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Education

Union Theological Seminary, New York, NY	1983-1986	Ph.D., 1986
Luther Theological Seminary	1976-1980	M.Div., 1980
St. Olaf College, Northfield, MN	1971-1976	B.A., 1976

Awards and Honors

Associate of the Dept. of New Testament Studies, University of Pretoria, South Africa	2003-
Luther Seminary grant for faculty development	2004
Lilly Foundation grant for media development	1998
AAL and Thrivent grants for faculty development	1996, 1998, 2006
<i>Bible Tutor</i> web site	
<i>Los Angeles Times</i> commendation	1998
<i>Saint Paul Pioneer Press</i> commendation	1997
Membership in the Center of Theological Inquiry, Princeton, NJ	1992-
Who's Who in Religion	1992-
Associated Church Press Award for Biblical Exposition	1991
Who's Who in Biblical Studies and Archaeology	1986-
Ph.D. with distinction (highest honors) Union Theological Seminary, NY	1986
Bruce Prize for New Testament Study Luther Theological Seminary	1980

Teaching and Research

Common English Bible Translator	
Book of Revelation	2009
Luther Seminary	
Professor of New Testament	1999-
Associate Professor of New Testament	1991-99
Assistant Professor of New Testament	1986-91
Visiting Graduate Professor	
Concordia Seminary, St Louis	2006
Visiting professor, Lutheran theological faculty	
Bratislava, Slovakia	2002
Jerusalem Center for Biblical Studies faculty	2001
Doctoral Thesis examiner	
University of Queensland	2008
Fuller Theological Seminary	2006
University of Pretoria, South Africa	2004
McMaster University, Canada	2001
Melbourne College of Divinity, Australia	1998
Graduate Theological Union, Berkeley	
Visiting professor, summer session	1996
Center of Theological Inquiry, Princeton, NJ	
Scholar in residence	1992-93, 2007
Union Theological Seminary	
Tutor in New Testament	1985-1986
Research assistant to R. E. Brown	1985
Luther Theological Seminary	
Instructor in Greek	1980
Research assistant to D. L. Tiede	1979-1980
LCA Seminars, Jerusalem	
Teaching Assistant	1978-1979
Luther Theological Seminary	
Tutor in Greek	1977-1978
Tutor in Hebrew	1977-1978

Professional Affiliations

Studiorum Novi Testamenti Societas	1995-
Committee for Eastern Europe	2006-
Associate editor of <i>New Testament Studies</i>	2003-5
Co-chair of the Johannine Seminar	2004-8
Society of Biblical Literature	1986-

Upper Midwest Regional Secretary	1990-92
Johannine Literature Section	
Steering Committee	1989-96
Hebrews Consultation Steering Committee	2005-
Catholic Biblical Association	1988-
Associate editor:	
<i>Catholic Biblical Quarterly</i>	2004-

Pastoral Ministry

Trinity Lutheran Church, New York City	
Extended Pulpit Supply	1985-1986
Immanuel Lutheran Church, Princeton, MN	
Assistant Pastor	1980-1983

Current Research and Writing

Revelation (Anchor Bible 38; New York: Doubleday). In preparation.

Books

The Word of Life: A Theology of John's Gospel (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2008).

The Resurrection of Jesus in the Gospel of John, co-edited with Reimund Bieringer (WUNT 222; Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, 2008).

Symbolism in the Fourth Gospel: Meaning, Mystery, Community (2nd ed.; Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 2003; 1st ed. 1995).

Hebrews (Anchor Bible 36; New York: Doubleday, 2001).

Revelation and the End of All Things (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2001).

A Beginner's Guide to Reading the Bible (Minneapolis: Augsburg, 1991).

The Dwelling of God (CBQMS 22; Washington, D.C.: Catholic Biblical Association, 1989).

