

Curriculum Vitae **Rollin G. Grams**

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WHO I AM:

- A Christian since childhood, baptized at 11 years old
- Son and grandson of missionaries to South Africa, and missionary since 1989 in various capacities
- An Anglican priest (Church of Uganda) since 2014
- A theological educator since 1985 in Bible and ethics
- Married with 3 children, 2 daughters-in-law, and 1 grandson
- Professor of Biblical Theology and Ethics

EDUCATION:

Duke University	1989	Ph.D.
Durham, NC, USA	Advisor: Dr. James L. Price	
Field:	New Testament and Christian Origins	
Internal Minor:	Patristics	
External Minor:	Classical Rhetoric	

Dissertation: *Gospel and Mission in Paul's Ethics*, a dissertation arguing for a narrative ethics approach to Pauline ethics in which Paul's and the Church's mission and the Gospel narrative are shown to establish in part the ground, guidance, motivation, empowering, and content of Paul's ethics.

Gordon-Conwell	1980-1981	Post-Degree Studies
Theological Seminary		
Hamilton, MA, USA		

Gordon-Conwell	1980	Master of Theological Studies
Theological Seminary	Concentration: New Testament	
Honors:	Summa Cum Laude	
	Phi Alpha Chi Honour Society	

University of Michigan	1978	B.A.
Flint, MI, USA		
Majors:	Philosophy and Psychology	
Basic Intensive:	Mathematics	
Honors:	James B. Angel Scholar (Academic Award)	

Other Education:

Harvard Divinity School: "The Early Church" (1982)
Central Bible College, Springfield, MO: Fall Semester (1975)

Languages Studied: Koine Greek, Biblical Hebrew, Aramaic, German, French, Latin, Afrikaans, Kiswahili, Croatian.

CURRENT ACADEMIC POSITIONS:

Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, Charlotte	Professor of Biblical Theology and Ethics	August 2006 - present
Ridley Institute, Mt. Pleasant, SC	Overseas Coordinator, Course Designer, and Tutor	January, 2019 - present
Oxford Centre for Religion and Public Life, UK/South Africa	Lecturer	2017 - present

OTHER TEACHING EXPERIENCE:

Oxford Centre for Mission Studies Oxford, England	Research Tutor & Lecturer	1999-2005
Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary Charlotte, North Carolina	Assistant Professor of NT & Greek Adjunct Assistant Professor of NT	1993 - 1997 1992 - 1993
Stellenbosch Theological Institute/ Shofar Institute South Africa	Lecturer, BTh, Hons.	20012-2014
TCM International Institute, Heiligenkreuz, Austria	Lecturer, master's level	September, 2010-2011
International Baptist Theological Seminary, Prague, Czech R.	Lecturer, M.A. in Biblical Studies Evangelical Theological Seminary	May 1999-2010 Visiting Lecturer
1994-2002 Osijek, CROATIA	Lecturer, Director of M.A. in Bibl. Studies	1997-1999
	Course Director, M.A. in Biblical Studies, Evangelical Theological Seminary, Croatia (August, 1998 - March, 2000)	
Evangelical Theological College Addis Ababa, ETHIOPIA	Visiting Lecturer	1991 (Fall Semester)
Nairobi Evangelical Graduate School of Theology Nairobi, KENYA	Professor of NT and Greek	1989 - 1991
Elon College Elon, North Carolina	Visiting Instructor	1988 (2 courses)
Duke University (4 courses)	Instructor	1985, 1986, 1987
Duke University Duke Divinity School Durham, North Carolina	Teaching Assistant Teaching Assistant	1983, 1984 1983, 1984, 1987
Asia Theological Centre for Evangelism and Mission SINGAPORE	Visiting Instructor	1985, 1986, 1993 (5 courses)

OTHER MINISTRY/PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

United World Mission Missionary (part-time) 2009-present Part-time in South Africa

Independent Missionary in Europe, 1999-2005 Full-time in Croatia, Czech Rep., England

Assistant Editor, *Transformation Journal*, 2002 - 2005

Missionary with SIM in Kenya and Ethiopia (1989-1992)

Registrar at Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary--Charlotte (Sept. 1993 - Dec. 1996)

Duties:

- *Established and administered Registrar's Office;
- *Helped Design Academic Curriculum and Mentored Ministry Program for Charlotte campus;
- *Planned yearly course calendar and recruited faculty for courses;
- *Wrote (in large part) and edited Charlotte Catalog '95 - '97;
- *Student academic advising;
- *General: Assisted in establishing the new Charlotte campus since its inception in 1992.
- *Served on Academic Committee to establish Christian Counseling M.A. Program

Clerk in Financial Aid Office, Harvard-Radcliffe University (1981-1982)

Church Internship: Judson Baptist Church, Flint, MI (Summer, 1980)

PUBLICATIONS:

Books:

Unchanging Witness: The Consistent Christian Teaching on Homosexuality in Scripture and Tradition. Nashville, TN: B&H Pub., 2016. Co-authored with Don Fortson, III. ISBN: 978-1-4336-8792-1.

