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**CURRENT POSITION:** Professor of New Testament, Willard H. Taylor Chair in Biblical Theology

## **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:**

- ◆ Tentative Working Title: *Anti-Christology in the New Testament*

## **PUBLICATIONS:**

### **SCHOLARLY: Books**

- ◆ *Holiness and Ecclesiology in the New Testament*. Ed. Kent Brower and Andy Johnson. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2007.
- ◆ *1 and 2 Thessalonians*. In the Two Horizons New Testament Commentary. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2016.
- ◆ *Holiness and the Missio Dei*. Eugene, OR: Cascade, 2016.
- ◆ *Cruciform Scripture: Cross, Participation, and Mission*. Ed. Christopher W. Skinner, Nijay K. Gupta, Andy Johnson, Drew J. Strait. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2021.

### **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://didache.nazarene.org/index.php/volume-5-1/710-v5n1-hamner-johnson/file>.
- ◆ “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 *Ekklēsia* 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 Witherington.” *Ex Auditu* 24 (2009): 176-80.
- ◆ “Hoofbeats Full of Grace?” (a sermon). *Ex Auditu* 24 (2009): 181-84.
- ◆ “Le « corps spirituel » de 1 Corinthiens 15.” *Hokhma: Revue de réflexion théologique* 95 (2009): 84-91 (Translation/Summary of “Turning the World Upside Down”).
- ◆ “Missional from First to Last: Paul’s Letters and the *Missio Dei*,” in *Missio Dei: A Wesleyan Understanding*. ed. Keith Schwanz and Joseph Coleson. Kansas City: Beacon Hill, 2011, pp. 67-74.
- ◆ “Navigating Justification: Conversing with Paul,” *Catalyst* 37 (2010): 1-4.
- ◆ “Paul’s ‘Anti-Christology’ in 2 Thessalonians 2:3-12 in Canonical Context.” *Journal of Theological Interpretation* 8 (2014): 125-43.
- ◆ “Ecclesiology, Election, and the Life of God: A Missional Reading of the Thessalonian Correspondence.” *Journal of Theological Interpretation* 9 (2015): 247-65.

- ◆ “Building a New Testament Library: Philippians–Philemon.” *Catalyst* (March 2016) <http://www.catalystresources.org/building-a-new-testament-library-philippians-philemon-5/>.
- ◆ “‘You Wonder Where the Spirit Went:’ The Spirit and the Resurrection of the Son in Matthew and John.” *Journal of Theological Interpretation* 12 (2018): 58-75.
- ◆ “Building a New Testament Library: Philippians–Philemon.” *Catalyst* (February 2019): <https://www.catalystresources.org/building-a-new-testament-library-philippians-philemon-6/>
- ◆ “‘But I Never Intended...’: Implicit Hamartiology in the Thessalonian Correspondence,” in *Sin and Its Remedy in Paul*. ed. John K. Goodrich and Nijay Gupta. Eugene, Or: Catalyst, 2020, 130-46.
- ◆ “Gospel Themes as ‘Glue’ for Pauline Ecclesiological Images,” in *Listening Again to the Text: New Testament Studies in Honor of George Lyons*. Claremont Studies in New Testament and Christian Origins 5. ed. Richard P. Thompson. Claremont, CA: Claremont Press, 2020, 73-93.
- ◆ “The Past, Present, and Future of Bodily Resurrection as Salvation: Christ, Church, and Cosmos,” in *Cruciform Scripture: Cross, Participation, and Mission*. ed. Christopher W. Skinner, Nijay K. Gupta, Andy Johnson, Drew J. Strait. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2021, 207-24.
- ◆ “The Resurrection and Ascension of True Humanity in Luke-Acts.” *Journal of Theological Interpretation* 15 (2021): 247-261.
- ◆ “Building a New Testament Library: Philippians–Philemon.” *Catalyst* (February 2022): <https://www.catalystresources.org/building-a-new-testament-library-philippians-philemon-7/>

#### **SCHOLARLY: Dictionary Articles**

- ◆ “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, 2007, 2: 846-50.
- ◆ “Lord,” in *New Interpreters Dictionary of the Bible*. Nashville: Abingdon, 2008, 3: 687.
- ◆ “Rebirth, Renewal,” in *New Interpreters Dictionary of the Bible*. Nashville: Abingdon, 2009, 4: 741-44.
- ◆ “Self-Control,” in *New Interpreters Dictionary of the Bible*. Nashville: Abingdon, 2009, 5: 160-61.

- ◆ “Sanctify, Sanctification,” in *New Interpreters Dictionary of the Bible*. Nashville: Abingdon, 2009, 5: 96-101.
- ◆ “Theological Interpretation of the Gospels.” In *Dictionary of Jesus and the Gospels*, 2d ed. Ed. Joel B. Green, Jeannine K. Brown, Nicholas Perrin. pp. 963-66. Downers Grove, IL: IVP Academic, 2013.
- ◆ “Theological Interpretation.” In *Global Wesleyan Encyclopedia of Biblical Theology*. ed. Robert D. Branson. pp. 383-86. Kansas City: Beacon Hill, 2020.
- ◆ “Holiness/Sanctification.” In *Dictionary of Paul and His Letters*, 2d ed. Ed. Scot McKnight, Lynn Cohick, Nijay Gupta. Downers Grove, IL: IVP Academic, 2023, 423-29.

