

Curriculum Vitae

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Denominational Affiliation

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Ordained: 1968

Education

Princeton Seminary, Princeton, NJ

Magna cum laude

1963-1967

Th.D., 1967

Luther Theological Seminary, St. Paul, MN 1956-1960

M.Div., 1960

Luther College, Decorah, IA

1953-1956

B.A., 1956

University of Durham, Durham, England

1960-1961

University of Minnesota, Minnesota

1957, 1959-1960

Other Education

University of Heidelberg (sabbatical), Germany

1975-1976

Oxford University (sabbatical), England

1982-1983

University of Chicago (sabbatical), Chicago, IL

1988-1989

Professional Positions

Luther Seminary	1958-
Elva B. Lovell Professor of Old Testament (1978-)	
Dean of Academic Affairs (1978-1988)	
Associate Professor (1971-1978)	
Assistant Professor (1968-1971)	
Acting Chairman, Old Testament Department (1977-1978)	
Chairman, Curriculum Committee (1976-1977)	
Teaching Fellow in Greek (1958-1960)	
Luther Theological Seminary, Hong Kong	
Visiting Professor (fall semester, 2009)	2009
Lutheran Theological Seminary Philadelphia	2008
St. John's Visiting Professor (spring semester, 2008)	
Sabah Theological Seminary, Kota Kinabalu, Malaysia	2008
Visiting Professor (J-term, 2008)	
McCormick Theological Seminary Chicago	1997-1998
Visiting Professor	
Graduate Theological Union Berkeley	1996, 1998
Guest Professor (interim, 1998)	
Guest Professor (summer school, 1996)	
Vancouver School of Theology Vancouver, BC	1995
Guest Professor (summer school)	
University of Chicago Divinity School	1989-1990
Visiting Professor (winter term, 1990)	
Lecturer (winter term, 1989)	
Dennison Lutheran Parish, Dennison, MN	1968-1971
Pastor	
Augsburg College	1967-1968
Assistant Professor of Religion	
Princeton Theological Seminary	1966-1967
Guest Professor (summer school, 1989)	
Instructor in Old Testament (1966-1967)	
Augsburg College and Seminary	1961-1963
Instructor in Old Testament	

Professional Affiliations and Memberships

Catholic Biblical Association
Chicago Society of Biblical Research
Society of Biblical Literature

Professional and Related Activities

2004- Editorial Board, *Ex Auditu*
2003-2004 (summers) Visiting Fellow, Tyndale House, Cambridge, England
2002-2005 Member of the ELCA Task Force on Sexuality
1999-2004 Editorial Board of *Horizons in Biblical Theology*
1998-2008 Steering Committee, SBL, Prophetic Literature Section
Chair (2002-2006)
1994-2000 Editor, SBL Monographs, Old Testament
1988- Member, ELCA Candidacy Committee, Region I
1985-1988 Board of Directors, Lyra Concert
1984-1998 Holden Village in the Cascades, Washington
Teaching Staff (2008)
Teaching Staff (2005)
Teaching Staff (1998)
Teaching Staff (1988)
Teaching Staff (1986)
Teaching Staff (1984)
1984-1988 Task Force Member, Buddhist and Muslim Task Forces, ALC
1984-1986 Co-chair, Theological Consultation for ELCA
1983-1989 Old Testament Book Editor, *Journal of Biblical Literature*
1983-1985 President, Minnesota Consortium of Theological Schools
1980-1999 Member, Association of Theological Schools, Accreditation Visit Teams
1980-1988 Editor, *Augsburg Old Testament Studies*
1973-1975 Chairman, Task Force on Hebrew Poetry, SBL
1972-1974 SBL, Upper Midwest Region
Vice-President (1972-1974)
1968-1972 Editorial Council, *Dialog, A Journal of Theology*

Lectureships

Earle Lectures 2008
Nazarene Theological Seminary, Kansas City, MO

Spring Lectures 2008
Gettysburg Theological Seminary, Gettysburg, PA

Theological Lectures 2007
Calvin Theological Seminary, Grand Rapids, MI

Faculty Lectures 2007
Columbia Theological Seminary, Atlanta, GA

Carl Howie Lectures 2007
Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, VA

Spring Lectures, 2005
Lutheran Seminary, Philadelphia, PA

Wright Lectures, 2004
Harden-Simmons University, Abilene, TX

Graver Lectures 2002
Garret-Evangelical Seminary, Evanston, IL

Cousins Lectures 2001
Baptist Theological Seminary, Richmond, VA

Todd Lectures 2001
Memphis Theological Seminary, Memphis, TN

Schmiechen Lectures 2001
Eden Theological Seminary, St. Louis, MO

Lund Lectures 1997
North Park Seminary, Chicago, IL

Gustafson Lectures 1996
United Theological Seminary, Minneapolis, MN

Hein-Fry Lectures 1995
Four ELCA Seminaries

Smythe Lectures 1993
Columbia Theological Seminary, Atlanta, GA

Faculty Lectures 1993
Wesley Theological Seminary, Washington, D.C.

