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Education

- Ph.D. Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA, 1990.
- Dissertation: “The Day of the Locusts: The History of Creation in the Book of Joel.”
- M.A.T.S. New Testament and Christian Origins, Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, South Hamilton, MA, 1984.
- B.A. Philosophy and Biblical Studies, Evangel College, Springfield, MO, 1982.
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Fields of Interest

- Teaching: Hebrew Bible/Old Testament; Archaeology of Syria-Palestine; History, Religion, and Society of Israel, Egypt, and the Ancient Near East; Near Eastern Myths and Literature.
- Research: Hebrew Bible/Old Testament; Creation Myths; Political Economy of Ancient Israel; Social and Cultural World of Ancient Israel; Archaeology of Syria-Palestine.
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Professional Positions

- Professor of Theology, Creighton University (2006 – present).
- Secondary appointment: Classical & Near Eastern Studies (2006 – present).
- Director, Kripke Center for the Study of Religion and Society, Creighton University (1998 – present).
- Associate Professor of Theology, Creighton University (1996 – 2006).
- Secondary appointment: Classical & Near Eastern Studies (1997 – 2006).
- Assistant Professor of Theology, Creighton University (1990 – 1996).
- Teaching Assistant, Department of Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations, Harvard University (1985 – 1989).
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Archaeological Field Work

- Assistant Trench Supervisor, Caesarea Maritima, Israel (1999).
 - Square Supervisor, Ashkelon, Israel (1997).
 - Square Supervisor, Ashkelon, Israel (1996).
 - Volunteer, Ashkelon, Israel (1995).
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Professional Services

- General Editor, *Journal of Religion & Society* (1998 – present).
 - Editorial Board, Creighton University Press (2005 – 2008).
 - Review Board, Creighton University Press (1993 – 1996).
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Professional Organizations

- American Schools of Oriental Research (1989 – present).
 - Catholic Biblical Association (1991 – present).
 - Old Testament and Ecology Taskforce (1991 – 1994).
 - Israel Exploration Society (1995 – present).
 - Society of Biblical Literature (1988 – present).
 - Regional Coordinator for the Rocky Mountains – Great Plains Region (2003 – 2009).
 - President, Rocky Mountains – Great Plains Region of the AAR/SBL (1998 – 1999).
 - Vice President, Rocky Mountains – Great Plains Region of the AAR/SBL (1997 – 1998).
 - Program Unit Chair for the Social Sciences and the Interpretation of the Hebrew Scriptures Section (2002 – present).
 - Steering Committee of the Social Sciences and the Interpretation of the Hebrew Scriptures Section (1993 – 2002).
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Grants, Awards, and Fellowships

14. “Archaeology of Roman-Islamic Palestine, with a Focus on the Material Context of Jewish-Christian-Muslim Relations.” Kripke Center Research Grant (Fall 2006). Principal Investigator, \$4000.
13. Sabbatical: “Virtual Archaeology of Roman Palestine.” August 2005 – August 2006.
12. “Archaeology of Roman Palestine, with a Focus on the Material Context of Jewish-Christian Relations.” Kripke Center Research Grant (Spring 2005). Principal Investigator, \$2000.

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11. “Bridge Funding for the Kripke Center.” Jewish Federation of Omaha, Foundation (Spring 2004, \$20,000; Fall 2004, \$20,000; Spring 2005, \$20,000; Fall 2005, \$18,305; Spring 2006, \$20,000; Fall 2006, \$20,000; Spring 2007, \$16,512).
 10. “Problem-Based Interpretation of the Bible.” SOTL Grant, Creighton University (2004). Principal Investigator, \$2500.
 9. Instructional Technology Award. President’s Award for Innovative Use of Technology (the Virtual World Project) in the Classroom, Creighton University (2003).
 8. “The Virtual World Project.” Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion (2002). Principle Investigator, \$9000.
 7. “The Virtual World Project.” Summer Faculty Research Fellowship, 2002. Graduate School, Creighton University. Principal Investigator, \$4500.
 6. “Homo Religiosus: Religion in the Ancient World.” Faculty Development Award, Creighton College of Arts and Sciences (1999). Principal Investigator, \$4500.
 5. Sabbatical: “Gender and Cosmology in Ancient Israel.” June – December 1998.
 4. “Scenarios for Reading Scripture.” Faculty Development Award, Creighton College of Arts and Sciences (1994). Principal Investigator, \$4500.
 3. “Cultural Ecology: Toward a Biblical Ecology.” Summer Faculty Research Fellowship, Graduate School, Creighton University (1993). Principal Investigator, \$4500.
 2. Graduate Fellowship, Harvard University (1984 – 1986).
 1. Biblical Studies Teaching Fellowship, Evangel College (1980 – 1982).
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Academic Projects

The Virtual World Project: Exploring the Ancient World Through Virtual Reality. An on-going research and multi-media project published on the internet at <http://www.virtualworldproject.org> (2001 – present).

Monographs and Books

Authored

3. *Criador e Criação: A natureza na mundividência do Antigo Israel.* Petropolis, Brazil: Vozes, 2004 (Portuguese translation of #2).
2. *Creator and Creation: Nature in the Worldview of Ancient Israel.* Peabody, MA: Hendrickson Publishers, 1994.
1. *Yabweb’s Activity in History and Nature in the Book of Joel.* Ancient Near Eastern Texts and Studies 10. Lewiston, NY: The Edwin Mellen Press, 1991.

