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**EDUCATION:**

**Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN**  
**M.A., in passing, Hebrew Bible major/New Testament minor, May 2006**  
Graduate Department of Religion                      Course GPA: 3.86

**Saint Paul School of Theology, Kansas City, MO**  
**special student, Hebrew reading classes, 1999-2000**

**Alban Institute and United Methodist Church**  
**various continuing education classes for clergy, 1989-99**

**Southern Methodist University, Dallas TX**  
**M.Div., Bible concentration, May 1989**  
Perkins School of Theology      GPA: 91.9

**Washington University in St. Louis**  
**A.B., Mathematics major/Classics major, May 1985**  
College of Arts and Sciences      GPA: 3.89

**ADDITIONAL PROFESSIONAL TRAINING:**

**Various Teaching and Technology Webinars by InTrust, MoodleRooms, Chalk & Wire, 20-Minute Mentors, 2015-present**  
**THAT Camp (The Humanities and Technology Camp), SBL/AAR, annually 2015-2017**  
**Financial Officers' and Technology Professionals' Conference, ATS, annually 2014-2016**  
**Heartland eLearning Institute, Blended Learning Course, September-October, 2014**  
**Groundwork Antiracism Program, Tulsa YWCA, September 2014 – June 2015**  
**Chalk & Wire Annual Meeting, Florida State College, June 2014**  
**Moodle Moot, Portland, OR, August 2013**  
**OurTown Diversity Institute, OCCJ, April 2013**  
**Heartland eLearning Conference, University of Central Oklahoma, February 2013**  
**Midwest Moodle Moot, Goshen College, July 2012**  
**MoodleRooms Online Training Courses, 2012**  
**8<sup>th</sup> Floor, Tulsa Community College, various technology-related workshops, 2011-2015**  
**F2P2 Training and Certification Program, Vanderbilt Univ. Center for Teaching, 2003-2006**

**HONORS AND AWARDS:**

**High Pass on Qualifying Exams**, Vanderbilt University  
**Dempster Fellowship**, \$10,000, United Methodist Church, 2003-04  
**Craig E. Brandenburg Graduate Award**, \$2500, United Methodist Church, 2004-05, 2005-06  
**Full-tuition Scholarship and Stipend**, Vanderbilt University, 2000-03  
**High Honors**, Southern Methodist University  
**Hebrew Award**, Southern Methodist University  
**Promise for Ministry Award**, Southern Methodist University  
**Full-tuition scholarship**, Southern Methodist University  
**Magna cum Laude**, Washington University in St. Louis  
**Phi Beta Kappa**, Washington University in St. Louis  
**Chancellor's Honorary Scholarship**, Washington University in St. Louis  
**Pi Mu Epsilon** (math honorary), Washington University in St. Louis  
**Ross Middlemiss Prize in Math**, Washington University in St. Louis  
**Tavenner Prize in Classics**, Washington University in St. Louis  
**Dean's List**, Washington University in St. Louis, all eight semesters 1981-85

**PROFESSIONAL TEACHING EXPERIENCE:**

**Phillips Theological Seminary, Tulsa, OK**

**Director of Teaching with Technology**, 2014-present

Success with Technology orientation course (online), every semester, Fall 2015-present

Assessment Course (online), every semester, Fall 2014-present

Various training sessions for faculty, adjuncts, and students in Moodle and Chalk & Wire

**Chaplain/Pastor to the PTS Community and Instructor in Ministry Studies**, 2009-present

Vocation Matters Portal Course, Fall 2017 (solo, concentrated), Spring 2017 (co-taught, concentrated), Fall 2015 (co-taught, concentrated), Fall 2014 (co-taught, online)

Theological Reflection Groups, four varieties

Online: Spring 2018, Spring 2017, Fall 2016, Spring 2016, Spring 2015, Fall 2014, Spring 2014, Fall 2013

On campus: Fall 2017, Fall 2016, Spring 2016, Spring 2015, Spring 2014, Fall 2013

CPE, guest didactic presenter, Spring 2017, Fall 2017

Ferguson Immersion in Ferguson, MO, Summer 2016 (logistics facilitator)

Introduction to Theological Education for Master's Students (\*=online), \*Fall 2012, Spring 2012, \*Fall 2011, \*Spring 2011, \*Fall 2010, \*Spring 2010, \*Fall 2009

**Ministry Training Program Instructor**, Spring 2018

Overview of the Bible, Spring 2018

**Educational Technology Training Coordinator**, 2012-2014

Various training sessions for faculty in Moodle and Chalk & Wire

**Instructor in Hebrew Bible**, 2007-2011

Introduction to the Hebrew Bible, Spring 2011 (online), Spring 2010 (online), Fall 2009, Summer 2009, Fall 2008, Fall 2007

The Five Festival Scrolls, Spring 2009, Spring 2008

Jeremiah, Spring 2009

Hebrew Readings, Fall 2008

Biblical Hebrew II, Spring 2008

Biblical Hebrew I, Fall 2007

**Acting Director of Spiritual Formation (United Methodist), 2008-09, 2016-17**

**Oklahoma Conference of The United Methodist Church, Oklahoma City, OK  
Hispanic/Latino Lay Academy Instructor**

Introduction to the Old Testament, Spring 2014

**Saint Paul School of Theology, Kansas City, MO**

**Course of Study Instructor**

Hebrew Bible 211, Fall 2013 (Springfield, MO), Fall 2011 (Springfield, MO), Winter 2011,  
Summer 2007, Winter 2007, Summer 2006