Convocation Lectures 1992
Lutheran Seminary, Saskatoon, Canada

Page Lectures 1991
Southeastern Baptist Seminary, Wake Forest, NC

Trinity Institute Lectures 1991
New York and San Francisco

Numerous presentations over the years at the Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meetings

Over 300 presentations at academic and pastor's conferences, convocations, district/synod assemblies, and adult forums throughout the United States, Canada, Great Britain, Germany, Austria, Japan, South Africa, Zimbabwe, Hong Kong, China, and Australia.

Honors

- 2008 Distinguished Alumni Award, Augustana Academy
- 2005 Festschrift: *'And God Saw That It Was Good': Essays on Creation and God in Honor of Terence E. Fretheim* (St. Paul, Word & World)
- 2001 Distinguished Service Award, Luther College
- 1997 “Award of Excellence” from Religion Communications Council for “About the Bible” series in *Lutheran Woman Today*
- 1995 Phi Beta Kappa, Luther College (as alumnus)
- 1992 ATS Research Scholarship
- 1975-1976 Fredrik A. Schiotz Fellowship Award (AAL)
- 1963-1965 Martin Luther Scholarship, NLEC
- 1960-1961 Fulbright Scholarship, England
- 1960-1961 Lutheran Brotherhood Seminary Graduate Scholarship

Publications

Books

Creation Untamed: The Bible, God, and Natural Disasters (Baker Academic, 2010)

About the Bible: Short Answers to Big Questions (revised and expanded), 2009.

Co-editor (with Marcia Bunge & Beverly Gaventa), *The Child in the Bible* (Eerdmans, 2008)

Abraham: Trials of Family and Faith (Univ. of South Carolina Press, 2007)

Hope in God in Times of Suffering (with Faith Fretheim) (Augsburg/Fortress, 2006)

God and World in the Old Testament: A Relational Theology of Creation (Abingdon, 2005)

Jeremiah: A Commentary (Smyth & Helwys, 2002)

Co-editor (with Curtis Thompson), *God, Evil and Suffering: Essays in Honor of Paul Sponheim* (Word & World, 2000)

A Theological Introduction to the Old Testament (with B. Birch, W. Brueggemann and D. Petersen) (Abingdon, 1999; rev. ed. 2005)

About the Bible: Short Answers to Big Questions (Augsburg, 1999)

First and Second Kings (Westminster/John Knox, 1999)

In God's Image: A Study of Genesis (Augsburg Fortress, 1999)

The Bible as Word of God in a Postmodern Age (With K. Froehlich) (Fortress, 1998)

Proclamation 6: Interpreting the Lessons of the Church Year. Pentecost 1, Series C (Fortress, 1997)

The Pentateuch (Abingdon, 1996)

“The Book of Genesis.” in *The New Interpreter's Bible* (Abingdon, 1994)

Exodus Interpretation Series (John Knox, 1991)

From Eden to Zion Augsburg Adult Curriculum (1991)

Deuteronomy-II Kings SEARCH 9 and 10 (Augsburg, 1985)

The Suffering of God: An Old Testament Perspective (Fortress, 1984)

Deuteronomic History (Abingdon, 1983)

The Message of Jonah: A Theological Commentary (Augsburg, 1977)

Our Old Testament Heritage 2 vols. (Augsburg, 1970-1971)

Creation, Fall and Flood - Studies in Genesis 1-11 (Augsburg, 1969)

Articles and Essays

“Response to [three] Reviews of *God and World in the Old Testament: A Relational Theology of Creation*,” in *Journal of Pentecostal Theology*, 2010.

“The Pursuit of Happiness: God and Creation,” in *The Bible and the Pursuit of Happiness* (ed. B. Strawn; Oxford), forthcoming.

“The Self-Limiting God of the Old Testament and Issues of Violence,” in *Festschrift* (ed. B. Schramm), forthcoming.

“Does the God of Genesis 1-11 Cross Cultures,” in forthcoming essay in Korean publication.

“Interpreting the Prophets and Issues of Social Justice,” in *The Bible and the American Future* (ed. by R. Jewett, et al; Eugene: Cascade, 2009)

“The Authority of the Bible, the Flood Story, and Problematic Images of God” forthcoming in collection of essays, *Australian Theological Hermeneutics*.

Notes on the book of Genesis in *Lutheran Study Bible*, 2009.

“Preaching Creation: Genesis 1-2,” *Word & World*, 2009.