Scholarly and Professional Articles

“Hebrews” in *The Blackwell Companion to the New Testament* (ed. David Aune; Oxford: Blackwell, forthcoming)

“Aspects of Historicity in John 1 – 4: A Response,” in *John, Jesus, and History* vol. 2. Edited by Paul Anderson, Tom Thatcher, and Felix Just (Atlanta: Society of Biblical Literature, 2009) 93-103.

“Revelation’s Visionary Challenge to Ordinary Empire,” *Interpretation* 63 (2009) 5-18.

“Roman Slave Trade and the Critique of Babylon in Revelation 18,” *Catholic Biblical Quarterly* 70 (2008) 766-86

“Jesus’ Resurrection, the Signs, and the Dynamics of Faith in the Gospel of John.” In *The Resurrection of Jesus in the Gospel of John*. Edited by Craig R. Koester and Reimund Bieringer (WUNT; Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, 2008).

“The Church and Its Witness in the Apocalypse of John,” *Tidsskrift for Teologi og Kirke* [Oslo] (2007) 266-82.

“Wasser is nicht gleich Wasser (Vom lebendigen Wasser) Joh 4,13f (Joh 7,37; Agr 58)” in *Kompendium der Gleichnisse Jesu* (ed. Ruben Zimmermann; Gütersloh: Gütersloher Verlagshaus, 2007) 735-40.

“Es ist Zeit, dem Licht zu folgen (Wandel bei Tag und Nacht) Joh 11,9f. (Joh 8,12; 9,4f; 12,35-38) in *Kompendium der Gleichnisse Jesu* (ed. Ruben Zimmermann; Gütersloh: Gütersloher Verlagshaus, 2007) 797-807.

“Why Was the Messiah Crucified? A Study of God, Jesus, Satan, and Human Agency in Johannine Theology,” in *The Death of Jesus in the Gospel of John* (ed. Gilbert van Belle; BETL 200; Leuven: Leuven University and Peeters, 2007) 163-180.

“What Does It Mean to Be Human? Imagery and the Human Condition in John’s Gospel,” in *Imagery in the Gospel of John. Terms, Forms and Theology of Figurative Language* (ed. Jörg Frey, Jan. G. van der Watt, and Ruben Zimmermann; WUNT 200; Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, 2006) 403-420.

“Revelation and the *Left Behind* Novels,” *Word & World* 25 (2005) 274-282

“The Death of Jesus and the Human Condition: Exploring the Theology of John’s Gospel,” *Life in Abundance: Studies of John’s Gospel in Tribute to Raymond E. Brown, S. S.* (ed. John R. Donahue; Collegeville: Liturgical Press, 2005) 141-157.

“Conversion, Persecution, and Malaise: Life in the Community for Which Hebrews Was Written.” *Hervormde Teologiese Studies* [Pretoria] 61 (2005) 231-251.

“God’s Purposes and Christ’s Saving Work according to Hebrews,” in *Salvation in the New Testament* (ed. J. van der Watt; NovTSup 121; Leiden: Brill, 2005) 361-387.

“Jesus as the Way to the Father in Johannine Theology (John 14,6),” in *Theology and Christology in the Fourth Gospel* (ed. G. van Belle, J. van der Watt, P. Maritz; Leuven: Leuven University Press, 2005) 385-401.

“The Death of Jesus in the Gospel of John,” *Tidsskrift for Teologi og Kirke* [Oslo] 75 (2004) 254-276.

“The Message to Laodicea and the Problem of Its Local Context: A Study in the Imagery in Rev 3.14-22,” *New Testament Studies* 49 (2003) 407-424.

“Comedy and Humor in the Gospel of John,” in *Word, Theology, and Community in John* (ed. J. Painter, R. A. Culpepper, F. Segovia; St. Louis: Chalice Press, 2002) 123-142.

“Hebrews, Rhetoric, and the Future of Humanity,” *Catholic Biblical Quarterly* 64 (2002) 103-123.

