

Curriculum Vitae

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PROFESSIONAL EMPHASIS

Teaching Old Testament, Hebrew, and theology in a
Conservative Christian college or university

EDUCATION

December 1995

Doctor of Philosophy, Department of Old Testament
Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia
Advisor: Martin J. Buss
Dissertation: *The Image of God in Joel and Other Selected
Prophecies* (published as *The God of the Prophets*)
Methodology: Content analysis (computer assisted
textual analysis)

May 1988

Masters of Divinity
Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts
Emphases: Old Testament and Hebrew
Advisors: Paul D. Hanson, Theodore Hiebert
Thesis: *Shall A Human Rob God? A Study on the
Purpose of the Tithe*

May 1985

Bachelor of Arts, *summa cum laude*
Evangel College, Springfield, Missouri
Biblical Studies (Major), Biblical Languages (Concentration)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

August 1995-
Present

Professor
Evangel University, Springfield, Missouri
Courses of instruction, including current courses:

Most frequently taught:
Old Testament Literature
Hebrew 1A and B
Hebrew 2A and B

Hebrew 3A and B (Psalms, Prophets, Ezekiel, Judges,
Pentateuch, Historical Books, Jeremiah)
Sophomore Seminar (intro to research and
intermediate hermeneutics)
Old Testament Theology
Introduction to Christian Doctrine
Hermeneutics (Advanced)
Jeremiah
Psalms

Less-frequently taught:

Minor Prophets
Christian Philosophy
Dead Sea Scrolls
Essential Christianity
New Testament Literature
Acts
Various directed studies

January 1989-
May 1993

Visiting Instructor

Beulah Heights Bible College, Atlanta, Georgia
(Now Beulah Heights University)

Courses of instruction:

Old Testament Prophetic Books (Minor
Prophets) (2x)
Early Hebrew History (Old Testament Narrative
Books) (2x)
History of Israel (1x)
Hebrew Customs (Manners and Customs) (1x)
Synoptic Gospels (1x)
John and Acts (3x)
Romans and Galatians (2x)
Bible Study Methods (1x)
Apologetics (1x)
Systematic Theology (Christian Doctrine) (1x)
Meaning of Science (Christianity and
Science) (2x)

Served on library committee for TRACS accreditation

Fall 1991

Adjunct Faculty

Emory University Candler School of Theology

Course of instruction: Hebrew Readings (intermediate Hebrew)

1984-1985

Teaching assistant in introductory Hebrew at Evangel College
under Dr. Mark McLean

PUBLICATIONS

- 2014 *Hebrew for Reading Comprehension*. This is a first-year Hebrew textbook which is designed to simplify the process of learning to read Classical Biblical Hebrew. Logos Bible Software has released it as a stand-alone title.
- 2007 "Killing a Dead Language: A Case against Emphasizing Vowel Pointing when Teaching Biblical Hebrew," *SBL Forum* (May, 2007). The article can be found at: <http://www.sbl-site.org/publications/Article.aspx?ArticleId=675> (The SBL Forum is a peer-reviewed online journal of the Society of Biblical Literature.)
- 1999 Commentary on the prophet Joel, in *The Old Testament Study Bible: Daniel-Malachi* (The Complete Biblical Library; Springfield, MO: World Library Press, 1999).
- 1997 *The God of the Prophets: An Analysis of Divine Action* (Sheffield, England: Sheffield Academic Press, 1997).
- Other I created the indexes for three books by Randy Tate.

PAST RESEARCH

- Current Projects Continuing work on *A Content Analysis of Divine Activity in the Psalms* (see below).
- Hebrew Layouts and Translations: Rendering Psalms as Poetry*, ". The purpose is to lay out the Psalms in a way which shows parallelism, grouping of thought, and digressions/explanations in a quasi-outline fashion.
- The Old Testament Calendar*. This study examines all calendrical references in the OT with a goal of determining how consistent the OT's calendar is. Preliminary data shows that a commonly-held scholarly view that the Jews got their spring New Year from the Babylonians is unsupportable.
- Conversational Language in the Hebrew Bible*. As with most languages, conversational language differs from prose and poetry in the Hebrew Bible. An examination of conversational language (not just all direct speech) has a character which is different from the narrative in which it is typically embedded.
- 2008 Awarded a summer research grant by Evangel University to work on *Hebrew for Reading Comprehension*

- 2005-present *A Content Analysis of Divine Activity the Psalms*. This is an ongoing project which classifies divine activity in the Psalms. The results have been used as the background for a few presentations at Central States Society of Biblical Literature meetings, as well as in the classroom for Psalms, Old Testament Literature, and Old Testament Theology.
- 1997-2000 Digitized photos of Syro-Palestine and other Biblical Sites for the classroom
- 1992-1994 Dead Sea Scrolls Translator and Lecturer, April 1992-1994 Presentations at Brenau University (Gainesville, Georgia), and at various local churches
- Reconstruction and translation of Biblical Dead Sea Scrolls, based on the Huntington Library microfilm and the BAS Facsimile Edition of the Dead Sea Scrolls.