Notes on the book of Numbers in *The New Oxford Annotated Bible* (4th ed.), 2010. Reprinted in *The Pentateuch* (ed. J. Muddiman; J. Barton; Oxford Univ. Press, 2010)

“‘God Was With the Boy’ (Genesis 21:20); Children in the Book of Genesis,” in *The Child in the Bible*, eds. Marcia Bunge, Terence Fretheim, & Beverly Gaventa (Eerdmans, 2008).

“The Prophets and Social Justice: A Conservative Agenda,” *Word & World*, 2008

Notes on the book of Genesis in *The Discipleship Study Bible* (Westminster/John Knox, 2008)

Response to Draft of ELCA Social Statement on Sexuality, online *Journal of Lutheran Ethics*, 2008.

“The Binding of Isaac and the Abuse of Children,” *Lutheran Theological Journal*, 2007.

“Creation in Community: Faith and the Environment,” *ViewPoint: Theological Investigations in Church and Culture* (online journal, Columbia Theological Seminary; with responses, 2007).

“The God of the Flood Story and Natural Disasters,” *Calvin Theological Journal*, 2008.

“The Authority of the Bible and the Imaging of God,” in *Engaging Biblical Authority: Perspectives on the Bible as Scripture*, ed. William Brown (Eerdmans, 2007).

“The Exaggerated God of Jonah,” *Word and World*, 2007.

Nine articles on “Hope in God in Times of Suffering” (with Faith Fretheim) in *Lutheran Woman Today* (Sept. 2006-May. 2007)

“Repentance in the Former Prophets” in *Repentance in Christian Theology*, eds. Mark Boda and Gordon Smith (Liturgical Press, 2006)

“The Authority of the Bible and Churchly Debates Regarding Sexuality,” *Word & World*, 2006. Reissued in online *Journal of Lutheran Ethics*, 2007.

“‘I was Only a Little Angry’; Divine Violence in the Prophets,” *Interpretation*, 2004

“Evil After 9/11: A Consequence of Human Freedom,” *Word and World*, 2004

“God and Violence in the Old Testament,” *Word and World*, 2004

“Is Anything Too Hard for God? (Jer 32:27)”, *Catholic Biblical Quarterly*, 2004

“Response to McConville's ‘Judgement of God in the Old Testament’,” *Ex Auditu*, 2004

“Exodus, Book of” in *Dictionary of the Old Testament: Pentateuch*, 2003

“Law in the Service of Life: A Dynamic Understanding of Law in Deuteronomy,” in *A God So Near: Essays in Old Testament Theology in Honor of Patrick D. Miller*, 2003

“Caught in the Middle: Jeremiah's Vocational Crisis”, *Word and World*, 2002

“God and the Power of Vulnerability” *Catalyst*, 2002

“Hearing God from the Other”, *Word and World*, 2002

“Old Testament Foundations for an Environmental Theology”, *Currents in Biblical and Theological Dialogue*, ed. J. Stafford, 2002

“The Character of God in Jeremiah”, in *Character and Scripture: Moral Formation, Community and Biblical Interpretation*, ed. W.P. Brown, 2002

“Theological Reflections on the Wrath of God in the Old Testament” *Horizons in Biblical Theology*, 2002

“The Book of Numbers” in *The Oxford Bible Commentary*, 2001

“The Old Testament and Homosexuality” in *The Lutheran*, 2001

“Divine Judgment and the Warming of the World” in *God, Evil and Suffering: Essays in Honor of Paul R. Sponheim*, 2000

“Does God Really Wrestle?” (Genesis 32:22-32) *Lutheran Woman Today*, 2000

“The Earth Story in Jeremiah 12” in *Readings from the Perspective of Earth*, 2000

“When the morning Stars Sang Together (Job 38:7)” *Lutheran Woman Today*, 2000

“Which Blessing Does Isaac Give Jacob?” in *Jews, Christians and the Theology of the Hebrew Scriptures*, 2000

“In God's Image: A Study in Genesis” *Lutheran Woman Today* (series of 9 articles), 1999-2000

“And They Laughed” *Lutheran Woman Today*, 1999

“Christology and the Old Testament”, in *Who Do You Say That I Am?: Essays on Christology*, 1999

“God and the Meaning of Suffering” *Lutheran Woman Today*, 1999

“God in the Book of Job,” in *Currents in Theology and Mission*, 1999

“To Say Something - About God, Evil, and Suffering,” in *Word & World*, 1999

“Some Reflections on Brueggemann's God,” in *God in the Fray: Essays in Honor of Walter Brueggemann*, 1998

“The Ten Commandments,” in *The Family Handbook*, 1998

“Divine Dependence upon the Human: An Old Testament Perspective,” in *Ex Auditu*, 1997

“Exodus 3: A Theological Interpretation,” in *The Theological Interpretation of Scripture: Classic and Contemporary Readings*, 1997