“Jesus the Way, the Cross, and the World According to the Gospel of John,” *Word & World* 21 (2001) 360-69.

“Recent Studies of the Book of Revelation,” *Lutheran Quarterly* 14 (2000) 109-22.

“Millennial Hope and the Book of Revelation,” *Dialog* 37 (1998) 250-57.

“Jesus’ Resurrection as Presupposition for the New Testament,” in *The Quest for Jesus and the Christian Faith* (Word & World Supplement 3; St. Paul: Luther Seminary, 1997) 175-90.

"Promise and Warning: The Lord's Supper in 1 Corinthians," *Word & World* 17 (1997) 45-53.

"Infant Communion In Light of the New Testament," *Lutheran Quarterly* 10 (1996) 233-39.

"The Spectrum of Johannine Readers," in *"What is John?" Readers and Readings of the Fourth Gospel* (ed. F. F. Segovia; Symposium Series; Atlanta: Scholars Press, 1996) 5-19.

"On the Edge of the Millennium: A History of the Interpretation of Revelation," *Word & World* 15 (1995) 128-136.

"Topography and Theology in the Gospel of John," in *Fortunate the Eyes That See: Essays in Honor of David Noel Freedman* (ed. A. Bartelt, A. Beck, C. Franke, P. Raabe; Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1995) 436-448.

"The Epistle to the Hebrews in Recent Study," *Currents in Research: Biblical Studies* 2 (1994) 123-145.

"The Bible and Sexual Boundaries" *Lutheran Quarterly* 7 (1993) 375-390.

"The Distant Triumph Song: Music and the Book of Revelation," *Word & World* 12 (1992) 243-249.

"Raymond E. Brown and J. Louis Martyn: Johannine Studies in Retrospect," *Biblical Theology Bulletin* 21 (1991) 51-55.

"The Passion and Resurrection According to John," *Word & World* 11 (1991) 84-91.

"The Savior of the World' (John 4:42)," *Journal of Biblical Literature* 109 (1990) 665-680.

"John Six and the Lord's Supper," *Lutheran Quarterly* 4 (1990) 419-437. Abridged and reprinted in *Luther Digest* 2 (1994) 95-97.

"Messianic Exegesis and the Call of Nathanael," *Journal for the Study of New Testament* 39 (1990) 23-34.

"The Fourth Gospel in a Three-Year Lectionary," *Word & World* 10 (1990) 21-26.

"Hearing, Seeing, and Believing in The Gospel of John," *Biblica* 70 (1989) 327-348.

"Opportunity to Do Good: The Letter to the Galatians," *Word & World* 9 (1989) 183-189.

"The Origin and Significance of the Flight to Pella Tradition," *Catholic Biblical Quarterly* 51 (1989) 90-106.

"A Qumran Bibliography 1974-1984," *Biblical Theology Bulletin* 15 (1985) 110-120.

Encyclopedia Articles

“Antipas” in *Encyclopedia of the Bible and Its Reception* (Berlin and New York: de Gruyter, forthcoming)

“Beast” in *Encyclopedia of the Bible and Its Reception* (Berlin and New York: de Gruyter, forthcoming)

“Revelation, Book of” in *The New Interpreter’s Dictionary of the Bible* (Nashville: Abingdon, 2009) 4:785-798

“Pergamum” in *The New Interpreter’s Dictionary of the Bible* (Nashville: Abingdon, 2009) 4:446-447

“Life, Book of” in *The New Interpreter’s Dictionary of the Bible* (Nashville: Abingdon, 2008) 3:661.

“Antichrist” in *The New Interpreter’s Dictionary of the Bible* (Nashville: Abingdon, 2006) 1:175-78.

“Beliar” in *The New Interpreter’s Dictionary of the Bible* (Nashville: Abingdon, 2006) 1:421.

"John, Gospel of," in *The Eerdmans Dictionary of the Bible* (ed. D. N. Freedman; Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2000) 723-25.

