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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 Israel and Jordan; History, Religion, and Society of Israel, Egypt, and the Ancient Near East; Near Eastern Myths and Literature
- Research: Hebrew Bible/Old Testament; Creation Myths; Gender Studies; Religion and Ecology; Political Economy of Ancient Israel; Social and Cultural World of Ancient Israel; Archaeology of Israel and Jordan
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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).
- Archaeological staff of the Combined Caesarea Expeditions at Caesarea Maritime, Israel (1999).
- Associate Professor of Theology, Creighton University (1996 – 2006).
- Secondary appointment: Classical & Near Eastern Studies (1997 – 2006).
- Archaeological staff of the Leon Levy Expedition to Ashkelon, Israel (1995 – 1997).
- 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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## Professional Organizations

Society of Biblical Literature (1988 – present)

- Steering Committee of the Social Sciences and the Interpretation of the Hebrew Scriptures Section (1993 – 2002, 2012 – 2014).
- Program Unit Chair for the Social Sciences and the Interpretation of the Hebrew Scriptures Section (2002 – 2011).
- Vice President, then President, Rocky Mountains – Great Plains Region of the AAR/SBL (1997 – 1999; 2009 – 2011; 2014 – 2016).
- Regional Coordinator for the Rocky Mountains – Great Plains Region (2003 – 2009).

Council of Centers on Jewish-Christian Relations (2005 – present).

- Executive Board (2012 – 2015); Vice-Chair (2015 – present)

American Schools of Oriental Research (1989 – present).

Israel Exploration Society (1995 – present).

Catholic Biblical Association (1991 – 2009).

- Old Testament and Ecology Taskforce (1991 – 1994).
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## Grants, Awards, and Fellowships

15. Sabbatical: “Gender and the Political Economy of Ancient Israel.” August 2012 – August 2013.
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.
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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## Digital Humanities

2. *The Virtual World Project: Exploring the Ancient World Through Virtual Reality*. An ongoing research and multi-media project published presents virtual tours of archaeological sites in Israel and Jordan. It is published on the Internet at <http://www.virtualworldproject.org>. I serve as the VR director and webmaster (2001 – present).
  1. *The Journal of Religion & Society*. A digital academic, peer-reviewed, scholarly journal that is published on the Internet at <http://www.creighton.edu/jrs>. I founded the journal and serve as its general editor (1998 – present).
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## Monographs, Books, and Volumes

### *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: Hendrickson Publishers, 1994. Out of Print; Available online at <http://moses.creighton.edu/simkins/creation/index.html>.
1. *Yabweb's Activity in History and Nature in the Book of Joel*. Ancient Near Eastern Texts and Studies 10. Lewiston: The Edwin Mellen Press, 1991.

### *Edited*

21. *Religion and Globalization*. Journal of Religion & Society Supplement Series 16 (2018). Edited with Zachary B. Smith. Available online at [Available online at http://moses.creighton.edu/JRS/toc/SS16.html](http://moses.creighton.edu/JRS/toc/SS16.html).
20. *Religion and Politics*. Journal of Religion & Society Supplement Series 14 (2017). Edited with Zachary B. Smith. Available online at [Available online at http://moses.creighton.edu/JRS/toc/SS14.html](http://moses.creighton.edu/JRS/toc/SS14.html).

19. *Religion and Identity*. Journal of Religion & Society Supplement Series 13 (2016). Edited with Thomas M. Kelly. Available online at [Available online at http://moses.creighton.edu/JRS/toc/SS13.html](http://moses.creighton.edu/JRS/toc/SS13.html).
18. *Religion and the Sciences: Opportunities and Challenges*. Journal of Religion & Society Supplement Series 11 (2015). Edited with Thomas M. Kelly. Available online at <http://moses.creighton.edu/JRS/toc/SS11.html>.
17. *The Bible, the Economy, and the Poor*. Journal of Religion & Society Supplement Series 10 (2014). Edited with Thomas M. Kelly. Available online at <http://moses.creighton.edu/JRS/toc/SS10.html>.
16. *The Greening of the Papacy*. Journal of Religion & Society Supplement Series 9. Edited with John J. O'Keefe (2013). Available online at <http://moses.creighton.edu/JRS/toc/SS09.html>.
15. *Religion and the Visual*. Journal of Religion & Society Supplement Series 8 (2012). Edited with Wendy M. Wright. Available online at <http://moses.creighton.edu/JRS/toc/SS08.html>.
14. *Women, Gender, and Religion*. Journal of Religion & Society Supplement Series 5 (2009). Edited with Susan Calef. Available online at <http://moses.creighton.edu/JRS/toc/SS05.html>.
13. *Religion and the Environment*. Journal of Religion & Society Supplement Series 3 (2008). Available online at <http://moses.creighton.edu/JRS/toc/SS03.html>.
12. *Religion and the Family*. Edited with Gail S. Risch. New York: Fordham 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 (2007). Available online at <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 (2004). Edited with William L. Blizek. Available online at <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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## Academic Articles, Essays, and Chapters