“The God Who Acts: An Old Testament Perspective,” *Theology Today*, 1997

“About the Bible,” *Lutheran Woman Today* (series of 21 articles), 1996-1998

“Because the Whole Earth is Mine: Narrative and Theme in Exodus,” *Interpretation*, 1996

“God, Abraham, and the Abuse of Isaac,” *Word & World*, 1995

“God in Exodus,” *Creative Transformation*, 1994

“Is Genesis 3 a Fall Story?” *Word & World*, 1994

“Salvation in the Bible vs. Salvation in the Church,” *Word & World*, 1993

“Creator, Creature, and Co-Creation in Genesis 1-2,” in *All Things New: Essays in Honor of Roy A. Harrisville*. *Word & World* Supplement Series, 1992

“Where in the World is God? Reflections on Divine Presence in the Old Testament,” *Lutheran Theological Journal*, 1992

“The Plagues as Ecological Signs of Historical Disaster,” *Journal of Biblical Literature*, 1991

“The Reclamation of Creation: Redemption and Law in Exodus,” *Interpretation*, 1991

“Suffering God and Sovereign God in Exodus,” *Horizons Biblical Theology*, 1989

“A God Who Suffers: An Old Testament Perspective,” in *Suffering and Redemption: Exploring Christian Witness within a Buddhist Context*, 1988

“Prayer in the OT: Creating Space for God in the World,” in *A Primer on Christian Prayer*, 1988

“The Book of Jonah,” *Harper's One-Volume Commentary*, 1988

“The Repentance of God: A Key to Evaluating OT God-Talk,” *Horizons Biblical Theology*, 1988

“The Repentance of God: A Study of Jeremiah 18:7-10,” *Hebrew Annual Review*, 1987

“The Suffering of God and the Power of Jesus,” *Entree*, 1987

“God and Prophet: An Old Testament Perspective,” *God and Jesus: Theological Reflections for Christian-Muslim Dialog*, 1986

“The Color of God: Israel's God-Talk and Life-Experience,” *Word & World*, 1986

“The Days of Creation,” *The Genesis Debate*, 1986

“The OT Understanding of Mission,” in *Bible and Mission*, 1986

“Divine Foreknowledge, Divine Constancy, and the Rejection of Saul's Kingship,” *Catholic Biblical Quarterly*, 1985

“The OT in Christian Proclamation,” *Word & World*, 1983

“OT Commentaries: Their Selection and Use,” *Interpretation*, 1982

“Ten Faces of Ministry: A Conversation” (with others) *Word & World*, 1981

Three sermons in *Augsburg Sermons: Old Testament Lessons A, B and C*, 1979-1981

“Jonah and Theodicy,” *Zeitschrift alttestamentliche Wissenschaft*, 1978

“Life in the Wilderness: Numbers 21:4-9,” *dialog*, 1978

“The Theology of the Major Traditions in Genesis-Numbers,” *Review and Expositor*, 1977

“On Being a Servant: Isaiah 50:4-9,” *Princeton Seminary Bulletin*, 1973

“Jacob, the Church,” *Luther Seminary Review*, 1972

“The Jacob Traditions: Theology and Hermeneutic,” *Interpretation*, 1972

“The Ark in Deuteronomy,” *Catholic Biblical Quarterly*, 1968

“The Priestly Document: Anti-Temple?” *Vetus Testamentum*, 1968

“Psalm 132: A Form-Critical Study,” *Journal of Biblical Literature*, 1967

Entries in Encyclopedias and Dictionaries

“God, OT View of”; and “Image of God” in *The New Interpreter’s Dictionary of the Bible* (Abingdon), 2008.

“Abraham” and “Akedah,” *New Interpreter’s Dictionary of the Bible*, vol. I (Abingdon, 2007).

“Creation”, “Angel”, “Lord of Hosts”, “God Most High”, “Jealous”, “Heaven” in *Westminster Theological Wordbook of the Bible*, 2003

“God”; “The Book of Jonah” in *Eerdmans Dictionary of the Bible*, 2000

“Grace, Favor”; “Pain, Hurt”; “Worship, Serve,”; “God”; “Knowledge, Understanding” in *New International Dictionary of Old Testament Theology*, 1997

“Word of God”; “Will of God,” in *Anchor Bible Dictionary*, 1992

“Elohism”; “Source Criticism,” *IDB Supplement*, 1976

Book Reviews

Reviews in various journals, including:

Journal of Biblical Literature; Catholic Biblical Quarterly; Theology Today; Journal of Religion; Word & World; Princeton Seminary Bulletin; Biblical Interpretation; Interpretation.

Audio/Video

Fretheim Explores Genesis (9 1/2 hour sessions), Luther Productions, 2000

Various articles and tapes for *The Lutheran Standard, Resource and Lectionary Homiletics*