"Tabernacle," in *The Eerdmans Dictionary of the Bible* (ed. D. N. Freedman; Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2000) 1269-70.

Study Materials for General Readership

Revelation and Left Behind, co-authored with Nancy Koester. Louisville: Westminster John Knox 2005.

For Discussion: The Passion of the Christ. Minneapolis: Augsburg, 2004.

The Unshakable Kingdom: A Study of Hebrews, co-authored with Nancy Koester (Minneapolis: Augsburg, 1993).

A Light to My Path: A Study of the Gospel of John, co-authored with Nancy Koester (Minneapolis: Augsburg, 1989).

John, co-authored with Nancy Koester (SEARCH Bible Studies; Minneapolis: Augsburg, 1986).

Epistles for Series B, co-authored with Nancy Koester (Lectionary Bible Studies on Ephesians, James, and Hebrews; Minneapolis: Augsburg, 1981).

Video Materials

Invitation to John. Video segments (Discipleship Bible Study Series; Nashville: Abingdon, 2007)

The Death of Jesus in the Gospel of John (SELECT series video and study guide; Columbus: ELCA, 2006)

The Life of the Apostle Paul With Rick Steves. Video segments (Chicago: Mosaic Television, 2004).

Is This the Time? A Study of Revelation. A seven-part video series. (St. Paul: Seraphim and Luther Productions, 2003).

Jesus in the Gospels video series (Session 28; Discipleship Bible Study Series; Nashville: Abingdon, 2003).

Gospel Texts for Pentecost 22 through Christ the King Sunday (SELECT series video; Columbus: ELCA, 2002)

Web-based Resources

Working Preacher: Contributor of various online resources for preaching

Gospel of John, Hebrews, and Revelation in Enter the Bible (St. Paul: Luther Productions, 2006-)

Journeys of Paul web tour (www.luthersem.edu/ckoester/Paul.Main.htm)

Cities of Revelation web tour (www.luthersem.edu/ckoester/Revelation/Main.htm)

Bible Tutor 2.2, 2.3, 3.0, 3.0.1 (St. Paul: Luther Productions, 1998-2000)

Articles for General Readership

“The Crucifixion and the Will of God according to John.” *Lutheran Forum* 43 (2008) 18-21.

“Life in the Gospel of John,” *The Living Pulpit* 4 (1996) 38-39.

“The Jesus Seminar: Questions, Answers, and Reflections,” co-authored with Arland Hultgren, *The Luther Seminary Story* 13 (1996) 5-7.

“We Too Shall Rise,” *The Rose* 2 (1995) 14-15.

"The Unshakable Kingdom," co-authored with Nancy Koester (twelve-part series) in *Lutheran Woman Today* (January - December 1994).

"Preaching Helps: First Readings," *Currents in Theology and Mission* 18 (1991) 148-160.

“Questions, questions, questions,” co-authored with Nancy Koester, *The Lutheran* (May 1, 1991) 16-18.

“That you may have life,” *The Lutheran* (April 3, 1991) 16-18.

“Rich with promise,” *The Lutheran* (March 13, 1991) 18-20.

"Read the headlines first," co-authored with Nancy Koester, *The Lutheran* (February 20, 1991) 6-8.

"Where Is the Grace? A Meditation on I Cor 5:1-2," *Story* (1990) 9.

"A Light to My Path," co-authored with Nancy Koester (four-part series) in *Lutheran Woman Today* (September - December 1989).

"Where Christians and Muslims Meet," *ALC World Mission Review* (1980-1981) 33-34.

