

**CURRICULUM VITAE**  
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NORTHWEST NAZARENE UNIVERSITY  
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**EDUCATION**

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DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN RELIGIOUS STUDIES (NEW TESTAMENT) (1996)  
SOUTHERN METHODIST UNIVERSITY, DALLAS, TEXAS

- Specific New Testament concentrations in Luke–Acts and Pauline Epistles
- Additional specialized work in Greco–Roman world and ancient concepts of community
- Dissertation: “Christian Community and Characterization in the Book of Acts: A Literary Study of the Lukan Concept of the Church”

MASTER OF DIVINITY (1984)  
NAZARENE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY, KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI

- Honors Program in Biblical Literature
- Graduated with honors (cum laude)

BACHELOR OF ARTS (1980)  
OLIVET NAZARENE UNIVERSITY, BOURBONNAIS, ILLINOIS

- Major in Religion; minor in Greek
- Graduated with highest honors (summa cum laude)

**TEACHING**

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PROFESSOR OF NEW TESTAMENT (Fall 2007 to present)  
NORTHWEST NAZARENE UNIVERSITY, NAMPA, IDAHO

- Tenure granted in Spring 2009
- Undergraduate (general and adult education, including online) courses in Bible and New Testament
- Undergraduate (major) courses in Greek, New Testament interpretation, and New Testament exegesis
- Graduate (online) courses (including development) in biblical introduction, biblical interpretation, and New Testament exegesis
- Specific courses listed in “Other Information: Courses Taught” section

PROFESSOR OF GREEK AND NEW TESTAMENT STUDIES (2004–2007)  
SPRING ARBOR UNIVERSITY, SPRING ARBOR, MICHIGAN

- Tenure granted in Fall 2006
- Undergraduate (general education) courses in New Testament
- Undergraduate (major) courses in Greek, biblical theology, Christian ethics, and New Testament exegesis
- Graduate (online) course (including development) in biblical interpretation for the Master of Arts program in Spiritual Formation and Leadership
- Specific courses listed in “Other Information: Courses Taught” section

ASSISTANT/ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF BIBLICAL LITERATURE (1994–2004)  
OLIVET NAZARENE UNIVERSITY, BOURBONNAIS, ILLINOIS

- Extended contract status granted in 2000 (ONU does not have a tenure system)
- Undergraduate (general education) courses in New Testament and Christian ethics

- Undergraduate (major) courses in Greek, Greek exegesis, New Testament exegesis, New Testament backgrounds, and Ancient and Medieval Philosophy
- Graduate courses in topics of New Testament theology, New Testament exegesis, and advanced biblical interpretation/hermeneutics
- Specific courses listed in “Other Information: Courses Taught” section

OTHER TEACHING ASSIGNMENTS:

- *Affiliate Professor of Religion* (2007–2009)  
Spring Arbor University, Spring Arbor, Michigan  
Master of Arts Program in Spiritual Formation and Leadership
  - Continued to teach online course in biblical interpretation that was developed while an SAU faculty member until younger faculty were ready to assume online responsibilities.
- *Guest Professor of New Testament* (July 1999)  
Nazarene Theological Seminary, Kansas City, Missouri  
Master of Divinity Program

**PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITION (TEACHING)**

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NORTHWEST NAZARENE UNIVERSITY GRADUATE SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY PROFESSOR OF THE YEAR

- Offered to one faculty member from each graduate program as selected by program’s students
- Award recipient for Master of Arts program in Pastoral Ministry (2015)
- Award recipient for Master of Arts program in Missional Leadership (2012)

OLIVET NAZARENE UNIVERSITY FACULTY AWARD FOR TEACHING EXCELLENCE (1999)

- Offered to one fulltime member of the ONU faculty each academic year

**ADMINISTRATION**

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CHAIR, DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY AND RELIGION (2007 to present)

NORTHWEST NAZARENE UNIVERSITY, NAMPA, IDAHO

- Administration of department of 10 fulltime faculty members within the School of Theology and Christian Ministries
- Responsibilities include development/implementation of assessment plan for undergraduate programs in religion, curriculum review/revision for undergraduate programs in religion, budget, faculty evaluation, faculty searches, mentoring new faculty, student recruitment assistance, and annual course schedule for entire School (now College) of Theology and Christian Ministries
- Provided leadership and wrote proposal for the School of Theology and Christian Ministries in the university’s consideration of a Ph.D. program in Practical Theology/Ecclesiology (2009–2010)
- Authored and currently leading a new academic initiative within the College of Arts and Science to create “co-majors” across the undergraduate curriculum
- Wrote self-study and led self-study process for all programs in the Graduate School of Theology for successful full accreditation through the Association of Theological Schools (ATS), and led one of four subcommittees working on the self-study process (2016–2018)
- Served as a participant in the new Educational Models and Practices Project of the Association of Theological Schools as a representative for NNU’s Graduate School of Theology (2016–2017)
- Served on the University Program Assessment and Review Committee (2016), which reviewed all university academic programs and made recommendations to university administrative leadership

DIRECTOR, WESLEY CENTER ONLINE (2013 to present)

NORTHWEST NAZARENE UNIVERSITY, NAMPA, IDAHO

- Administration of extensive website providing primary and secondary resources in Wesleyan and Wesleyan-Holiness theological studies

- Current responsibilities include a redevelopment of the website, including transferring substantial portions of the current material to the Wesleyan-Holiness Digital Library project

CHAIR, DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY AND RELIGION (2006–2007)

