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EDUCATION

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

PUBLICATIONS

"Human Identity and Purpose Redefined: Genesis 1:26-28 and 2:5-25 in Context," *Advances in Ancient Biblical and Near Eastern Research* Vol 1.3: 29-44.	2021
The Rewards of Learning Greek and Hebrew: Discovering the Richness of the Bible in its Original Languages, Hendrickson. Co-authored with Dr. Philip Towner, Dean of the Nida Institute for Biblical Scholarship at the American Bible Society.	2021
"What Isaiah Knew: the LORD is God and there is No Other," in *Southeastern Theological Review* Vol. 12. No. 1.	2021
"Canaanites and Canaanite Religion," "Philistines," and the study notes for 1-2 Kings *Baker Illustrated Bible Background Commentary*	2020
Introductions and Study Notes for 1-2 Samuel, 1-2 Kings, and 1-2 Chronicles in the *ESV Archaeological Study Bible*, 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 *The Image of God in an Image Driven Age: Explorations in Theological Anthropology*, InterVarsity Press.	2016
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, 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

SUBMITTED AND FORTHCOMING

"The Image of God" for *The Dictionary of the New Testament Use of the Old Testament*, edited by G. K. Beale, D. A. Carson, Benjamin L. Gladd, and Andrew David Naselli, Baker Academic 2022

Every Woman's Bible notes on the Minor Prophets 2022

CURRENT WRITING PROJECTS

Idolatry (Title TBD) in the *Essential Studies in Biblical Theology* series, InterVarsity Press (under contract) Dec 2023

Lifeway CSB Women's Study Bible, Study Notes for Genesis and 1-2 Kings (under contract, manuscript due Feb 2022) Feb 2022

"How Akkadian Cognates Can Illuminate Our Understanding of Scripture," a 900 word exegetical insight for a forthcoming Akkadian grammar by Gordon P. Hugenberger, published by Zondervan. 2022

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 *cancelled due to COVID 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 2008

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

"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

Hebrew Bible Insights with Matthew Delaney Feb 2022
Discussing and interaction over *The Rewards of Learning Greek and Hebrew: Discovering the Richness of the Biblical Languages*

Exegetically Speaking Jan 2022
A weekly podcast hosted by Dr. David Capes, "Exegetically Speaking" features language experts who discuss the importance of learning the bilbical language. Discussing and interaction over *The Rewards of Learning Greek and Hebrew: Discovering the Richness of the Biblical Languages*

Bite-Size Seminary with J.C. Schroder Dec 2021
The Rewards of Learning Greek and Hebrew
https://www.bitesizeseminary.com/episodes/09-the-rewards-of-learning-greek-and-hebrew

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
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZD2zmZ6zDpQ

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)
Associate Professor of Old Testament 2011-present

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

Eteachergroup.com 2008-2010
Faculty, Classical Hebrew teacher

Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary (Hamilton)
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

Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary (Boston/CUME) 2002-2004
Assistant Professor of Old Testament

Harvard University
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

Boston University
Guest Lecturer, "The Discovery of Two Phoenician Ships: the 1999 Ashkelon Deep Sea Expedition" 2000

RELATED EMPLOYMENT OR SERVICE

Institute for Biblical Research,
Board Member - IBR Website Manager 2021 - present
Bulletin for Biblical Research, Editorial Board 2020-2023
Regional Leader (Southeast Region) 2020 - present

Westwood Pool and Tennis Club, Winston-Salem, NC 2016 – present
Board Member, Swim Committee

Hendrickson Publishers 2009
Proofreader (Jo Ann Hackett, *A Basic Introduction to Biblical Hebrew*)

MINISTRY EXPERIENCE AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

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

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*
Substitute High School Swim Coach 2020
Guest Speaker - Western Civilization course for 9th grade 2020

West Winston Ladies Book Club, Winston-Salem, NC 2019
Host and Leader of a bi-monthly book club/outreach

