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EDUCATION

Harvard University Ph.D., Department of Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations M.A., Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations	Cambridge, M.A. 2009 2005
Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary M.A., Religion (with a concentration in Biblical Languages), <i>summa cum laude</i> M.A., Old Testament Studies, <i>summa cum laude</i>	S. Hamilton, M.A. 1997 1996
University of North Carolina B.A., History	Chapel Hill, N.C. 1990

PUBLICATIONS

<i>Idolatry</i> (Title TBD) in the <i>Essential Studies in Biblical Theology</i> series, InterVarsity Press (under contract)	2024
<i>Lifeway CSB Women's Study Bible</i> , Study Notes for Genesis and 1-2 Kings (under contract, manuscript due Dec 2021)	2022
"How Akkadian Cognates Can Illuminate Our Understanding of Scripture," a 900 word exegetical insight for a forthcoming Akkadian grammar by Gordon P. Hugenberg, published by Zondervan (submitted)	2022
<i>The Rewards of Learning Greek and Hebrew: Discovering the Richness of the Bible in its Original Languages</i> , Hendrickson. Co-authored with Dr. Philip Towner, Dean of the Nida Institute for Biblical Scholarship at the American Bible Society. Publication date: Nov/Dec 2021.	2021
"What Isaiah Knew: the LORD is God and there is No Other," in <i>Southeastern Theological Review</i> Vol. 12. No. 1.	2021
"Human Identity and Purpose Redefined: Genesis 1:26-28 and 2:5-25 in Context," <i>Advances in Ancient Biblical and Near Eastern Research</i> (submitted)	2021
"The Image of God" for <i>The Dictionary of the New Testament Use of the Old Testament</i> , edited by G. K. Beale, D. A. Carson, Benjamin L. Gladd, and Andrew David Naselli, Baker Academic (submitted)	2021
"Canaanites and Canaanite Religion," "Philistines," and the study notes for 1-2 Kings <i>Baker Illustrated Bible Background Commentary</i>	2020
Introductions and Study Notes for 1-2 Samuel, 1-2 Kings, and 1-2 Chronicles in the <i>ESV Archaeological Study Bible</i> , Crossway. Winner of the ECPA Book of the Year Award for Bibles (2019).	2018
In the Image of God He Created Them: How Gen 1:26-27 Defines the Divine-Human Relationship and Why It Matters," p. 29-46 in <i>The Image of God in an Image Driven Age: Explorations in Theological Anthropology</i> , InterVarsity Press.	2016
<i>The Image of God in the Garden of Eden: The Creation of Humankind in Gen 2:5-3:24 in Light of the mis pi/pit pi and wpt-r Rituals of Mesopotamia and Ancient Egypt</i> , Eisenbrauns.	2015

- “I AM and they are not” for “Opening the Word,” *Contact Magazine*, Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary. 2013
- “Idols and Idol Making” in *NIV Archaeology Study Bible*, Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan. 2005
- “Exegetical Insight: What a Difference a Pronoun Makes” and “Exegetical Insight: A Word is Worth a Thousand Pictures” (under the author’s former name, Catherine Beckerleg) in Gary D. Pratico and Miles Van Pelt, *Basics of Biblical Hebrew*, Zondervan. 2001
- “Tombs I, II, and III of Tell Dothan’s Western Cemetery,” *Bulletin of the American School of Oriental Research*, Vol. 298: 75-76. 1995

