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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

2016–Present **Clarke Assistant Professor**, BIBLICAL THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY Hatfield, PA

- Courses include: Genesis; Deuteronomy; Minor Prophets; Old Testament Survey; New Testament Survey; Counseling and the Old Testament; Gospel of Matthew.
- Partner with a local nonprofit to design a public seminar titled “The Power of Radical Hospitality: Engaging our Muslim Neighbors”
- Sponsored to attend the *2018 Women in Leadership: Emerging Leadership Development Institute*. An invite only program bringing together female mentors and mentees for vocational support.
- Represent faculty on Philadelphia’s Inter-Seminary Initiative Advisory Group designed to support religious institutions in efforts to equip students to flourish in an increasingly multi-religious and multi-cultural environment.
- Serve on various institutional committees.

2010–Present **Adjunct Faculty**, JERUSALEM UNIVERSITY COLLEGE Jerusalem, Israel

- Teaching expertise involving classroom and field experiences. Focusing on *The Historical Geography of the Land of the Bible* and *The Life and Times of Jesus*.
- Facilitating international, educational experience of groups of 25–50 people in Israel, Jordan, and Egypt. Courses focus on ancient Near Eastern history, archaeology, geography, Second Temple history, and cultural context.

September 2018 **Adjunct Faculty**, WHEATON COLLEGE ~ HONEYROCK CAMP Three Lakes, WI

September 2017 Designing and teaching experiential education course *God’s Big Story* to engage

October 2015 Genesis–Revelation. Interactive activities guide students through biblical narrative, cultural context, Intertestamental history, and biblical geography.

Summer 2011 **Visiting Lecturer**, TANTUR ECUMENICAL INSTITUTE Jerusalem, Israel

- Designing and presenting seminars on the Land of the Bible international pastors and educators.

2006–2010 **Professor, Group Coordinator**, JERUSALEM UNIVERSITY COLLEGE Jerusalem

- Teaching courses involving classroom and field experiences, focusing on the intersection of biblical narrative and geography.

EDUCATION

Ph.D., Theological & Religious Studies, UNIVERSITY OF GLOUCESTERSHIRE, 2015

- Thesis Title: *Deuteronomy’s Place: An Analysis of the Placial Structure of Deuteronomy*

MA Religion, GORDON-CONWELL THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY, 2007

MA Old Testament, GORDON-CONWELL THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY, 2007

BA French and Business Studies, BUTLER UNIVERSITY, 1996

PUBLISHED WORKS

“Finding Place in Deuteronomy” in *Bible Study Magazine*, May/June 2017.

“Crossing to ‘the other side’ of the Sea of Galilee.” *Lexham Geographic Commentary on the Gospels*. Edited by Barry Beizel and Kristopher Lyle. Logos Bible Software, 2016.

“Millstones in Capernaum in Matthew 18.” *Lexham Geographic Commentary on the Gospels*. Edited by Barry Beizel and Kristopher Lyle. Logos Bible Software, 2016.

“Thirst at the Feast of Tabernacles in John 7.” *Lexham Geographic Commentary on the Gospels*. Edited by Barry Beizel and Kristopher Lyle. Logos Bible Software, 2016.

UPCOMING PUBLICATIONS

“Sociospatial World of Laodicea” in *Lexham Geographic Commentary: Acts Through Revelation* to be published in Fall 2018.

“The Threefold Expansion of the Early Church: Jerusalem, Judea, and Samaria” in *Lexham Geographic Commentary: Acts Through Revelation* to be published in Fall 2018.

SELECTED PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Faculty Member: INSTITUTE OF BIBLICAL CONTEXT, Zeeland, MI. 3-Day National Conference

- Main talks include: *Geography of the Gospels, Jesus Encounters Zaccheus, Jesus Rescues a Demoniac*
- Short Vignettes include: *Jesus’ Baptism, Kataluma in Luke 2, Healing the Lame Man at the Pool of Bethesda, Social Reciprocity in the Second Temple Context*

Plenary Speaker; CHRIST CHURCH, **Oxford University**, UK. Annual Incumbants’ Conference

- *Introduction to the Land of the Bible*
- *Understanding the Biblical View of Place*

Independent Speaker. Craft courses to fit educational goals of multi-generational and multi-cultural audiences throughout North America, England, New Zealand, and Singapore. Topics include:

- *Living in Place: Life with God, Neighbor and the Land* (3 week course)
City Church, Philadelphia, PA
- *The Advent of Advent* (3 week course)
City Church, Philadelphia, PA
- *The Grand Narrative of the Bible* (8 week course)
Eastridge Community Church, Duluth, MN
- *Experiencing the Land of the Bible Before Getting on a Plane*
Cambray Baptist Church, Cheltenham, UK
Trinity Church, Cheltenham, UK
Tasman Bible Church, Tasman, New Zealand
Spark Church, Palo Alto, CA
Sonrise Church, Portland, OR
- *An Introduction to Deuteronomy*
Foundation Experiment, Nashville, TN
Spark Church, Palo Alto, CA

Bear Creak Baptist Church, Houston, TX

- *The Blank Page: The Historical and Cultural Shift Between the Old and New Testaments*

Church of St. Peter and St. Paul, Northleach, UK

International Baptist Church, Singapore

Lakewood United Methodist Church, Houston, TX

Tasman Bible Church, Tasman, New Zealand

- *The Historical and Cultural Context of the Book of Ruth*

Cambray Baptist Church, Cheltenham, UK

- *Misunderstood: Re-examining Stories of Women in the Bible*

Eastridge Community Church, Duluth, MN

- *The Christmas Nativity*

Journey Community Church, San Diego, CA

International Baptist Church, Singapore

Eastridge Community Church, Duluth, MN

Scholar in Residence, LAKEWOOD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Houston, TX

- Keynote speaker for annual Bible seminar involving four teaching sessions.
- Designed, wrote, and taught 10-week course on Deuteronomy. Attendance increased 33% after the first class.

Instructor Kakuma Refugee Camp, Kakuma, Kenya.

- Participated in team of three to organize, fundraise, and teach theological and leadership courses for Sudanese church leaders.

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

- Society of Biblical Literature since 2011
- Institute of Biblical Research since 2015