PRESENTATIONS

- October 2018 "Hebrew Layouts and Translations: Rendering Psalms as Poetry."
Forthcoming, Greater Springfield Professors of Bible meeting.
- March 2015 "Tu or Vous: How Formal is Prayer in the Psalms?"
Central States SBL meeting.
- March 2013 "Conversational Language in the Hebrew Bible: Translation Issues."
Central States SBL meeting.
- Fall 2011 "Hebrew Phrase Concordances."
Greater Springfield Professors of Bible meeting
- March 2011 "Conversational Language in the Hebrew Bible."
Joint paper with Wave Nunnally, Ph.D.
Central States SBL meeting
- Spring 2010 "Breaking Old Paradigms--Further Reflections on Hebrew Pedagogy."
Central States SBL meeting
<http://www.springfieldbibleprofessors.org/2009/hebrewbible/index.htm>
- Fall 2009 "Breaking Old Paradigms--Further Reflections on Hebrew Pedagogy."
Greater Springfield Professors of Bible meeting
- Spring 2009 "Ethics and Psalm 82".
Central States SBL meeting

- Spring 2008 "Roots of Eschatology in the Psalms."
Central States SBL meeting
- Spring 2007 "Killing a Dead Language: A Case against Emphasizing Vowel
Pointing when Teaching Biblical Hebrew."
Central States SBL meeting
- Fall 2006 "Killing a Dead Language: A Case against Emphasizing Vowel
Pointing when Teaching Biblical Hebrew."
Greater Springfield Professors of Bible meeting
- Spring 2006 "The God of the Psalmists Who Recite Israel's History."
Central States SBL meeting
- Spring 2005 "Pictures of God in the Psalms."
Central States SBL meeting
- Fall 2003 "A Content Analysis of Imprecatory Statements in the Psalms,
Otherwise Known As, 'Get the Jerks!'" Bible Colleagues of the
Greater Springfield Area, Springfield, Missouri
- Fall 2001 "A Content Analysis of the Psalms, Otherwise Known As 'The
Terminus A Quo and the Terminus Ad Quem of the Psalms,
Including an Evaluation of the Psalm Superscriptions.'" Bible
Colleagues of the Greater Springfield Area, Springfield,
Missouri
- Fall 1998 "Digitized Photos of Syro-Palestine for the Classroom"
Hebrew Bible Colleagues of the Greater Springfield Area,
Springfield, Missouri
- Spring 1997 "Review of Andrew Bartelt's *The Book Around Immanuel*"
Society of Biblical Literature Regional Meeting,
Kansas City, Missouri
- Fall 1996 Summary of my dissertation, *The Image of God in Joel and
Other Selected Prophecies*.
Hebrew Bible Colleagues of the Greater Springfield Area,
Springfield, Missouri
- Fall 1991 "A Pentecostal Approach to Old Testament Theology"
Society for Pentecostal Studies, Lakeland, Florida
(Response from Dr. Stanley Horton)
- Spring 1991 "Where in Transjordan is Mahanaim?"
Extended Session, Regional Society of Biblical
Literature, Atlanta, Georgia

- Fall 1987 "A Model for a Foundations Class."
Southern New England District Christian Education
Convention, Chicopee, Massachusetts
- Fall 1986 "Prophecy: Past or Future?"
Southern New England District Sunday School Convention
Chicopee, Massachusetts

SERVICE TO EVANGEL UNIVERSITY

Departmental Service

Scholarship coordinator 1996-present
 Departmental representative for Founders Scholarships 2006-2008
 Assisted with the Society for Pentecostal Studies meeting, 1999
 Faculty search committee
 Lifeworks funding subcommittee
 Taking students to the Central States Society of Biblical Literature
 meetings 2006-present
 Helped design and redesign the Biblical Languages major
 I have a knack for data crunching, and this often serves the department
 Helped design the Jewish Studies minor
 Team-taught a Psalms course thrice with Dr. Nelson of Humanities

Committee Work

Educational Technology (2 years)
 Faculty Affairs Committee (3 years)
 Academic Suspension and Appeals (2008-2009)
 Student Readiness (comparing ACT and high school GPA's to
 graduation rates [I did most of the data crunching])
 Academic Integrity Redesign (2016-2017)

Ad-hoc and Advisory Committees:

Grade posting policy/FERPA issues
 Freshman Year Experience
 Faculty Web software search
 Policy concerning out-of-wedlock pregnancies

Contribution to the Spiritual Life of the University

I have spoken and ministered in music at many class and residence hall chapels
 (when we still had 5 day/week chapels)
 Presentations for the themed weeks (2008, 2009, 2011)
 Frequent invocations at basketball games