PAPERS PRESENTED

- The Rewards of Learning Greek and Hebrew: Discovering the Richness of the Bible in its Original Languages*, Hendrickson. Presentation at the German Bible Society’s session at the annual meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature 2021
- "Human Identity and Purpose Redefined: Genesis 1:26-28 and 2:5-25 in Context" Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary Faculty Colloquium 2021
- "Created in God's Image: Humanity as Royal Children of God," Biblical Theological Seminary, Cap-Haïtien, Haiti 2021
- "Human Identity and Purpose Redefined: Genesis 2:5-25 In Context," American Schools of Oriental Research Annual Meeting 2020
- “The Image of God in the Kingdom of God: Israel as Image and Son” Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary – Jacksonville, FL 2019
- “The Image of God in the Kingdom of God: Israel as Image and Son” *Scripture and Hermeneutics Seminar* at the Society of Biblical Literature Meeting in San Antonio, TX 2016
- "In the Image of God He Created Them: How Gen 1:26-27 Defines the Divine-Human Relationship and Why It Matters," *Wheaton Theology Conference*, Wheaton, IL 2015
- "Created in God’s Image: The meaning of *selem* and *demut* in Genesis 1" *Institute of Biblical Research* Annual Conference, Baltimore, MD 2013
- “The Presence of God in the Garden of Eden,” *Divine Presence Conference in Honor of Dr. Gary D. Pratico*, Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, Hamilton, MA 2013
- “There’s No Place like Home: the Image of God in the Garden of Eden” *Cooley Lecture*, Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary-Charlotte, Charlotte, NC 2011
- “Man as the Image of God in Light of the Mesopotamian Mouth-Washing and Opening Ritual,” *Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature*, Boston, MA 2008
- “New Light on Genesis 1-3 and Man as the Image of God,” *Evangelical Theological Society Annual Meeting*, Providence, RI 2008
- “In the Image of Yahweh Elohim: Humanity as the ‘Royal Son’ of Yahweh in Genesis 1-3 in Light of the Mesopotamian *mis pi* and *pit pi* Ritual,” Hebrew Bible Workshop, Department of Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations, Harvard University 2008
- “The Creation, Animation and Enthronement of ha-adam in Genesis 2:7-25,” 1999

Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, Boston, MA

“Born from Above: The Creation of Divine Images in Mesopotamia and Ancient Israel,” 1999
Mesopotamian and Ancient Near Eastern Religion Workshop, Department of Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA

“Image of Yahweh or Icon of Israel? The Israelite High Priest as a Royal-Divine Figure” 1999
Problems in the History and Literature of Ancient Israel Seminar, Department of Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA

BLOG POSTS

Why Biblical Archaeology Matters June 20, 2017
<https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/blogs/ryan-reeves/why-biblical-archaeology-matters/>

Why do Christians Care about Qumran and the Dead Sea Scrolls? February 9, 2017
<https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/blogs/ryan-reeves/why-do-christians-care-about-qumran-and-dead-sea-scrolls/>

PODCASTS

Guest Speaker in a short documentary on the authors of the Bible, created by Dru Johnson, Associate Professor of Biblical and Theological Studies and Director of *The Center for Hebraic Thought* October 2021
<https://hebraicthought.org/>

"Conversation on the Imago Dei" on *The Charge with Dennis Metzler* September 2021
*will be aired Fall 2021

The Alabaster Jar May 2021
"The Image of God in the Garden of Eden: a Conversation with Catherine McDowell"
<https://thealabasterjar.podbean.com/e/the-image-of-god-in-the-garden-of-eden-conversation-with-catherine-mcdowell-aj-8/>

LAY PRESENTATIONS

North Carolina Study Center, Chapel Hill, N.C. 2018-2020
Genesis 1-2 Oct 2018
The Temple and the Presence of God Nov 2019
The Return of the King: Redemption Completed April 2019, April 2020

“The True Story of the Whole World: Understanding the Metanarrative of Scripture” 2017
Redeemer School Parent, Teacher, and Staff Luncheon, Winston-Salem, NC

“The Good News About Jesus: the Formative Power of God’s Word,” *Redeemer School Staff and Faculty Training*, Winston-Salem, NC 2016

“How Biblical Archaeology Informs the Task of Preaching: a Case Study in the 8th c Prophets,” *National Conference on Preaching*, Charlotte, NC 2013

