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EDUCATION

Yale University Graduate School, Department of Religious Studies,

Ph.D. (December, 1994).

Dissertation: *Defending Zion: Edom's Desolation and Israel's Restoration (Isa 34-35) in Context*

Academic Honors: Richard J. Franke Fellow (1988-1990).

Yale University Divinity School, M.Div., magna cum laude, 1988.

Academic Honors: Yale Divinity School Scholar (1985); North American Ministerial Fellow (1985); Two Brothers Fellow (1986).

Swarthmore College, B.A., magna cum laude, 1985.

Sociology/anthropology major with minor in religion.

Academic Honors: Phi Beta Kappa; Jessi H. Holmes Prize in Religion; Lucretia Mott Fellow.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Professor, Department of Theology, Loyola University Maryland 2008 to present.

Director, Catholic Studies Program, Loyola University Maryland, 2019 to Present.

Chair, Department of Theology, Loyola University Maryland, July 2017 to May 2020.

Director, Center for the Humanities, Loyola College in Maryland (1999 to 2010).

Associate Professor, Department of Theology, Loyola College in Maryland (1999 to 2008).

Assistant Professor, Department of Theology, Loyola College in Maryland (January 1993 to 1999).

Teaching Fellow, Yale Divinity School, New Haven, Connecticut.

Old Testament Interpretation (1990-1991); Elementary Biblical Hebrew (1989-1990).

PUBLICATIONS

Books

McGinnis, Claire Mathews. *Reading Exodus: A Literary and Theological Commentary*. Macon, GA: Smyth & Helwys, 2024.

(Mathews, Claire R.) *Defending Zion: Edom's Desolation and Jacob's Restoration (Isaiah 34-35) in Context*. Beihefte zur Zeitschrift für die alttestamentliche Wissenschaft, Vol. 236. Berlin: Walter deGruyter, 1995.

Edited Books

"As Those Who Are Taught": The Reception of Isaiah from the LXX to the SBL. SBL Symposium Series. Co-edited with Patricia Tull. Atlanta: Scholars Press and Leiden: E.J. Brill, 2006.

Scholarly Articles

- “The Hardening of Pharaoh’s Heart in Tradition- and Reception-History.” Pages 351–359 in *A Sage in New Haven, Essays on the Prophets, the Writings, and the Ancient World in Honor of Robert R. Wilson*. Edited by Alison Acker Gruseke and Carolyn J. Sharp. Ägypten Und Altes Testament 117. Münster: Zaphon, 2023.
- “Jonah.” 1074-1082 in *The New Jerome Biblical Commentary for the Twenty-First Century*. Edited by John J. Collins, et. al. New York: T&T Clark, 2022.
- “Amos.” In *The Paulist Biblical Commentary*. Edited by José Enrique Aguilar Chiu, et. al. Mahwah, N.J.: Paulist Press, 2018.
- “The Scriptures of Israel.” In *Scripture: A Global, Ecumenical Introduction to the Bible and its Interpretation*. Edited by Michael J. Gorman, 57-94. Baker, Academic, 2017.
- “The Hardening of Pharaoh’s Heart in Christian and Jewish Interpretation” *Journal of Theological Interpretation* 6.1 (2012): 43-64.
- “Stumbling Over the Testaments: On Reading Patristic Exegesis and the Old Testament in Light of the New” *Journal of Theological Interpretation* 4.1 (2010): 15-32.
- “Exodus as a ‘Text of Terror’ for Children. Pages 24–44 in *Biblical Perspectives on the Child*. Edited by Beverly Gaventa and Terence Fretheim. Grand Rapids, MI: Wm. B. Eerdmans, 20008.
- “The Old Testament.” In *The Blackwell Companion to Catholicism*. Edited by James J. Buckley, Frederick Christian Bauerschmidt and Trent Pomplun, 7-21. Oxford: Blackwell, 2007.
- (With Patricia Tull) “Remembering the Former Things: The History of Interpretation and Critical Scholarship.” Pages 1–27 in “As Those Who Are Taught”: *The Reception of Isaiah from the LXX to the SBL*. Edited by Claire Mathews McGinnis and Patricia Tull. SBL Symposium Series. Atlanta: Scholars Press, 2006.
- “Teaching Exodus as Problem Text.” *Teaching Theology and Religion* V, 2 (April 2002): 71-79.
- “Playing the Devil’s Advocate in Job: On Job’s Wife.” Pages 121–142 in *The Whirlwind: Essays on Job in Memory of Jane Morse*, edited by Stephen L. Cook, Corrine Patton and James Watts. Sheffield: Sheffield Academic Press, 2001.
- “Yea, the Work of Our Hands, Establish Thou It’: On Stability in the Academic Life.” Pages 173–189 in *The Scope of our Art: The Vocation of the Theological Teacher*, edited by L. Gregory Jones and Stephanie Paulsell. Grand Rapids, MI: Wm. B. Eerdmans, 2001.
- “Swimming with the Divine Tide: An Ignatian Reading of 1 Samuel.” Pages 240–270 in *Theological Exegesis: Essays in Conversation with Brevard S. Childs*. Edited by Kathryn Greene- McCreight and Christopher R. Seitz, 240-270. Grand Rapids, MI: Wm. B. Eerdmans, 1999.