Organizational Advising

Club advisor, Chi Delta Kappa, 1996-1999
 Class advisor (current, and all but about four years from
 1996 to the present)
 Hebrew Reading group (many years; unofficial club)
 Co-advisor to *Theta Alpha Kappa*, the religious studies honor society

University non-measurables include:

- Photographing Evangel athletic events: football, volleyball, men's & women's basketball, softball, soccer, and baseball (along with my wife)
- Regular involvement with the judging of student homecoming banners and skits (my early years here)
- Performing at a couple of homecoming tailgate parties
- Promotion of the University: Enrollment frequently targets my Old Testament classes for prospective students
- I verbally promote women's athletic events on a regular basis

CURRENT CHURCH INVOLVEMENT

2004-present Evangel Temple Christian Center, Springfield, Missouri
Pastor: Rev. Charles Arsenault. I regularly teach one (and often two) adult Sunday school classes. I also have done some Wednesday night series.

CHURCH EXPERIENCE

Denomination: Assemblies of God, Licensed Minister, Southern Missouri District

1996-2004 King's Chapel Assembly of God, Springfield, Missouri
Pastor: Rev. Phil Duncan

April 1994-
July 1995 Associate Pastor
Broomfield Assembly of God, Broomfield, Colorado
Included teaching adult Christian education, teaching Wednesday nights, and occasional preaching
Pastor: Rev. Darryl Proffit

June 1992-
June 1993 Associate Pastor
International Christian Centre, Atlanta, Georgia
Involvement included teaching adult Christian education, leading worship, and occasional preaching
Pastor: Rev. Paul Curtis

September 1986-
June 1988 Ministerial Staff
Cambridge Christian Center, Cambridge, Massachusetts
Taught adult Christian education, led evening worship, preached occasionally
Pastor: Rev. David Hymes

October 1992- Staff May 1993
Chi Alpha Christian Fellowship, Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia

Campus Minister: Terry Eiesland

1982-present Adult Christian Education Teacher at the following churches:

2004-present Evangel Temple Christian Center, Springfield, Missouri
Pastor: Rev. Charles Arsenault

1996-2004 King's Chapel Assembly of God, Springfield, Missouri
Pastor: Rev. Phil Duncan

1994-1995 Broomfield Assembly of God, Broomfield, Colorado
Pastor: Rev. Darryl Proffit

1991-1993 International Christian Centre, Atlanta, Georgia
Pastor: Rev. Paul D. Curtis

1988-1991 Roswell Assembly of God, Roswell, Georgia
Pastor: Rev. Gary Kellner

1985-1988 Cambridge Christian Center, Cambridge, Massachusetts
Pastor: Rev. David Hymes

1983-1985 Praise Assembly of God, Springfield, Missouri
Pastor: Rev. Billy Burris

1982 Trinity Temple (First Assembly of God), Boulder, Colorado
Pastor: Rev. Claude Spilman

RELATED WORK EXPERIENCE

1985-1988 Circulation Department
Andover-Harvard Theological Library, Cambridge,
Massachusetts

1984-1985 Married Students Chaplain
Evangel College, Springfield, Missouri

OTHER WORK EXPERIENCE

1975-1982 All Purpose Clerk
King Soopers #33, Boulder, Colorado

1993-1995 Various temporary data entry positions

AWARDS

1985 Graduating *Summa Cum Laude*

1985 Outstanding Bible Society Award (American Bible Society)

1984-1985 Biblical Studies Departmental Scholarship

MEMBERSHIPS

Current Society of Biblical Literature

2011-present Chair of the Greater Springfield Professors of Bible group.
This is sort of an unofficial Southwest Missouri chapter of
the SBL. I have been involved in the organization since 1996,
and I have been in charge of hosting it at Evangel on about
a dozen occasions.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

August 1990	Archaeologically oriented tour of Syria, Jordan, and Israel Tour Host - J. Maxwell Miller, Emory University
Languages	Biblical Hebrew (since 1982; 7.5 years formally), Koine Greek (2 years), Biblical Aramaic (1 semester), Akkadian (1 year), French (1 year), German (1 year)
Related interests	Proficient on the guitar Writing and recording humorous and satirical music, both as completely original compositions and as parodies. Recordings may be found at www.drbill.net/music Photography

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Born April 12, 1957

Married with three children

Wife: Terry; sons: Daniel, Jonathan, Paul

Christian Commitment: Summer 1975

Hobbies: music (playing and composing), road bicycling, bicycle repair, photography

REFERENCES

Gary Martindale, Ph.D. (colleague since 1999 and former department head)

Professor of Biblical Studies

Department of Theology and Global Church Ministries

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Wave Nunnally, Ph.D. (colleague of 15 years)

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Bryan Sanders, J.D. (colleague of close to 20 years, former chair of Social Science Department at Evangel University)

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Rev. Charles Arsenault (my pastor since 2004)

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