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Séminaire Théologique Mondelus (Milot, Haiti) 2021-2022
Hebrew Language Instructor

Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary (Charlotte) 2011-present
Associate Professor of Old Testament

Wheaton College (IL) 2010-2011
Assistant Professor of Old Testament

<i>Eteachergroup.com</i> Faculty, Classical Hebrew teacher	2008-2010
<i>Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary (Hamilton)</i> Adjunct Professor of Classical Hebrew	2009-2010
Assistant Professor of Old Testament	2002-2004
Departmental Hebrew Tutor, Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary	1994-1996
Hebrew Byington Award, an assistantship awarded to a high-ranking student to tutor in Biblical Hebrew in the Hebrew Department.	1993-1994
<i>Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary (Boston/CUME)</i> Assistant Professor of Old Testament	2002-2004
<i>Harvard University</i> Teaching Fellow, Biblical Archaeology	2001
Teaching Fellow, History of the Ancient Near East	2001
Teaching Fellow, Classical Hebrew A	2000-2001
Teaching Fellow, Syro-Palestinian Pottery Seminar	1999, 2001
Participant in a four-part seminar for Teaching Fellows on "Teaching Foreign Languages", sponsored by the Department of Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations	1999
Participant, Derek Bok Center for Teaching and Learning Conference, Harvard University	1999, 2000
<i>Boston University</i> Guest Lecturer, "The Discovery of Two Phoenician Ships: the 1999 Ashkelon Deep Sea Expedition"	2000

RELATED EMPLOYMENT OR SERVICE

<i>Institute for Biblical Research</i> , Board Member IBR Website Manager	2021 - present
<i>Bulletin for Biblical Research</i> , Editorial Board	2020-2023
<i>Westwood Pool and Tennis Club</i> , Winston-Salem, NC Board Member, Swim Committee	2016 – present
<i>Hendrickson Publishers</i> Proofreader (Jo Ann Hackett, <i>A Basic Introduction to Biblical Hebrew</i>)	2009

STUDENT MENTORING AND CAMPUS INITIATIVES

Gordon-Conwell in London/Paris/Berlin (on hold until further notice due to the COVID pandemic)
Currently designing a new course tentatively entitled "OT/NT 5XX Study Seminar in the Museums of London, Paris and Berlin." A study tour focusing on the historical and cultural context of the Bible as preserved in three of the world's greatest collections of material culture from the ancient Near East, Greece, and Rome housed at the British Museum (London), the Louvre (Paris), and the Vorderasiatisches Museum (Berlin). Guest lectures onsite by museum curators and specialists, emphasis by accompanying GCTS faculty on how this material impacts our understanding of the biblical world and our interpretation and application of Scripture. Trips may rotate cities rather than include all three. This could also be offered as an OT/NT/CT course with students pursuing different tracks - ancient Near East and OT backgrounds, the Greco-Roman world and NT backgrounds, and, for example, a CT focus on Byzantine and/or medieval Christian art. Time in London would include a trip to the British Library to see its wonderful collection of biblical and related manuscripts, (i.e. Codex Sinaiticus, Codex Alexandrinus, the Lindisfarne Gospels, the Gutenberg Bible, the Letter of Aristeas, and several early Greek manuscripts of New Testament books). Full afternoon tea service at the British Library could be included.



A new initiative to match advanced Hebrew students and alumni with current first year Hebrew students who need tutoring and encouragement The tutor meets one on one with a first year Hebrew student for just **One hour** a week to review Hebrew. Enables the tutor to deepen, maintain or refresh their Hebrew, creates opportunities for friendships, and increases retention in the first year Hebrew courses.