SPRING ARBOR UNIVERSITY, SPRING ARBOR, MICHIGAN

- Administration of department of 8 fulltime faculty members and 1 fulltime administrative assistant
- Assigned position of Chair Elect in previous year (2005–2006), which included the assumption of chair responsibilities during a health-related leave-of-absence by prior chair
- Responsibilities included the leading and conducting of 2 faculty searches
- Led major curriculum review and revision, which led to a complete restructuring of all academic offerings within the department, including a common theological curriculum with 9 new/revised majors and 8 revised minors without increase in faculty resources
- Served on both the Academic Senate (the governing body of all academic programs of the university) and the Faculty Development Committee (2005–2007)

COORDINATOR, MASTER OF ARTS PROGRAM IN RELIGION (1999–2004)

OLIVET NAZARENE UNIVERSITY, BOURBONNAIS, ILLINOIS

- Led major curriculum review and revision for this graduate program in religion, including the development of the program's (and the university's) first online course
- Developed both a new recruitment plan and a merit scholarship plan for the program (firsts for the original graduate program for the university), which led to a doubling of enrollment (2001 to 2003)

ACTING CHAIR, DIVISION OF RELIGION AND PHILOSOPHY (Spring 2002)

OLIVET NAZARENE UNIVERSITY, BOURBONNAIS, ILLINOIS

- Sabbatical replacement for a semester
- Responsibilities included leading 2 faculty searches, faculty evaluation, budget management, and course scheduling, as well as working with several committees reviewing the general education curriculum

## **ACADEMIC AND UNIVERSITY SERVICE**

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NORTHWEST NAZARENE UNIVERSITY

- Faculty Undergraduate Vice-Chair (2019–2022) – one of four faculty officers for the university; responsibilities include chairing Undergraduate Academic Council (formerly CAS Academic Council)
- Graduate School of Theology Academic Review Committee (2015 to present)
- College of Arts and Sciences Academic Council (2013–2019)
- University Academic Program Review and Assessment Committee (2016)
- College of Adult and Graduate Studies Undergraduate Academic Council (2013–2017)
- Undergraduate Academic Council (2010–2013)
- General Education Council (2008–2010, 2013–2015)
- Graduate Academic Council (2008–2009)
- Faculty Development Committee (2007–2008)

SPRING ARBOR UNIVERSITY

- Faculty Development Committee (2005–2007)
- Academic Senate (2005–2007)

OLIVET NAZARENE UNIVERSITY

- General Education Committee (2003–2004)
- Graduate Affairs Commission (1999–2004)
- Graduate Strategic Planning Task Force (2002–2003)
- Academic Affairs Committee (2000–2002)
- Faculty Research Subcommittee (1998–2002)
- Technology Committee for Graduate Studies (2000–2001)
- Academic Assessment Committee (1996–1998)
- Academic Standards Committee (1996–2000)

## **PUBLICATION: BOOKS**

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*Interpreting Acts* (Interpreting Biblical Genres and Texts; Kansas City, MO: The Foundry Publishing, forthcoming).

*Listening Again to the Text: New Testament Studies in Honor of George Lyons* (Claremont Studies in New Testament and Christian Origins; Claremont, CA: Claremont Press, 2020).

- Editor, author of one essay, and author of one of the tributes to the honoree

*Rethinking the Bible: Inerrancy, Preaching, Inspiration, Authority, Formation, Archaeology, Postmodernism, and More* (Nampa, ID: SacraSage Press, 2018).

- Co-editor (with Thomas Jay Oord), author of one essay, and co-author of a second essay

*Acts: A Commentary in the Wesleyan Tradition* (New Beacon Bible Commentary; Kansas City, MO: Beacon Hill Press of Kansas City, 2015).

- A seven-year project that is now part of the New Beacon Bible Commentary project

*The Bible Tells Me So: Reading the Bible as Scripture* (Nampa, ID: SacraSage Press, 2011).

- Co-editor (with Thomas Jay Oord), author of one essay, and co-author of a second essay

*Keeping the Church in Its Place: The Church as Narrative Character in Acts* (New York: T&T Clark, 2006).

- A comprehensive study of passages in the book of Acts that include groups of believers or the church as narrative characters

*Reading the Bible in Wesleyan Ways: Some Constructive Proposals* (Kansas City, MO: Beacon Hill Press of Kansas City, 2004).

- Co-editor (with Barry L. Callen) and author of two essays

*Literary Studies in Luke–Acts: Essays in Honor of Joseph B. Tyson* (Macon, GA: Mercer University Press, 1998).

- Co-editor (with Thomas E. Phillips) and author of one essay

*The Tiny Church in a Big Church World* (Kansas City, MO: Beacon Hill Press of Kansas City, 1991).

- A book dealing with the unique issues facing the smallest of local churches

## **PUBLICATION: ARTICLES, ESSAYS, BOOK SECTIONS, AND TRANSLATION**

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“Can Salt Really Lose Its Saltiness? Reading and Listening to Matthew 5:13 Again,” in *Listening Again to the Text: New Testament Studies in Honor of George Lyons*, ed. R. P. Thompson (Claremont Studies in New Testament and Christian Origins; Claremont, CA: Claremont Press, 2020), [redacted].

“Introducing the Wesleyan Hermeneutical Tradition” (with R. D. Branson), in *Global Wesleyan Dictionary of Biblical Theology*, ed. R. D. Branson (Kansas City, MO: The Foundry Publishing, 2020), 35–37.

“Luke-Acts, The Theology of,” in *Global Wesleyan Dictionary of Biblical Theology*, ed. R. D. Branson (Kansas City, MO: The Foundry Publishing, 2020), 261–66.

“Reader-Response Criticism,” in *Global Wesleyan Dictionary of Biblical Theology*, ed. R. D. Branson (Kansas City, MO: The Foundry Publishing, 2020), 323–25.

“Ezra,” in *Wesley One Volume Commentary of the Bible*, ed. K. J. Collins and R. W. Wall (Nashville: Abingdon, 2020), 255–62.

