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DENOMINATIONAL AFFILIATION:

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Ordained 2001

EDUCATION:

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| Th.D. | Harvard University, The Divinity School, Hebrew Bible | 2005 |
| M.Div. | Yale University, The Divinity School, <i>summa cum laude</i> | 1996 |
| Affiliated Student | Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago | 1996 |
| B.A. | St. Olaf College, English, <i>summa cum laude</i> | 1990 |

DISSERTATION:

“Out of the Whirlwind: Creation Theology in the Book of Job”

Committee: Jon Levenson (chair), Gary Anderson, Ellen Davis

PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS:

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| Assistant Professor of Old Testament, Luther Seminary, St. Paul, MN | 2006 - present |
| Adjunct Instructor, Luther Seminary, St. Paul, MN | 2005 |
| Associate Pastor, Trinity Lutheran Church, Arkdale, WI | 2001-2006 |
| Teaching Fellow, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA | 1998-2000 |
| Pastoral Intern, Zion Lutheran Church, Gowrie, IA | 1994-1995 |

LANGUAGES:

Reading proficiency: Hebrew (biblical and modern), Greek, Syriac, Aramaic, German

BOOKS:

Esther. Illuminations Commentary Series. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans (under contract).

Out of the Whirlwind: Creation Theology in the Book of Job. Harvard Theological Studies.
Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press, 2008.

JOURNAL ARTICLES:

“Job’s Creation Theology.” *Word and World* 31:4 (forthcoming Fall, 2011).

“Lament and the Christian.” *Lutheran Forum* (forthcoming Summer, 2011).

“‘And Also Many Animals’: Biblical Resources for Preaching about Creation.” *Word and World* 27:2 (Spring, 2007).

ESSAYS, CHAPTERS, AND OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS TO COLLECTIONS:

“Job as Prototype of Dying and Rising Israel.” In *Festschrift for Jon Levenson*. Ed. Gary Anderson and Joel Kaminsky. University of Notre Dame Press (forthcoming 2011).

Introduction and study notes for the Book of Job. *The Lutheran Study Bible*. Augsburg Fortress, 2009.

“Creation Theology.” In *Dictionary of the Old Testament: Wisdom, Poetry and Writings*. Ed. Tremper Longman and Peter Enns. InterVarsity, 2008.

Old Testament introductions for Year C. *Sundays and Seasons: Year C, 2010*. Augsburg Fortress, 2009.

Old Testament introductions for Year B. *Sundays and Seasons: Year B, 2009*. Augsburg Fortress, 2008.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS:

Book records and video commentary for EntertheBible.org:
Leviticus, Joshua, Obadiah, Haggai

Lectionary commentary for WorkingPreacher.org:

“Biblical Preaching and the Sacraments”
 “Biblical Resources for Preaching about Creation”
 Fourth Sunday after Pentecost – Psalm 22:19-28
 Third Sunday after Pentecost – Psalm 32
 The Holy Trinity – Psalm 8
 Second Sunday of Easter – Psalm 150
 First Sunday of Advent – Jeremiah 33:14-16
 Second Sunday of Advent – Malachi 3:1-4
 Third Sunday of Advent – Zeph. 3:14-20
 Fourth Sunday of Advent – Micah 5:2-5a
 Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost – Prov. 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23
 Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost – Song of Songs 2:8-13
 Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost – 1 Kings 8:22-30, 41-43
 Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost – 1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14
 Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost – Gen. 45:1-15
 Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost – Gen. 37:1-4, 12-28
 Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost – Gen. 32:22-31
 Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost – Gen. 29:15-28

BOOK REVIEWS:

Review of Julia M. O'Brien's *Challenging Prophetic Metaphor: Theology and Ideology in the Prophets*. *Word and World* 30/2 (2010).

PRESENTATIONS:

"Jewish and Christian Understandings of Suffering: Studies in the Book of Job," 23rd Annual Jewish-Christian Seminar, April, 2008 (with Rabbi Barry Cytron)

"Laughing at Humanity: The Relation of the Human to the Non-Human in the Book of Job." Consultation on Ecological Hermeneutics, Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, November, 2005.

"Boundary-Making and Laughter in the Book of Job." Wisdom in Israelite and Cognate Traditions Section, Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, November, 2005.

"Jacob Becoming Israel: Promise for a New Day." Synod Assembly Bible Study, South Central Synod of Wisconsin - Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, May, 2002.