Redeemer School, Winston-Salem, NC 2016 – 2017
Board Member
Bi-weekly Teaching and Training for Middle School Bible Teachers
Staff Development Speaker
Guest Speaker at the Parent Luncheon

Redeemer Presbyterian Church, *Winston-Salem, NC*
Adult Education (Curriculum Development and Teaching) 2006, 2012–2018
Biblical Hebrew Language Instructor 2004–2006

Park Street Church, Boston, MA
Deacon (of Christian Education) 2002–2004
Adult Education Teacher 2000–2002, 2010
Courses taught: Old Testament Survey, Amos, Nahum, Bible Study Methodology, Genesis 1–3

Vision New England, Acton, MA
Conference Speaker 2001, 2002
Topics presented:
You are What You Worship: Wrestling with the Idols of Our Age
Unlocking the Scriptures
Consultant for Leadership Training Curriculum Development 2000–2002

HONORS AND AWARDS

Christian Scholars Foundation, Grant Finalist 2013
Project: Green Scholars Initiative Dead Sea Scroll Project

Green Scholars Initiative (GSI) Scholar-Mentor 2013
Chosen to publish a Dead Sea Scroll fragment, which I also used to mentor students in primary research and publication.

Faculty Development Grant, Wheaton College (Il) 2010

Graduate Student Council Fall Conference Grant, Harvard University 2008
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.

Certificate of Distinction in Teaching, 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

Website Grant, Harvard University's Instructional Computing Group, for the creation and implementation of a website for a graduate seminar in Syro-Palestinian Pottery. 2001

The Women's Travel Club Award, Women's Travel Club, Boston, M.A. 1999
A scholarship awarded to an exceptional female student for study abroad in her field of academic expertise.

Phi Alpha Chi, the academic honor society of Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary. 1995–1997

Biblical Studies Award, Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary 1997
Given to one graduating student for overall excellence in Biblical Studies.

Old Testament Award, Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary 1996
Given to one graduating student for outstanding work in Old Testament studies.

Pew Younger Scholar Award, 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

Merit-Based Full Tuition Award, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, Harvard University. 1996–1998

Byington Scholar Award, Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary. 1992–96
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.

Distinctive Honors for M. A. thesis, "Burial Practice at Tell Dothan: Was Tomb I a *byt mrzh*?", Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary. 1995

Kerr Scholarship, Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary. 1994–1995

Lois Bennett Scholarship, Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary. 1994–1995

Research Fellow, W. F. Albright Institute of Archaeological Research, Jerusalem, Israel. 1994
Conducted primary research on archaeological material from a Late Bronze Age II-Early Iron I tomb from Tell Dothan, Israel.

Dothan Research Fellowship, Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary. Awarded for the purpose of conducting primary research on the pottery collection from the Tell Dothan excavations. 1994

Women's Council Scholarship, Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary. For students Demonstrating excellence in character, leadership and academics. 1993–1994

Lois Bennett Scholarship, Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary. 1994–1995

Endowment for Biblical Research Travel Grant, American Schools of Oriental Research, awarded to participate in Harvard University's excavations at Ashkelon, Israel. 1992

Douglas Young Scholarship, an award for study at Jerusalem University College, Jerusalem, Israel given on the basis of need and academic excellence. 1992

Associated Schools Scholarship, 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

The Harvard Expedition to Ashkelon, Israel
Square Supervisor 1999
Assistant Square Supervisor 1998
Volunteer (excavator) 1992

The Deep Sea Archaeology Project, joint expedition of Harvard University and the Institute for Exploration
Staff member 1999

Tel Miqne-Ekron Excavations, *Albright Institute of Archaeological Research*

(Jerusalem) and Hebrew University
Object and Material Culture Registrar 1995, 1996

The Tel Beth Shan Excavations
Volunteer 1992

The Joint Expedition to Caesarea Maritima (University of Maryland, University of Haifa), Volunteer 1989

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

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

REFERENCES

Available upon request