Book Reviews

- Konrad Huber. *Einer gleich einem Menschensohn. Die Christusvisionen in Offb 1,9-20 und Offb 14,14-20 und die Christologie der Johannesoffenbarung* (NAbh 51; Münster, Aschendorff, 2007). Reviewed in *Biblica* (forthcoming).
- H. A. G. Houghton. *Augustine's Text of John: Patristic Citations and Latin Gospel Manuscripts*. Oxford Early Christian Studies. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2008. Reviewed in *Review of Biblical Literature* (2009) forthcoming.
- John Ashton. *Understanding the Fourth Gospel* (2d ed. Oxford: Oxford University, 2007) in *Review of Biblical Literature* (2009).
- D. Moody Smith. *The Fourth Gospel in Four Dimensions: Judaism and Jesus, the Gospels and Scripture* (Columbia, SC: University of South Carolina Press, 2008) in *Word & World* 29 (2009) 200-1.
- David Flusser, *Judaism of the Second Temple Period: Vol 1, Qumran and Apocalypticism* (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans; Jerusalem: Hebrew University Press and Jerusalem, 2007) in *Catholic Biblical Quarterly* 71 (2009) 170-72.
- Alan C. Mitchell, *Hebrews*. Sacra Pagina 13. Collegeville: Liturgical Press, 2007. Reviewed in *Theological Studies* 69 (2008) 441-42.
- Francisco Lozada, Jr. and Tom Thatcher (ed.), *New Currents through John: A Global Perspective* (SBLRBS 54; Atlanta: Society of Biblical Literature, 2006). Reviewed in *Catholic Biblical Quarterly* 70 (2008) 202-3.
- Edmondo F. Lupieri. *A Commentary on the Apocalypse of John*. Translated by Maria Poggi Johnson and Adam Kamesar. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2006. Reviewed in *Review of Biblical Literature* (2007).
- Christine Schlund, "Kein Knochen soll gebrochen werden": *Studien zu Bedeutung und Funktion des Pesachfests in Texten des frühen Judentums und im Johannesevangelium*. WMANT 107. Neukirchen-Vluyn: Neukirchener, 2005. Reviewed in *Review of Biblical Literature* (2007).
- Luke Timothy Johnson. *Hebrews: A Commentary*. New Testament Library. Louisville and London: Westminster John Knox, 2006. Reviewed in *Review of Biblical Literature* (2007).

- Alan G. Padgett and Patrick R. Keifert, eds. *But Is It All True? The Bible and the Question of Truth*. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2006. Reviewed in *Lutheran Quarterly* 21 (2007) 240-42.
- Pierre Grelot, *The Language of Symbolism: Biblical Theology, Semantics, and Exegesis*. Peabody, Mass.: Hendrickson, 2006. Reviewed in *Review of Biblical Literature* (2006).
- Joseph L. Trafton, *Reading Revelation: A Literary and Theological Commentary*. Macon, GA: Smyth & Helwys, 2005. Reviewed in *Interpretation* 60 (2006) 230-31.
- Andreas J. Köstenberger, *John*. Grand Rapids: Baker, 2005. Reviewed in *Catholic Biblical Quarterly* 68 (2006) 149-50.
- Brian K. Blount, *Can I Get a Witness? Reading Revelation through African American Culture*. Louisville: Westminster John Knox, 2005. Reviewed in *Theology Today* 62 (2006) 545-46.
- Michael Gilbertson, *God and History in the Book of Revelation: New Testament Studies in Dialogue with Pannenberg and Moltmann*. SNTSMS 124. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2003. Reviewed in *Theology Today* 61 (2004) 377-80.
- Harry O. Maier, *Apocalypse Recalled*. Minneapolis: Fortress, 2002. Reviewed in *Theology Today* 60 (2003) 124-26.
- Pierre Prigent, *The Apocalypse of St. John*. Tübingen: Mohr/Siebeck, 2001. Reviewed in *Review of Biblical Literature* (2003).
- Marianne Meye Thompson, *The God of the Gospel of John*. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2001. Reviewed in *Catholic Biblical Quarterly* 64 (2002) 779-80.
- Robert A. J. Gagnon, *The Bible and Homosexual Practice: Texts and Hermeneutics*. Nashville: Abingdon, 2001. Reviewed in *Word & World* 22 (2002) 94-96.
- Barnabas Lindars, Ruth B. Edwards, and John M. Court. *The Johannine Literature With an Introduction by R. Alan Culpepper* (Sheffield: Sheffield Academic Press, 2000). Reviewed in *Review of Biblical Literature* (2001).
- D. A. deSilva, *Perseverance in Gratitude: A Socio-Rhetorical Commentary on the Epistle "to the Hebrews"* (Grand Rapids/Cambridge: Eerdmans, 2000). Reviewed in *Catholic Biblical Quarterly* 62 (2000) 749-50.
- J. Zumstein, *Kreative Erinnerung: Relecture und Auslegung im Johannesevangelium* (Zurich: Pano, 1999). Reviewed in *Catholic Biblical Quarterly* 62 (2000) 597-99.