**American Baptist College, Nashville, TN**

**Adjunct Instructor**

Jeremiah, Spring 2005

**Divinity School/Graduate Department of Religion, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN**

**Writing Tutor, 2004-05**

**Master Teaching Fellow, 2003-04**

**Instructor**

Readings in Biblical Hebrew, Spring 2003

Elementary Biblical Hebrew, Fall 2002

**Teaching Fellow**

The Hebrew Bible – Dr. Jack M. Sasson, Fall 2004

Jesus and the Early Christian Communities – Dr. A.-J. Levine, Fall 2002

Jesus the Jew – Rabbi David Davis, Spring 2002

Literature, Religion & Faith of Ancient Israel – Dr. Douglas A. Knight, Fall 2001

**Saint Paul School of Theology, Kansas City MO**

**Praxis Leader, 1996-2000**

This position involved weekly small group discussions focused on case studies brought by the students themselves as a way to help them integrate their theological training with the practice of ministry. I led a different group each semester.

**PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES (CURRENT):**

**American Academy of Religion**

**Society for Biblical Literature**

**Phi Beta Kappa**

**Dempster Fellows, United Methodist Church**

**PRESENTATIONS AND PUBLICATIONS:**

**“Who Says So? A Question of Justice”** – sermon for What it Means to be a Disciple Series,  
Crown Heights Christian Church, Oklahoma City, OK, February 2018

**“Apocryphal Narratives”** – Seminary at Centenary Lecture Series, Centenary UMC, Tulsa,  
OK, September 2017

**“The Women of Matthew 1: It’s in the Genes”** – Seminary at Centenary Lecture Series,  
Centenary UMC, Tulsa, OK September 2016

- "Ecclesiastes (a.k.a. Qohelet)"** – Seminary at Centenary Lecture Series, Centenary UMC, Tulsa, OK, September 2015
- "Vital Conversations on Race: Listening and Speaking Up"** -- panel participant for John Hope Franklin Symposium on Reconciliation, Tulsa, OK, May 2015
- "Breathtaking Breathing"** Pentecost sermon for First Christian Church, Atchison, KS, May 2015
- "From the Inside Out"** – sermon for Women Preachers Series, Centenary UMC, Tulsa, OK March 2015
- "Lamentations: Hope in the Midst"** – Seminary at Centenary Lecture Series, Centenary UMC, Tulsa, OK, September 2014
- "Eat, Drink, and Be Married: Five Festival Scrolls from Jewish and Christian Perspectives"** – PTS Faith-Life Connections series, Yale Ave. Christian Church, Tulsa, OK, April 2013
- "Song of Songs: A Celebration of Love"** – Seminary at Centenary Lecture Series, Centenary UMC, Tulsa, OK, September 2013
- "Two Proverbial Women: Folly and Wisdom"** – presentation at St. Stephen's UMC, Broken Arrow, OK, June 2013
- "Eat, Drink, and Be Married: Five Festival Scrolls from Jewish and Christian Perspectives"** – PTS Faith-Life Connections series, Hillside Christian Church, Wichita, KS, April 2013
- "Five Festival Scrolls"** – speaker for Senior High Bible Academy, Boston Ave. UMC, Tulsa, October 2012
- "Celebrating Esther"** – Seminary at Centenary Lecture Series, Centenary UMC, Tulsa, OK, March 2012
- "Women and Harvest: Filling Our Baskets"** – keynote speaker for NEACCO Disciples Women Retreat, September/October 2011
- "Waiting for Armageddon"** – panel participant for Tulsa Interfaith Alliance film showing and response, September 2011
- "Reading Ruth with New Eyes"** – Seminary at Centenary Lecture Series, Centenary UMC, Tulsa, August 2011
- "Interactive Biblical Timeline"** – presentation for youth at Bartlesville District Leadership Training Day (UMC), January 2011
- Review of *The Destiny of the Righteous in the Psalms* by Jerome Creach – *Encounter*** (Indianapolis), 2010
- "Reading Ruth with New Eyes"** – lecture for PTS Faith Matters Series in Edmond, OK, March 2010
- "Preaching: Lent and Easter"** – panel participant for a Forum sponsored by the Oklahoma Institute for Biblical Literacy Foundation in Oklahoma City, OK, January 2010
- "Excellence in Exegesis"** – lecture, sermon, and workshop for Kansas Area Seminar for Professional Ministry, January 2010
- "Women Healing Women: Lessons from Ruth"** – presentation for Northeast Area Disciples Women, Pawnee, OK, November 2009
- "Hebrew Bible and Homosexuality"** – panel participant for series at First Presbyterian Church in Stillwater, OK, October 2009
- "Faithful Response to Living in Hard Times: Biblical Witness"** – lecture and sermon for Sunday series at First UMC, Independence, KS, July 2009