44. "Religion, Environment, and Economy: Living in a Limited World." *Religion and Globalization*. *Journal of Religion & Society Supplement Series* 16 (2018): 165-78.
43. "Introduction." *Religion and Globalization*. With Zachary B. Smith. *Journal of Religion & Society Supplement Series* 16 (2018): 1-3.
42. "Care for the Poor and Needy: The Bible's Contribution to an Economic and Social Safety Net." *Religion and Politics*. *Journal of Religion & Society Supplement Series* 14 (2017): 4-13.
41. "The Bible, Religion, and the Environment." Pp. 144-54 in *Routledge Handbook of Environmental Anthropology*. Edited by Helen Kopnina and Eleanor Shoreman-Ouimet. New York: Routledge, 2017.
40. "The Widow and Orphan in the Political Economy of Ancient Israel." *Biblical Literature Studies* 12 (2016): 87-105. Chinese translation of #31.
39. "The Bible and Anthropocentrism: Putting Humans in Their Place." In *Environmental Anthropology: Critical Concepts in Anthropology*. Edited by Helen Kopnina. Volume 2. New York: Routledge, 2016. Reprint of #34.
38. "Biblical History and Archaeology: Old Testament." Pp. 33-55 in *Catholic Study Bible*, Third Edition. New York: Oxford University Press, 2016.
37. "Identity and the Process of Identification: An Introduction." *Religion and Identity*. *Journal of Religion & Society Supplement Series* 13 (2016): 1-4.
36. "Gender and Identity in Biblical Israel." *Religion and Identity*. *Journal of Religion & Society Supplement Series* 13 (2016): 22-34.
35. "Scientific Nonsense, Historical Fiction, and Biblical Authority: The Historical Adam and Other Misguided Dogmas." *Religion and the Sciences: Opportunities and Challenges*. *Journal of Religion & Society Supplement Series* 11 (2015): 31-45.
34. "The Bible and Anthropocentrism: Putting Humans in Their Place." *Dialectical Anthropology* 38, 4 (2014): 397-413. doi 10.1007/s10624-014-9348-z.
33. "Joel." Pp. 837-44 in *Fortress Commentary on the Bible: The Old Testament and Apocrypha*. Edited by Gale A. Yee, Hugh R. Page Jr., and Matthew J. M. Coomber. Minneapolis: Fortress, 2014.
32. "The Embodied World: Creation Metaphors in the Ancient Near East." *Biblical Theology Bulletin* 44, 1 (2014): 40-53.

