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Professional Experience

Professor , Faculty of Theology, University of Winnipeg	2009–
Associate Professor , Faculty of Theology, University of Winnipeg	2004–2009
Assistant Professor , Faculty of Theology, University of Winnipeg	1999–2004
Registrar , Faculty of Theology, University of Winnipeg	1999–2000
Co-chair , Academic Teaching and Biblical Studies Section, Society of Biblical Literature	2001–2008
Overseas Personnel , United Church of Canada	1993–1998
Director , Education by Extension for Development and Action, PTC	1996–1997
Lecturer in Biblical Studies, Pacific Theological College, Fiji	1993–1998
Trained Lay Supply , United Church of Canada	1990–1992
Chair , Peace and Justice Working Group, Toronto Conference, United Church of Canada	1991–1993
Secretary of Presbytery , Muskoka Presbytery, United Church of Canada	1990–1991
Teaching Fellow , Princeton Theological Seminary	1984–1988
Founding Editor , Koinonia Journal	1989
Recording Secretary and Researcher , NRSV Translation Committee	1987

Research and Publications

Books

As a Deer Groans: Earth and Empire in Book II of the Psalter. Earth Bible Commentary. Sheffield Phoenix.
(Under contract).

Research and Publications (continued)

Books

The Green Psalter: Resources for an Ecological Spirituality. Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 2009.

Hebrew for Biblical Interpretation. Resources for Biblical Study, 48. Atlanta: Society of Biblical Literature; Leiden: Brill, 2003.

The Hope of the Fenua; Bible Studies from the Pacific Conference of Churches General Assembly in Tahiti. Suva: Pacific Conference of Churches, 1997.

Articles

“Ecofeminist Biblical Hermeneutics for Cyborgs and the Story of Jezebel.” In *The Oxford Handbook of Feminist Approaches to the Hebrew Bible*, ed. Susanne Scholz. Oxford: Oxford University Press, (forthcoming).

“Naming the Human Animal: Genesis 1-3 and Other Animals in Human Becoming.” *Zygon: Journal of Religion and Science*, (forthcoming).

“Ecological Biblical Criticism.” *Oxford Encyclopaedia of Biblical Interpretation*, ed. Steven L. McKenzie. New York: Oxford University Press, 2013.

“‘Into Your Hands,’ O Scribes: Corrupted Hebrew in the Latin Evangelium Nicodemi,” *Apocrypha* 21 (2010): 169–176.

“Honey from the Rock: The Contribution of God as Rock to an Ecological Hermeneutic.” Pp. 91–102 in *Exploring Ecological Hermeneutics*, ed. Norman C. Habel and Peter Trudinger. Symposium Series, 46; Atlanta: Society of Biblical Literature, 2008.

“Eden for Cyborgs: Ecocriticism and Genesis 2–3.” *Biblical Interpretation* 16 (2008): 263–293.

“‘Words with Power’ for Social Transformation: An Anatomy of Biblical Criticism for Theological Education.” *Teaching Theology and Religion* 11 (2008): 75–81.

“The So-Called Ostrich in the God Speeches of the Book of Job (Job 39, 13–18),” *Biblica* 86 (2005): 494–510.

“New Life in the Biblical Studies Classroom,” *SBL Forum* 3 (2005), <<http://www.sbl-site.org/Article.aspx?ArticleId=423>>

“The Cry of the Earth” and “The Yangona Bowl.” Pp. 15–18, 113 in *Story after Story: Canadians Bend Bound Theology*, ed. Loraine MacKenzie Shepherd. Winnipeg: On Edge, 2003.

“Unit 8.3: Using Learning Contracts.” In *Teaching and Learning in Theological Colleges in the South Pacific*, ed. Roger Landbeck. Suva: South Pacific Association of Theological Schools, 2002.

“Psalm 104: A Celebration of the Vanua.” Pp. 84–97 in *The Earth Story in Psalms and Prophets*, ed. Norman Habel. Earth Bible 4; Sheffield: Sheffield Academic Press, 2001.

“Educational Needs Assessment for Ethnic Church Leaders Report,” with Lisa Hagen-Smith and Rosalind Bradford. A collaborative research project with the Ethnic Ministries Council of the United Church Program on Education for Church Leadership, Winnipeg Presbytery Ethnic Ministries Committee and the Faculty of Theology, University of Winnipeg. Funded by Education for Church Leadership, 2001.

“The Role of Theological Imagination in Biblical Theology.” *HBT* (1989), 73–97.