- "Daughters of Eve: The Place of Women in Classical Christian Sources"** – panel participant for Interfaith Dialogue Series, sponsored by Oklahoma Center for Community and Justice, Tulsa, OK, February 2009
- "Ruth"** – lecture for Faith Matters Series at Phillips Theological Seminary, October 2008
- "Moses: The Man and the Manna"** – "New Twists on Some Old Tales" workshop for laity, cosponsored by Phillips Theological Seminary and the Institute for Theological Study (Disciples of Christ), September 2008
- "Seeds of Promise"** – PTS United Methodist Alumni/ae luncheon, Oklahoma Annual Conference, May 2008
- Articles on Ancient Israel and Ancient Southern Arabia** – *Encyclopedia of Love, Courtship, and Sexuality*, vol. 1 (Greenwood Publishing, 2008)
- "Ruth"** – lecture for South Central Jurisdictional Clergywomen's Consultation, February 2007
- "Like Father, Like Son: the Levite in Micah's House"** – paper presented at Central States Regional SBL Meeting, 2006
- "Daniel"** – "Browsing the Bible" article for *DisciplesWorld* (March, 2006)
- "Jeremiah"** – "Browsing the Bible" article for *DisciplesWorld* (November, 2005)
- "Ruth and Naomi"** – article for *Encyclopedia of Religion, 2nd ed.* (Macmillan, 2005)
- "Woman to Woman: A Comparative Study of Women's Status as Represented in Law Codes of Ancient Israel and Neighboring Nations"** – paper presented at SBL 2004 Annual Meeting
- "Does Biblical History Have a Future? David as a Test Case for Historical Criticism"** – planner and leader for 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Hebrew Bible Symposium, Vanderbilt University, Jan. 12, 2004
- "At Home in Babylon? An Ideological/Rhetorical Consideration of Exodus 1"** – paper presented at SBL 2003 Annual Meeting
- Contributor to *New Interpreter's Dictionary of the Bible*, vol. 1&2 (Abingdon, 2006, 2007)
- Contributor to Index volume of *New Interpreter's Bible* (Abingdon, 2004)
- Proofreader for online version of Preuss's *Old Testament Theology* (United Methodist Publishing House, 2004)

#### **PROFESSIONAL CHURCH EXPERIENCE:**

**Pastor, Great Plains (formerly Kansas East) Conference of the United Methodist Church  
Ordained Elder, 1991; Ordained Deacon, 1988**

Tulsa: Phillips Theological Seminary, 2007-present

Nashville: Vanderbilt University graduate student, 2000 - 2007

Kansas City: Stephens UMC, 1995 - 2000

Westmoreland UMC and Olsburg UMC, 1991 - 1995

Liberty UMC and Dearing UMC, 1989 - 1991

**Student Intern/Assistant Pastor, Southern Illinois Conference of the UMC**

Olney: Immanuel UMC, 1987-1988

#### **CHURCH AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT (SELECTED):**

**The United League for Social Action (T.U.L.S.A.), participant**, Spring 2015 - present

**Dialogue Institute of the Southwest, Advisory Council**, Spring 2015 - present

**Centenary UMC, charge conference affiliate**, Summer 2011 - present

**Guest Sunday School Speaker, various churches in Tulsa**, Fall 2007 - present

**YWCA, participant**, Summer 2013 - 2015

**Oklahoma Center for Community and Justice (OCCJ), participant**, Summer 2011 - 2015  
**Tulsa Metropolitan Ministries, participant**, Summer 2011 - 2015  
**Tulsa Labyrinth Circle participant**, Spring 2010 - 2015  
**Interfaith Trialogue Open Tables participant**, Spring 2009 – Spring 2010  
**Dead Sea Scrolls Exhibit, Union Station, Kansas City, volunteer**, Spring 2007  
**Dead Sea Scrolls Introductory Sessions at Local Churches, leader**, Spring 2007  
**Pulpit Supply, Guest Bible Study Leader, Lectionary Study Leader for Clergy**,  
Kansas City District UMC, 2005 - 2007  
**The Interfaith Alliance, member**, 2000 - present  
**Reconciling Ministries Network** (association of United Methodists), **member**, 1996 - present  
**Belmont UMC, active participant**, Nashville, TN, 2000 - 2005  
**Nashville Peace and Justice Center, participant**, Nashville TN, 2000 - 2005  
**Kansas East Conf. School of Christian Missions, Bible Study Leader**, 1998 - 1999  
**Lectionary Study Group, co-founder and leader**, Kansas City District UMC, 1997 - 2000  
**Kansas East Conference UMC, Mentor for Ministry Candidates**, 1996 - 2000  
**Kansas East Conference Council on Ministries, chair**, 1996 - 1999  
**Wyandotte County Ministerial Association, president**, Kansas City KS, 1998 - 1999  
**Kansas East Conference Affirmative Action Committee, chair**, 1989 - 1994  
**Wesley Foundation, president and co-founder**, Washington Univ. in St. Louis, 1983 - 1985  
**Council for Interreligious Concerns, member**, Washington Univ. in St. Louis, 1983 – 1985