31. "The Widow and Orphan in the Political Economy of Ancient Israel." *The Bible, the Economy, and the Poor*. Journal of Religion & Society Supplement Series 10 (2014): 20-33.
30. "Introduction." *The Bible, the Economy, and the Poor*. Journal of Religion & Society Supplement Series 10 (2014): 1-3.
29. "Anthropocentrism and the Place of Humans in the Biblical Tradition." *The Greening of the Papacy*. Journal of Religion & Society Supplement Series 9 (2013): 16-29.
28. "Visual Ambiguity in the Biblical Tradition: The Word and Image of God." *Religion and the Visual*. Journal of Religion & Society Supplement Series 8 (2012): 27-39.
27. "Biblical Studies as a Secular Discipline: The Role of Faith and Theology." *Journal of Religion & Society* 13 (2011).
26. "The End of Nature: Humans and the Natural World in the History of Creation." In *Religion and the Environment: Critical Concepts in Religious Studies*. Edited by Roger Gottlieb. Volume 1. London: Routledge, 2010. Reprint of #23.
25. "Work and Creation." *The Bible Today* 47, 4 (2009): 225-31.
24. "Gender, the Environment, and Sin in Genesis." *Women, Gender, and Religion*. Journal of Religion & Society Supplement Series 5 (2009): 45-61.
23. "The End of Nature: Humans and the Natural World in the History of Creation." *Religion and the Environment*. Journal of Religion & Society Supplement Series 3 (2008): 47-65.
22. "The Legacy of Lynn White, Jr." *Religion and the Environment*. Journal of Religion & Society Supplement Series 3 (2008): 1-4.
21. "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.
20. "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.
19. "Introduction." *The Contexts of Religion and Violence*. Journal of Religion & Society Supplement Series 2 (2007): 1-3.
18. "Bashmath," "Becher," "Bela." *The New Interpreter's Dictionary of the Bible*. Volume 1. Edited by Katharin Doob Sakenfeld. Nashville: Abingdon Press, 2006.
17. "Biblical History and Archaeology." Pp. 30-54 in *Catholic Study Bible*, Second Edition. New York: Oxford University Press, 2006.
16. "Archaeology of the Bible" (pp. 52-54); "Traditional Tales (Gen 12:10-20; 20:1-8; 26:6-11)" (pp. 81-82); "Kinship in Genesis 16 and 21 and Numbers 27 and 36" (pp. 86-88); "Hospitality in Genesis 18:1-15 and 19:1-11" (pp. 90-91); "Limited Good in Genesis 23" (pp. 100-101); "Honor and Shame in Genesis 34 and 1 Samuel 25" (pp. 104-6); "Apology of David" (pp. 149-50); "Patronage in 1 Kings 17 and 2 Kings 8" (pp. 158-60). *Teaching the Bible: Practical Strategies for Classroom Instruction*. Edited by Mark Roncace and Patrick Gray. Atlanta: Society of Biblical Literature, 2005.
15. "Family in the Political Economy of Monarchic Judah." *The Bible and Critical Theory* 1, 1 (2004). Available online at <http://bibleandcriticaltheory.org/index.php/bct/article/viewFile/19/6>.

14. "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.
13. "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, 1999 [published in 2001].
12. "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, 1999 [published in 2001].
11. "Arsaces I" (56-57); "Hamilcar" (180); "Matthew" (251); "Seleucus I" (348-49); "Seleucus II" (349); "Simon Magus" (357-58). *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: Greenwood Press, 2001.
10. "Teaching the Bible through the Internet: In the Classroom and at a Distance." *Journal of Religion & Society* 2 (2000).
9. "Honor, Shame" (pp. 603-4); "Image of God" (pp. 631-32); "Joel, Book of" (pp. 721-22); "Nature" (pp. 949-50); "Worldview" (pp. 1387-89). *Eerdmans Dictionary of the Bible*. Edited by D. N. Freedman et al. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans Publishing Company, 2000.
8. "Abana" (2); "Achzib" (14); "Aphek" (71); "Becher" (159); "Benaiah" (164-65); "Dumah" (358); "Eber" (363-64); "Elkosh" (401); "Grasshopper" (527); "Havilah" (558); "Jaazaniah" (663); "Jeshimon" (700); "Johanan" (721-22); "Kedesh" (761-62); "Locust" (818); "Manahath" (851); "Massah, Meribah" (869); "Merom" (887); "Metheg-Ammah" (892); "Naioth" (944); "Nanea" (946); "Paran" (1009); "Rimmon" (1130); "Seir" (1179); "Seraiah" (1185-86); "Shealtiel" (1189); "Tappuah" (1275); "Uzziel" (1350-51); "Zeruiah" (1419); "Zoan" (1423); "Zoar" (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, 1994 [published 1996].

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

38. Review of *Were the Jews a Mediterranean Society?*, by Seth Schwartz. *Biblical Theology Bulletin* 42 (2012): 101-102.
37. Review of *Scribal Culture and the Making of the Hebrew Bible*, by Karel van der Toorn. *Catholic Biblical Quarterly* 73 (2011): 142-44.
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](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.
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## Academic Papers and Panels

