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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

2021-	Associate Professor of New Testament in the Dunn Chair of Biblical Studies	Methodist Theological School in Ohio
2019-2021	Associate Professor of New Testament	Methodist Theological School in Ohio
2015-2019	Assistant Professor of New Testament	Methodist Theological School in Ohio
2012-2015	Assistant Professor of Biblical Studies	Fresno Pacific University

EDUCATION

2012	Ph.D. Theology, New Testament	University of St. Michael's College (University of Toronto)
2005	M.A. New Testament	Mennonite Brethren Biblical Seminary
2003	B.A. Christian Studies	Canadian Mennonite University

AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND GRANTS

2022	F. W. Beare Book Award for <i>Abject Joy</i> , Canadian Society of Biblical Studies
2018	Faculty Fellowship, Methodist Theological School in Ohio
2015	F. W. Beare Book Award for <i>Rethinking Paul's Rhetorical Education</i> , Canadian Society of Biblical Studies
2014	Faculty Merit Award, Fresno Pacific University
2013	Provost Research Grant, Fresno Pacific University
2013	Inspirational Teacher Award, Alpha Chi Honor Society, FPU Chapter
2012	Governor General's Academic Medal (Gold), Governor General of Canada
2010-2011	Ontario Graduate Scholarship
2010-2011	Gordon Farquharson Scholarship, Toronto School of Theology
2008-2010	Doctoral Fellowship, Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada
2007-2008	Ontario Graduate Scholarship
2007	Jeremias Prize, Canadian Society of Biblical Studies
2006	Thesis Award, Mennonite Brethren Biblical Seminary
2005	Alumni Scholarship, Mennonite Brethren Biblical Seminary
2004-2005	Dean's Honors, Mennonite Brethren Biblical Seminary
2000	Dr. George & Doris Johnson Entrance Scholarship, University of Winnipeg
1996	Governor General's Academic Medal (Bronze), Governor General of Canada

PUBLICATIONS

Monographs (peer-reviewed)

- 2021 *Abject Joy: Paul, Prison, and the Art of Making Do*. New York: Oxford University Press. Awarded the 2022 F. W. Beare Book Award by the Canadian Society of Biblical Studies. Finalist, Center for Biblical Studies Book Award (New Testament Studies).
- 2013 *Rethinking Paul's Rhetorical Education: Comparative Rhetoric and 2 Corinthians 10–13*. Early Christianity and Its Literature 10. Atlanta: Society of Biblical Literature, 2013. Awarded the 2015 F. W. Beare Book Award by the Canadian Society of Biblical Studies.

Edited Volumes and Journal Issues

- 2022 Ryan S. Schellenberg and Heidi Wendt, eds. *T&T Clark Handbook to the Historical Paul*. London: Bloomsbury T&T Clark.
- 2022 “Epistolary Affects.” Special issue, *Biblical Interpretation* 30, no. 5 (2022).
- 2021 Ryan S. Schellenberg and Heidi Wendt, eds. “Paul and the Praetorium.” Special issue, *Journal for the Study of the New Testament* 43, no. 4 (June 2021).

Journal Articles (peer-reviewed)

- 2022 “Epistolary Affects: An Introduction.” *Biblical Interpretation* 30: 539–55.
- 2022 “‘Making My Prayer with Joy’: Epistolary Prayer as Emotional Practice in Philippians and 1 Thessalonians.” *Novum Testamentum* 64: 79–98.
- 2019 “οἱ πιστεύοντες: An Early Christ-Group Self-Designation and Paul’s Rhetoric of Faith.” *New Testament Studies* 65: 33–42.
- 2018 “The Rest of Paul’s Imprisonments.” *Journal of Theological Studies* 69: 533–72.
- 2018 “Subsistence, Swapping, and Paul’s Rhetoric of Generosity.” *Journal of Biblical Literature* 137: 215–34.
- 2018 “Did Paul Refuse an Offer of Support from the Corinthians?” *Journal for the Study of the New Testament* 40: 312–36.
- 2016 “Paul, Samson Occom, and the Constraints of Boasting: A Comparative Rereading of 2 Corinthians 10–13.” *Harvard Theological Review* 109: 512–35.
- 2015 “The First Pauline Chronologist? Paul’s Itinerary in the Letters and in Acts.” *Journal of Biblical Literature* 134: 193–213.
- 2014 “Does Paul Call Adam a ‘Type’ of Christ? An Exegetical Note on Romans 5,14.” *Zeitschrift für die neutestamentliche Wissenschaft* 105: 54–63.
- 2013 “Rhetorical Terminology in Paul: A Critical Reappraisal.” *Zeitschrift für die neutestamentliche Wissenschaft* 104: 177–91.
- 2012 “τὸ ἐν λόγῳ ἰδιωτικὸν τοῦ Ἀποστόλου: Revisiting Patristic Testimony on Paul’s Rhetorical Education.” *Novum Testamentum* 54: 354–68.
- 2011 “Suspense, Simultaneity, and Divine Providence in the Book of Tobit.” *Journal of Biblical Literature* 130: 313–27.
- 2009 “Kingdom as Contaminant? The Role of Repertoire in the Parables of the Mustard Seed and the Leaven.” *Catholic Biblical Quarterly* 71: 527–43.