Edited

14. *Women, Gender, and Religion*. Journal of Religion & Society Supplement Series 5. Edited with Susan Calef. Omaha: The Kripke Center, 2009.
 13. *Religion and the Environment*. Journal of Religion & Society Supplement Series 3. Omaha: The Kripke Center, 2008; <http://moses.creighton.edu/jrs/toc/SS03.html>.
 12. *Religion and the Family*. Edited with Gail S. Risch. Omaha: Creighton University Press, 2008
 11. *Studies in Jewish Civilization, Volume 18; Love – Ideal and Real – in the Jewish Tradition from the Hebrew Bible until Modern Times*. Edited with Leonard J. Greenspoon. Omaha: Creighton University Press, 2008.
 10. *Studies in Jewish Civilization, Volume 17; American Judaism in Popular Culture*. Edited with Leonard J. Greenspoon. Omaha: Creighton University Press, 2006 (Pub. 2007).
 9. *The Contexts of Religion and Violence*. Journal of Religion & Society Supplement Series 2. Omaha: The Kripke Center, 2007; <http://moses.creighton.edu/jrs/toc/SS02.html>.
 8. *Studies in Jewish Civilization, Volume 16; Jews in Eastern Europe*. Edited with Leonard J. Greenspoon and Brian Horowitz. Omaha: Creighton University Press, 2005.
 7. *Mel Gibson's The Passion of the Christ*. Journal of Religion & Society Supplement Series 1. Edited with William L. Blizek. Omaha: The Kripke Center, 2004; <http://moses.creighton.edu/jrs/toc/SS01.html>.
 6. *Food and Judaism. Studies in Jewish Civilization, Volume 15*. Edited with Leonard J. Greenspoon and Gerald Shapiro. Omaha: Creighton University Press, 2004.
 5. *Studies in Jewish Civilization, Volume 14; Women and Judaism*. Edited with Leonard J. Greenspoon and Jean Axelrad Cahan. Omaha: Creighton University Press, 2003.
 4. *Studies in Jewish Civilization, Volume 13; Spiritual Dimensions of Judaism*. Edited with Leonard J. Greenspoon. Omaha: Creighton University Press, 2003.
 3. *Studies in Jewish Civilization, Volume 12; Millennialism from the Hebrew Bible to the Present*. Edited with Leonard J. Greenspoon. Omaha: Creighton University Press, 2002.
 2. *The Social World of the Hebrew Bible: Twenty-Five Years of Social Sciences in the Academy. Semeia 87*. Edited with Stephen L. Cook. Atlanta: Society of Biblical Literature, 2001 [back dated to 1999].
 1. *A Land Flowing with Milk and Honey: Visions of Israel from Biblical to Modern Times*. Edited with Leonard J. Greenspoon. Studies in Jewish Civilization 11. Omaha: Creighton University Press, 2001.
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Articles, Essays, and Chapters

73. "Work and Creation." *The Bible Today* 47, 4 (2009): 225-31.
72. "Gender, the Environment, and Sin in Genesis." Pp. 45-61 in *Women, Gender, and Religion*. Journal of Religion & Society Supplement Series 5. Edited by Susan Calef and Ronald A. Simkins. Omaha: The Kripke Center, 2009.

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71. "The End of Nature: Humans and the Natural World in the History of Creation." Pp. 47-65 in *Religion and the Environment*. Journal of Religion & Society Supplement Series 3. Edited by Ronald A. Simkins. Omaha: The Kripke Center, 2008; <http://moses.creighton.edu/jrs/toc/SS03.html>.
 70. "An Introduction: The Legacy of Lynn White, Jr." Pp. 1-4 in *Religion and the Environment*. Journal of Religion & Society Supplement Series 3. Edited by Ronald A. Simkins. Omaha: The Kripke Center, 2008; <http://moses.creighton.edu/jrs/toc/SS03.html>.
 69. "Competing Portraits of the Israelite Family." Pp. 46-67 in *Religion and the Family*. Edited by R. A. Simkins and G. S. Risch. Omaha: Creighton University Press, 2008.
 68. "Introduction," with Gail S. Risch. Pp. ix-xix in *Religion and the Family*. Edited by R. A. Simkins and G. S. Risch. Omaha: Creighton University Press, 2008.
 67. "Introduction." Pp. 1-3 in *The Contexts of Religion and Violence*. Journal of Religion & Society Supplement Series 2. Edited by R. A. Simkins. Omaha: The Kripke Center, 2007; <http://moses.creighton.edu/jrs/toc/SS02.html>.
 - 64-66. "Bashmath," "Becher," "Bela." *The New Interpreter's Dictionary of the Bible*. Volume 1. Edited by Katharin Doob Sakenfeld. Nashville: Abingdon Press, 2006.
 63. "Biblical History and Archaeology." Pp. 30-54 in *Catholic Study Bible, Second Edition*. New York: Oxford University Press, 2006.
 62. "Archaeology of the Bible." Pp. 52-54 in *Teaching the Bible: Practical Strategies for Classroom Instruction*. Edited by Mark Roncace and Patrick Gray. Atlanta: Society of Biblical Literature, 2005.
 61. "Traditional Tales (Gen 12:10-20; 20:1-8; 26:6-11)." Pp. 81-82 in *Teaching the Bible: Practical Strategies for Classroom Instruction*. Edited by Mark Roncace and Patrick Gray. Atlanta: Society of Biblical Literature, 2005.
 60. "Kinship in Genesis 16 and 21 and Numbers 27 and 36." Pp. 86-88 in *Teaching the Bible: Practical Strategies for Classroom Instruction*. Edited by Mark Roncace and Patrick Gray. Atlanta: Society of Biblical Literature, 2005.
 59. "Hospitality in Genesis 18:1-15 and 19:1-11." Pp. 90-91 in *Teaching the Bible: Practical Strategies for Classroom Instruction*. Edited by Mark Roncace and Patrick Gray. Atlanta: Society of Biblical Literature, 2005.
 58. "Limited Good in Genesis 23." Pp. 100-101 in *Teaching the Bible: Practical Strategies for Classroom Instruction*. Edited by Mark Roncace and Patrick Gray. Atlanta: Society of Biblical Literature, 2005.
 57. "Honor and Shame in Genesis 34 and 1 Samuel 25." Pp. 104-6 in *Teaching the Bible: Practical Strategies for Classroom Instruction*. Edited by Mark Roncace and Patrick Gray. Atlanta: Society of Biblical Literature, 2005.
 56. "Apology of David." Pp. 149-50 in *Teaching the Bible: Practical Strategies for Classroom Instruction*. Edited by Mark Roncace and Patrick Gray. Atlanta: Society of Biblical Literature, 2005.
 55. "Patronage in 1 Kings 17 and 2 Kings 8." Pp. 158-60 in *Teaching the Bible: Practical Strategies for Classroom Instruction*. Edited by Mark Roncace and Patrick Gray. Atlanta: Society of Biblical Literature, 2005.