Stewards of Grace: A Reflective, Mission Biography of Eugene and Phyllis Grams in South Africa, 1951-1962. Eugene, OR: Wipf & Stock, 2010. ISBN: 13:978-1-60899-552-3.

Rival Versions of Theological Enquiry. Prague: International Baptist Theological Seminary, 2005.

Gospel and Mission in Paul's Ethics. Unpublished dissertation. Duke University, 1989.

Self-Published E-Books:

Pastoral Care for Sinners and the Mission of the Triune God (2016) [booklet]

Gathered for Worship (2016) [booklet]

Thoughts for the Journey (A Devotional) (2017) [booklet]

The Mission of Jesus and His Disciples: Studies in the Gospels (2019)

Wealth and Poverty in Scripture and the Early Church (2019) [booklet]

Suffering and Hope: Studies on Suffering, Heaven, and the Resurrection (2020)

The Church and Western Tribalism: Studies in Theology and Culture (2020)

Catechism on Sex and Marriage (2020) [booklet]

The Ethics of Jesus in Matthew's Gospel (2020)

Leadership: Challenging a Paradigm for Christian Ministry (2020)

The Moral Witness of Scripture: Community, Narrative, Virtues, and Practices (2020)

In the Hall of Tyrannus: Paul and the Culture of His Day (2020)

Edited Books:

Academic Reasoning, Research and Writing in Religious Studies. A Concise Handbook. Co-written and edited with Parush R Parushev. Brno: Tribun EU, 2008. ISBN: 978-80-7399-099-2.

Bible and Mission. Co-edited with I. Howard Marshall, Peter Penner, Robin Routledge. Schwarzenfeld: Neufeld Verlag, 2008.

Towards an Understanding of European Baptist Identity: Listening to the Churches in Armenia, Bulgaria, Central Asia, Moldova, North Caucasus, Omsk and Poland. Written by Rollin G. Grams et al. Co-edited with Parush R. Parushev. Prague, CZ: International Baptist Theological Seminary, 2006.

Articles:

‘Jesus Christ, raised from the dead’ (2 Tim. 2.8): Exploring Key Differences over Beliefs about the Resurrection between Judaism, Christianity, and Islam,’ in *Jesus and the Resurrection: Reflections of Christians from Islamic Contexts* (Oxford: Regnum Press, 2014): 113-128.

‘Revealing Divine Identity: The Incarnation of the Word in John’s Gospel,’ in *Jesus and the Incarnation: Reflection of Christians from Islamic Contexts*, ed. David Singh. Eugene, OR: Wipf & Stock, 2011. Pp. 47-59. ISBN: 978-1-870345-90-3.

‘Not My People?’ Israel and the People of God in Early Christianity.’ In *First the Kingdom of God: A Festschrift in Honor of Professor Dr. Peter Kuzmic*. Ed. Miroslav Volf, Corneliu Constantineanu, Marcel V. Măcelaru, Krešimir Šimić. Regnum Press and Wipf & Stock, 2011. ISBN: 978-953-6110-14-8.

‘The Shaping of Christian Convictions and the Avoidance of Ideology: Paul’s Contribution to a Vexing Issue in 1 Corinthians,’ *Baptistic Theologies*, Vol. 3.1 (Spring, 2011): 1-14.

‘God’s Mercy from Generation to Generation: Luke’s Use of Psalms 105-108 in His Infancy Narrative Songs to Provide a Salvation Historical Understanding for His Two Volume History,’ *Baptistic Theologies 2* (Autumn, 2009): 93-108.

‘Some Geographical and Intertextual Dimensions of Matthew’s Mission Theology.’ In *Bible and Mission: A Conversation Between Biblical Studies and Mission*. Co-edited with I. Howard Marshall, Peter Penner, Robin Routledge. Schwarzenfeld: Neufeld Verlag, 2008.

‘God, the Beneficent-the Merciful, and Jesus’s Cross: From Abstract to Concrete Theologising,’ in *Jesus and the Cross: Reflections of Christians from Islamic Contexts*, ed. D. Singh. Oxford: Regnum/Paternoster, 2008. Pp. 157-166.

‘Ethics.’ In *Dictionary of Mission Theology: Evangelical Foundations*. Ed. John Corrie. Leicester, UK: InterVarsity Press, 2007.

‘Transformation Mission Theology: Its History, Theology and Hermeneutics,’ *Transformation 2007* (Vol. 24, 4): 193-212.

‘Paul Among the Mission Theologians.’ *Missionalia* (3, 2006).

‘A Comparative Mapping of Baptist Moral Concerns and Identity in Six Regions of Europe and in Central Asia.’ *Journal of European Baptist Theology* (3, 2006): 41-60. Co-authored with Parush Parushev.