- M. Labahn, *Jesus als Lebensspender: Untersuchungen zu einer Geschichte der johanneischen Tradition anhand ihrer Wundergeschichten* (BZNW 98; Berlin and New York: de Gruyter, 1999). Reviewed in *Journal of Biblical Literature* 120 (2001) 381-83.
- A. Heinze, *Johannesapokalypse und johanneische Schriften* (BWANT 142; Stuttgart: Kohlhammer, 1998). Reviewed in *Review of Biblical Literature* 2 (2000).
- F. Segovia, "What Is John?": *Literary and Social Readings of the Fourth Gospel* (Atlanta: Scholars, 1998). Reviewed in *Catholic Biblical Quarterly* 62 (2000) 186-88.
- G. K. Beale, *The Book of Revelation* (NIGTC; Grand Rapids: Eerdmans and Carlisle: Paternoster, 1999). Reviewed in *Word & World* 19 (1999) 424-25.
- F. J. Moloney, *John* (Sacra Pagina 4; Collegeville, MN: Liturgical Press, 1999). Reviewed in *Catholic Biblical Quarterly* 61 (1999) 598-600.
- T. G. Long, *Hebrews* (Louisville: John Knox, 1997). Reviewed in *Review of Biblical Literature* 1 (1999) 380-81.
- P. M. Eisenbaum, *The Jewish Heroes of Christian History: Hebrews 11 in Literary Context* (SBLDS 156; Atlanta: Scholars, 1997). Reviewed in *Catholic Biblical Quarterly* 60 (1998) 561-62.
- F. J. Moloney, *Signs and Shadows: Reading John 5-12* (Minneapolis: Fortress, 1996). Reviewed in *Journal of Biblical Literature* 117 (1998) 142-44.
- B. Witherington, *John's Wisdom: A Commentary on the Fourth Gospel* (Louisville: Westminster John Knox, 1995). Reviewed in *Interpretation* 51 (1997) 312-14.
- R. A. Culpepper and C. C. Black, *Exploring the Gospel of John* (Louisville: Westminster John Knox, 1996). Reviewed in *Word & World* 17 (1997) 221-22.
- D. M. Ball, 'I Am' in *John's Gospel* (JSNTSup 124; Sheffield: Academic, 1996). Reviewed in *Catholic Biblical Quarterly* 59 (1997) 566-67.
- C. Rose, *Die Wolke der Zeugen* (WUNT 60; Tübingen: Mohr/Siebeck, 1994). Reviewed in *Journal of Biblical Literature* 115 (1996) 562-63.
- J. P. Heil, *Blood and Water: The Death of Jesus in John 18-21* (CBQMS 27; Washington, DC: Catholic Biblical Association, 1995). Reviewed in *Catholic Biblical Quarterly* 58 (1996) 754-55.

