsis in Biblical Hebrew.” Invited lecture for Symposium on Comparative Semitics in Honor of Gene B. Gragg. Oriental Institute, University of Chicago.
- 2004 “Gender in Ancient Israel: Images of Women in the Book of Proverbs.” Invited lecture, Center for Jewish Studies Greenfield Summer Institute on “Jews and Gender: Men and Women from Antiquity to the Present.”
- 2003 “A Reconsideration of ‘Double-duty’ Prepositions in Biblical Poetry.” Linguistics and Biblical Hebrew Section, Society of Biblical Literature annual meeting.
- 2003 “Ellipsis and Exegesis in Biblical Poetry.” Invited lecture, Trinity International University.
- 2003 Invited respondent to Stephen B. Chapman, “The Old Testament Canon and Its Authority for the Christian Church.” Symposium on the Theological Interpretation of Scripture, North Park Theological Seminary.
- 2003 “Between Form and Meaning: Translating Biblical Proverbs in African Cultures.” Invited paper. Conference “From Ancient Texts to Modern Versions: Issues in Bible Translation.” Denver Theological Seminary.
- 2002 “Ellipsis Involving Negation in Biblical Poetry.” Linguistics and Biblical Hebrew Section, Society of Biblical Literature annual meeting.
- 2002 “Recent Developments in Biblical Hebrew Linguistics for Teachers of Biblical Hebrew.” Invited paper. National Association of Professors of Hebrew.
- 2002 Four invited papers to the Hebrew Discourse 2002 Workshop: “Conversation Structure in Biblical Hebrew Narrative,” “The Integration of Reported Speech into Biblical Hebrew Narrative,” “Syntax, Discourse, and Poetics in David’s Lament for Saul and Jonathan,” “The Syntax of Ellipsis in Biblical Hebrew.”
- 2001 “Linguistic Approaches to Ellipsis in Biblical Poetry (or, what to do when exegesis of what is there depends on what isn’t).” Invited lecture. Institute for Biblical Research.

- 2001 “Methodological Issues in Reconstructing a Language System from Epigraphic Fragments.” Invited lecture for symposium “The Future of Biblical Archaeology: Reassessing Methodologies and Assumptions.” Trinity International University.
- 2001 “Evidentiality and Mirativity in Shilluk,” with Leoma G. Gilley. 8th International Nilo-Saharan Linguistics Colloquium. Hamburg University.
- 2001 “Images of Women in Proverbs.” Invited lecture, Alumni Lecture Series. Grace College.
- 2000 “Problems in the Linguistic Categorization of Hebrew Particles.” Linguistics and Biblical Hebrew Section, Society of Biblical Literature annual meeting.
- 1999 “The Relation of Coordination to Verb Gapping in Biblical Poetry.” Linguistics and Biblical Hebrew Section, Society of Biblical Literature annual meeting.
- 1999 “Variation in the Use of a Grammaticalized Complementizer in Ancient West Semitic.” Workshop on Comparative Linguistics 8.
- 1998 “Patterns of Verbal Ellipsis in Ugaritic.” Ugaritic and Northwest Semitic Epigraphy Group, Society of Biblical Literature annual meeting.
- 1997 “Patterns of Ellipsis in Prose and Verse.” Linguistics and Biblical Hebrew Section, Society of Biblical Literature annual meeting.
- 1996 Panel Review of *In Conversation with Jonah: Conversation Analysis, Literary Criticism, and the Book of Jonah* by Raymond F. Person. Sociolinguistics and Biblical Studies Consultation, Society of Biblical Literature annual meeting.
- 1995 “*Waw* as a Discourse Marker in Biblical Hebrew Dialogue.” Linguistics and Biblical Hebrew Section, Society of Biblical Literature annual meeting.
- 1994 “Silence as a Response in Biblical Hebrew Narrative: Strategies of Speakers and Narrators.” Sociolinguistics and Biblical Studies Consultation, Society of Biblical Literature annual meeting.
- 1994 “Images of Women in Proverbs.” Invited lecture, Wake Forest University.
- 1993 “A Survey of Word Order in Linguistic Theory and Biblical Hebrew.” Linguistics and Biblical Hebrew section, Society of Biblical Literature annual meeting.
- 1993 “Conversation and Narration in the Hebrew Bible: The Rape of Dinah (Genesis 34).” Invited lecture, Hebrew Bible Seminar, Duke University.
- 1993 “Introducing Direct Discourse in Biblical Hebrew Narrative.” Discourse Linguistics and Biblical Hebrew Seminar, Dallas.
- 1993 “The Syntactic Status of *lē'mōr* in Biblical Hebrew.” American Oriental Society annual meeting.
- 1992 “Stylistic Features of the Carthaginian Dedicatory Inscriptions.” Northwest Semitic Epigraphy, Society of Biblical Literature annual meeting.
- 1992 “Reported Speech in the Old Testament.” Invited lectures, Summer Institute of Linguistics, Nairobi.
- 1991 “An Application of Conversation Analysis to Biblical Hebrew Syntax.” Invited lecture, Department of Hebrew and Semitic Studies, The University of Wisconsin.
- 1991 “The Structure of Offering Lists in the Ugaritic Ritual Texts.” Ugaritic and Northwest Semitic Epigraphy, Society of Biblical Literature annual meeting.
- 1990 “On Questions and Their Responses in Biblical Hebrew Dialogue.” Linguistics and Biblical Hebrew Section, Society of Biblical Literature annual meeting.
- 1988 “Discourse Functions of Quotative Frames in Biblical Hebrew Narrative.” Linguistics and Biblical Hebrew Section, Society of Biblical Literature annual meeting.

