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Education

Ph.D. – Stellenbosch University (South Africa)

Supervisor: Christo van der Merwe. Dissertation: Research Topic: “The Complementation of *רִאָה* (*r’h*) in Biblical Hebrew.” Received March 2023. Additional doctoral level coursework at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School in Ugaritic and ‘Hebrew & Linguistics’ (2013-2014).

D.Min. – Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary (South Hamilton, MA)

Supervisor: Haddon W. Robinson. Dissertation: “The Art of Preaching Old Testament Narrative Literature.” Received May 2000.

M.A. – Western Seminary (Portland, OR)

Majored in Old Testament Language and Exegesis (Hebrew) with additional work in New Testament (Greek). 4.0 grade point average. Served as graduate assistant in Hebrew grammar to Dr. Ronald B. Allen. At graduation, received the Master of Arts Award, the Old Testament Award, and the Arthur B. Whiting Award in Biblical Literature. M.A. Thesis: “The Relationship of Genesis 38 to the Joseph Story.” Received May 1986.

Th.B. – Multnomah University (Portland, OR)

Majored in Biblical Literature. Received May 1985.

Current Ministry Positions

Senior Pastor, CrossLife Evangelical Free Church (Libertyville, IL), 2006-present

Director, Doctor of Ministry Program, Western Seminary, 2018-present

Adjunct Instructor and Distance Learning Instructor, Moody Bible Institute, 2011-present

Adjunct Professor of Preaching, Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, 2008-present

Ordination Moderator for the Great Lakes District of the EFCA, 2013-present

Publications

BOOKS

The Art of Preaching Old Testament Narrative (Grand Rapids: Baker Academic, 2002, 2021)

The first edition received the Book of the Year award from *Preaching* magazine and the *Christianity Today* merit award. In 2010, it was named to *Preaching* magazine's list of "The 25 Most Influential Preaching Books in the Last 25 Years." The first edition was translated into Korean. The second edition was released in June 2021.

Risen: 50 Reasons Why the Resurrection of Jesus Changed Everything (Grand Rapids, MI: Baker, 2013)

Preaching the Four Gospels with Confidence (Peabody, MA: Hendrickson, 2013)

Preaching the Hard Words of Jesus (Peabody, MA: Hendrickson, 2013)

Joshua-Judges in 'The People's Bible Commentary' (Oxford, England: The Bible Reading Fellowship, 2003)

CONTRIBUTIONS TO EDITED VOLUMES

"1 Kings," "2 Kings," and "Proverbs." In *The Big Idea Companion for Preaching and Teaching: A Guide from Genesis to Revelation*. Eds. Matthew D. Kim and Scott M. Gibson: Baker Academic, 2021. Pp. 127-148, 221-238.

"The Preacher and the World of the Old Testament." In *The Worlds of the Preacher: Navigating Biblical, Cultural, and Personal Contexts*. Ed. Scott M. Gibson. Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Academic, 2018. Pp. 15-35.

"Prophetic Preaching from Old Testament Narrative Texts." In *Text Message: The Centrality of Scripture in Preaching*. Eds. Ian Stackhouse and Oliver D. Crisp. Eugene, OR: Wipf and Stock, 2014. Pp. 34-53.

"The Story of the Left-Handed Assassin and the Obese King: Judges 3:12-30." In *Models for Biblical Preaching: Expository Sermons from the Old Testament*. Eds. Haddon W. Robinson and Patricia Batten. Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Academic, 2014. Pp. 41-60.

Six essays on preaching in *The Art and Craft of Biblical Preaching*. Eds. Haddon Robinson and Craig Brian Larson. Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 2005.

Study Notes on Numbers 1-14 and Proverbs 21-31, *The Quest Study Bible*. Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 1994.

REVIEWS AND ARTICLES IN SCHOLARLY JOURNALS

Review of *Job: The Wisdom of the Cross* by Christopher Ash, *Trinity Journal* 37 NS:2 (2016): 66-68.

Review of *Preaching the New Testament* ed. by Ian Paul and David Wenham, *Trinity Journal* 36 NS:1 (2015): 147-49.

“Guidelines for Understanding and Proclaiming Old Testament Narratives,” *Bibliotheca Sacra* 154:616 (1997), 410-435.

“An Exegetical Study of Genesis 38,” *Bibliotheca Sacra* 146:584 (1989): 373-392.

Papers Delivered to Professional Societies

“The David and Goliath Story as a Window into the Theocentric Approach to Preaching Old Testament Narrative Literature.” An unpublished, invited paper delivered to the Old Testament Narrative Literature Section of the Evangelical Theological Society at its annual meeting in San Diego, CA on November 19, 2014.

“An Exercise in Theology and Ethics: Preaching the Story of Jephthah’s Vow.” An unpublished, invited paper delivered to the Old Testament Narrative Literature Section of the Evangelical Theological Society at its annual meeting in New Orleans, LA on November 19, 2009.

Academic Seminars and Lectures

“Preaching (Old Testament) Poetry,” a seminar for pastors in the Graduate Certificate in Biblical Preaching, Heritage Seminary, Cambridge, ON (Canada), March 7-9, 2018; March 11-13, 2015.

“Preaching the Narratives of Scripture,” a seminar for pastors in the Graduate Certificate in Biblical Preaching, Heritage Theological Seminary, Cambridge, ON (Canada), March 9-11, 2016.

The Timothy Series, Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, February 25-27, 2014. This involved preaching twice in chapel and a Q&A forum with students and faculty.

The Shannon Lectureship in Preaching, Denver Seminary, April 11-12, 2011. This involved preaching twice in chapel and a Q&A forum with students and faculty.

“Preaching Old Testament Stories,” The Expository Preaching Lecture, Heritage Seminary, Cambridge, ON (Canada), October 4, 2007.

“Strategies for Displaying the Supremacy of God in 21st Century Expository Preaching.” The Bernard H. Rom Preaching Lectures, Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, November 2-3, 2004.

Courses Created as the Subject Matter Expert for Moody Distance Learning

PS-3382 Care of the Ministry Leader's Soul (undergraduate)
PS-4430 Narrative Messages (undergraduate)
PS-4433 Evangelistic Messages (undergraduate)
PS-6602 Narrative Preaching (Moody Theological Seminary)
PS-6604 Preaching from the Old Testament (Moody Theological Seminary)
BE-5502 Communicating Scriptures (graduate)
BE-5503 Preaching Narrative and Parabolic (graduate)
BE-6601 Preaching from the Old Testament (graduate)

Professional Membership and Activities

- Board Member, Carl F. Henry Center for Theological Understanding (2014-present)
- Member of The Evangelical Theological Society (since 2009)
- Member of The Society of Biblical Literature (since 2012)

Prior Ministry Experience

Adjunct Instructor, Montana Bible College (Bozeman, MT), 1987-2006.

Senior Pastor, Dry Creek Bible Church (Belgrade, MT), 1992-2006.

Pastor, Mountainview Bible Church (Helena, MT), 1987-1992.

Visiting Professor in the D.Min. program at Denver Seminary (2003, 2007, 2010, 2013), Western Seminary (2001, 2005, 2016), Northwest Baptist Seminary (2009), Trinity Evangelical Divinity School (2012, 2016, 2023).