- R. A. Harrisville and W. Sundberg, *The Bible in Modern Culture* (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1995). Reviewed in *Word & World* 16 (1996) 382-83.
- B. Chilton, *A Feast of Meanings: Eucharistic Theologies from Jesus through Johannine Circles* (NovTSup 72; Leiden: Brill, 1994). Reviewed in *Critical Review of Books in Religion* 8) 188-91.
- T. Brodie, *The Gospel According to John* (Oxford: Oxford University, 1993). Reviewed in *Catholic Biblical Quarterly* 57 (1995) 172-73.
- I. Dunderberg, *Johannes und die Synoptiker* (Helsinki: Suomalainen Tiedekatemia, 1994). Reviewed in *Catholic Biblical Quarterly* 57 (1995) 801-3.
- C. Talbert, *Reading John* (New York: Crossroad, 1992). Reviewed in *Word & World* 14 (1994) 95-96.
- M. Scott, *Sophia and the Johannine Jesus* (JSNTSup 71; Sheffield: Academic, 1992). Reviewed in *Journal of Biblical Literature* 113 (1994) 152-54.
- M. W. Stibbe, *John* (Sheffield: JSOT, 1993). Reviewed in *Critical Review of Books in Religion* 7 (1994) 264-65.
- J. Dunnill, *Covenant and Sacrifice in the Letter to the Hebrews* (SNTSMS 75; Cambridge: Cambridge University, 1992). Reviewed in *Catholic Biblical Quarterly* 56 (1994) 370-71.
- A. Reinhartz, *The Word in the World: The Cosmological Tale in the Fourth Gospel* (SBLMS 45; Atlanta: Scholars, 1992). Reviewed in *Catholic Biblical Quarterly* 56 (1994) 147-48.
- A. T. Hanson, *The Prophetic Gospel: A Study of John and the Old Testament* (Clark, 1991) Reviewed in *Critical Review of Books in Religion* 6 (1993) 249-51.
- M. W. G. Stibbe, *John as Storyteller: Narrative Criticism and the Fourth Gospel* (Cambridge, 1992). Reviewed in *Catholic Biblical Quarterly* 54 (1993) 571-72.
- W. Horbury, ed., *Templum Amicitiae: Essays on the Second Temple presented to Ernst Bammel* (JSOT, 1991). Reviewed in *Catholic Biblical Quarterly* 54 (1992) 822-24.
- H. Attridge, *Hebrews* (Hermeneia; Fortress, 1989). Reviewed in *Journal of Biblical Literature* 110 (1991) 545-57 and *Word & World* 10 (1990) 410-13.
- L. D. Hurst, *The Epistle to the Hebrews: Its Background of Thought* (SNTSMS 65; Cambridge, 1990). Reviewed in *Catholic Biblical Quarterly* 54 (1992) 571-72.

- S. Lehne, *The New Covenant in Hebrews* (JSNTSup 44; JSOT, 1990). Reviewed in *Journal of Biblical Literature* 110 (1991) 744-46.
- D. A. Carson, *The Gospel According to John* (Eerdmans, 1991). Reviewed in *Word & World* 11 (1991) 445-46.
- K. Grayston, *The Gospel of John* (Trinity, 1990). Reviewed in *Word & World* 11 (1991) 445-46.
- A. Stimpfle, *Blinde Sehen: Die Eschatologie im traditionsgeschichtlichen Prozess des Johannesevangeliums* (de Gruyter, 1990). Reviewed in *Journal of Biblical Literature* 111 (1992) 150-52.
- J.-D. Kaestli (ed.), *La communauté johannique et son histoire* (Labor et Fides, 1990). Reviewed in *Catholic Biblical Quarterly* 54 (1992) 193-94.
- H. Boers, *Neither on This Mountain Nor in Jerusalem* (SBLMS 35; Scholars, 1988). Reviewed in *Journal of Biblical Literature* 110 (1991) 167-69.
- M. E. Boring, *Revelation* (John Knox, 1989). Reviewed in *Word & World* 10 (1990) 202-4.
- G. Beasley-Murray, *John* (WBC 36; Word, 1987). Reviewed in *Word & World* 9 (1989) 302-4.
- G. Burge, *The Anointed Community: The Holy Spirit in Johannine Tradition* (Eerdmans, 1987). Reviewed in *Word & World* 8 (1988) 100.
- R. E. Brown, *The Churches the Apostles Left Behind* (Paulist, 1984). Reviewed in *Dialog* 26 (1987) 76-78.

