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**CURRENT POSITION:** Professor of New Testament

## **EDUCATION**

- ◆ Ph. D., 1995, Luther Seminary, St. Paul, MN: Scripture with a focus in New Testament
- ◆ M. Div., Magna Cum Laude, 1989, Nazarene Theological Seminary, Kansas City, MO
- ◆ B. S. Accounting; B. S. Business Administration, Summa Cum Laude, 1982, Trevecca Nazarene College, Nashville, TN

## **CURRENT PUBLISHING PROJECTS:**

- ◆ *1 and 2 Thessalonians* in the Two Horizons Commentary series, Eerdmans.
- ◆ Translation of 1 & 2 Thessalonians for the *Common English Bible*, Abingdon.

## **PUBLICATIONS:**

### **SCHOLARLY: Books**

- ◆ *Holiness and Ecclesiology in the New Testament*. Ed. Kent Brower and Andy Johnson. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2007.

### **SCHOLARLY: Journal Articles and Essays**

- ◆ “Firstfruits and Death’s Defeat: Metaphor in Paul’s Rhetorical Strategy in 1 Corinthians 15:20-28,” *Word and World* 16 (1996): 456-64.
- ◆ “Our God Reigns: The Body of the Risen Lord in Luke 24,” *Word & World* 22 (2002): 133-43.
- ◆ “Ripples of the Resurrection in the Triune Life of God: Reading Luke 24 with Eschatological and Trinitarian Eyes,” *Horizons in Biblical Theology* 24 (2002): 87-110.

- ◆ “Turning the World Upside Down in 1 Corinthians 15: Apocalyptic Epistemology, the Resurrected Body, and the New Creation,” *Evangelical Quarterly* 75 (2003): 291-309.
- ◆ “On Removing a Trump Card: Flesh and Blood and the Reign of God,” *Bulletin for Biblical Research* 13 (2003): 175-92.
- ◆ “The New Testament and Its Interpretation: Theological Activity in an Ecclesial Context,” *The Tower* 7 (2003): 27-36.
- ◆ “Resurrection, Ascension, and the Developing Portrait of the God of Israel in Acts,” *Scottish Journal of Theology* 57 (2004): 146-62.
- ◆ “Hearing Them on Their Own Terms: Introducing the Old and New Testaments,” *Catalyst* 30:4 (2004): online at [www.catalystresources.org/issues/304johnson.html](http://www.catalystresources.org/issues/304johnson.html).
- ◆ “Holy Mission: The ‘Entire Sanctification’ of the Triune God’s Creation,” co-written with Phil Hamner, *Didache*, 5 (2005): online at [http://media.premierstudios.com/nazarene/docs/didache\\_5\\_1\\_holy\\_mission.pdf](http://media.premierstudios.com/nazarene/docs/didache_5_1_holy_mission.pdf).
- ◆ “The Sanctification of the Imagination in 1 Thessalonians,” in *Holiness and Ecclesiology in the New Testament*. (ed. Kent Brower and Andy Johnson, Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2007), 275-92.
- ◆ “Introduction: Holiness and the *Ekklesiā* of God,” co-written with Kent Brower in *Holiness and Ecclesiology in the New Testament* (ed. Kent Brower and Andy Johnson, Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2007), xvi-xxiv.
- ◆ “The ‘New Creation,’ the Crucified and Risen Christ, and the Temple: A Pauline Audience for Mark,” *Journal of Theological Interpretation* 1 (2007): 171-91.
- ◆ “Response to Ben Witherington’s, ‘Homeland Insecurity: The Spiritual Lust for an Escape Clause,’” forthcoming in *Ex Auditu* 24 (2008).
- ◆ “Graceful Hoof Beats?” (a sermon) forthcoming in *Ex Auditu* 24 (2008).

#### **SCHOLARLY: Book Reviews and Dictionary Articles**

- ◆ Review of Ben Witherington, *Paul’s Narrative Thought World: The Tapestry of Tragedy and Triumph*, *Word and World* 15 (1995): 508.
- ◆ “A (Partial) Vision of Christian Holiness for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century: Kent Brower’s, *Holiness in the Gospels*,” *The Tower* 8 (2004): 49-55.
- ◆ “Corban,” in *New Interpreters Dictionary of the Bible*, Nashville: Abingdon, 2006, 1: 732.
- ◆ “Holy, Holiness, NT” in *New Interpreters Dictionary of the Bible*, Nashville: Abingdon, 2: 846-50.

- ◆ Major Book Review of Angus Paddison's, *Theological Hermeneutics and 1 Thessalonians*, *Interpretation* 61 (2007): 434-36.
- ◆ "Lord," in *New Interpreters Dictionary of the Bible*. Nashville: Abingdon, 3: 687.
- ◆ "Rebirth, Renewal," in *New Interpreters Dictionary of the Bible*. Nashville: Abingdon, 4: 741-44.
- ◆ "Self-Control," in *New Interpreters Dictionary of the Bible*. Nashville: Abingdon, forthcoming.
- ◆ "Sanctify, Sanctification," in *New Interpreters Dictionary of the Bible*. Nashville: Abingdon, forthcoming.