ACADEMIC FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, AND AWARDS

- 2009–2010 Project Assistant, Graduate School
- 2008– Research fellow, University of the Free State, Bloemfontein.
- 2008–2009 Project Assistant, Graduate School
- 2007–2008 Project Assistant, Graduate School
- 2005 Rabbi Joseph Baron Faculty Achievement Award, Wisconsin Society for Jewish Learning
- 2005–2006 Project Assistant, Graduate School
- 2004 Fellow, Institute for Research in the Humanities
- 2004–2005 Project Assistant, Graduate School
- 2003–2004 Project Assistant, Graduate School
- 2002–2003 Project Assistant, Graduate School
- 2002–2003 Fellowship grant, Memorial Foundation for Jewish Culture
- 1999 Course Development Grant for “Biblical Poetry in Translation,” Center for Jewish Studies
- 1997 Research Award for the publication of *The Representation of Speech in Biblical Hebrew Narrative: A Linguistic Analysis* (1996), College of Humanities and Social Sciences, North Carolina State University.
- 1996 Research Fund Grant, North Carolina State University.
- 1996 Subvention Fund, North Carolina State University.
- 1995–1996 Faculty Research and Professional Development Grant, North Carolina State University.
- 1995 Faculty Development and Research Grant, North Carolina State University.
- 1995 Summer Stipend, College of Humanities and Social Sciences, North Carolina State University [declined in order to accept Faculty Research and Professional Development Grant].
- 1994 Travel grant, College of Humanities and Social Sciences, North Carolina State University.
- 1990–1991 Memorial Foundation for Jewish Culture, Doctoral Scholarship.
- 1990–1991 National Foundation for Jewish Culture, Dissertation Grant.
- 1988–1989 The University of Chicago, Fellowship and Teaching Assistantship.
- 1985–1988 The University of Chicago, Century Fellowship.

DISSERTATIONS DIRECTED

- 2009 Richard C. Benton, “Aspect and the Biblical Hebrew Niphal and Hitpael.”
- 2002 Robert D. Holmstedt, “The Relative Clause in Biblical Hebrew: A Linguistic Analysis.”
- 2002 John A. Cook, “The Biblical Hebrew Verbal System: A Grammaticalization Approach.”