- 2009 “‘They Spoke the Truest of Words’: Irony in the Speeches of Herodotus’s *Histories*.” *Arethusa* 42: 131–50.
- 2008 “Which Master? Whose Steward? Metalepsis and Lordship in the Parable of the Prudent Steward (Luke 16:1–13).” *Journal for the Study of the New Testament* 30: 263–88.
- 2006 “Seeing the World Whole: Intertextuality and the New Jerusalem (Revelation 21–22).” *Perspectives in Religious Studies* 33: 467–76.

Book Chapters (peer-reviewed)

- “Incarceration and Punishment.” In *The Oxford Handbook to the New Testament in the Roman Empire*. Edited by Harry Maier, Emiliano Urciuoli, and Heidi Wendt. Oxford University Press, forthcoming.
- 2022 “Beatings and Imprisonments.” Pages 123–39 in *T&T Clark Handbook to the Historical Paul*. Edited by Ryan S. Schellenberg and Heidi Wendt. London: Bloomsbury T&T Clark.
- 2011 “‘Danger in the Wilderness, Danger at Sea’: Paul and the Perils of Travel.” Pages 141–61 in *Travel and Religion in Antiquity*. Edited by Philip A. Harland. Studies in Christianity and Judaism 21. Waterloo, ON: Wilfred Laurier University Press.

RECENT LECTURES AND PRESENTATIONS

Invited Lectures

- “Prison in the Roman Cultural Imaginary.” University of Copenhagen, April 28, 2022 (online).
- “Paul, Prison, Affect, Emotion.” The Divinity School, Duke University, Durham, NC, March 22, 2022 (online).
- “To Die Is Gain: Prison, Slave Religiosity, and Paul’s Glorious Body.” Graduate Interdisciplinary Specialization: Religions of the Ancient Mediterranean, Ohio State University, Columbus, OH, October 24, 2022.
- “Carceral Logics, Then and Now.” Denison University, Granville, OH, March 7, 2019.
- “Early Christianity and the Prisoner.” Duquesne University/Alleghany County Jail, Pittsburgh, PA, October 11, 2018.

Conference and Seminar Presentations

- Respondent, book review panel for *Abject Joy: Paul, Prison, and the Art of Making Do*. Society of Biblical Literature annual meeting, Denver, CO, November 20, 2022.
- “‘I Am Initiated and Become Holy’: An Affective History of Baptism.” Society of Biblical Literature annual meeting, Denver, CO, November 19, 2022 (with Colleen Shantz).
- “Love, Fear, and Obeisance: Practice Theory and the Social History of Religious Emotions.” Canadian Society of Biblical Studies annual meeting, June 1, 2022 (online).
- “‘Making My Prayer with Joy’: Prayer, Absence, and Emotion in the Letters of Paul.” Society of Biblical Literature annual meeting, November 30, 2020 (online).
- Invited response to Troy Martin, “Ἀγαπητοὶ Ἀδελφοί (“Beloved Siblings”): Septuagintal Terms of Endearment in Early Christian Literature.” Atlanta New Testament Colloquium, June 1, 2020 (online).

“‘The Prisoner of Jesus Christ’ and ‘The New Socrates’: Imprisonment and Authority in the Roman World.” Society of Biblical Literature annual meeting, San Diego, CA, November 25, 2019.

Book review panelist, Mikeal C. Parsons and Michael Wade Martin, *Ancient Rhetoric and the New Testament: The Influence of Elementary Greek Composition* (Baylor University Press, 2018). Society of Biblical Literature annual meeting, San Diego, CA, November 24, 2019.

“Rejoice with Me: Socioaffective Emotion Regulation and the Philippians’ *Synkoinonia* in Paul’s Chains.” Canadian Society of Biblical Studies annual meeting, Vancouver, BC, June 3, 2019.