54. "Family in the Political Economy of Monarchic Judah." *The Bible and Critical Theory* 1, 1 (2004) [1.DOI:10.2104/bc040006].
53. "Marriage and Gender in the Old Testament." Pp. 21-29 in *Marriage in the Catholic Tradition*. Edited by Todd Salzman, Thomas Kelly, and John O'Keefe. New York: Crossroads, 2004.
52. "Case Studies from the Second Wave of Research in the Social World of the Hebrew Bible," with Stephen L. Cook. Pp. 1-14 in *The Social World of the Hebrew Bible: Twenty-Five Years of Social Sciences in the Academy. Semeia* 87 Edited by R. A. Simkins and S. L. Cook. Atlanta: Society of Biblical Literature, 2001 [back dated to 1999].
51. "Patronage and the Political Economy of Monarchic Israel." Pp. 123-44 in *The Social World of the Hebrew Bible: Twenty-Five Years of Social Sciences in the Academy. Semeia* 87 Edited by R. A. Simkins and S. L. Cook. Atlanta: Society of Biblical Literature, 2001 [back dated to 1999].
50. "Arsaces I." Pp. 56-57 in *From Polis to Empire – The Ancient World c. 800 B.C. – A.D. 500: A Biographical Dictionary*. The Great Cultural Eras of the Western World. Edited by A. G. Traver. Westport, CT: Greenwood Press, 2001.
49. "Hamilcar." P. 180 in *From Polis to Empire – The Ancient World c. 800 B.C. – A.D. 500: A Biographical Dictionary*. The Great Cultural Eras of the Western World. Edited by A. G. Traver. Westport, CT: Greenwood Press, 2001.
48. "Matthew." P. 251 in *From Polis to Empire – The Ancient World c. 800 B.C. – A.D. 500: A Biographical Dictionary*. The Great Cultural Eras of the Western World. Edited by A. G. Traver. Westport, CT: Greenwood Press, 2001.
47. "Seleucus I." Pp. 348-49 in *From Polis to Empire – The Ancient World c. 800 B.C. – A.D. 500: A Biographical Dictionary*. The Great Cultural Eras of the Western World. Edited by A. G. Traver. Westport, CT: Greenwood Press, 2001.
46. "Seleucus II." P. 349 in *From Polis to Empire – The Ancient World c. 800 B.C. – A.D. 500: A Biographical Dictionary*. The Great Cultural Eras of the Western World. Edited by A. G. Traver. Westport, CT: Greenwood Press, 2001.
45. "Simon Magus." Pp. 357-58 in *From Polis to Empire – The Ancient World c. 800 B.C. – A.D. 500: A Biographical Dictionary*. The Great Cultural Eras of the Western World. Edited by A. G. Traver. Westport, CT: Greenwood Press, 2001.
44. "Teaching the Bible through the Internet: In the Classroom and at a Distance." *Journal of Religion & Society* 2 (2000) [<http://moses.creighton.edu/JRS/2000/2000-9.html>].
43. "Joel, Book of." Pp. 721-21 in *Eerdmans Dictionary of the Bible*. Edited by D. N. Freedman et al. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans Publishing Company, 2000.
42. "Nature." Pp. 949-50 in *Eerdmans Dictionary of the Bible*. Edited by D. N. Freedman et al. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans Publishing Company, 2000.
41. "Worldview." Pp. 1387-89 in *Eerdmans Dictionary of the Bible*. Edited by D. N. Freedman et al. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans Publishing Company, 2000.
40. "Honor, Shame." Pp. 603-4 in *Eerdmans Dictionary of the Bible*. Edited by D. N. Freedman et al. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans Publishing Company, 2000.

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39. "Image of God." Pp. 631-32 in *Eerdmans Dictionary of the Bible*. Edited by D. N. Freedman et al. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans Publishing Company, 2000.
- 8-38. "Abana" (p. 2); "Achzib" (p. 14); "Aphék" (p. 71); "Becher" (p. 159); "Benaiah" (pp. 164-65); "Dumah" (p. 358); "Eber" (pp. 363-64); "Elkosh" (p. 401); "Grasshopper" (p. 527); "Havilah" (p. 558); "Jaazaniah" (p. 663); "Jeshimon" (p. 700); "Johanan" (pp. 721-22); "Kedesh" (pp. 761-62); "Locust" (p. 818); "Manahath" (p. 851); "Massah, Meribah" (p. 869); "Merom" (p. 887); "Metheg-Ammah" (p. 892); "Naioth" (p. 944); "Nanea" (p. 946); "Paran" (p. 1009); "Rimmon" (p. 1130); "Seir" (p. 1179); "Seraiah" (pp. 1185-86); "Shealtiel" (p. 1189); "Tappuah" (p. 1275); "Uzziel" (pp. 1350-51); "Zeruiah" (p. 1419); "Zoan" (p. 1423); and "Zoar" (p. 1423). *Eerdmans Dictionary of the Bible*. Edited by D. N. Freedman et al. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans Publishing Company, 2000.
7. "Gender and the Body in Ancient Israel." Pp. 61-77 in *Practical Theology: Perspectives from the Plains*. Edited by Michael G. Lawler and Gail S. Risch. Omaha: Creighton University Press, 2000.
6. "Class and Gender in Early Israel." Pp. 71-87 in *Concepts of Class in Ancient Israel*. South Florida Studies in the History of Judaism; The Hebrew Scriptures and Their World, 201. Edited by M. Sneed. Atlanta: Scholars Press, 1999.
5. "Gender Construction in the Yahwist Creation Myth." Pp. 32-52 in *Genesis: A Feminist Companion to the Bible* (Second Series). Edited by A. Brenner. Sheffield: Sheffield Academic Press, 1998.
4. "Return to Yahweh: Honor and Shame in Joel." Pp. 41-54 in *Honor and Shame in the World of the Bible. Semeia* 68. Edited by V. H. Matthews and D. C. Benjamin. Atlanta: Scholars Press, 1996 [back dated to 1994].
3. "The Day of the Locusts: The Environment in the Book of Joel." *The Bible Today* 33, 1 (1995): 23-27.
2. "God, History, and the Natural World in the Book of Joel." *Catholic Biblical Quarterly* 55 (1993): 435-52.
1. "The Environment, Ecology, and the Bible." *Center for the Study of Religion and Society Newsletter*, Creighton University 4, 2 (1993): 1-3.
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Book Reviews