R e s e a r c h F u n d i n g

“‘You Have Made Us like Sheep for Slaughter’ (Ps 44:11): Human Relationships with Other Species and Coevolution in Ancient Israelite Religion,” Human Distinctiveness Project, University of Notre Dame, funded by the John Templeton Foundation.

<https://anthropology.nd.edu/news/57929-anthropologist-and-theologian-awarded-1-8-million-grant-to-study-human-distinctiveness/>

<http://theology.nd.edu/about/our-partners/human-distinctiveness-project/>

P r e s e n t a t i o n s a t P r o f e s s i o n a l S o c i e t i e s

“‘As a Deer Groans for Flowing Streams:’ Animals and the Ecological Criticism of the Psalms,” Book of Psalms Section, Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, November 2014.

“‘Empire’s Greenwash of Earth’s Story in Psalm 72,’” Ecological Hermeneutics Section, Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, November 2013.

“‘May Mountains Produce Shalom:’ A Turtle Island Reading of Psalm 72,” Islands, Islanders, and Scriptures Section, Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, November 2013.

“‘Sing Me a Song: David’s Temple Singer and the Story of the Psalter,’” Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, November 2011.

Panel Discussion: “Evolving Methods for Eco-Hermeneutics,” Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, November 2011. (Presider)

“‘Into Your Hands,’ O Scribes: Corrupted Hebrew in the Latin *Evangelium Nicodemi*,” *Acts of Pilate* Workshop, University of Winnipeg, October 25, 2010.

“The Lord, Who Makes Skies and Earth: The Importance of Creation in the Psalter,” Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, November 2009.

“Doing What Comes Naturally: Blessing and Earth’s Praise in the Psalms,” International Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, Auckland, NZ, July 2008.

Chair and Respondent, “Bible in the Pacific” session, International Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, Auckland, NZ, July 2008.

“Honey from the Rock?” Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, Washington, DC, November 2006.

“‘God, My Rock:’ Biblical Laments and the Social Construction of Nature,” Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, November 2005.

Panelist discussing *Introducing Ecofeminist Theologies* by Heather Eaton, Canadian Theological Society, Congress of the Humanities and Social Sciences, York University, Toronto,

May 27–June 3, 2006.

“Teaching the Hebrew Verb According to Frequency,” National Association of Professors of Hebrew, Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, San Antonio, Texas, November, 2004.

“Eden for Cyborgs: Ecocriticism and Genesis 2–3,” Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, Denver, Colorado, 2001.

“Mutually Negotiated Criteria-Referenced Assessment,” Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, Nashville, Tennessee, 2000.

“Cross-cultural Reflections on the Academic Teaching of Biblical Studies,” Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, Nashville, Tennessee, 2000.

“All God’s Children: The Structure of the Animal Discourse in Job (38:39–40:30),” Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, Orlando, Florida, 1998.

“Vanua, Lotu, Matanitu: Culture, Religion, Government in Fiji after the 1987 Military Coups,” Religious Studies Colloquium, Queens University, Kingston, Ontario, 1995.

“Contextualizing Creation in the South Pacific,” Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, Washington, DC, 1993.

E d u c a t i o n

Oral Roberts University, B.A.	1981
Princeton Theological Seminary, M.Div.	1984
Princeton Theological Seminary, Ph.D.	
Dissertation: “Alternative Cosmogonies in the Psalms.”	1991
Supervisor: Patrick D. Miller, Jr.	

C o u r s e s T a u g h t

Introduction to Biblical Hebrew
 Introduction to Aramaic
 Introduction to New Testament Greek
 Introduction to the Hebrew Bible (online)
 Introduction to the New Testament
 Jesus in Film, Biblical Hermeneutics
 Women in the Hebrew Bible (*online*)
 Thesis Seminar
 Psalms
 Teaching Scripture in Faith Communities-
 Biblical Theology
 Leviticus
 Writings
 Pentateuch
 Job
 The Earth Bible
 Creation Texts