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- Editor of series *Linguistic Studies in Ancient West Semitic*, published by Eisenbrauns (1998–present, and with Michael Patrick O’Connor as co-editor, 1998–2007)
- Member of editorial advisory board for *Encyclopedia of Hebrew Language and Linguistics* (Brill) (2008–)

Member of editorial board, *Journal of Northwest Semitic Languages*
 Book Review Editor (ancient period), *Hebrew Studies* (2000–2006)
 Organizer of local arrangements for Midwest Society of Biblical Literature, American Oriental Society, and American Schools of Oriental Research Meeting, Madison (February 10-12, 2006).
 One of two organizers for Symposium on Comparative Semitics in Honor of Gene B. Gragg, The Oriental Institute, the University of Chicago (2004)
 Advisory Member of Translation and Scholarship Committee, American Bible Society Board of Trustees (2001–)
 Member of steering committee, “Bible Translation Section,” Society of Biblical Literature (2003–2005)
 Member of the Committee on Bible Translation (2006–2008)
 Member of editorial board, *The Bible Translator* (2003–)
 Editorial consultant, *Key Terms in Biblical Hebrew* (2002–2005)
 Member of executive committee, Institute for Biblical Research (2001–2003)
 Member of editorial board, *Bulletin for Biblical Research* (1998–2001)
 Member of editorial board, *Hebrew Studies* (1997–1999)
 Program Unit Co-chair, “Linguistics and Biblical Hebrew Section,” Society of Biblical Literature (1994–2000)
 Member of advisory committee, “Prophetic Texts and their Ancient Contexts,” Society of Biblical Literature (1997–2002)
 Member of steering committee for “Sociolinguistics and the Bible Consultation,” Society of Biblical Literature (1994–1996)
 Directed graduate tutorial on Biblical Hebrew discourse analysis Fuller Theological Seminary (2005)
 External examiner for Ph.D. dissertation, Southern Baptist Seminary (2005)
 External examiner for PhD thesis, Université de Montréal (2004)
 Referee for *Journal of Northwest Semitic Languages* (2007, 2008, 2009)
 Referee for *SKY Journal of Linguistics* (2004)
 Referee for Cambridge University Press (2001, 2002)
 Referee for Society of Biblical Literature Monograph Series (1996)
 Referee for Pew Evangelical Scholars Program (1995, 1997)
 Referee for Society of Biblical Literature Dissertation Series (1995, 1997, 2000, 2001)
 Old Testament International Translation Consultant (1994–)

DEPARTMENTAL AND UNIVERSITY ACTIVITIES

Chair of Department of Hebrew and Semitic Studies (2008–)
 Member of search committee for position in Israeli Literature and Culture (2008–2009)
 Chair of search committee for Belzer position in Rabbinics and Classical Judaism (2005–2006, 2006–2007, 2007–2008)
 Member of university planning committee for International Conference on Historical Linguistics held in Madison, July 31-August 5, 2005
 Steering committee and liaison to the Religious Studies Program for the Lubar Institute for the Study of Abrahamic Traditions (2005–)
 Arts and Humanities Fellowships Committee, Graduate School (2001–2003, 2004–2005) and chair of the committee in 2002–2003

Faculty Senate (2002–2003, 2006)
L&S Faculty Appeals Committee (2001–2004, 2005–2007)
Director of Graduate Studies, Dept. of Hebrew (2001–2003, 2006–2007)
Religious Studies Program, Steering Committee (2001–2003)
Chair of departmental tenure committee (2000–2005)
Member of executive committee of Center for Jewish Studies (2000–)
Member of search committee for faculty member in Medieval Hebrew Literature (2000–2001)
Member of search committee for faculty member in Classical Judaism (1999–2000)
Scholarship Committee, Jewish Studies (1998–)
Individual Majors Committee, Dept. of Hebrew (1998–)
Chair of Self-Assessment Program, Dept. of Hebrew (1998)
Coordinator of DARS, Dept. of Hebrew (1997–)
Departmental representative to Honors and Scholars Committee, NCSU (1993–1997)
Director of Religious Studies Honors Program, NCSU (1993–1997)
Organizer of “Seminar on Options for Graduate Study in Religion,” NCSU (1995–1997)
Member of dean’s ad hoc Research Policy Committee, NCSU (1996–1997)
Member of search committee for departmental head, NCSU (1995)
Member of search committee for faculty member in East Asian Religions, NCSU (1993)

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

American Oriental Society
Institute for Biblical Research
Linguistic Society of America
National Association of Professors of Hebrew
Society of Biblical Literature
Southern African Society for Near Eastern Studies
Wisconsin Society for Jewish Learning