Articles in Publications for a Lay Audience

“Job’s Dialogue with God: Coming to Terms with an Untamed World.” *The Bible Today* 70,2 (March/April 2015): 87-92.

“Trusting in Deceitful Words: Jeremiah’s Temple Sermon.” *The Bible Today* 49,2 (March/April (2011): 79-84.

“The Posture of Faith: Praying as a Friend of God.” *The Bible Today* 42,6 (November/December 2004): 366-372.

“Engaging Israel’s Traditions for a New Day: the Former and the New Things in Second Isaiah.” *The Bible Today* 39,2 (March/April 2001:) 75-81.

Book Reviews

R.R. Reno, *Genesis*. Brazos Theological Commentary on the Bible (Grand Rapids, MI: Brazos Press, 2010) in *Nova et Vetera* 11.3 (Summer, 2013): 948-951.

Brevard S. Childs, *Isaiah. A Commentary*. The Old Testament Library (Louisville: Westminster/John Knox, 2001) in *Pro Ecclesia* XI, 2 (Spring 2002): 235-237.

Fredrick C. Holmgren, *The Old Testament and the Significance of Jesus. Embracing Change, Maintaining Christian Identity*. (Wm. B. Eerdmans, 1999) in *Pro Ecclesia* 10, 1 (Winter 2000): 107-108.

William L. Holladay, *Long Ago God Spoke: How Christians May Hear the Old Testament Today* in *Pro Ecclesia* VI, no. 2 (Spring 1997): 243-44.

Walter Brueggemann, *Isaiah 1-39 and Isaiah 40-66* in *Interpretation* 53,4 (October 1999): 422.

Peter Miscall, *Isaiah 34-35: A Nightmare/A Dream*, JSOT Supplement 281 (Sheffield Academic Press, 1999) in *Review of Biblical Literature* 2, (2000): 235-237. (<http://www.bookreviews.org/Reviews/1850759871.html>)

PROFESSIONAL PROGRAM PRESENTATIONS

“Response to *Reading the Bible Theologically* and *The God of the Old Testament*.” Theological Interpretation of Scripture Session (virtual), Annual Meeting of the SBL, November 21, 2021, San Antonio, Texas.

“Martin Luther on the Hardening of Pharaoh’s Heart.” Christian Theology and Bible and Section of the Society of Biblical Literature, Annual Meeting, Nov. 21, 2017, San Antonio, Texas.

A Response to Walter Moberly, *Old Testament Theology*, Christian Theology and Bible Section of the Society of Biblical Literature, Annual Meeting, Nov 23-26, 2014, Baltimore, Maryland.

“Why Is Patristic Exegesis Important?” Christian Theology and the Bible Section of the Society of Biblical Literature, Annual Meeting, Nov 21-25, 2008, Boston, Mass.

“The Generosity of Faith: On Giving and Receiving in James.” The Bible and Christian Theology Section of the annual AAR/SBL meeting, Atlanta, Georgia, November 2003.

“Recurring Theological Themes in Christian and Jewish Interpretations of the Hardening of Pharaoh’s Heart.” History of Interpretation Section of the annual AAR/SBL meeting,

Toronto, Ontario, Canada, November 2002. Also presented at the MAR-Catholic Biblical Association meeting, Washington, D.C., January 2003.

"Apportioning Desolation: Contexts for Interpreting Edom's Fate and Function in Isaiah." Published in the Society of Biblical Literature Seminar Papers 34 (Atlanta: Scholars Press) 1995.

"The Scope of YHWH's Plan: A Poetic Analysis of Isaiah 14:24-27." Annual Meeting, Catholic Biblical Association, Hebrew Poetry Seminar, August 1995 Loudonville, New York.

"Signs, Portents, and Sealed Scrolls: Charisma, Authority, and the Naked Prophet." Public Lecture by invitation of the Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Swarthmore, College, Swarthmore, Pennsylvania, April 1995.

"A 'Misplaced' Foreign Nation Oracle? The Placement and Function of Isaiah 34 (and 35)." Annual Meeting, Society of Biblical Literature, November, 1994 Chicago, Illinois.

"Wilderness Transformations and Prophetic Narratives Concerning the Deliverance of Jerusalem: Sewing a Seam in Isaiah." Baltimore-Washington Catholic Biblical Association, November, 1993 Emmitsburg, Maryland.

"Pilgrims on the Holy Way: A Poetic Analysis of Isaiah 34-35." Annual Meeting, Catholic Biblical Association, Hebrew Poetry Seminar, August, 1993 Atchison, Kansas.

"Edom and the Nations in Isaiah 34, and Patterns in Prophetic Literature." Mid-Atlantic American Academy of Religion/Society of Biblical Literature, February, 1993 Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Society of Biblical Literature
Catholic Biblical Association.

OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Co-Chair, The Bible and Christian Theology Section, Society of Biblical Literature, 2010-14; Steering Committee, 2007 to 2018

Co-director, The Formation of the Book of Isaiah Group, Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting (1999 to 2002).

President, Catholic Biblical Association Mid-Atlantic Region (1996-97)

Program Director, Mid-Atlantic American Academy of Religion/Society of Biblical Literature Meeting (1995-96)