C o n f e r e n c e s , W o r k s h o p s , a n d P u b l i c L e c t u r e s

- “Homo Sapiens in God’s Image: Theology, Evolution, and Climate Change,” Skywalk Lecture, Millennium Library, February 24, 2016.
- “Homo Sapiens in God’s Image: Theology, Evolution, and Climate Change,” Talk, St. John’s College, University of Manitoba, October, 24, 2015.
- “Biblical Ethics for a Changing Climate,” St. Marks and Faith Lutheran Churches, October 21 to November 18, 2013.
- “Creation in Peril: What People of Faith Can Do.” A conference co-sponsored by the Anglican Church of Canada, United Church of Canada, Canadian Foodgrains Bank, Centre for Public Justice, Knowles Woodsworth Centre for Theology and Public Policy. May 2, 2012.
- “Creation in Peril: Protect What You Love,” A conference co-sponsored by the Anglican Church of Canada, United Church of Canada, Canadian Foodgrains Bank, Centre for Public Justice, Knowles Woodsworth Centre for Theology and Public Policy. October 27, 2012.
- Retreat Leader, “Letting Grow,” 40-Something Series in honour of St. Benedict Monastery’s 40th Anniversary, April 9, 2011.
- Retreat Leader, “Psalms: Ancient Healing, Modern Medicine,” Canadian Association of Spiritual Care Givers Spring Self-Care Event, May 13, 2011.
- “Can a Christian be Green?” Bedford-United Church Lecture, University of Winnipeg, January 21, 2010.
- “The Green Psalms: The Jewish Roots of Environmental Awareness,” Sermon and after service discussion, Shaarey Zedek Synagogue, Saturday, May 1, 2010.
- “Journey to the Psalter of the Earth,” a talk sponsored by the St. Ignatius Environment Committee, St. Ignatius Roman Catholic Church, Wednesday, May 19, 2010.
- Theological Lunch Discussion Series with Tabora Rosin from the United Church of the Solomon Islands, and with Amaamalele and Joan Tofaeono from the Congregational Christian Church of American Samoa, December, 2003.
- “Postcolonial Interpretation: Teaching the Bible with Cultural Integrity.” A conference co-sponsored by the University of Winnipeg Faculty of Theology and the Ethnic Ministries Council of the United Church of Canada, featuring Bishop George Ninan of the Church of North India, Diane Dwarka, David Nobu-tsune Murata, Marion Pardy, Stan McKay, and Barbara Schoomski. March 11–14, 2002.
- “From Liberation to Reconstruction,” A visit by Jesse N. K. Mugambe, University of Nairobi, Kenya to Winnipeg, April 7, 1999.

C o m m u n i t y S e r v i c e

Chair, Roman Catholic/United Church of Canada Dialogue on Climate Change

2013–

- Chair**, Organizing Committee, Green Faith Alliance Canada, an organization working to empower people of faith to take action on climate change 2012–
- Chair**, Steering Committee, Greening Sacred Spaces (*Winnipeg*), a campaign of Faith and the Common Good funded through the Government of Canada’s One Tonne Challenge. 2004–2005
- Chair**, Steering Committee, Renewing the Sacred Balance (*Winnipeg*), a joint campaign of Faith and the Common Good and the David Suzuki Foundation 2003–2004
- Member**, *Steering Committee*, Circle and Cross, a process of interfaith dialogue between the United Church of Canada and aboriginal spiritualities mandated by General Council. 2004–2008
- Member**, Global Policy Advisory Committee, United Church of Canada. 2000–2004
- Member**, Program on Education for Ethnic Church Leadership, a joint program of the UW Faculty of Theology and the Ethnic Ministries Council of the United Church of Canada. 1998–2002

A d m i n i s t r a t i v e E x p e r i e n c e

T h e o l o g y

- Program Chair**, MA (Theology) 2015–
- Chair**, Academic Sub-committee, Accreditation Self-Study 2011–2013
- Chair**, Academic Sub-committee, President’s Taskforce on the Future of the Faculty of Theology 2010–2011
- Author**, Supplementary Report for Accreditation 2006
- Author**, Comprehensive Institutional Assessment Plan 2006
- Co-author**, ATS Self-Study 2005
- Member**, Theology Faculty Council 1998–2013
- Facilitated creation of a new mission statement for the Faculty of Theology
 - Facilitated consensus on learning goals for programs
 - Revised M.T.S. for international students
 - Created and got Senate approval for M.A. (Theology) and M.A. in Spiritual Disciplines and Ministry Practices to conform to A.T.S. accreditation standards
 - Created criteria for assessment of syllabi
 - Wrote policies and procedures for thesis assessment
 - Created thesis assessment guidelines for supervisors and readers
 - Revised curriculum to reflect current scholarship and accommodate multiple faiths

U n i v e r s i t y

Program Chair , Graduate Studies Committee	2015-
Theology Representative , Search Committee for Dean	2005
Theology Representative , Senate	2005–2012
Theology Representative , Graduate Studies Committee	2008–2012
Theology Representative , Research Committee	2000–2004, 2010–2012
Theology Representative , Senate Library Committee	2000–2005

R e f e r e n c e s a v a i l a b l e o n r e q u e s t