Curriculum Vitae

Eckhard J. Schnabel

Education

1974 Abitur, Friedrich‑Schiller‑Gymnasium Marbach, Germany

1979 Lic. Theol. (Th.M.), Staatsunabhängige Theologische Hochschule Basel, Switzerland

 Thesis: “Die Heilige Schrift und ihre Entstehung als Problem der protestantischen Kirche: Eine Untersuchung zum Schrift‑ und Inspirationsverständnis der protestantischen Theologie und Kirche”

1983 Ph.D., University of Aberdeen, Scotland

 Dissertation: “Law and Wisdom from Ben Sira to Paul: A Tradition Historical Enquiry into the Relation of Law, Wisdom, and Ethics” (published 1985)

Teaching

1981 Visiting Lecturer, Krakow Bible Institute, Poland (fall)

1983 Visiting Lecturer, Evangelisch Theologisch Faculteit, Leuven/Heverlee Belgium (spring)

1985–1988 Assistant Professor of New Testament, Asia Theological Seminary, Manila, Philippines

1987–1988 Program Director, Th.M. in Biblical Studies, Asia Graduate School of Theology, Manila

1988–1994 Visiting Lecturer, New Testament, Freie Theologische Hochschule Giessen (Giessen School of Theology), Germany

1989–1994 Lecturer of New Testament, Biblisch-Theologische Akademie Wiedenest (Wiedenest Bible College), Bergneustadt, Germany

1994–1998 Visiting Lecturer of New Testament, Biblisch-Theologische Akademie Wiedenest

1994–1998 Senior Lecturer in New Testament and Head of Department, FTA Giessen, Germany

1998–2012 Professor of New Testament, Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, Deerfield, Ill., USA

1998–2012 Teaching at TEDS Extension sites in Akron, OH; Cincinnati, OH; Columbus, OH; Indianapolis, IN; Madison, WI

2012–2024 Mary F. Rockefeller Distinguished Professor of New Testament Studies, Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, South Hamilton, Massachusetts, USA

2014–2020 Director of the Th.M Biblical Studies Program at Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary

2024 Mary F. Rockefeller Distinguished Professor of New Testament Studies Emeritus, Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, South Hamilton, Massachusetts, USA

2006 Visiting Professor, Providence Theological Seminary, Otterburne, Canada (May)

2007 Visiting Professor, Colombo Theological Seminary, Colombo, Sri Lanka (September)

2008 Visiting Professor, Providence Theological Seminary, Otterburne, Canada (May)

2010 Visiting Professor, Colombo Theological Seminary, Colombo, Sri Lanka (January)

2010 Pastors Seminar, Timothy Training International, Hongkong, China (October)

2013 Visiting Professor, Shalom University, Bunia, Democratic Republic of the Congo (Nov)

2014 Adjunct Professor, Phoenix Seminary, Phoenix, Arizona (January)

2014 Visiting Professor, Providence Theological Seminary, Otterburne, Canada (May)

2015 Visiting Professor, Colombo Theological Seminary, Colombo, Sri Lanka (January)

2016 Visiting Professor, Shalom University, Bunia, Democratic Republic of the Congo (Jan)

2016 Conference, Mennonite community, Asuncion, Paraguay (January)

2016 Doctoral Seminar, Logos Evangelical Seminary, Los Angeles (August, Nov)

2017 Visiting Professor, New Theological College, Dehradun, India (Nov)

2018 Pastors Conference, Free Evangelical Churches Switzerland (March)

2019 Adjunct Professor, Phoenix Seminary, Phoenix, Arizona (January)

2019 Pastors Seminar, Timothy Training International, Hongkong, China (June)

2020 Conference, Mennonite community, Asuncion, Paraguay (January)

2020 Doctoral Seminar on Romans, Logos Evangelical Seminary, Los Angeles (February)

2022 Visiting Professor, Facultad de Teología Integral de Buenos Aires (October)

2024 Visiting Professor, Colombo Theological Seminary, Colombo, Sri Lanka (September)

2024 Visiting Professor, Facultad de Teología Integral de Buenos Aires (October)

Awards

1974 Abitur with distinction, Friedrich‑Schiller‑Gymnasium Marbach, Germany

1982–1983 Postgraduate Research Student Grant, Arbeitskreis für evangelikale Theologie, Germany