57. "Creation and Theodicy in the Context of Climate Change: A New Cosmology for the Anthropocene?" Religion and Reform; a Kripke Symposium. Creighton University, February 15-16, 2018.
56. "Religion, the Environment, and the Economy." Religion in Global Context; a Kripke Symposium. Creighton University, February 16-17, 2017.
55. "The Evil Eye in the Old Testament." Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, San Antonio, November 18-22, 2016.
54. "Working with the Composition of the Pentateuch." Annual Meeting of the Rocky Mountains – Great Plains Region of the AAR/SBL, Iliff School of Theology, April 1-2, 2016.
53. "Megaliths to Mosques: Touring Levantine Sacred Sites through the Virtual World Project," with Nicolae Roddy. Missouri Valley History Conference, Omaha, March 3-5, 2016.
52. "Care for the Poor and Needy: The Bible's Contribution to an Economic and Social Safety Net." Religion and Politics; a Kripke Symposium. Creighton University, February 18-19, 2016.
51. "Social Security, Insurance, and Bankruptcy: Is There a Safety Net in the Biblical Tradition?" Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, Atlanta, November 20-24, 2015.
50. "Gender and Identity in Biblical Israel." Religion and Identity; a Kripke Symposium. Creighton University, February 19-20, 2015.
49. "Scientific Nonsense, Historical Fiction, and Biblical Authority: The Historical Adam and Other Misguided Dogmas." Religion and the Sciences: Opportunities and Challenges; a Kripke Symposium. Creighton University, February 20-21, 2014.
48. "Do the Laws Concerning the Widow and Orphan Help?" Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, Baltimore, November 23-26, 2013.
47. "Poverty and Forgiveness of Debt in Ancient Israel." Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, Baltimore, November 23-26, 2013.
46. "A Non-Anthropocentric Bible: Putting Humans in Their Place." The Bible and Justice; a conference at St. Ambrose University, Davenport, IA, May 30–June 2, 2013.
45. "Writing an Academic Proposal." Annual Meeting of the Rocky Mountains – Great Plains Region of the AAR/SBL, Denver Seminary, April 5-6, 2013.

44. "The Widow and Orphan in the Political Economy of Ancient Israel." The Bible, the Economy, and the Poor; a Kripke Symposium. Creighton University, February 14-15, 2013.
43. "Reciprocity and Solidarity in the Hebrew Bible." Annual Meeting of the Rocky Mountains – Great Plains Region of the AAR/SBL, Brigham Young University, March 23-24, 2012.
42. "Anthropocentrism and the Place of Humans in the Biblical Tradition." The Greening of the Papacy; a Kripke Symposium. Creighton University, February 16-17, 2012.
41. "Visual Ambiguity in the Biblical Tradition: The Word and Image of God." Religion and the Visual; a Kripke Symposium. Creighton University, March 31 – April 1, 2011.
40. "Biblical Studies as a Secular Discipline: Reflections of a Protestant Scholar on a Catholic Theology Faculty." Regional Senior Scholar address given at the Annual Meeting of the Rocky Mountains – Great Plains Region of the AAR/SBL, Iliff School of Theology, March 18-19, 2011.
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.
22. "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.
21. "Peasant Women of Ancient Israel: A Response." Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature. Nashville, November 18-21, 2000.
20. "Teaching Archaeology through the Internet." The Second Annual Biblical Archaeology for the 21st Century. University of Nebraska at Omaha, November 9-11, 2000.
19. "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.
18. "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.
17. "What Can Kinship Theory Offer Biblical Studies." Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature. San Francisco, November 22-25, 1997.
16. "The Heroine and Gender Roles in Ancient Israel." Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, New Orleans, November 23-26, 1996.
15. "Gender and Cosmology in Ancient Israel." Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature. Philadelphia, November 18-21, 1995.
14. "The Death of 'Official Religion.'" Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature. Philadelphia, November 18-21, 1995.
13. Workshop on "The Relationship between Scripture and Theology," conducted with Michael Lawler for the Theology Department, Creighton University (May 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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## Popular Blog Entries, Podcasts, and Other Productions

6. "What's the Biblical Definition of Marriage." *Then & Now*, a blog of The Christian Century (May 27, 2015). Available online at <https://www.christiancentury.org/blogs/archive/2015-05/what-s-biblical-definition-marriage>.
5. "The Virtual World Project: Touring the Ancient World," with Nicolae Roddy. ASOR Blog (June 10, 2013). Available online at <http://asorblog.org/2013/06/10/the-virtual-world-project-touring-the-ancient-world>.
4. "Anthropocentrism in the Bible." Podcast of *Catholic Comments* (October 28, 2013). Available online at <http://cucatholicctr.org/2013/10/anthropocentrism-in-the-bible>.
3. "Genesis and Creation in Historical Perspective." Podcast of *Catholic Comments* (October 17, 2011). Available online at <http://cucatholicctr.org/2011/10/genesis-and-creation-in-historical-perspective>.