“Nehemiah,” in *Wesley One Volume Commentary of the Bible*, ed. K. J. Collins and R. W. Wall (Nashville: Abingdon, 2020), 263–72.

“Holy Word, Holy People: (Re)Placing Scripture in Wesleyan-Holiness Thought and Practice,” *Wesleyan Theological Journal* 51, no. 1 (Spring 2016): 51–64.

“Reconsidering the Pentecost Materials in Acts Ecclesialogically,” *Didache: Faithful Teaching* 13 no. 2 (2014) (see <http://didache.nazarene.org/index.php/gtc2013/bible/915-reconsidering-pentecost-acts-thompson-eng/file>).

- “The Body of Christ: A Theology of Ecclesial Relationships,” in *Essential Church: A Wesleyan Paradigm*, ed. D. K. Leclerc and M. A. Maddix (Kansas City, MO: Beacon Hill Press of Kansas City, 2014), 179–88.
- “Living Words: Reading the Bible as Scripture,” in *Missional Discipleship: Partners in God’s Redemptive Mission*, ed. M. A. Maddix and J. R. Akkerman (Kansas City, MO: Beacon Hill Press of Kansas City, 2013), 121–30.
- “Healing, Biblical Theology of,” in *Global Wesleyan Dictionary of Theology*, ed. A. Truesdale (Kansas City, MO: Beacon Hill Press of Kansas City, 2013), 227–28.
- “Soul, Biblical Understanding of,” in *Global Wesleyan Dictionary of Theology*, ed. A. Truesdale (Kansas City, MO: Beacon Hill Press of Kansas City, 2013), 510–12.
- “‘God with Us’: Reading Scripture (Relationally) with the Church,” in *Relational Theology: A Contemporary Introduction*, ed. B. Montgomery, T. J. Oord, and K. Winslow (San Diego, CA: Point Loma Press, 2012), 58–60.
- “Authority Is What Authority Does: Rethinking the Role of the Bible as Scripture,” in *The Bible Tells Me So: Reading the Bible as Scripture*, ed. R. P. Thompson and T. J. Oord (Nampa, ID: SacraSage, 2011), 43–56; reprinted in *Rethinking the Bible: Inerrancy, Preaching, Inspiration, Authority, Formation, Archaeology, Postmodernism, and More*, ed. R. P. Thompson and T. J. Oord (Nampa, ID: SacraSage, 2018), 35–47.
- “The Role of Scripture in Christian Formation” (with M. A. Maddix), in *The Bible Tells Me So: Reading the Bible as Scripture*, ed. R. P. Thompson and T. J. Oord (Nampa, ID: SacraSage, 2011), 175–90; reprinted in *Rethinking the Bible: Inerrancy, Preaching, Inspiration, Authority, Formation, Archaeology, Postmodernism, and More*, ed. R. P. Thompson and T. J. Oord (Nampa, ID: SacraSage, 2018), 149–63.
- “Eating the Word: How to Read the Bible as Food for the Soul,” in *Spiritual Formation: A Wesleyan Paradigm*, ed. D. K. Leclerc and M. A. Maddix (Kansas City, MO: Beacon Hill Press of Kansas City, 2011), 30–38.
- “Scripture as Formation: The Role of Scripture in Christian Discipleship, Formation, and Worship” (with M. A. Maddix), *Wesleyan Theological Journal* 46 no. 1 (Spring 2011): 134–49. Reprinted as “Scripture as Formation: The Role of Scripture in Christian Formation,” *Christian Education Journal* 9, no. 2 (Spring/Supplemental Issue 2012): 79–93; and as “Holiness and Bible Reading: Beyond Mere Information,” in *Heart and Life: Rediscovering Holy Living*, ed. B. L. Callen and D. Thorsen (Lexington, KY: Emeth, 2012), 33–40.
- “Scripture, Christian Canon, and Community: Rethinking Theological Interpretation Canonically,” *Journal of Theological Interpretation* 4, no. 2 (2010): 253–72.
- Lead Translator, Book of Acts, *Common English Bible* (Nashville: Christian Resources Development, 2011).
- “Luke–Acts: The Gospel of Luke and the Acts of the Apostles,” in *The Blackwell Companion to the New Testament*, ed. D. E. Aune (Oxford: Blackwell, 2010), 319–43.
- “Study Notes on the Book of Acts,” in *The Wesley Study Bible*, ed. J. B. Green (Nashville: Abingdon, 2009), 1321–66.
- “Gathered at the Table: Holiness and Ecclesiology in the Gospel of Luke,” in *Holiness and Ecclesiology in the New Testament*, ed. K. Brower and A. Johnson (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2007), 76–94.
- “Keeping the Church in Its Place: Revisiting the Church(es) in Acts.” *Wesleyan Theological Journal* 41, no. 1 (Spring 2006): 95–115.
- “‘What Do You Think You Are Doing, Paul?’ Synagogues, Ministry, and Ethics in Acts 16–21,” in *Acts and Ethics*, ed. T. E. Phillips (Sheffield: Sheffield Phoenix Press, 2005), 64–78.
- “Reading Beyond the Text, Part II: Literary Creativity and Characterization in Narrative Religious Texts of the Greco–Roman World,” *ARC, The Journal of the Faculty of Religious Studies, McGill University* 29 (2001): 81–122.
- “‘Where the Spirit of the Lord Is’: God and the Church in the Book of Acts,” *Wesleyan Theological Journal* 36, no. 1 (Spring 2001): 57–72.
- “‘Say It Ain’t So, Paul!’: The Accusations against Paul in Acts 21 in the Light of His Ministry in Acts 16–20,” *Biblical Research* 45 (2000): 34–50.