Wordsmiths 2020 –
 A writing group for students and alumni of Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary (any campus, any program). Currently meets on the second floor of the Harold Lindsell Library at GCTS-Charlotte on select Saturdays. Coffee, tea, literary themed mugs, legal pads and pens for brainstorming, sticky notes, and plenty of motivation provided. Students bring healthy snacks to share. The mornings and afternoons begin in corporate prayer before participants sit down to write.
 (on hold due to COVID-19; plan to resume Fall 2021)

Wordsmiths for W^eBS 2020 –
 Two one-day mini-writing retreats (Feb 29 and Mar 21) for W^eBS (see below) at my home in Winston-Salem, NC. Includes two 30-min times (morning and afternoon) of corporate worship and prayer followed by three and half hours of writing. Participants take breaks when needed. Covered back deck available all day and walking trails nearby when students need a break. Snacks, coffee, tea and lunch provided. Fellowship dinner at a local restaurant to end the day.
 (on hold due to COVID-19; plan to resume Fall 2021)

W^eBS (Women^{en} Biblical Studies) 2019 –
 A monthly gathering of women in the MDiv and other academic MA programs to promote fellowship and support, personal, professional, and spiritual development, to present current research, to discuss key issues in biblical studies, and to hear from other women in the field. Non-Profit status pending. Retreats, study tours, reasearch trips, conferences, attending academic conferences, and fundraising are planned. The "en" in *Women^{en} Biblical Studies* is a nod to our Spanish and French speaking members. Its superscript position mimics a footnote. (on hold due to COVID-19; have met a few times by Zoom; plan to resume Fall 2021)

Teaching Assistant Development Program 2017 – present
 Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary – Charlotte

MINISTRY EXPERIENCE AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Foundation Pierre Smith Mondelus, Haiti 2021-
 Hebrew Language & Hebrew Exegesis Instructor for
Séminaire Théologique Mondelus

Bible and Breakfast 2021-
 A weekly morning Bible study with senior girls at Calvary Day School

First Presbyterian Church, Winston-Salem, NC 2020 - present
 Teacher - Sunday Adult Education Equipping Hour

12 week class on the Book of Job (Fall 2021)

8 week class on M. Goheen and C. Bartholomew,
The Drama of Scripture (Fall 2020)

10 week class on Exodus (Winter/Spring 2021)

Advent Devotional, Contributor ("A Carpenter's Courage;
 Matthew 1:18-25")

Calvary Day School, Winston-Salem, NC 2020
 Substitute High School Swim Coach

Guest Speaker - Western Civilization course for 9th grade	
<i>West Winston Ladies Book Club</i> , Winston-Salem, NC Host and Leader of a bi-monthly book club/outreach	2019
<i>Redeemer School</i> , Winston-Salem, NC Board Member Bi-weekly Teaching and Training for Middle School Bible Teachers Staff Development Speaker Guest Speaker at the Parent Luncheon	2016 – 2017
<i>Redeemer Presbyterian Church</i> , Winston-Salem, NC Adult Education (Curriculum Development and Teaching) Biblical Hebrew Language Instructor	2006, 2012–2018 2004–2006
<i>Park Street Church</i> , Boston, MA Deacon (of Christian Education) Adult Education Teacher Courses taught: Old Testament Survey, Amos, Nahum, Bible Study Methodology, Genesis 1–3	2002–2004 2000–2002, 2010
<i>Vision New England</i> , Acton, MA Conference Speaker Topics presented: You are What You Worship: Wrestling with the Idols of Our Age Unlocking the Scriptures Consultant for Leadership Training Curriculum Development	2001, 2002 2000–2002