36. Review of *God and World in the Old Testament: A Relational Theology of Creation*, by Terence E. Fretheim. *Catholic Biblical Quarterly* 69 (2007), 115-16.
35. Review of *When the Great Abyss Opened: Classic and Contemporary Readings of Noah's Flood*, by J. David Pleins. *Catholic Biblical Quarterly* 67 (2005), 698-99.
34. Review of *Canaan and Israel in Antiquity: An Introduction*, by K. L. Noll. *Journal of Hebrew Scriptures* 4 (2002-2003)
[<http://www.arts.ualberta.ca/JHS/reviews/review108.htm>].
33. Review of *The Earth Story in Wisdom Traditions*, edited by Norman C. Habel and Shirley Wurst, and *The Earth Story in the Psalms and Prophets*, edited by Norman C. Habel and Shirley Wurst. *Catholic Biblical Quarterly* 64 (2002), 789-91.

32. Review of *Genesis as Dialogue: A Literary, Historical, and Theological Commentary*, by Thomas L. Brodie. *Theological Studies* 63 (2002), 840-41.
31. Review of *Readings from the Perspective of the Earth*, edited by Norman C. Habel, and *The Earth Story in Genesis*, edited by Norman C. Habel and Shirley Wurst. *Catholic Biblical Quarterly* 63 (2001): 573-75.
30. Review of *Genesis*, New International Biblical Commentary 1, by John E. Hartley. *Theological Studies* 62 (2001): 648-49.
29. Review of *Taboo or Not Tabo: Sexuality and Family in the Hebrew Bible*, by Ilona N. Rashkow. *Theological Studies* 62 (2001): 649-50.
28. Review of *The Israelites*, by B. S. J. Isserlin. *Review of Biblical Literature* (2000) [http://www.bookreviews.org/pdf/620_213.pdf].
27. Review of *Women in the Hebrew Bible*, edited by Alice Bach. *Journal of Religion & Society* 1 (1999) [<http://moses.creighton.edu/JRS/1999/1999-r10.html>].
26. Review of *The Formation of the Book of the Twelve: A Study in Text and Canon*, by Barry Alan Jones. *Journal of Biblical Literature* 118 (1999): 542-43.
25. Review of *Cultural Anthropology and the Old Testament*, by Thomas W. Overholt. *Journal of Biblical Literature* 117 (1998): 112-14.
24. Review of *A Social Reading of the Old Testament: Prophetic Approaches to Israel's Communal Life*, by Walter Brueggemann. *Religious Studies Review* 24 (1998): 61.
23. Review of *Illness and Health Care in the Ancient Near East: The Role of the Temple in Greece, Mesopotamia, and Israel*, by Hector Avalos. *Catholic Biblical Quarterly* 60 (1998): 105-106.
22. Review of *Tinnah: A Biblical City in the Sorek Valley*, by George L. Kelm and Amihai Mazar. *Religious Studies Review* 23 (1997): 55.
21. Review of *The Place is Too Small for Us: The Israelite Prophets in Recent Scholarship*, edited by Robert P. Gordon. *Religious Studies Review* 23 (1997): 163.
20. Review of *The Yahwist's Landscape: Nature and Religion in Early Israel*, by Theodore Hiebert. *Bible Review* 13, 4 (1997): 16.
19. Review of *A Cumulative Index to the Grammar and Syntax of Biblical Hebrew*, compiled by Frederic Clark Putnam. *Religious Studies Review* 23 (1997): 384.
18. Review of *Creation Accounts in the Ancient Near East and in the Bible*, by Richard J. Clifford. *Journal of Biblical Literature* 115 (1996): 120-22.
17. Review of *Purity and Monotheism: Clean and Unclean Animals in Biblical Law*, by Walter Houston. Pp. 123-25 in *Critical Review of Books in Religion 1994* (1996). Volume 7. Ed. E. J. Epp. Atlanta: Scholars.
16. Review of *Divination in Ancient Israel and Its Near Eastern Environment: A Socio-Historical Investigation*, by Frederick H. Cryer. *Catholic Biblical Quarterly* 58 (1996): 109-111.
15. Review of *William Robertson Smith: Essays in Reassessment*, edited by William Johnstone. *Biblical Theology Bulletin* 26 (1996): 90-91.
14. Review of *Ecology and Liberation: A New Paradigm*, by Leonardo Boff. *Theology Today* 53 (1996): 424.

13. Review of *Joel and the Spirit: The Cry of a Prophetic Hermeneutic*, by Larry R. McQueen. *Catholic Biblical Quarterly* 58 (1996): 718-19.
12. Review of *Religion & Culture in Ancient Israel*, by J. Andrew Dearman. *Biblical Theology Bulletin* 25 (1995): 46.
11. Review of *Josiah's Passover: Sociology & the Liberating Bible*, by Shigeyuki Nakanose. *Catholic Biblical Quarterly* 57 (1995): 359-60.
10. Review of *The Perception of Space in the Old Testament*, by Johan Brinkman. *Religious Studies Review* 21 (1995): 320.
9. Review of *A Walk in the Garden: Biblical, Iconographical and Literary Images of Eden*, edited by Paul Morris and Deborah Sawyer. *Biblical Theology Bulletin* 24 (1994): 37-38.
8. Review of *Religion & Culture in Ancient Israel*, by J. Andrew Dearman. *Religious Studies Review* 20 (1994): 141.
7. Review of *Texts Under Negotiation: The Bible and Postmodern Imagination*, by Walter Brueggemann. *Religious Studies Review* 20 (1994): 206.
6. Review of *Land Tenure and the Biblical Jubilee: Uncovering Hebrew Ethics Through the Sociology of Knowledge*, by Jeffrey A. Fager. *Religious Studies Review* 20 (1994): 229.
5. Review of *Elijah and Elisha in Socioliterary Perspective*, edited by Robert B. Coote. *Catholic Biblical Quarterly* 56 (1994): 396-97.
4. Review of *Genesis, Creation, and Creationism*, by Lloyd R. Bailey. *Horizons* 21 (1994): 380-81.
3. Review of *Early Israel: A New Horizon*, by Robert B. Coote. *Biblical Theology Bulletin* 23 (1993): 85-86.
2. Review of *Writings from Ancient Israel: A Handbook of Historical and Religious Documents*, by Klaas A. D. Smelik. *Biblical Archaeologist* 56 (1993): 107-8.
1. Review of *Tithe as Gift: The Institution in the Pentateuch and in Light of Mauss's Prestation Theory*, by Menahem Herman. *Journal of Biblical Literature* 112 (1993): 323-24.