- “Reading Beyond the Text, Part I: Poetics, Rhetoric, and Religious Texts from the Greco–Roman World,” *ARC, The Journal of the Faculty of Religious Studies, McGill University* 28 (2000): 115–42.
- “Conversation in Community: Multiple Readings of Scripture and a Wesleyan Understanding of the Church,” *Wesleyan Theological Journal* 35, no. 1 (Spring 2000): 200–215. Reprinted in *Reading the Bible in Wesleyan Ways: Some Constructive Proposals*, ed. B. L. Callen and R. P. Thompson (Kansas City, MO: Beacon Hill Press of Kansas City, 2004), 173–86.
- “Inspired Imagination: John Wesley’s Concept of Biblical Inspiration and Literary–Critical Studies,” *Wesleyan Theological Journal* 34, no. 1 (Spring 1999): 151–76. Reprinted in *Heart of the Heritage: Core Themes of the Wesleyan/Holiness Tradition as Highlighted by the Wesleyan Theological Society 1965–2000*, ed. B. L. Callen and W. C. Kostlevy (Salem, OH: Schmull Press, 2001), 101–24; and in *Reading the Bible in Wesleyan Ways: Some Constructive Proposals*, ed. B. L. Callen and R. P. Thompson (Kansas City, MO: Beacon Hill Press of Kansas City, 2004), 57–79.
- “Believers and Religious Leaders in Jerusalem: Contrasting Portraits of Jews in Acts 1–7,” in *Literary Studies in Luke–Acts*, ed. R. P. Thompson and T. E. Phillips (Macon, GA: Mercer University Press, 1998), 327–44.

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## **PUBLICATION: BOOK REVIEWS**

- Pastor Paul: Nurturing a Culture of Christofromity in the Church* by Scot McKnight (Theological Explorations for the Church Catholic; Grand Rapids: Brazos, 2019). In *Wesleyan Theological Journal* 55, no. 2 (Fall 2020): forthcoming.
- Why the Church?* by Robert W. Wall (Reframing New Testament Theology; Nashville: Abingdon, 2015). In *Wesleyan Theological Journal* 53, no. 2 (Fall 2018): 216–19.
- Wesley, Wesleyans, and Reading Bible as Scripture*, edited by Joel B. Green and David F. Watson (Waco, TX: Baylor University Press, 2012). In *Wesleyan Theological Journal* 51, no. 2 (Fall 2016): 195–98.
- Lukas und Menippos: Hoheit und Niedrigkeit in Lk 1,1–2,40 und in der menippeischen Literatur*, by Nils Neumann (Novum Testamentum et Orbis Antiquus / Studien zur Umwelt des neuen Testaments 68; Göttingen: Vandenhoeck & Ruprecht, 2008). In *Catholic Biblical Quarterly* 72, no. 4 (2010): 834–35.
- Seized by Truth: Reading the Bible as Scripture*, by Joel B. Green (Nashville: Abingdon, 2007). In *Wesleyan Theological Journal* 45, no. 2 (Fall 2010): 277–80.
- Prodigality, Liberality and Meanness in the Parable of the Prodigal Son: A Greco–Roman Perspective on Luke 15.11–32*, by David A. Holgate (Journal for the Study of the New Testament Supplemental Series 187; Sheffield: Sheffield Academic, 1999). In *Review of Biblical Literature* 4 (2002): 381–83.
- Verschwiegene Jüngerinnen — vergessene Zeuginnen: Gebrochene Konzepte im Lukasevangelium*, by Sabine Bieberstein (Göttingen: Vandenhoeck & Ruprecht; Freiburg Schweiz: Universitätsverlag, 1998). In *Journal of Biblical Literature* 119, no. 3 (Fall 2000): 574–76.
- The Symbol of Water in the Gospel of John*, by Larry Paul Jones (Sheffield: Sheffield Academic, 1997). In *Lexington Theological Quarterly* 33, no. 3 (Fall 1998): 170–71.

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## **PUBLICATION AND MEDIA: ACCESSIBLE SCHOLARSHIP (CURRICULUM AND RESOURCES)**

- 6 Bible commentary sections on the Book of Acts, *Illustrated Bible Life*, Fall 2021 (forthcoming).
- “Paul’s Teaching about the Kingdom of God,” *Illustrated Bible Life*, Spring 2021 (forthcoming).
- “Introduction to Paul’s Letter to the Romans,” *Illustrated Bible Life*, Spring 2021 (forthcoming).
- “Setting His Agenda: A Commentary Essay on Matthew 5:1–12,” A Plain Account: A Wesleyan Lectionary Commentary (<http://www.aplainaccount.org/matthew-51-12-4/>)
- “Kingdom of Heaven Values: Mercy and Grace”: A Commentary Essay on Matthew 18:21–35,” A Plain Account: A Wesleyan Lectionary Commentary (<http://www.aplainaccount.org/matthew-1821-35-3/>).
- 5 Bible commentary sections on the Ten Commandments and their use in the New Testament, *Illustrated Bible Life*, Fall 2020, 13–15, 17–19, 25–27, 29–31, 33–35.

“Oblivious”: A Commentary Essay on Luke 24:13–35,” *A Plain Account: A Wesleyan Lectionary Commentary* (<http://www.aplainaccount.org/luke-2413-35-2/>).

“Falling Short”: A Commentary Essay on Luke 19:1–10,” *A Plain Account: A Wesleyan Lectionary Commentary* (<http://www.aplainaccount.org/luke-191-10-2/>).

3 teaching videos on the Book of Acts, *Illustrated Bible Life* (online resources), Fall 2019.

6 Bible expositions on the Book of Acts, *WordAction Faith Connections*, Fall 2019, 32–55.

“The Church at Syrian Antioch,” *Illustrated Bible Life*, Fall 2019, 48–49.

“Magic and Sorcery in the First Century,” *Illustrated Bible Life*, Fall 2019, 28–29.