2. “Historical Interpretation of the Bible.” Podcast of *Catholic Comments* (September 5, 2011). Available online at <http://cucatholicctr.org/2011/09/historical-interpretation-of-the-bible>.
  1. “Biblical Archaeology.” Podcast for *Catholic Comments* (February 28, 2011). Available online at <http://cucatholicctr.org/2011/02/biblical-archeology>.
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## Lectures and Public Presentations

87. “The Dynamics of Faith,” “The Content of Faith,” and “Abraham as the Father of Faith.” Sessions for First Presbyterian Church, Omaha, June 2, 2018.
86. “The Encounter Between Science and Religion.” Sessions for First Presbyterian Church, Retreat at Calvin Crest Camp, July 29, 2017.
85. “The Virtual World Project.” Public Lecture at the University of Nebraska at Omaha, February 21, 2017 (with Nicolae Roddy).
84. “Christians on *The Christians*.” Panel discussion on the play *The Christians* by Lucas Hnath, Bluebarn Theatre, Omaha, April 6, 2016.
83. “Sabbath and Covenant in Genesis 9.” Presentation at Ahavas Chesed Synagogue, Mobile, AL, during the annual meeting of the Council of Centers of Jewish-Christian Relations, October 26, 2014.
82. “Creation and Covenant in Exodus.” Lecture for the Presbyterian Women’s Group, Dundee Presbyterian Church, September 6, 2013.
81. “Ask the Editor.” Panel participant in the Friday Faculty Forum, College of Business, Creighton University, March 1, 2013.
80. “The Role of Women in the Pauline Epistles.” Lecture for the Presbyterian Women’s Group, Dundee Presbyterian Church, October 5, 2012.
79. “Jeremiah.” Weekly Sunday Lectures on the Bible for Adult Education at West Hills Presbyterian Church, Omaha, March 11 – April 22, 2012.
78. “1 Corinthians 11-16.” Weekly Sunday Lectures on the Bible for Adult Education at West Hills Presbyterian Church, Omaha, January 8 – February 26, 2012.
77. “1 Corinthians 1-10.” Weekly Sunday Lectures on the Bible for Adult Education at West Hills Presbyterian Church, Omaha, September 11 – November 13, 2011.
76. “The Making of the Bible: Its Formation and History.” Weekly Sunday Lectures on the Bible for Adult Education at West Hills Presbyterian Church, Omaha, July 10 – August 7, 2011.
75. “The Passion Narrative in Mark.” Weekly Sunday Lectures on the Bible for Adult Education at West Hills Presbyterian Church, Omaha, January 9 – March 6, 2011.
74. “The Gospel of Mark.” Weekly Sunday Lectures on the Bible for Adult Education at West Hills Presbyterian Church, Omaha, September 12 – November 21, 2010.
73. “Gilgamesh and Being Human.” World Literature Program Lectures, Creighton University, September 10, 2010.
72. “The World of the Bible.” Weekly Sunday Lectures on the Bible for Adult Education at West Hills Presbyterian Church, Omaha, July 11 – August 29, 2010.

71. "Heroic Women in the Biblical Tradition." Weekly Sunday Lectures on the Bible for Adult Education at West Hills Presbyterian Church, Omaha, February 7 – April 25, 2010.
70. "The Gospel Nativity Stories." Weekly Sunday Lectures on the Bible for Adult Education at West Hills Presbyterian Church, Omaha, November 29 – December 20, 2009.
69. "Psalms: The Content of Worship." Weekly Sunday Lectures on the Bible for Adult Education at West Hills Presbyterian Church, Omaha, September 20 – November 15, 2009.
68. "Covenant: Our Relationship with God." Weekly Sunday Lectures on the Bible for Adult Education at West Hills 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 West Hills 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 West Hills 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 West Hills 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 West Hills Presbyterian Church, Omaha, January 6 – April 27, 2008.
63. "The Stories of Genesis." Weekly Sunday Lectures on the Bible for Adult Education at West Hills Presbyterian Church, Omaha, August 26 – October 7, 2007.
62. "The Parables of Jesus." Weekly Sunday Lectures on the Bible for Adult Education at West Hills Presbyterian Church, Omaha, July 8 – August 12, 2007.
61. "The Acts of the Apostles." Weekly Sunday Lectures on the Bible for Adult Education at West Hills Presbyterian Church, Omaha, February 4 – May 20, 2007.
60. "The Passion of Jesus." Weekly Sunday Lectures on the Bible for Adult Education at West Hills Presbyterian Church, Omaha, January 7 – January 28, 2007.
59. "The Gospel of Luke." Weekly Sunday Lectures on the Bible for Adult Education at West Hills 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 West Hills 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 West Hills Presbyterian Church, Omaha, September 18 – December 11, 2005.
54. "The Book of Job." Weekly Sunday Lectures on the Bible for Adult Education at West Hills Presbyterian Church, Omaha, August 28 – September 11, 2005.
53. "The Sermon on the Mount." Weekly Sunday Lectures on the Bible for Adult Education at West Hills 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 West Hills Presbyterian Church, Omaha, March 13 – May 9, 2005.
50. "Biblical Family Values." Weekly Sunday Lectures on the Bible for Adult Education at West Hills Presbyterian Church, Omaha, February 27 – March 6, 2005.
49. "The Epistle of Ephesians" Weekly Sunday Lectures on the Bible for Adult Education at West Hills 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 West Hills Presbyterian Church, Omaha, January 9–30, 2005.
47. "The Gospel of Mark." Weekly Sunday Lectures on the Bible for Adult Education at West Hills 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 West Hills 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 West Hills 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 West Hills 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 Israel and Jordan
- 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  
MAM 610 Introduction to the Old Testament  
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 202 Creation and the Environment  
THL 203 Biblical Ancestors and Heroes  
THL 210 Introduction to Biblical Theology  
THL 215 Honors Reading the Old Testament  
THL 470 Special Topics: Creation, Environment, and the Bible  
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