Academic Papers

39. "How is Sin Like a Wife? Desire and Ruling in Genesis." Annual Meeting of the Rocky Mountains – Great Plains Region of the AAR/SBL, Regis University, March 6-7, 2009.
38. "Gender, the Environment, and Sin in Genesis." Women, Gender, and Religion; a Kripke Symposium. Creighton University, November 6-7, 2008.
37. "What is Israelite Religion?" Annual Meeting of the Rocky Mountains – Great Plains Region of the AAR/SBL, Denver Seminary, March 28-29, 2008.
36. "The End of Nature in the Hebrew Bible." Religion and the Environment; a Kripke Symposium. Creighton University, October 25-26, 2007.
35. "The View from Omaha: How Events in the Middle East Affect Local Jewish-Christian Relations." Sixth Annual Meeting of the Council of Centers on Jewish-Christian Relations. Iona College, October 21-22, 2007.

34. "Using Virtual Archaeology for Teaching the Bible." From Word to Image: The New Literacy. Sixth Annual Jacobson Symposium on Teaching with Technology. Creighton University, March 31, 2007.
33. "What is Wrong with the SBL?" Annual Meeting of the Rocky Mountains – Great Plains Region of the AAR/SBL. Creighton University, March 23-24, 2007.
32. "Virtual Archaeology: The World of the Bible as You've Never Seen It Before." Midwest Jewish Studies Colloquium. Omaha, May 21, 2006.
31. "Virtual Archaeology for Teaching the Bible." Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature. Philadelphia, November 19-22, 2005.
30. "Teaching Archaeology with Virtual Reality." Ancient Studies – New Technology III. James Madison University, December 3-4, 2004.
29. "Teaching Archaeology through the Web, with an Update on the Virtual World Project." Annual Meeting of the Rocky Mountains – Great Plains Region of the AAR/SBL. Brigham Young University, March 26-27, 2004.
28. "Challenges of Starting an e-Journal." Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature. Toronto, November 23-26, 2002.
27. "The Use of Analogy in Ethnoarchaeology." Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature. Toronto, November 23-26, 2002.
26. "Teaching Archaeology with Virtual Reality: An Introduction to the Virtual World Project." Annual Meeting of the Rocky Mountains – Great Plains Region of the AAR/SBL. Creighton University, April 19-20, 2002.
25. "Religion and Family in the Political Economy of Ancient Israel." Symposium on Religion and Family: Historical, Sociological, and Theological Dimensions. Creighton University, April 5-6, 2002.
24. "What Can Be Gained from a Spatial Reading of the Bible? A Response to Victor Matthews." Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature. Denver, November 17-20, 2001.
23. "Virtual Tour of Bethsaida: Introducing the Virtual World Project." The Third Annual Biblical Archaeology for the 21st Century. University of Nebraska at Omaha, October 25-27, 2001.
21. "Using a Hyper-Textbook Project for Collaborative Student Learning," with John O'Keefe. Annual Meeting of the Rocky Mountains – Great Plains Region of the AAR/SBL. Iliff School of Theology, March 30-31, 2001.
20. "Peasant Women of Ancient Israel: A Response." Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature. Nashville, November 18-21, 2000.
19. "Teaching Archaeology through the Internet." The Second Annual Biblical Archaeology for the 21st Century. University of Nebraska at Omaha, November 9-11, 2000.
18. "Teaching the Bible through the Internet: A Case Study." Going the Distance: Theology, Religious Education and Distance Education. University of Dayton, November 3-4, 2000.

17. "The Homology of Women and Land: Observations on Gender and Kinship in Ancient Israel." Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature. Orlando, November 21-24, 1998.
 16. "What Can Kinship Theory Offer Biblical Studies." Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature. San Francisco, November 22-25, 1997.
 15. "The Heroine and Gender Roles in Ancient Israel." Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, New Orleans, November 23-26, 1996.
 14. "Gender and Cosmology in Ancient Israel." Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature. Philadelphia, November 18-21, 1995.
 13. "The Death of 'Official Religion.'" Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature. Philadelphia, November 18-21, 1995.
 12. "The Israelite Worldview in Comparative Perspective." Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature. Chicago, November 19-22, 1994.
 11. "Critique of 'Nature in the Book of Amos' by Don Sharp." Annual Meeting of the Catholic Biblical Association, Old Testament and Ecology Taskforce. San Diego, August 13-16, 1994.
 10. "An Ancient Near Eastern Creation Model." Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature. Washington D.C., November 20-23, 1993.
 9. "Birthstools and Potter's Wheels: An Investigation into an Ancient Near Eastern Metaphor." Annual Colloquium of the Institute for Ancient Near Eastern and Afroasiatic Cultural Research. Washington D.C., November 19, 1993.
 8. "The Structure of Creation." Annual Meeting of the Catholic Biblical Association, Old Testament and Ecology Taskforce. Atchison, KS, August 14-17, 1993.
 7. "Cultural Ecology and the Israelite Views of the Natural World." International Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature. Munster, Germany, July 25-28, 1993.
 6. "Ecology, the Environment, and the Bible." Faculty Network, Center for the Study of Religion and Society. Creighton University, December 4, 1992.
 5. "The Redemption of Nature: An Ecology for Global Liberation." Annual Meeting of the Catholic Biblical Association, Old Testament and Ecology Taskforce. Washington D.C., August 15-18, 1992.
 4. "Review of Old Testament Parallels: Laws and Stories from the Ancient Near East by Victory H. Matthews and Don C. Benjamin." Annual Meeting of the Central States SBL/ASOR. Springfield, MO, April 5-6, 1992.
 3. "Honor and Shame in Joel." Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature. Kansas City, November 23-26, 1991.
 2. "Biblical Ecology and Global Liberation." Fourth Annual Future of the American Church conference. Washington, D.C., September 20-22, 1991.
 1. "Ecology in Joel." Annual Meeting of the Catholic Biblical Association, Old Testament and Ecology Taskforce. Los Angeles, August 10-13, 1991.
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Lectures and Public Presentations