### **SCHOLARLY: Book Reviews**

- ◆ 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.
- ◆ Major Book Review of Angus Paddison’s, *Theological Hermeneutics and 1 Thessalonians*, *Interpretation* 61 (2007): 434-36.
- ◆ Book Review of Brevard S. Childs, *The Church’s Guide for Reading Paul: The Canonical Shaping of the Pauline Corpus* in *Interpretation*, 63 (2009): 427-28.
- ◆ Book Review of John R. Levison, *Filled with the Spirit* in *Interpretation* 64 (2010): 215.
- ◆ Book Review of N. T. Wright, *The Paul Debate: Critical Questions for Understanding the Apostle* in *Interpretation* 71 (2017): 450-51.
- ◆ Book Review of Frederick S. Tappenden, *Resurrection in Paul: Cognition, Metaphor, and Transformation* in *Catholic Biblical Quarterly* 80 (2018): 349-50.
- ◆ “Cruciform Shepherds for Resurrection Communities: The Transformation of Paul’s (and Our) Ministry Imagination.” A Book Review of Timothy G. Gombis, *Power in Weakness: Paul’s Transformed Vision for Ministry* in *Catalyst* (January 2021) <https://www.catalystresources.org/cruciform-shepherds-for-resurrection-communities-the-transformation-of-pauls-and-our-ministry-imagination/>
- ◆ Book Review of Stephen E. Young, *Our Brother Beloved: Purpose and Community in Paul’s Letter to Philemon* in *Bulletin for Biblical Research*, 33 (2023): 106-109.

**SCHOLARLY: Initial Translation** of 1 & 2 Thessalonians for the *Common English Bible*. Nashville: Abingdon.

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

**POPULAR PUBLICATIONS AND EDITORIAL ACTIVITIES:**

- ◆ “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).
- ◆ *Wesley Study Bible*, Abingdon, 2009 (Associate Editor, New Testament; author of the notes on 1 Thessalonians).
- ◆ Member of the review team for Immersion Bible Studies in association with the United Methodist Publishing House (a comprehensive Bible study for adult Sunday school classes and small groups).
- ◆ Contributions to “A Plain Account,” an online Wesleyan Lectionary Commentary: <http://www.aplainaccount.org/copy-of-proper-26c-gospel>, <http://www.aplainaccount.org/copy-of-proper-27c-2nd-reading>
- ◆ “1 Corinthians.” In *Wesley One Volume Commentary*. ed. Kenneth J. Collins and Robert W. Wall. Nashville: Abingdon, 2020, 736-56.

**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 Witherington, ‘Homeland Insecurity: The Spiritual Lust for an Escape Clause,’” presented at the North Park Symposium on the Theological Interpretation of Scripture in September, 2008.
- ◆ “Hoofbeats Full of Grace?” the closing sermon at the North Park Symposium on the Theological Interpretation of Scripture in September, 2008.
- ◆ Response to Joel Green’s *Body, Soul, and Human Life* in a panel discussion (with Joel Green) at the Wesleyan Theological Society meeting in Azusa, California in March, 2010.
- ◆ Presented the Rothwell Holiness Lectures at Southern Nazarene University, Bethany, OK, February 21-23, 2012.
- ◆ “‘Anti-holiness’: Paul’s ‘Antichristology’ in 2 Thessalonians 2” at the Wesleyan Theological Society meeting in Seattle, Washington on March 23, 2013.
- ◆ “Ecclesiology, Election, and Holiness: A Missional Reading of the Thessalonian Correspondence” in the GOCN Forum on Missional Hermeneutics at the Society of Biblical Literature meeting in San Diego, California on November 24, 2014.
- ◆ Presented the Gould Holiness Lectures at Eastern Nazarene College, Quincy, MA, March 13-15, 2016.
- ◆ “‘You Wonder Where the Spirit Went:’ The Spirit and the Resurrection of the Son in Matthew and John” in the Theological Interpretation of Scripture seminar at the Society of Biblical Literature meeting in San Antonio, Texas on November 21, 2016.

- ◆ “Resurrection, Cosmology, and Ecclesiology: Canonical Themes and Pauline Images for the Church” at the Wesleyan Theological Society meeting in Wilmore, Kentucky on March 3, 2017.
- ◆ “The Past, Present, and Future of Bodily Resurrection as Salvation: Christ, Church, Cosmos” in the Pauline Theology Section at the Society of Biblical Literature meeting in Denver on November 18, 2018.
- ◆ Participated in a panel discussion on “Eschatology and Missional Interpretation” at the Wesleyan Theological Society meeting in Washington, D. C. in March 2019.
- ◆ “Purity, Disgust, and True Humanity: Reading Gospel Texts with Race in Mind” at the Wesleyan Theological Society meeting in Kansas City, MO on March 6, 2020.
- ◆ “The ‘White’ Man of Lawlessness: Re-Reading 2 Thessalonians 2:3-12 in the Shadow of Whiteness” in the Christian Theology and the Bible Section at the Society of Biblical Literature meeting in Denver on November 19, 2022.

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

- ◆ Society of Biblical Literature
- ◆ Wesleyan Theological Society
- ◆ Institute for Biblical Research

#### **ACADEMIC TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

- ◆ Nazarene Theological Seminary
  - Resurrection in the NT
  - The Death of Jesus in the NT
  - The Gospel of Mark
  - The Gospel of Luke
  - The Acts of the Apostles
  - 1 Corinthians
  - 1 and 2 Thessalonians (Greek and English)
  - 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
  - Missional Hermeneutics

- Introduction to Biblical Languages
- Biblical and Pastoral Perspectives on Salvation, Healing, and Health Care
- Readings in Race and Christian Theology
- Biblical Perspectives on Social Justice
  
- ◆ United Methodist Course of Study (2019-2021): Bible III: Gospels
- ◆ Bishop Kemper School of Theology (2016-Present): Pauline Epistles
- ◆ Fuller Theological Seminary (Adjunct, Summer, 2009): Theology of the Resurrection
- ◆ 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