HONORS AND AWARDS

<i>Christian Scholars Foundation, Grant Finalist</i> Project: Green Scholars Initiative Dead Sea Scroll Project	2013
<i>Green Scholars Initiative (GSI) Scholar-Mentor</i> Chosen to publish a Dead Sea Scroll fragment, which I also used to mentor students in primary research and publication.	2013
<i>Faculty Development Grant</i> , Wheaton College (II)	2010
<i>Graduate Student Council Fall Conference Grant</i> , Harvard University An extremely competitive prize to cover expenses incurred while attending an academic conference. Awarded by a committee of deans, faculty and graduate students of Harvard University.	2008
<i>Certificate of Distinction in Teaching</i> , awarded by the Derek Bok Center for Teaching and Learning and the Office of the Dean for Undergraduate Education for excellence in the teaching of undergraduates in Harvard College.	2001–2002
<i>Website Grant</i> , Harvard University’s Instructional Computing Group, for the creation and implementation of a website for a graduate seminar in Syro-Palestinian Pottery.	2001
<i>The Women’s Travel Club Award</i> , Women’s Travel Club, Boston, M.A. A scholarship awarded to an exceptional female student for study abroad in her field of academic expertise.	1999
<i>Phi Alpha Chi</i> , the academic honor society of Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary.	1995–1997
<i>Biblical Studies Award</i> , Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary Given to one graduating student for overall excellence in Biblical Studies.	1997
<i>Old Testament Award</i> , Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary Given to one graduating student for outstanding work in Old Testament studies.	1996

<i>Pew Younger Scholar Award</i> , Recipient of a five year, \$36,000 grant from the Pew Charitable Trust for Ph.D. studies. Awarded on the basis of academic excellence and scholarly promise.	1996
<i>Merit-Based Full Tuition Award</i> , Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, Harvard University.	1996–1998
<i>Byington Scholar Award</i> , Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary. A teaching and research assistantship awarded to a high-ranking student to work within one of the divisions of the seminary. Responsibilities included tutoring students in Hebrew exegesis, lecturing in an introductory archaeology course, and conducting primary research on archaeological material from a Late Bronze Age II-Early Iron I tomb from Tell Dothan, Israel.	1992–96
<i>Distinctive Honors</i> for M. A. thesis, “Burial Practice at Tell Dothan: Was Tomb I a <i>byt mrzh?</i> ”, Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary.	1995
<i>Kerr Scholarship</i> , Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary.	1994–1995
<i>Lois Bennett Scholarship</i> , Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary.	1994–1995
<i>Research Fellow</i> , W. F. Albright Institute of Archaeological Research, Jerusalem, Israel. Conducted primary research on archaeological material from a Late Bronze Age II-Early Iron I tomb from Tell Dothan, Israel.	1994
<i>Dothan Research Fellowship</i> , Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary. Awarded for the purpose of conducting primary research on the pottery collection from the Tell Dothan excavations.	1994
<i>Women’s Council Scholarship</i> , Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary. For students demonstrating excellence in character, leadership and academics.	1993–1994
<i>Lois Bennett Scholarship</i> , Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary.	1994–1995
<i>Endowment for Biblical Research Travel Grant</i> , American Schools of Oriental Research, awarded to participate in Harvard University’s excavations at Ashkelon, Israel.	1992
<i>Douglas Young Scholarship</i> , an award for study at Jerusalem University College, Jerusalem, Israel given on the basis of need and academic excellence.	1992
<i>Associated Schools Scholarship</i> , an award given on the basis of need and academic excellence for students from schools associated with Jerusalem University College to study in Jerusalem, Israel.	1992

ARCHAEOLOGICAL FIELD EXPERIENCE

<i>The Harvard Expedition to Ashkelon, Israel</i>	
Square Supervisor	1999
Assistant Square Supervisor	1998
Volunteer (excavator)	1992
<i>The Deep Sea Archaeology Project, joint expedition of Harvard University and the Institute for Exploration</i>	
Staff member	1999
<i>Tel Miqne-Ekron Excavations, Albright Institute of Archaeological Research (Jerusalem) and Hebrew University</i>	
Object and Material Culture Registrar	1995
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<i>The Tel Beth Shan Excavations</i>	
Volunteer	1992
<i>The Joint Expedition to Caesarea Maritima (University of Maryland, University of Haifa), Volunteer</i>	1989

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Society of Biblical Literature
Institute for Biblical Research
American Schools of Oriental Research

REFERENCES

Available upon request