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## Guest Classroom Lectures

“Archaeology of the World of Jesus,” for Bruce Malina in THL 209 The Synoptic Gospels and THL 212 Paul and His Legacy (Spring 2013)  
“Mesopotamian and Egyptian Religions,” for Erin Averett in CNE 300 Introduction to the Ancient World (Fall 2010; Fall 2011)  
“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)
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## University, College, and Departmental Service

- Director, Kripke Center for the Study of Religion and Society (1998 – present)
- Faculty Council/Academic Council (2016 – 2018)
- New Faculty Mentor (Sherri Brown 2014 – 2015; Dulcinea Boesenberg 2014 – 2015; Michael Legaspi 2006 – 2007; Nicolae Roddy 1999 – 2001; Susan Calef 1994 – 1995)
- Moderator for Justice without Borders (Student Group; 2015)
- Digital Humanities Initiative Advisory Board (2014 – 2015)
- New Testament Search Committee, Chair (2013 – 2014)
- Faculty Senate (2003 – 2008, 2009 – 2012, 2104)
- Professional Development Committee (2014)
  - Budget Committee (2009 – 2011; Chair 2011 – 2012)
  - Instructional Technology Committee (2007 – 2008)
  - Technology Committee (2006 – 2007)
  - Curriculum Committee (Chair 2003 – 2005)
- Vice President’s Administration and Finance Committee (2010 – 2012)
- College Program Prioritization Committee (2010 – 2011)
- President’s Graduate and Adult Education Task Force (2009 – 2010)
- Dean’s Task Force on the University Press (2009 – 2010)
- CNE Major Revision Committee, Classical & Near Eastern Studies Department (Chair 2005, 2009 – 2010)
- Theology Department’s Scripture Faculty Committee (Chair 1996, 2001 – 2003, 2009)
- Peer-Review Teaching Evaluator (2007 – 2008)
- Webmaster, Theology Department (1999 – 2005); Classical & Near Eastern Studies Department (1997 – 1999)

Theology Hiring Committee (2003, 2005)  
Ancient History Minor Committee (Chair 2004)  
Biblical Studies Minor Committee (Chair 2004)  
Committee on Attracting New Theology Majors (Chair 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)  
Theology Initiative Committee, in association with the Dean of University College  
    (2003)  
Dean’s Governance Committee for the College of Arts and Sciences (2002)  
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)  
President’s Intellectual Property Rights Task Force, representing 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)  
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); December  
    University Commencement (1992, 1994, 1998)  
President’s Long-Range Strategic Planning Committee: Conference Center (1998 – 1999)  
Advisory Board, Center for the Study of Religion and Society (1996 – 1998)  
Master of Theology Revision Committee (1997)  
Master of Arts in Liberal Studies Program (Co-Director 1995 – 1997)  
Summer Archaeology Program (Director 1995 – 1997)  
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).

Core Planning Committee for Theology Department's Scripture Courses (Chair 1993 – 1994)

Bulletin Committee, Theology Department (1993)

Core Planning Committee for Theology Department's Introductory Course in Theology, THL 100 (1992 – 1993)