69. "Psalms: The Content of Worship." Weekly Sunday Lectures on the Bible for Adult Education at Westhills Presbyterian Church, Omaha, September 20 – present, 2009.
68. "Covenant: Our Relationship with God." Weekly Sunday Lectures on the Bible for Adult Education at Westhills Presbyterian Church, Omaha, July 12 – September 13, 2009.
67. "How Then Shall We Live? The Role of Law in the Bible." Weekly Sunday Lectures on the Bible for Adult Education at Westhills Presbyterian Church, Omaha, February 8 – April 26, 2009.
66. "Advent: The Coming of the Messiah." Weekly Sunday Lectures on the Bible for Adult Education at Westhills Presbyterian Church, Omaha, November 30 – December 21, 2008.
65. "The End of Days: Daniel and Revelation." Weekly Sunday Lectures on the Bible for Adult Education at Westhills Presbyterian Church, Omaha, July 6 – October 19, 2008.
64. "Jews and Greeks: Making Sense of Romans." Weekly Sunday Lectures on the Bible for Adult Education at Westhills Presbyterian Church, Omaha, January 6 – April 27, 2008.
63. "The Stories of Genesis." Weekly Sunday Lectures on the Bible for Adult Education at Westhills Presbyterian Church, Omaha, August 26 – October 7, 2007.
62. "The Parables of Jesus." Weekly Sunday Lectures on the Bible for Adult Education at Westhills Presbyterian Church, Omaha, July 8 – August 12, 2007.
61. "The Acts of the Apostles." Weekly Sunday Lectures on the Bible for Adult Education at Westhills Presbyterian Church, Omaha, February 4 – May 20, 2007.
60. "The Passion of Jesus." Weekly Sunday Lectures on the Bible for Adult Education at Westhills Presbyterian Church, Omaha, January 7 – January 28, 2007.
59. "The Gospel of Luke." Weekly Sunday Lectures on the Bible for Adult Education at Westhills Presbyterian Church, Omaha, July 2 – December 17, 2006.
58. "The Politics of God in the Prophetic Tradition." Weekly Sunday Lectures on the Bible for Adult Education at Westhills Presbyterian Church, Omaha, March 19 – May 21, 2006.
57. "Using the Virtual World Project in Teaching Theology." Faculty Colloquium, Theology Department, Creighton University, October 28, 2005.
56. "Creation, Intelligent Design, and Evolution." Critical Issues Forum, Creighton University, October 27, 2005.
55. "Archaeology and the Bible." Weekly Sunday Lectures on the Bible for Adult Education at Westhills Presbyterian Church, Omaha, September 18 – December 11, 2005.
54. "The Book of Job." Weekly Sunday Lectures on the Bible for Adult Education at Westhills Presbyterian Church, Omaha, August 28 – September 11, 2005.
53. "The Sermon on the Mount." Weekly Sunday Lectures on the Bible for Adult Education at Westhills Presbyterian Church, Omaha, June 26 – July 31, 2005.

52. "Why is Interfaith Dialogue Important?" A Talk for the Breadbreakers meeting of the B'nai B'rith, Park Plaza Regency, Omaha, March 23, 2005.
51. "The Epistle of 1 Corinthians." Weekly Sunday Lectures on the Bible for Adult Education at Westhills Presbyterian Church, Omaha, March 13 – May 9, 2005.
50. "Biblical Family Values." Weekly Sunday Lectures on the Bible for Adult Education at Westhills Presbyterian Church, Omaha, February 27 – March 6, 2005.
49. "The Epistle of Ephesians" Weekly Sunday Lectures on the Bible for Adult Education at Westhills Presbyterian Church, Omaha, February 6–20, 2005.
48. "The Passion in the Gospel of Mark." Weekly Sunday Lectures on the Bible for Adult Education at Westhills Presbyterian Church, Omaha, January 9–30, 2005.
47. "The Gospel of Mark." Weekly Sunday Lectures on the Bible for Adult Education at Westhills Presbyterian Church, Omaha, September 12 – November 14, 2004.
46. "The World of Jesus." Healthy Luncheon, Creighton University Wellness Council, March 3, 2004.
45. "The End of Days." Weekly Sunday Lectures on the Bible for Adult Education at Westhills Presbyterian Church, Omaha, January 4 – March 7, 2004.
44. "The Old Testament: A Critical Approach." Two Lectures for the Master of Ministry Program, Creighton University, November 3 and 10, 2003.
43. "Journey through the Bible: The Deuteronomistic History." Weekly Sunday Lectures on the Bible for Adult Education at Westhills Presbyterian Church, Omaha, November 2 – December 21, 2003.
42. "Journey through the Bible: The Pentateuch." Weekly Sunday Lectures on the Bible for Adult Education at Westhills Presbyterian Church, Omaha, June 1 – September 8, 2003.
41. "The Biblical Story of Creation: Historical Interpretation." Augustana Lutheran Church, Omaha, May 11, 2003.
40. "Virtual World Project or Virtual Visits to Biblical Sites," with John O'Keefe. ICC Technology Forums, Creighton University, April 30, 2003.
39. "Questions on the Role of Women in the Bible." Dundee Presbyterian Church, Omaha, October 13, 2002.
38. "The Historical and Social Context of Women in the Bible." Dundee Presbyterian Church, Omaha, October 6, 2002.
37. "The Stories of Women: Ruth, Esther, Susanna and Judith." Deacon Formation of the Omaha Archdiocese, St. Rose, March 19, 2002.
36. "The Fluidity of Prophecy: The Day of Yahweh and the Enemy from the North." Deacon Formation of the Omaha Archdiocese, St. Rose, March 12, 2002.
35. "Exodus, Conquest, and Kingship: The Conflict Myth in History." Deacon Formation of the Omaha Archdiocese, St. Rose, March 5, 2002.
34. "Kinship and the Ancestors." Deacon Formation of the Omaha Archdiocese, St. Rose, February 26, 2002.
33. "The Meaning of the Creation Myths." Deacon Formation of the Omaha Archdiocese, St. Rose, February 19, 2002.