‘Contextualisation and Intertextuality, and Paul’s Soteriology,’ *Transformation 23.1* (Jan., 2006).

‘Not ‘Leaders’ but ‘Little Ones’ in the Father’s Kingdom: The character of discipleship in Matthew’s Gospel.’ *Transformation 2004* (21.2): 114-125.

'Narrative Dynamics in Isaiah's and Matthew's Mission Theology.' *Transformation* 21.4 (Oct., 2004): 238-255.

'Church and Context Survey: Baptists of the North Caucasus Region, Russia. Written with W. Brown, P. Parushev, and P. Penner. *Transformation* 21.3 (July 2004): 162-173.

'The Case for Biblical Norms in Christian Ethics,' *Journal of European Baptist Studies*, Vol. 3.3 (May, 2003): 5-16.

'The Use of Biblical Norms in Christian Ethics,' *Journal of European Baptist Studies*, Vol. 4.1 (September, 2003), pp. 4-19.

'From Being to Doing: the Identity of God's People as the Ground for Building a Christian Social Ethic,' *Transformation* 18.3 (July, 2001): 155-171.

Translation of Croatian Title: Gospel Mission and the Character of Christian Community'', *Izvori* (7/8/99): 7-8.

'Expanding the Argument' [on the meaning of 'ethnoi'] in *Evangelical Missions Quarterly* (Fall, 1997).

"The Temple Conflict Scene: A Rhetorical Analysis of Matthew 21-23," in *Persuasive Artistry: Studies in New Testament Rhetoric in Honor of George A. Kennedy* (Sheffield, 1991).

Book Reviews:

Scott, James M. Adoption As Sons Of God: An Exegetical Investigation into the Background of *uivohsi,a* in the Pauline Corpus. In *Journal of Biblical Literature* Vol. 113 (Fall, 1994): 548-550.

Fee, Gordon D. The First Epistle to the Corinthians. In *East Africa Journal of Evangelical Theology*. Vol. 8.1 (1989): 50-53.

Clowney, Edmund P. *The Message of 1 Peter: The Way of the Cross* and Grudem, Wayne A. *First Epistle of Peter: An Introduction and Commentary*. In *East Africa Journal of Evangelical Theology*. Vol. 8.2 (1989): 42-46.

Schrage, Wolfgang. The Ethics of the New Testament. In *Africa Journal of Evangelical Theology*. Vol. 9.1 (1990): 48-52.

Myers, Bryant, *Walking With the Poor: Principles and Practices of Transformational Development* (Maryknoll, NY: Orbis Press, 1999). In *Transformation* 18.1 (2001): 62-64.

Bauckham, Richard. *Bible and Mission: Christian Witness in a Postmodern World*. Carlisle: Paternoster Press and Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Book House, 2003. In *Transformation* 21.3 (2004): 204-207.

SUPERVISION:

Co-Supervisor for two Ph.D. students through OCMS, Oxford (both completed successfully in 2006);
Co-Supervisor for three Ph.D. students through IBTS, Prague (one complete in 2008).
Supervisor for four M.A. students through Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary.
Tutoring postgraduate students at OCMS, IBTS.

COURSES TAUGHT

Master's Level:

Ethics: Biblical Ethics, New Testament and Christian Ethics; Christian Ethics, Ethics and Development

Language: Basic Greek; Intermediate Greek; Readings in Patristic Greek

Biblical Theology

New Testament: Graeco-Roman Backgrounds; Synoptic Gospels; Life of Jesus; Acts and Paul; Paul and His Letters; Pauline Theology and Mission; Apocalypse and Apocalyptic Literature; New Testament Ethics

Greek Exegesis: Gospel of Matthew; Gospel of Luke; Gospel of John; Romans; Ephesians; Corinthian Correspondence; 1 Corinthians; Colossians; James

Hermeneutics: Interpreting the NT; Interpreting the Bible; Bible, Culture and Context; Biblical Hermeneutics

Bachelor's Level:

Interpreting the Bible; New Testament Introduction; Gospels; Romans; Christian Ethics; New Testament Ethics; Pauline Theology; Gospel of Matthew; Paul and the Law

CHURCH

Ordination: Missionary Priest, Church of Uganda (Anglican) (2014)

Associate Priest: Trinity Church, Franschhoek, South Africa. Rector: Fr. Gavin Mitchell

PERSONAL:

Citizenship: United States of America

Place and Date of Birth: Welkom, Republic of SOUTH AFRICA on 25 July, 1958

Church (recent): St. Andrews City Church, Charleston, SC

FAMILY:

Marriage: Married to Wendy Davies Grams (born in Durban, South Africa). 19 June, 1993

Children: David Rollin Grams (27 July, 1994), James Rollin Grams (4 Dec., 1995), Rachel Evelyn Davies Grams (10 November, 1999)

REFERENCES

Available upon request.