“‘If You Can’t Stand the Heat ...’: A Commentary Essay on Luke 10:38–42,” *A Plain Account: A Wesleyan Lectionary Commentary* (<http://www.aplainaccount.org/luke-1038-42/>).

“Us and Them: A Commentary Essay on Acts 11:1–18,” *A Plain Account: A Wesleyan Lectionary Commentary* (<http://www.aplainaccount.org/acts-111-18-2/>).

“The Christ Hymn of Philippians 2,” *Illustrated Bible Life*, Spring 2019, 12–13.

6 Bible commentary sections on the Gospel of Luke, *Illustrated Bible Life*, Winter 2018–19, 33–35, 37–39, 41–43, 45–47, 49–51, 53–55.

“Seeing Is Not Believing: A Commentary Essay on Mark 6:1–13,” *A Plain Account: A Wesleyan Lectionary Commentary* (<https://www.aplainaccount.org/proper-9b-gospel>).

“A Different Story: A Commentary Essay on 1 Corinthians 1:18–25,” *A Plain Account: A Wesleyan Lectionary Commentary* (<https://www.aplainaccount.org/lent-3b-2nd-reading>).

4 Bible commentary sections on God/Trinity, *Illustrated Bible Life*, Fall 2017, 5–7, 9–11, 13–15, 17–19.

“God and Our Expectations: A Commentary Essay on Acts 2:1–21,” *A Plain Account: A Wesleyan Lectionary Commentary* (<http://www.aplainaccount.org/pentecost-a-2nd-reading>).

“Following Jesus: A Commentary Essay on Matthew 4:12–23,” *A Plain Account: A Wesleyan Lectionary Commentary* (<http://www.aplainaccount.org/epiphany-3a-gospel>).

“Turning the Other Cheek,” *Illustrated Bible Life*, Winter 2016–17, 44–45.

“Smyrna,” *Illustrated Bible Life*, Summer 2016, 32–33.

3 Bible commentary sections on the Book of Revelation, *Illustrated Bible Life*, Summer 2016, 45–47, 49–51, 53–55.

“Seeing Differently: A Commentary Essay on Luke 24:1–12,” *A Plain Account: A Wesleyan Lectionary Commentary* (<http://www.aplainaccount.org/#!Luke-24112/bhul0/56f141cd0cf213d90db2dff1>).

“A Hardened Heart and Jesus’ Disciples,” *Illustrated Bible Life*, Winter 2015–16, 40–41.

6 Bible commentary sections on the Gospels and Acts, *Illustrated Bible Life*, Summer 2015, 5–7, 9–11, 13–15, 17–19, 21–23, 25–27.

“Thessalonica: A City with a Hidden Past,” *Illustrated Bible Life*, Fall 2014, 52–53.

“Decapolis,” *Illustrated Bible Life*, Summer 2014, 43–44.

5 Bible commentary sections on assorted New Testament passages, *Illustrated Bible Life*, Winter 2013–14, 21–23, 37–39, 41–43, 45–47, 53–55.

“Reflecting on the Common English Bible,” *Grace and Peace Magazine* (Online Video: <http://www.graceandpeacemagazine.org/categories/52-bible/179-the-common-english-bible-with-richard-thompson>).

7 Bible commentary sections on the Gospels of Mark and Luke, *Illustrated Bible Life*, Winter 2012–13, 5–7, 9–11, 13–15, 17–19, 21–23, 25–27, 29–31.

“Romans 8:28 – A Matter of Interpretation,” *Illustrated Bible Life*, Summer 2011, 30–31.

8 Bible commentary sections on the Book of Acts, *Illustrated Bible Life*, Spring 2010, 23–25, 27–29, 31–33, 35–37, 39–41, 43–45, 47–49, 51–53.

- “Social Status in the Early Church,” *Illustrated Bible Life*, Fall 2008, 38–39.
- “Reading Scripture as the Church: Canon, Authority, and Wesleyans,” *Catalyst* 34, no. 4 (April 2008): 1–3.
- “Does Anybody Know What Time It Is?” *Illustrated Bible Life*, Spring 2008, 26–27.
- “Lydia — Commentary on Acts 16:11–15, 40,” Bible Studies on Women in Ministry, *Wynkoop Center for Women in Ministry* (<http://wcwim.org/wp-content/uploads/2011/04/U3S4.pdf>).
- 13 Bible commentary sections on the Gospel of Luke, *Illustrated Bible Life*, Winter 2006–2007, 3–5, 7–9, 11–13, 15–17, 19–21, 23–25, 27–29, 31–33, 35–37, 39–41, 43–45, 48–49, 51–53.
- “The Messianic Secret in Mark,” *Illustrated Bible Life*, Winter 2005–2006, 42–43.
- “A Declaration of Faith through Song: Philippians 2:6–11,” *Illustrated Bible Life*, Fall 2005, 18–19.
- 5 Bible commentary sections on assorted passages, *Illustrated Bible Life*, Spring 2005, 41–44, 47–50, 53–56, 58–60, 62–64.
- “Ancient Ephesus: A Center of Tradition and Theological Controversy,” *Illustrated Bible Life*, Winter 2003–2004, 27–29.
- 3 Bible commentary sections on assorted passages, *Illustrated Bible Life*, Fall 2003, 29–31, 34–36, 62–64.
- 3 Bible commentary sections on assorted passages, *Illustrated Bible Life*, Spring 2003, 47–49, 57–59, 62–64.
- “The Social Outcast in Luke,” *Illustrated Bible Life*, Winter 2002–2003, 16–17.
- 4 Bible commentary sections on Gospel of Matthew and some letters, *Illustrated Bible Life*, Fall 2002, 3–6, 8–11, 14–16, 24–26.
- “Introduction to the Acts of the Apostles,” *Illustrated Bible Life*, Spring 2002, 26–28.
- 8 Bible commentary sections on the Book of Acts, *Illustrated Bible Life*, Spring 2002, 28–30, 32–35, 38–40, 42–44, 47–49, 52–54, 57–59, 62–64.
- 8 Bible commentary sections on Gospels, Acts, and Pauline Letters, *Illustrated Bible Life*, Winter 2001–2002, 4–6, 9–11, 14–16, 19–21, 24–26, 29–30, 33–34, 41–44.
- “Circumcision and Faith,” *Illustrated Bible Life*, Spring 2001, 41–42.