32. "Creation and Flood in Its Near Eastern Context." St. Joseph Educational Center, Des Moines, January 19, 2002.
31. "Digging Israel: Archaeology and the Bible." The Mariners, Dundee Presbyterian Church, Omaha, November 10, 2001.
30. "Why the Genesis Creation Story is True." First Central Congregational Church, Omaha, December 5, 1999.
29. "Why the Genesis Creation Story is False." First Central Congregational Church, Omaha, November 21, 1999.
28. "The Stories of Women: Ruth, Esther, Susanna and Judith." Deacon Formation of the Omaha Archdiocese, St. Therese, April 6, 1999.
27. "The Fluidity of Prophecy: The Day of Yahweh and the Enemy from the North." Deacon Formation of the Omaha Archdiocese, St. Therese, March 30, 1999.
26. "Exodus, Conquest, and Kingship: The Conflict Myth in History." Deacon Formation of the Omaha Archdiocese, St. Therese, March 16, 1999.
25. "Kinship and the Ancestors." Deacon Formation of the Omaha Archdiocese, St. Therese, March 9, 1999.
24. "The Relation of Egypt and Israel (Canaan) until the End of the Biblical Period." Jewish Community Center, Omaha, March 4, 1999.
23. "Creation Myths and Israelite Values." Deacon Formation of the Omaha Archdiocese, St. Therese, March 2, 1999.
22. "Meaning in the Bible." Deacon Formation of the Omaha Archdiocese, St. Therese, February 23, 1999.
21. "Origins: Cosmic and Human." A lecture delivered on St. Albert's Day, Creighton University, October 11, 1998.
20. "Women in the Hebrew Bible: The Representation of Men by Women." Kountze Memorial Lutheran Church, March 1, 1998.
19. "Women in the Hebrew Bible: The Political Abuse of Women." Kountze Memorial Lutheran Church, February 22, 1998.
18. "Women in the Hebrew Bible: The Neglect of Sarah." Kountze Memorial Lutheran Church, February 15, 1998.
17. "The Gospel of Mark." Weekly Sunday Lectures on the Bible for Adult Education at Dundee Presbyterian Church, Omaha, September 7 – December 14, 1997.
16. "Living on the Edge: The Book of Revelation." Weekly Sunday Lectures on the Bible for Adult Education at Dundee Presbyterian Church, Omaha, March 9 – April 27, 1997.
15. "Images of God." Weekly Sunday Lectures on the Bible for Adult Education at Dundee Presbyterian Church, Omaha, January 12 – March 2, 1997.
14. "The Bible, History, and Archaeology: Some Methodological Considerations." The Leon Levy Expedition, Ashkelon, Israel, June 19, 1996.
13. "Apocalypse: Hope for the Oppressed Community." Deacon Formation of the Omaha Archdiocese, St. Therese, April 2, 1996.

12. "Two Views of Women: The Foreigner and the Heroine." Deacon Formation of the Omaha Archdiocese, St. Therese, March 26, 1996.
 11. "Honor, Hospitality, and Patronage: The World of the Bible." Deacon Formation of the Omaha Archdiocese, St. Therese, March 12, 1996.
 10. "Kinship and the Ancestors." Deacon Formation of the Omaha Archdiocese, St. Therese, March 5, 1996.
 9. "The Yahwist Myth of Creation: Status and Gender." Deacon Formation of the Omaha Archdiocese, St. Therese, February 27, 1996.
 8. "Work, Sabbath, and the Structure of the World." Kountze Memorial Lutheran Church, February 25, 1996.
 7. "Murder and the Evil Inclination." Kountze Memorial Lutheran Church, February 18, 1996.
 6. "In the Garden: Human Status and Gender." Kountze Memorial Lutheran Church, February 11, 1996.
 5. "The Meaning of Creation." Kountze Memorial Lutheran Church, February 4, 1996.
 4. "The Relationship of Scripture and Theology." Workshop for the Theology Department, Creighton University, May 5-6, 1995.
 3. "Personalities of the Bible." Weekly Sunday Lectures on the Bible for Adult Education at Dundee Presbyterian Church, Omaha, January 8 – May 14, 1995.
 2. "The Beginning and the End." Weekly Sunday Lectures on the Bible for Adult Education at Dundee Presbyterian Church, Omaha, September 11 – December 4, 1994.
 1. "The Old Testament Prophets Anew." Workshop for the Deacons of the Western Iowa Diocese, Council Bluffs, 1993.
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Courses Taught

CNE 349 Egyptian Art and Archaeology
CNE 350 Archaeology of Syria-Palestine
CNE 357 Ancient Near Eastern Art and Archaeology
CNE 418 Great Empires of the Near East
CNE 419 Ancient Egypt: History, Society, and Culture
CNE 524 History of Ancient Israel
FRS 111 Freshman Seminar
HEB 101 Introduction to Classical Hebrew I
HEB 102 Introduction to Classical Hebrew II
HEB 201 Introduction to Classical Hebrew Poetry
THL 100 Christianity in Context
THL 126 Introduction to Religious Inquiry
THL 201 Online Reading the Old Testament