RELATED PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

- Reviewer/Reader, *Harvard Theological Review*, Harvard Divinity School, 1998-2000
- Editorial Assistant, *Harvard Theological Review*, Harvard Divinity School, 1997-2000
- Staff Editor, New Testament Language Project, Cambridge, MA, 2000
- Non-resident Tutor, Winthrop House, Harvard University, 1997-1998

COURSES TAUGHT (ALL AT LUTHER SEMINARY) 2005-2011:

Pentateuch (online)

Pentateuch (face to face)

Job

Psalms

Topics in Old Testament Study

God, Evil, and Suffering (with Alan Padgett)

Bible and the Environment

The Dead Sea Scrolls

Hebrew

Hebrew Reading

Preaching the Pentateuch (elective for D.Min. in Biblical Preaching, 2010)

ADDITIONAL TEACHING EXPERIENCE:

- Zumbro River Conference meeting, Southeast Minnesota Synod: “Bible and Ecology,” January, 2011
- Northern Rockies Institute of Theology: “Biblical Responses to Suffering,” November, 2010
- Kairos: “Everyday People,” (1 session) November, 2010
- Celebration of Biblical Preaching: Workshop on “Preaching in Times of Suffering,” October, 2010
- School for Lay Ministry: “The Dead Sea Scrolls,” June, 2010 (with Craig Koester)
- Camp Day: Workshop on “Big Questions in the Bible,” June, 2010
- Lay School of Theology: “The Dead Sea Scrolls,” (organizer and presenter) March-April, 2010; Sept.-Oct., 2010
- Northern Rockies Institute of Theology: “Psalms” and “Ecology and the Bible,” July, 2008
- Lay School of Theology: “The Book of Job,” March-April, 2008
- Mid-Winter Convocation: Workshops on “The Bible and Ecology,” January, 2008 and 2009
- SELECT: lectures on Exodus/Deuteronomy, Psalms, and Job for the course “Introduction to the Old Testament,” taped November-December, 2007
- Kairos: “Preaching Difficult Texts,” (1 session) November, 2007

- Harvard University Teaching Fellow:
 “Introduction to the Hebrew Bible” – for Gary Anderson (1998, 1999, 2000 - head TF)
 “Adam and Eve in Christian and Jewish Interpretation” – for Gary Anderson (2000)
 “The Bible and Its Interpreters” – for James Kugel (1999)
 Biblical Hebrew – for Jo Ann Hackett (2000)

TEACHING IN CONGREGATIONS:

- “The Book of Job” – Westminster Presbyterian, Minneapolis (February, 2011)
- “Leviticus and Worship” – Holy Trinity Lutheran, Minneapolis (November, 2010)
- “Genesis: Creation and Covenant” – Westminster Presbyterian, Minneapolis (September, 2010)
- “The Dead Sea Scrolls” – (March-October, 2010) – Bethlehem Lutheran
 Roseville Lutheran
 Edina Community Lutheran
 Gustavus Adolphus Lutheran
 Mt. Olivet Lutheran (Plymouth)
 Arlington Hills United Methodist
 Nokomis Heights Lutheran
 Bethel Lutheran

- “The Old Testament as Christian Scripture” – Intervarsity Christian Fellowship, University of Minnesota (March, 2010)
- “Creation in the Bible” – Diamond Lake Lutheran, Minneapolis (December, 2009)
- “Genesis 1-3” – Mt. Calvary Lutheran, Eagan (November, 2009)
- “Bible and Ecology” – Mt. Olivet Lutheran, Plymouth (April, 2009)

- “The Book of Job” – Mt. Carmel Lutheran, Minneapolis (March, 2009)
- Guest Preacher – Peace Lutheran, Plymouth (October, 2008)
- “King David” - Episcopal Church of the Nativity, Burnsville (October, 2007)

SERVICE IN WIDER CHURCH and ACADEMY:

- Montana Synod Candidacy Committee member, 2009-present
- Session presider, SBL Upper-Midwest Regional Meeting, April, 2010
- Guest preacher for Lenten services, St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church, 2007, 2010
- Sunday School teacher (1st grade), St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church, 2009-2010

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS:

- Wabash Center Workshop for Pre-Tenure Theological School Faculty, 2009-2010
- Dean’s Dissertation Fellowship, Harvard Divinity School, 2002-2003
- Theological Studies Grant, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, 1996-2000, 2002-2003
- Foreign Language Area Studies Grant, Harvard University, 1998 (funded modern Hebrew study in Israel)
- Grant for Modern Hebrew Study, Center for Jewish Studies, Harvard University, 1997
- Roland Bainton Award, Yale Divinity School, 1992-1993
- Phi Beta Kappa, St. Olaf College, 1989-1990
- Departmental Distinction in English Literature, St. Olaf College, 1989-1990
- National Merit Scholar, St. Olaf College, 1986-1990

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS:

Society of Biblical Literature

FAMILY:

Married to Doug Steinke (since 1999)

Children: Esther (born 2003), Isaac (born 2004), Sarah (born 2008)