

EDUCATION

Ph.D. Wheaton College Graduate School, 2013

Biblical and Theological Studies, concentration in Old Testament

Dissertation: "Deuteronomistic Influence in the Book of Ezekiel"

Advisor: Prof. Daniel I. Block

M.A. University of Wisconsin–Madison, 2007

Hebrew and Semitic Studies

Thesis: "The Additions to the Wisdom of Ben Sira: The Question of Their Origin with Text and Commentary"

Advisor: Prof. Michael V. Fox

B.A. University of Wisconsin–Madison, 2006

Majors: Hebrew and Semitic Studies; Jewish Studies

Minor: Religious Studies

EMPLOYMENT

Northern Seminary, Lisle, Illinois

- *Vice President of Strategic Initiatives (March 2024 – present)*
- *Assistant professor of Scriptures (October 2022 – present)*

Prior Roles

- *Chief Innovation Officer | Dean of Strategic Initiatives (October 2022 – March 2024)*
- *Dean of Program Development & Innovation (July 2018 – October 2022)*
- *Affiliate Professor (Summer 2013 – October 2022)*
- *Interim Dean and Vice President of Academic Affairs (July 2017 – June 2018)*
- *Associate Dean (Spring 2015–June 2017)*
- *Adjunct Professor (Fall 2010–Summer 2013)*

Courses Taught: Exploring the Bible, Pentateuch, Former Prophets, Old Testament Theology, Psalms & Wisdom Literature, Messiah in the Old Testament, Mission of God in the Bible

Seminary Now (seminarynow.com)

- *Executive Director (2018 – present)*

Olivet Nazarene University, Bourbonnais, Illinois

- *Full-Time Instructor (Fall 2014–Spring 2015)*
- *Adjunct Instructor (Fall 2010–Spring 2014, Fall 2015–Spring 2016)*

Courses Taught: Christian Scriptures I, Psalms & Wisdom Literature, Book of Isaiah, Old Testament Prophets, Messiah in the Old Testament, Hebrew Exegesis, Hebrew Readings

Seminario ESEPA, San José, Costa Rica

- *Instructor (Summer 2006)*

Courses Taught: Elementary Hebrew

PUBLICATIONS

Books

Ezekiel and the World of Deuteronomy. Library of Hebrew Bible / Old Testament Studies 703. T&T Clark/Bloomsbury, 2021. [\[info\]](#)

For Our Good Always: Studies on the Message and Influence of Deuteronomy in Honor of Daniel I. Block (ed. Jason S. DeRouchie, Jason Gile, and Kenneth J. Turner; Winona Lake: Eisenbrauns, 2013). Reprinted Wipf & Stock, 2024. [\[info\]](#)

Understanding the Old Testament Story: God's Mission through God's People (tentative title). Book manuscript in preparation.

Articles and Essays

"Ezekiel 16 and the Song of Moses: A Prophetic Transformation?" *Journal of Biblical Literature* 130 (2011): 87–108. [\[pdf\]](#)

"The Additions to Ben Sira and the Book's Multiform Textual Witness." Pages 237–56 in *The Texts and Versions of the Book of Ben Sira: Transmission and Interpretations*. Edited by J.-S. Rey and J. Joosten. Supplements to the Journal for the Study of Judaism 150. Leiden: Brill, 2011. [\[pdf\]](#)

"Deuteronomy and Ezekiel's Theology of Exile." Pages 287–306 in *For Our Good Always: Studies on the Message and Influence of Deuteronomy in Honor of Daniel I. Block*. Edited by Jason S. DeRouchie, Jason Gile, and Kenneth J. Turner. Winona Lake: Eisenbrauns, 2013. [\[pdf\]](#)

"Prophetic Rhetoric in Ezekiel 16" in *Bible Study Magazine*, January 2017. [\[pdf\]](#)

"The Theology of Covenant: Tracing the Pattern of Ancient Treaties in Deuteronomy" in *Bible Study Magazine*, May/June 2017. [\[pdf\]](#)

"Could God's People Be Restored? Prophecies of Hope and Renewal after Exile" and "Is This Restoration? After the Exile: Prophecy vs. Reality" in *Bible Study Magazine*, December 2019. [\[pdf\]](#)

"Facing Death: Qoheleth's Pessimism in Light of Ancient Wisdom Traditions." Journal article in preparation.