Select National and International Presentations

“The Rhetorical Study of Hebrews.” Panelist, SBL National Meeting Philadelphia, 2008.

“Roman Slave Trade and the Critique of Babylon in Revelation 18.” SBL National Meeting, San Diego, 2007.

“The Church and Its Witness in the Apocalypse of John,” Norwegian School of Theology, Oslo, 2007.

“The Book of Revelation and the Middle East Crisis,” interview on South African National television, 2006.

“Jesus’ Death and Resurrection in the Gospel of John,” University of Pretoria and Northwest University, South Africa, 2006.

“Why Was the Messiah Crucified? A Study of God, Jesus, Satan, and Human Agency in Johannine Theology,” Colloquium Biblicum Lovaniense, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, Belgium, 2005.

“What Does It Mean to Be Human? Imagery and the Human Condition in John’s Gospel,” International Meeting on the Imagery in the Gospel of John, Eisenach, Germany, 2005

“Reception History and the Current Study of Hebrews,” SBL National Meeting, Philadelphia 2005.

“The Epistle to the Hebrews in Current Study,” Calvin College, Grand Rapids, 2005.

“The Death of Jesus in the Gospel of John,” The Norwegian Lutheran School of Theology, Oslo, 2003

“The Death of Jesus and the Human Condition: Exploring the Theology of John’s Gospel,” Life Abundant: An International Conference on the Gospel of John in Tribute to Raymond E. Brown, St. Mary’s Seminary, Baltimore, 2003

“The Bible and Spirituality,” Panel presentation, CBA meeting, San Francisco, 2003

“The Message to Laodicea in its Local Context (Rev 3:14-22): New Directions in Interpretation,” SBL meeting, Toronto, Ontario, 2002

“Jesus as the Way and the Mission of the Church according to the Gospel of John,” SNTS meeting Durham, United Kingdom. 2002.

“Rhetoric, Hebrews, and the Future of Humanity,” SBL National Meeting, Nashville, 2000

“Signs and Symbols in the Gospel of John,” SNTS Meeting, Strasbourg, France, 1996

“Symbolism and Discipleship in the Gospel of John,” SBL National Meeting, Philadelphia, 1995

“Approaching the Passion According to John.” SBL National Meeting, San Francisco, 1992

“The Spectrum of Johannine Readers,” SBL National Meeting, Kansas City, 1991

“Messianic Exegesis and the Call of Nathanael,” SBL National Meeting, New Orleans, 1990

“Raymond E. Brown and J. Louis Martyn: Johannine Studies in Retrospect,” SBL National Meeting, Anaheim, 1989.

“Symbol and Unity in the Gospel of John,” CBA National Meeting, Syracuse, 1989

Select Synodical, National, and International Church Presentations

Tokota Air Base, Tokyo, Japan (2009)

Religious Education Congress, Archdiocese of Los Angeles (2008, 2009)

ELCA Synod Assembly keynote speaker (SW Minnesota, 1999; E. North Dakota, 2000; SE Minnesota 2006; W. Iowa, 2008; NW Wisconsin 2009)

“God’s Word Among Us: Studying the Gospel of John,” ELCA Missionary Gathering, Arusha, Tanzania, 1996

“The Unshakable Kingdom,” W/ELCA National Assembly, Washington, DC, 1993

Other presentations

Synod ELCA and W/ELCA events

Conference pastors’ meetings

Seminary events

Summer camp sessions

Congregational settings