2003 Johann-Tobias-Beck Preis, Arbeitskreis für evangelikale Theologie, Germany

2013 Christian Book of the Year Award, Bible Reference Category, Evangelical Christian Publishers Association, April 29, 2013

2014 Recognition by Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary for Outstanding Academic Achievement at the Second Annual Meeting of the Southeastern Theological Fellowship, San Diego, November 19, 2014

Ministry

1979–1981 Missionary with Operation Mobilisation in Latin America and Europe

1981–1983 Preaching Ministry, Gilcomston Park Baptist Church, Aberdeen, Scotland

1984–1988 Missionary with Overseas Missionary Fellowship in Manila, Philippines

1989–1998 Preaching and Teaching Ministry in Bergneustadt and Giessen, Germany

1998–2007 Sunday School teaching, Village Church of Gurnee, Illinois

2000–2006 Elder, Village Church of Gurnee

1998–2012 Teaching and Preaching Ministry in various venues in the Chicago area, including Arlington Heights Evangelical Free Church, Barrington Evangelical Free Church, InterVarsity Fellowship at Chicago University

2012– Teaching and Preaching in First Congregational Church, Hamilton, Massachusetts

2018–2022 Elder Board, First Congregational Church, Hamilton

Languages

Fluent: English, German

Ancient languages: Greek, Hebrew, Aramaic, Ugaritic, Akkadian, Latin

Research languages: French, Spanish, Italian, Dutch

Professional Societies

Arbeitskreis für evangelikale Theologie (member of the Executive Committee 1991–1998)

Fellowship of European Evangelical Theologians (member of the Executive Committee 1994–1998)

Society for New Testament Studies (since 1988)

Tyndale Fellowship (since 1990)

Evangelical Theological Society (since 1998)

Institute of Biblical Research (since 1998)

Society of Biblical Literature (since 1998)

Editorial Responsibilities

Editorial consultant, Theologische Verlagsgemeinschaft R. Brockhaus and Brunnen Verlag (1994–1998)

Book Review Editor, Trinity Journal (2000–2010)

Editorial Board, Bulletin of Biblical Research (1999–2003)

Associate Editor, Bulletin of Biblical Research (since 2004–2020)

Editor, Historisch‑Theologische Auslegung des Neuen Testaments, SCM R. Brockhaus (since 1995)

Editor, Tyndale New Testament Commentary (since 2012)

Lectureships

Gheens Lectures, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky, November 8, 2006

Drumwright Lectures, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas, March 1–2, 2007

Cooley Lectures, Gordon-Conwell Theology Seminary, Charlotte, NC, January 17–18, 2013

Leon Morris Lecture, Ridley College, Melbourne, Australia, May 28, 2015

Papers read at Professional and Theological Conferences

“Die Entwürfe von B.S. Childs und H. Gese bezüglich des Kanons.” Arbeitskreis für evangelikale Theologie. September 1989. Tübingen, Germany

 “Wie hat Paulus seine Ethik entwickelt? Motivationen, Normen und Kriterien paulinischer Ethik.” Fellowship of European Evangelical Theologians. August 13–19, 1990. St. Chrischona, Switzerland

“Neuere Entwicklungen in der Lehre vom Reich Gottes.” Konferenz Bibeltreuer Ausbildungsstätten. Oktober 1990. Germany

“Die charismatische Bewegung zwischen Herausforderung und Gefährdung.” Studentenmission Deutschland. Bruderrat 1992. Marburg, Germany

“Gott will, daß wir mehr wollen. Der Heilige Geist und seine Gaben.” Studentenmission Deutschland. Herbstkonferenz 1992. Marburg, Germany

“Die sozialpolitische Gefährdung des Evangeliums: Christlich-utopistische Vorstellungen vom Reich Gottes.” Haupttagung des Bibelbundes. Mai 8, 1993. Bad Liebenzell, Germany

“Die Gemeinde des Neuen Bundes in Kontinuität und Diskontinuität zur Gemeinde des Alten Bundes.” Arbeitskreis für evangelikale Theologie. August 20–23, 1995. Bad Blankenburg, Germany

“John and the Future of the Nations.” Evangelical Theological Society. November 17–19, 1999. Danvers, Mass., USA.