Book Reviews

Sharon Moughtin-Mumby, *Sexual and Marital Metaphors in Hosea, Jeremiah, Isaiah, and Ezekiel* (Oxford University Press, 2008) in *Journal of Hebrew Scriptures* 9 (2009), online: jhsonline.org.

Paul Joyce, *Ezekiel: A Commentary* (T & T Clark, 2007) in *Biblical Interpretation* 18 (2010): 178-79.

Michael A. Lyons, *From Law to Prophecy: Ezekiel's Use of the Holiness Code* (T & T Clark, 2009) in *Bulletin for Biblical Research* 21 (2011): 111-12.

William A. Tooman and Michael A. Lyons, eds., *Transforming Visions: Transformations of Text, Tradition, and Theology in Ezekiel* (Pickwick, 2009), in *Journal of Hebrew Scriptures* 11 (2011), online: jhsonline.org.

H. G. M. Williamson and David G. Firth, eds., *Interpreting Isaiah: Issues and Approaches* (InterVarsity, 2009) in *Bulletin for Biblical Research* 21 (2011): 546-48.

PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

Colloquia

"The Additions to Ben Sira and the Book's Multiform Textual Witness," at the International Colloquium "Identités et altérités: les différentes versions du Siracide" (Metz, France, October 16, 2009)

Society of Biblical Literature

"Deuteronomistic Influence in the Book of Ezekiel," Theological Perspectives on the Book of Ezekiel section at the Annual Meeting of the SBL (Baltimore, 2013)

"Ezekiel's 'Deuteronomistic' Theology of Exile," Exile (Forced Migrations) in Biblical Literature section at the Annual Meeting of the SBL (Chicago, 2012)

"Qoheleth's Pessimistic Response to Death," Wisdom in Israelite and Cognate Traditions section at the Annual Meeting of the SBL (Atlanta, 2010)

"Ezekiel 16 and the Song of Moses: A Prophetic Transformation?" Theological Perspectives on the Book of Ezekiel section at the Annual Meeting of the SBL (New Orleans, 2009)

"Revisiting the Origins of the Additions to Ben Sira," Wisdom in Israelite and Cognate Traditions section at the Annual Meeting of the SBL (Boston, 2008)

Evangelical Theological Society

“Deuteronomy as Scripture (Influence),” Panelist in Pentateuch section “Deuteronomy as Good News: A Conversation with Daniel I. Block” (Baltimore, 2013)

“Ezekiel’s ‘Deuteronomic’ Theology of Exile,” Ezekiel & Daniel Section at the Annual Meeting of the ETS (San Francisco, 2011)

“Ezekiel’s ‘No-Good Laws’ (Ezek 20:25): A Reexamination,” Old Testament Prophets Section at the Annual Meeting of the ETS (Atlanta, 2010)

“The Pentateuchal Legal Foundations for Ezekiel’s Social Ethic,” at the Annual Meeting of the ETS (New Orleans, 2009)

“Indeterminacy in the Garden of Eden Story: The Insignificance of the Unspoken,” Old Testament Narrative Literature Section at the Annual Meeting of the ETS (Providence, 2008)

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

John William Wevers Prize in Septuagint Studies, Awarded by the International Organization for Septuagint and Cognate Studies for “The Additions to Ben Sira and the Book’s Multiform Textual Witness,” 2010.

L. John and Marjorie Look Buyse Ph.D. Fellowship, 2007-08, 2008-09, 2009-10.

University of Wisconsin Book Store Academic Excellence Award, 2006.

Ida and Isaac Lipton Essay Award, Department of Jewish Studies, University of Wisconsin, 2006.

Laurence and Frances Weinstein Award for Outstanding Academic Achievement, Department of Hebrew & Semitic Studies, University of Wisconsin, 2005-06.

University of Wisconsin Hilldale Research Fellowship, Awarded for Study of the Additions to the Wisdom of Ben Sira, 2005.

ADDITIONAL STUDY

Jeremiah, Oxford University Summer Programme in Theology
Summer 2008, Prof. John F. A. Sawyer

Egypt & the Bible, Trinity Evangelical Divinity School
Spring 2009, Prof. James K. Hoffmeier

Midrash, University of Chicago Divinity School
Fall 2009, Prof. Michael Fishbane

LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY

- Ancient: Hebrew (historical grammar, biblical, rabbinic)
Aramaic (old, imperial, biblical, and targumic)
Syriac
Ugaritic
Greek (hellenistic)
- Modern: Spanish (speaking, reading, and writing fluency)
German (reading competency)
French (reading competency)