### **POPULAR**

- ◆ *Wesley Study Bible*, Abingdon, 2009 (Associate Editor, New Testament; author of the notes on 1 Thessalonians).
- ◆ "Mercy First of All," *Holiness Today* 5 November, 2003.
- ◆ "Holiness and the Outcasts," *Holiness Today* 5 December, 2003.
- ◆ "Health, Holiness, and the Body of Christ," *Holiness Today* 6 June, 2004.
- ◆ "Keeping Order in Public Worship—Commentary," online at the Wynkoop Center for Women in Ministry (<http://www.wynkoopcenter.org/images/articles/u4s2.pdf>), pp. 5-11.
- ◆ "The Strange Silence about the Resurrection in the Church," *Holiness Today* 8 March/April, 2006.
- ◆ "Holiness in 1 Corinthians," A Series of Sunday School Lessons for Word Action Curriculum (Nazarene Publishing House, 2009).

**DOCTORAL THESIS:** "Resurrection Rhetoric: A Rhetorical Analysis of 1 Corinthians 15."

### **PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS:**

- ◆ "Ripples of the Resurrection in the Triune Life of God: Fleshly Embodiment, Eschatological Consummation, and the Developing Portrait of God in the Narrative of Luke-Acts," at the Wesleyan Theological Society Meeting in March, 2000.
- ◆ "The Temple, the New Creation, and the Risen Christ: The Story of Mark as a Catalyst for Wesleyan Evangelism," presented at the Wesleyan Theological Society Meeting in March, 2002.

- ◆ “Imagining the New Creation: On the Hermeneutical Priority of Jesus’ Resurrection in Transformed Flesh,” presented at the 15th Oxford Institute of Methodist Theological Studies, Christ Church College, Oxford in August, 2002.
- ◆ “The ‘New Creation,’ the Crucified and Risen Christ, and the Temple: A Pauline Community as an Audience for Mark,” presented in the Mark Group at the 2002 Society of Biblical Literature Meeting in Toronto.
- ◆ “Holy Mission: The ‘Entire Sanctification’ of the Triune God’s Creation,” co-written with Phil Hamner and presented at the North American Nazarene Theology Conference in Kansas City, December, 2004.
- ◆ “Enslaved to the Living and True God and Awaiting his Son from Heaven: Practicing [the Doctrine of] Holiness in 1 Thessalonians,” presented at the Wesleyan Theological Society Meeting in Rochester, NY in March, 2004.
- ◆ “Response to Kenneth J. Archer’s, ‘The Spirit and Theological Interpretation: A Pentecostal Strategy,’” presented in the Theological Hermeneutics of Christian Scripture Group at the 2005 Society of Biblical Literature Meeting in Philadelphia.
- ◆ “Holiness, Suffering, and Hope: Eschatology and Ecclesiology in 1 Thessalonians,” presented at the Wesleyan Theological Society Meeting in Bourbonnais, IL in March, 2007.
- ◆ “The Spirit upon All Flesh and the Restoration of All Things: Acts and the Holy Prophets,” co-presented with Laurie J. Braaten at the Wesleyan Theological Society Meeting in Durham, NC in March, 2008.
- ◆ “Response to Ben Witherington’s, ‘Homeland Insecurity: The Spiritual Lust for an Escape Clause,’” presented at the North Park Symposium on the Theological Interpretation of Scripture in September, 2008.
- ◆ “Graceful Hoof Beats?” the closing sermon at the North Park Symposium on the Theological Interpretation of Scripture in September, 2008.

## **MEMBERSHIP/PARTICIPATION IN PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES**

- ◆ Society of Biblical Literature
- ◆ Wesleyan Theological Society
- ◆ Catholic Biblical Association
- ◆ Institute for Biblical Research (At Large Member of Board of Directors)
- ◆ Tyndale Fellowship for Biblical and Theological Research

## ACADEMIC TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- ◆ Nazarene Theological Seminary
  - Resurrection in the NT
  - The Gospel of Mark
  - The Gospel of Luke
  - The Acts of the Apostles
  - 1 Corinthians
  - 1 and 2 Thessalonians (Greek)
  - Theology of the Book of Revelation
  - Christological Epistles
  - Advanced Greek
  - Biblical Hermeneutics in Theological Perspective
  - New Testament Theology
  - Galatians (Greek)
  - Romans (Greek)
  - Readings in the LXX: Isaiah
  
- ◆ Asbury Theological Seminary (Adjunct): Introduction to the New Testament
  
- ◆ Trevecca Nazarene University:
  - M. A. Classes:*
    - Resurrection in the NT
    - Theology of the Book of Revelation
    - Corinthian Correspondence
  - Introduction to Biblical Interpretation
    - B. A. Classes:*
      - Introduction to Biblical Faith
      - Introduction to Philosophy (a topical introduction)
      - Introductory, Intermediate, and Advanced NT Greek
      - Johannine Literature
      - Matthew and Mark
      - Luke/Acts
      - Apocalyptic Literature
  
- ◆ Eastern Nazarene College:
  - Interpreting the New Testament I, II
  - New Testament Greek I, II, III
  - Introduction to the Bible (in the adult education program)
  - The Philosophical Quest (a history of western philosophy)
  - Issues in Science and Religion
  - Co-participant in Epoch Making Events in Science (a course on the history and nature of science)

- ◆ Luther Seminary:
  - Lecturer in Greek, Summer 1991 and 1992
  - Co-taught one-third of a Galatians Seminar with Prof. J. Louis Martyn, 1991

#### **AWARDS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

- ◆ Co-Recipient of Award from the John Templeton Foundation at Eastern Nazarene College for the Class, “Issues in Science and Religion”
- ◆ Nazarene Theological Seminary: President’s Award (for highest GPA in the graduating class)
- ◆ Trevecca Nazarene College: Wall Street Journal Award (for highest GPA in the graduating Business class)
- ◆ Passed the CPA Exam in Tennessee in 1983