“Israel as the People of God and the Nations.” Evangelical Theological Society. Study Group Biblical Theology. November 15–17, 2000. Nashville, USA.

“Evangelisation im Neuen Testament.” Arbeitskreis für evangelikale Theologie. September 9–12, 2001. Bad Blankenburg, Germany

“Die Zentralität des Kreuzes in der urchristlichen Verkündigung.” Arbeitskreis für evangelikale Theologie. September 9–12, 2001. Bad Blankenburg, Germany

“The Missionary Activity of the Apostle Thomas in India – Evidence and Arguments.” Evangelical Theological Society. November 14–16, 2001. Colorado Springs, USA

“Divine Tyranny and Public Humiliation: A Suggestion for the Interpretation of the Lydian and Phrygian Confession Inscriptions.” Society of Biblical Literature, November 17–20, 2001. Denver, USA

“Paul, Polytheists, and Proclamation: The Realities of Paganism in the Theological Reflection and in the Missionary Praxis of the Apostle Paul”. Evangelical Theological Society. November 20–22, 2002. Toronto, Canada

“Evangelium, Mission und Gemeinde: Die Theologie des Neuen Testaments als Missionstheologie.” Arbeitskreis für evangelikale Theologie. September 14–17, 2003. Bad Blankenburg, Germany

“The Cult of Theos Hypsistos and the Godfearers in the Book of Acts.” Evangelical Theological Society. November 19–21, 2003. Atlanta, USA

“The Objective of Change, Factors of Transformation, and the Causes of Results: The Evidence of Paul’s Corinthian Correspondence.” Symposium “A Biblical View of Results.” Geneva Global. September 10–11, 2004. Philadelphia, USA.

“Paul, the New Covenant, and the Law.” Evangelical Theological Society, Biblical Law Group. November 17–19, 2004. San Antonio, USA

“Paul in Athens: The Clarification of the Christian Message before a Pagan Audience.” Mid-West Regional Conference of the Evangelical Missiological Society. June 21–22, 2005. Deerfield, Ill.

“Urchristliche Mission anhand der Apostelgeschichte — Konsequenzen für die Missionsgesellschaft heute.” Arbeitskreis für evangelikale Mission. Januar 6–8, 2005. Korntal, Germany

“Paul in Athens: The Proclamation of the Gospel Before Pagan Audiences in the Greco-Roman World.” New Testament Conference. January 18, 2005. Pretoria, South Africa

“Early Christianity in Africa — the New Testament Evidence.” South-African Missiological Society. January 19–20, 2005. Pretoria, South Africa

“‘As the Father has Sent Me, So I Send You’ (John 20:21): The Mission of Jesus and the Mission of the Church.” South-African Missiological Society. January 19–20, 2005. Pretoria, South Africa

“Die Theologie des Neuen Testaments als Missionstheologie: Die missionarische Realität der Kirche des ersten Jahrhunderts und die Theologie der ersten Theologen.” Society of New Testament Studies. August 2–6, 2005. Halle, Germany

“The First Gospel and Matthew’s Mission: Narrative, Theological and Historical Perspectives.” Society of Biblical Literature. November 19–22, 2005. Philadelphia, USA

“Paul’s Missionary Strategy: Goals, Methods and Realities.” Bingham Colloquium. May 27, 2006. McMaster Divinity College, Hamilton, Toronto, Canada

“Response. Synoptic Gospel Study Group Session on Eckhard Schnabel, *Early Christian Mission* Vol. 1.” Evangelical Theological Society. November 15–17, 2006. Washington DC, USA

“Jewish Opposition to Jewish Christian Communities in Asia Minor.” Evangelical Theological Society. November 15–17, 2006. Washington DC, USA

“The Mission of the Twelve.” Cincinnati Christian University, April 13–14, 2007, Cincinnati, USA

“The Mission of Paul.” Cincinnati Christian University, April 13–14, 2007, Cincinnati, USA