“Paul and Other Autarchic Prisoners.” Society of Biblical Literature annual meeting, Denver, CO, November 18, 2018.

Invited response, “Second Corinthians: Pauline Theology in the Making” section, Society of Biblical Literature annual meeting, Denver, CO, November 18, 2018.

Invited response, “The Historical Paul” section, Society of Biblical Literature annual meeting, Boston, MA, November 19, 2017.

“Indifference, Embodiment, and Resistance, from Paul to Herman Wallace.” *Prison States and Political Embodiment*, Centre for Comparative Studies, University of Lisbon, September 8, 2017.

Internal Lectures and Presentations (MTSO)

“Reading Paul in Prison.” Book launch and colloquium for *Abject Joy: Paul, Prison, and the Art of Making Do*, MTSO, September 28, 2021.

“Forgiveness in the New Testament.” Guest lecture, Pastoral and Psychological Facilitation of Forgiveness, MTSO, November 3, 2020.

“Reading Philippians in the Age of Mass Incarceration.” Faculty lecture, MTSO, May 7, 2019.

“Care for Prisoners in Ancient Christianity.” Course of Study Enrichment Session, MTSO, May 3, 2019.

Public and Church Presentations

“Reading Philippians as an Ancient Prison Letter.” Worthington United Methodist Church, Worthington, OH, September 1, 2022.

Livestream interview on *Abject Joy: Paul, Prison, and the Art of Making Do. Urbs and Polis*. urbsandpolis.com. August 26, 2022.

“Reading the Synoptic Gospels.” Adult education series, Columbus Mennonite Church, Columbus, OH, January 5–February 9, 2020.

“Paul, Prison, and the Justice of God.” Annual Mennonite Bible Study Series, Mountain Lake, MN, January 10–12, 2020.

“Ancient Christian Resources for Confronting Mass Incarceration.” Ohio Council of Churches centennial, *Christians and the Disinherited: Towards the Next 100 Years of Ecumenical Ministry*, Delaware, OH, September 6, 2019.

“Early Christianity and Mass Incarceration.” Worthington United Methodist Church, Worthington, OH, March 31, 2019.

“Prison, Paul, and Black History.” NAACP Black History Month, Marion Correctional Institution, Marion, OH, February 11, 2018.

ACADEMIC SERVICE

Professional Organizations

- 2021- Advisory board, *Studia Aarhusiana Neotestamentica* series (Vandenhoeck & Ruprecht)
- 2017-2022 Founding co-chair, Historical Paul section, Society of Biblical Literature.
- 2023- Steering committee, Historical Paul section, Society of Biblical Literature.
- 2009-2014 Member-at-large, Ancient Fiction and Early Jewish and Christian Narrative section, Society of Biblical Literature.

Professional Memberships

- 2007- Society of Biblical Literature
- 2007- Canadian Society of Biblical Studies

Theses and Dissertations

- 2022 Advisor, M.T.S. thesis. Meredith Krueger, "The Reception of Valens's Anthology in Astrological and Academic Scholarship," MTSO.
- 2021 Doctoral thesis jury. Priscille Marschall, "Colometric Analysis of the New Testament: Methodological Foundations and Application to 2 Corinthians 10–13," University of Lausanne.
- 2020 Second reader, M.T.S. thesis. Hyo-Jin Kim, "Biblical Implications of International Conflicts: Ancient Israel and the Divided Koreas," MTSO.

COURSES

Methodist Theological School in Ohio

Introduction to the New Testament (NT510); Greek I (NT520); Greek II (NT620); Reading Early Christian Fiction (NT650); Justice in the New Testament World (NT651); Exegesis of the Greek New Testament (NT720); The Corinthian Correspondence (NT727); Paul, Jews, and Gentiles (NT/SR736); Gospel of Luke (NT 753); Romans (NT761); Advanced New Testament Greek Exegesis (NT820)

Fresno Pacific University

Jesus and the Christian Community (BIB 100); Paul and His Letters (BIB 304); Biblical Theology (BIB 428); Gospel of Luke (BLIT 333); Gospel of John (BLIT 334); Romans (BLIT 337/757); Prison Letters (BLIT 340); Hebrews (BLIT 346)

Queen's University

The New Testament (RELS 214)

TRAININGS AND CERTIFICATIONS

- 2018 Trained Instructor, Inside-Out Prison Exchange Program
- 2003 Clinical Pastoral Education, Headingly Correctional Centre (Winnipeg, MB)