## **PRESENTATIONS: ACADEMIC PAPERS**

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- “Can Salt *Really* Lose Its Saltiness? A Contextual Reading of Matthew 5:13,” 2020 Research Day (February), Africa Nazarene University, Nairobi, Kenya.
- “What’s Resurrection Got to Do with Anything? Resurrection, Renewal, and the People of God in the Book of Acts,” 2018 Oxford Institute of Methodist Theological Studies (August), Pembroke College, Oxford, United Kingdom.
- “Holy Word, Holy People: (Re)Placing Scripture in Wesleyan-Holiness Thought and Practice,” Presidential Address, 2015 Wesleyan Theological Society meeting (March), Mount Vernon, OH.
- “Reconsidering the Pentecost Materials in Acts Ecclesialogically,” Global Nazarene Theology Conference (March 2014), Johannesburg, South Africa (1 of 2 selected Bible papers from USA/Canada).
- “Making/Taking Her Place in the World: The Church among Others in Acts 16–19,” 2013 Oxford Institute of Methodist Theological Studies (August), Christ Church, Oxford, United Kingdom.
- “‘Tell Your Children ... So That They May Believe’: A Wesleyan Aspect of What is Holy about Scripture” (with S. Riley), 2013 Wesleyan Theological Society meeting (March), Seattle, WA.
- “Neither Charismatic nor Early Catholic: Rethinking the Ecclesiology of Acts Christologically with Attention to Acts 2,” Book of Acts section, 2011 Society of Biblical Literature annual meeting (November), San Francisco, CA (invited).
- “Misplaced Authority: Rethinking the Role of the Bible as Scripture,” 2010 Wesleyan Theological Society meeting (March), Azusa, CA.



- “Scripture as Formation: The Role of Scripture in Christian Discipleship, Formation, and Worship” (with M. Maddix), 2010 Wesleyan Theological Society meeting (March), Azusa, CA.
- “A Tribute to Barry L. Callen: Recipient of the Wesleyan Theological Society Lifetime Achievement Award,” 2009 Wesleyan Theological Society meeting (March), Anderson, IN.
- “Scripture, Community and Conversation: Rethinking Theological Interpretation Canonically,” Theological Hermeneutics of Christian Scriptures group, 2007 Society of Biblical Literature annual meeting (November), San Diego, CA (invited).
- “Can the Character and Mission of God’s People Clash? The Formation (and Re-Formation) of God’s People and the Book of Acts,” 2007 Oxford Institute of Methodist Theological Studies (August), Christ Church, Oxford, United Kingdom.
- “Suffering in the Book of Acts: Implications for Wesleyan Thought and Practice,” 2007 Wesleyan Theological Society meeting (March), Bourbonnais, IL.
- “Robert Brawley and Luke/Acts (or Luke-Acts): Reflections on the Work of Robert Brawley upon His Retirement,” 2007 Midwest Society of Biblical Literature meeting (February), Bourbonnais, IL.
- “Keeping the Church in Its Place: Revisiting the Church(es) in Acts,” 2005 Wesleyan Theological Society meeting (March), Seattle, WA.
- “‘What Do You Think You Are Doing, Paul?’ Synagogues, Ministry, and Ethics in Acts 16–21,” Book of Acts consultation, 2004 Society of Biblical Literature annual meeting (November), San Antonio, TX.
- “A Response to ‘Communal Holiness: An Afro-centric Perspective on Sanctification in 2 Corinthians’,” 2003 Wesleyan Theological Society meeting (March), Wilmore, KY.
- “Where God and Humanity Meet: A Response,” Global Nazarene Theology Conference (April 2002), Guatemala City, Guatemala.
- “When Mission Gets You Dirty: Matthew 5:13 and the ‘Salt of the Earth’,” 2002 Wesleyan Theological Society meeting (March), Hobe Sound, FL.
- “*Can Salt Lose Its Saltiness? An Alternative Reading of Matthew 5:13,*” Synoptic Gospels section, 2000 Society of Biblical Literature annual meeting (November), Nashville, TN.
- “‘Say It Ain’t So, Paul!’: The Accusations against Paul (Acts 21) in Light of His Ministry in Acts 16–20,” Spring 2000 Chicago Society of Biblical Research meeting (April), Chicago, IL.
- “‘Where the Spirit of the Lord Is’: God and the Church in the Book of Acts,” 2000 Wesleyan Theological Society meeting (March), Pasadena, CA.
- “When *Does* Salt Lose Its Saltiness? Reading Matthew 5:13 in Light of Its Literary and Historical Contexts” (with several undergraduate students, 2000 Midwest Society of Biblical Literature meeting (February), Chicago, IL.
- “Community in Conversation: Multiple Readings of Scripture and a Wesleyan Understanding of the Church,” 1999 Wesleyan Theological Society meeting (March), Bethany, OK.
- “Keeping the Church in its Place: Christian Community as Character in Acts 1–7,” 1998 Midwest Society of Biblical Literature meeting (February), Milwaukee, WI.
- “Inspired Imagination: John Wesley’s Concept of Inspiration and Literary-Critical Approaches to Scripture,” 1997 Wesleyan Theological Society meeting (November), Mount Vernon, OH.
- “Differing Portraits of Jews: The Function of the Contrasting Lukan Pictures of Paul and the Jewish People in Acts 13–28,” 1993 Southwest Society of Biblical Literature meeting (March), Dallas, TX.