THL 201 Reading the Old Testament
THL 202 Creation and Apocalypse
THL 203 Biblical Ancestors and Heroes
THL 210 Introduction to Biblical Theology
THL 215 Honors Reading the Old Testament
THL 492 Senior Seminar
THL 501 The Pentateuch
THL 523 Israelite Religions
THL 525 Archaeological Field Work
THL 526 Archaeology of Roman Palestine
THL 711 Israelite Religion in Perspective

Guest Lectures

“Pentecostal Interpretation of the Bible,” for Michael Legaspi in THL 505 History of Biblical Interpretation (Spring 2008)
“Technology in the Study of the Ancient World,” for Kathryn Thomas in CNE 300 Introduction to the Ancient Mediterranean World (Fall 2006)
“The Archaeology of Qumran,” for Leonard Greenspoon in CNE 520 The Dead Sea Scrolls (Spring 2005; Spring 2007)
“The World of Jesus,” for Mary Ann Krzemien in THL 100 Christianity in Context (Spring and Fall, 2004)
“Why the Creation Myths are False,” for Charles Austerberry and Gene Selk in SRP 420 Science and Religion (Fall 2001)
“Why the Creation Myths are True,” for Charles Austerberry and Gene Selk in SRP 420 Science and Religion (Fall 2001)
“The Relationship between Archaeology and the Bible,” for Rabbi Myer Kripke in THL 201 Reading the Old Testament (Fall 1998)
“Reading Joel as a Unified Text,” for Rabbi Myer Kripke in THL 201 Introduction to the Old Testament (Spring 1993)
“The Roots and Theology of Pentecostalism,” for Nancy Phillips in THL 254 Introduction to Protestant Theology (Spring and Fall 1991; Spring and Fall 1992; Spring 1993)
“Reading the Bible as Myth,” for Rabbi Myer Kripke in THL 201 Introduction to the Old Testament (Fall 1991)

Teaching Workshops

Assessment Workshop (Fall 2003)

Course Portfolios Workshop (Spring 2002)
Active Learning Workshop (Fall 2001)
Effective Grading Workshop (Spring 2001)
Faculty Discussion Circle on Faculty Development in Teaching (Spring 2001)
Faculty Discussion Circle on the Scholarship of Teaching (Fall 2000; Spring 2000)

Graduate Student Theses

Paul Rooney, Master of Arts, Theology (1995-1996)
Patricia Barrett, Master of Arts, Theology (1993-1995)
Patricia Travis, Master of Arts, Theology (1993-1994)
Susan Safford, Bachelor of Arts, Theology Senior Thesis (1993-1994)
David Reis, Master of Arts, History (1992-1993)

University, College, and Departmental Service

Director, Kripke Center for the Study of Religion and Society (1998 – present)
Faculty Senate (2003 – 2008, 2009 – present)
 Budget Committee (2009 – present)
 Instructional Technology Committee (2007 – 2008)
 Technology Committee (2006 – 2007)
 Chair, Curriculum Committee (2003 – 2005)
Chair, Major Revision Committee, Classical & Near Eastern Studies Department (2005, 2009)
Peer-Review Teaching Evaluator (2007 – 2008)
New Faculty Mentor (Michael Legaspi; 2006 – 2007)
Webmaster, Theology Department (1999 – 2005)
Theology Hiring Committee (2003, 2005)
Chair, Ancient History Minor Committee (2004)
Chair, Biblical Studies Minor Committee (2004)
Chair, Ad hoc Committee on Attracting New Theology Majors (2004)
Executive Council, College of Arts and Sciences (1994 – 2003)
 Curriculum Committee (2000 – 2003)
 Chair for Distance Education Subcommittee (2000)
 Curriculum [non-Core] Committee (1997 – 1998)
 Faculty Evaluation Committee (1994 – 1996)
Theology Major Committee (2003)

Chair, Theology Department's Scripture Faculty Committee (1996, 2001 – 2003)
Theology Initiative Committee, in association with the Dean of University College (2003)
Ad Hoc Governance Committee for the College of Arts and Sciences (2002)
Ad Hoc Committee on Theology Department Hiring Practices (2002)
Steering Committee for the Carnegie Academy for the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning, through the Office of Excellence in Teaching, Learning, and Assessment (2001 – 2002)
Ad hoc Intellectual Property Rights Task Force, represented the College of Arts and Sciences (2001)
Digital Humanities Feasibility Study, in association with the Nebraska Humanities Council and Nebraska Educational Television (2001)
Theology Department Retreat Presentation on "The Scholarship of Teaching and Learning" (2002)
New Faculty Mentor (Nicolae Roddy; 1999 – 2001)
Creighton Faculty - Joslyn Art Museum Liaison Committee (1999 – 2001)
Coordinator of Archaeological Digs, and Creighton's representative to the Combined Caesarea Expeditions (1998 – 2001)
Interim Theology Department Chair (Summer 2000)
Associate Marshal, May University Commencement (1993 – 1996, 2000)
Long-Range Strategic Planning Committee: Conference Center (1998 – 1999)
Webmaster, Classical & Near Eastern Studies Department (1997 – 1999)
Associate Marshal, December University Commencement (1992, 1994, 1998)
Advisory Board, Center for the Study of Religion and Society (1996 – 1998)
Master of Theology Revision Committee (1997)
Co-Director, Master of Arts in Liberal Studies Program (1995 – 1997)
Director, Summer Archaeology Program (1995 – 1997)
Workshop on "The Relationship between Scripture and Theology," conducted with Michael Lawler for the Theology Department (1995)
New Faculty Mentor (Susan Calef; 1994 – 1995)
Search Committee for the Klutznick Chair in Jewish Civilizations (1995)
Graduate Liberal Studies Program Committee (1994 – 1995)
College Planning Committee (1993 – 1995)
Library Committee, Graduate School Representative, (1990 – 1995).
Chair, Core Planning Committee for Theology Department's Scripture Courses (1993 – 1994)
Ad Hoc Bulletin Committee, Theology Department (1993)
Core Planning Committee for Theology Department's Introductory Course in Theology, THL 100 (1992 – 1993)