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## **PRESENTATIONS: CHURCH AND PROFESSIONAL**

- “Examples of Hybrid Classes” (with D. Allen), Workshop for 2020 Faculty Workshop, Northwest Nazarene University (August), Nampa, ID.
- “Reading the Bible as Wesleyans,” Workshop for 2017 Washington Pacific District Assembly of Church of the Nazarene (April), Olympia, WA; 2017 Intermountain District Assembly of Church of the Nazarene (May), Nampa, ID.

- “Holy People, Holy Mission: Holiness in Acts,” Workshop for 2017 Washington Pacific District Assembly of Church of the Nazarene (April), Olympia, WA; 2017 Intermountain District Assembly of Church of the Nazarene (May), Nampa, ID.
- “Resurrection and Everyday Life: Fearless Discipleship in the Book of Acts” (with Celia Wolff), 4 Workshops for 2016 Pastors and Leaders Conference (PALCON), Northwest Nazarene University (June), Nampa, ID.
- “Scripture and Its Authority among Wesleyan Churches and Believers,” Workshop for 2016 Washington Pacific District Assembly of Church of the Nazarene (April), Puyallup, WA.
- “How to Read the Bible as Wesleyans,” Theology series (December 2015), Canyon Hills Church of the Nazarene, Caldwell, ID.
- “The Gospels: What They Are and Why They Are Such Good News,” God Talks series (October 2015), Karcher Church of the Nazarene, Nampa, ID.
- “Where's Waldo?: Disrupting a Difficult Session in an Introductory General Education Course” (with J. Akkerman and S. Riley), 2014 Northwest eLearn Conference (October), Boise, ID.
- “Father, Into Your Hands I Commit My Spirit,” Seven Sayings of Jesus from the Cross series (May 2014), Karcher Church of the Nazarene, Nampa, ID.
- “Scripture as Spiritual Formation” (with M. Maddix), Workshop, 2013 General Assembly of the Church of the Nazarene (June), Indianapolis, IN.
- “Computer Resources for Bible Study,” 2 Workshops for 2013 Washington Pacific District Assembly of Church of the Nazarene (April), Olympia, WA.
- “Finding Moses among the Elders at Ephesus: Biblical Images of Prophetic Leadership” (with S. Riley), Workshop, 2013 Wesley Center Conference (February), Northwest Nazarene University, Nampa, ID.
- “Eating the Word: How to Read the Bible as Food for the Soul,” Workshop on Scripture and Spiritual Formation in local churches and district assemblies (Castle Hills Church of the Nazarene, October 2014; Mountain Home Church of the Nazarene, March 2013; Nampa First Church of the Nazarene, January 2013; Cathedral of the Rockies (Boise First United Methodist Church), September 2012; Karcher Church of the Nazarene, March 2012; Emmett Church of the Nazarene, February 2012; Canyon Hill/Caldwell Church of the Nazarene, February 2012).
- “Nominations for Best Supporting Actor: Paul’s Ministry Partners in Acts,” Workshop for 2012 Intermountain District Assembly of Church of the Nazarene (May), Nampa, ID.
- “Warning or Affirmation? Rethinking the ‘Salt of the Earth’ Saying in Matthew 5:13,” Oxford Fellowship faculty presentation (April 2012), Northwest Nazarene University, Nampa, ID.
- “Five Questions about the Bible: Issues regarding the Bible and Its Interpretation,” Plenary Panel Discussion, The Bible Tells Me So: 2011 Wesley Center Conference (February), Northwest Nazarene University, Nampa, ID.
- “Decoding *The Da Vinci Code*,” Seminar (May 2006), First Church of the Nazarene, Jackson, MI.
- “The Gospel of Judas: What It Is and Why It Matters to Us as Christians,” Seminar (April 2006), First Church of the Nazarene, Jackson, MI.
- “Encountering the Lukan Jesus,” Academic Retreat Speaker/Facilitator (March 2002), Salvation Army Training School, Chicago, IL.
- “Remarks on Scholarship and ‘Education with a Christian Purpose’,” Faculty Professional Meeting (February 2001), Olivet Nazarene University, Bourbonnais, IL.
- “Christians Exploring Issues Over Evolution and Creation,” Seminar Series (April–May 1995), College Church of the Nazarene, Bourbonnais, IL.

## **DISSERTATION EXAMINATION/COMMITTEES**

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Charles Sturt University (Australia) Ph.D. dissertation, “Turning to God in Acts: Insights from Three Conversion Narratives by Luke” (Fall 2017) by Russell Warnken, advised by David Neville.

Regent University (School of Divinity) Ph.D. dissertation, “The Lukan Lens on Wealth and Possessions: A Perspective Shaped by the Themes of Reversal and Right Response” (Fall 2017) by Rachel Coleman, advised by Graham H. Twelftree.

## **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP**

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Society of Biblical Literature  
Wesleyan Theological Society

## **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AND WORK**

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BOOK REVIEW EDITOR, MEMBER OF EDITORIAL COMMITTEE — *Wesleyan Theological Journal* (2006–2017)

- Responsibilities have included nomination of the Wesleyan Theological Society’s annual Timothy L. Smith/Mildred Bangs Wynkoop Book Award
- Over 250 book reviews secured/edited for 22 journal issues; another 30 reviews in the “pipeline”

PRESIDENT — Wesleyan Theological Society (2014–2015)

- Responsibilities included delivering the presidential address, chairing the business meeting during the Society’s 50<sup>th</sup> annual meeting (March 2015), and chairing the WTS Executive Committee

FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT — Wesleyan Theological Society (2013–2014)

- Responsibilities included serving as program chair of the Society’s 49<sup>th</sup> annual meeting at Northwest Nazarene University, Nampa, ID (“Atonement in the Wesleyan Tradition”—March 2014) and as a member of the WTS Executive Committee

SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT — Wesleyan Theological Society (2012–2013)

- Responsibilities included preparation of the program proposal for the Society’s 2014 meeting and serving on the WTS Executive Committee

CO-CHAIR/CO-CONVENER — Biblical Studies/New Testament Working Group, 2013 and 2018 Oxford Institute of Methodist Theological Studies, Christ Church and Pembroke College, Oxford, UK (Aug.)

- Responsibilities included the selection of working group members, along with their paper proposals, and/or the organization and facilitation of working group sessions for the Institute

INSTITUTIONAL FELLOWSHIP (Summer 2011)—Co-recipient of Riley-Woodward Fellowship at Northwest Nazarene University for editing work on *The Bible Tells Me So* book project

TREASURER — Chicago Society of Biblical Research (2000–2007)

ONSITE COORDINATOR — 2004 Midwest Society of Biblical Literature meeting (February), Olivet Nazarene University, Bourbonnais, IL

CONFERENCE SESSION MODERATOR:

- Biblical Studies session, 2017 Wesleyan Theological Society meeting (March), Asbury Theological Seminary, Wilmore, KY
- Biblical Studies session, 2011 Wesleyan Theological Society meeting (March), Southern Methodist University, Dallas, TX
- Biblical Studies session, 2008 Wesleyan Theological Society meeting (March), Duke Divinity School, Durham, NC
- Plenary session entitled “The Resurrection of the Author,” 2004 Midwest Society of Biblical Literature meeting plenary session (February), Olivet Nazarene University, Bourbonnais, IL
- Gospels/Acts session, 2001 Midwest Society of Biblical Literature meeting (February), University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, IN
- New Testament session, 1993 Wesleyan Theological Society meeting (November), Southern Nazarene University, Bethany, OK

## **OTHER INFORMATION: COURSES TAUGHT**

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NORTHWEST NAZARENE UNIVERSITY (since 2007)

(\* — Multiple Sections)  
(^ — Some/All Sections Online)

*Undergraduate*

- BIBL1100 Introduction to Biblical Studies\*^
- BIBL1120 Survey of the Bible\*^
- BIBL3120 New Testament Interpretation\*
- BIBL3260 Life and Teachings of Jesus\*
- BIBL3270 Johannine Literature\*
- BIBL4310 Luke and Acts\*
- BIBL4330 Pauline Epistles\*
- GREK2110 Elementary New Testament Greek 1\*
- GREK2120 Elementary New Testament Greek 2\*
- GREK3010 Intermediate New Testament Greek\*
- NURS4111 Servant Leadership in Nursing\*^

*Graduate*

- BIBL6540 Gospel and Culture\*^
- BIBL6560 Introduction to Biblical Studies\*^
- BIBL7290 Grounded in the Living Word: Scripture and the Christian Life\*^
- BIBL7330 Youth, Children, Families, and Faith throughout Scripture\*^
- BIBL7580 Biblical Interpretation for Life and Ministry\*^
- BIBL8090 Advanced Exegesis: Acts\*^

SPRING ARBOR UNIVERSITY (2004–2007)

(\* — Multiple Sections; ^ — Some/All Sections Online)

*Undergraduate*

- GRE 231 Elementary New Testament Greek 1\*
- GRE 232 Elementary New Testament Greek 2\*
- GRE 331 Intermediate Greek 1
- GRE 332 Intermediate Greek 2
- REL 211 Gospels and Acts\*
- REL 214 Christian Ethics
- REL 250 Introduction to Biblical Studies\*
- REL 309 Old Testament Theology
- REL 310 New Testament Theology
- REL 311 New Testament Epistles\*

*Graduate:*

- SFL 603 Biblical Foundations for Christian Spirituality and Leadership\*^

NAZARENE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY (1999)

- NTL653 The Gospel of Luke

OLIVET NAZARENE UNIVERSITY (1994–2004)

(\* — Multiple Sections; ^ — Some/All Sections Online)

*Undergraduate:*

- BLIT 233 Elementary New Testament Greek 1\*
- BLIT 234 Elementary New Testament Greek 2\*
- BLIT 300 Bible II (New Testament)\*
- BLIT 330 New Testament Greek Exegesis\*
- BLIT 334 New Testament Greek Exegesis: Romans\*
- BLIT 336 New Testament Greek Exegesis: 2 Corinthians\*
- BLIT 339 Readings in Greek\*
- BLIT 362 Pauline Epistles II: 1–2 Corinthians\*
- BLIT 465 Pauline Epistles
- BLIT 472 Synoptic Gospels and Acts\*
- BLIT 473 Synoptic Gospels\*
- BLIT 476 Topics in Biblical Studies: Reading the New Testament in Its World
- BLIT 476 Topics in Biblical Studies: Luke–Acts
- PHIL 351 Ancient and Medieval Philosophy
- THEO 401 Church and Christian Living\*

*Graduate:*

- BLIT 601 The Ancient World\*
- BLIT 605 Current Methodologies in Biblical Studies: Luke–Acts
- BLIT 605 Current Methodologies in Biblical Studies: Matthew
- BLIT 610 Biblical Theology: Christology in the New Testament Writings
- BLIT 610 Biblical Theology: Theology in Luke–Acts
- BLIT 610 Biblical Theology: Theology in the Corinthian Correspondence
- BLIT 615 Theological Interpretation of Scripture: Christology in the Synoptic Gospels
- BLIT 615 Theological Interpretation of Scripture: 1–2 Corinthians
- BLIT 620 Biblical Exegesis: Matthew
- BLIT 621 New Testament Exegesis: Philippians and Romans
- BLIT 630 Advanced Hermeneutics\*
- THEO 692 Research Methodologies\*^