“Irreconcilable Views of Salvation According to Early Christianity and Judaism.” The Uniqueness of Jesus and Jewish Evangelism. International Consultation of the Theological Commission of the World Evangelical Alliance. 18–22 August, 2008, Woltersdorf, Berlin, Germany

“Karl Barth, Mark Kinzer, and the Jewish People, with Implications for Jewish Missions.” The Uniqueness of Jesus and Jewish Evangelism. International Consultation of the Theological Commission of the World Evangelical Alliance. 18–22 August, 2008, Woltersdorf, Berlin, Germany

“Global Strategies and Local Methods of Missionary Work in the Early Church: Jesus, Peter, and Paul.” Brandtzæg Memorial Lecture. Fjellhaug Symposium 2010 – Mission and Globalization. Fjellhaug Mission Seminary, Oslo, Norway

“Fads and Common Sense: Reading Acts in the First Century and Reading Acts Today.” Luke-Acts Consultation. Evangelical Theological Society. November 17–18, 2010. Atlanta, USA

“Paul, Missionary Theologian and Theological Pastor.” Theological Conference, Orthodox St.-Tikhon-University. November 22, 2011. Moscow, Russia

“Exegetical Approaches to 1 Corinthians.” Trinity Lavra of St. Sergius Monastery. November 23, 2011. Yaroslavl, Russia

“Paul in Athens: Altars, Temples, Philosophers, Areopagus Council Members, and Paul’s Mission.” Pastorum Conference, Logos Bible Software. June 5, 2011. Chicago

“On Commentary Writing.” Annual Meeting of the Evangelical Theological Society. November 15, 2012. Milwaukee, IL, USA

“Globale Strategien und lokale Methoden der frühchristlichen Missionsarbeit: Jesus, Petrus und Paulus.” Biblisch-Theologische Akademie Wiedenest, December 5, 2012, Wiedenest, Germany

“Apostle Thomas and the Beginnings of the Church in India.” Passages Series Lecture, January 15, 2013, Charlotte, NC

“Religion and Philosophy in Athens and Paul’s Missionary Program: Paul’s Speech before the Areopagus Council (Acts 17).” Cooley Lectures, January 17, 2013, Charlotte, NC

“Paul’s Legal Defense and his Proclamation of the Gospel (Acts 24).” Cooley Lectures, January 18, 2013, Charlotte, NC

“Writing and Reading Commentaries,” “Irreconcilable Views of Salvation According to Early Christianity and Judaism,” “Interpreting the Book of Revelation,” “Communicating the Gospel in the Early Church,” European Leadership Forum, Wisla, Poland, May 24–30, 2013

“Persecution in the Early Christian Mission according to the Book of Acts.” Bingham Colloqium, June 8, 2013, Hamilton, ON, Canada

“Global Strategies and Local Methods of Missionary Work: Jesus, Peter, and Paul.” Shalom University, November 12, 2013, Bunia, The Democratic Republic of the Congo

“The Gospel and Culture.” Shalom University, November 13, 2013, Bunia, The Democratic Republic of the Congo

“Interpreting the Book of Revelation.” Shalom University, November 14, 2013, Bunia, The Democratic Republic of the Congo

“Canon Muratori: The State of Research.” Annual Meeting of the Evangelical Theological Society. November 20, 2013. Baltimore, USA

“Hermeneutics and Eschatology.” Annual Meeting of the Evangelical Theological Society. November 21, 2013. Baltimore, USA

“Singing and Identity in the Early Church.” Leon Morris Lecture, Ridley College, Melbourne, Australia, May 28, 2015

“Knowing the Divine and Divine Knowledge in Greco-Roman Religion.” Conference at Ridley College, Melbourne, Australia, May 29, 2015

“Christians, Jews, and Pagans in the Book of Revelation: Persecution, Perseverance, and Purity in the Shadow of the Last Judgment.” Conference on Interreligious Relations, August 10-11, 2015, Norwegian Summer Academy for Biblical Studies, Ansgar College and Theological Seminary, Kristiansand, Norway

Lectures on Paul’s Letter to the Romans, Shalom University, January 12–15, 2016, Bunia, The Democratic Republic of the Congo

Lectures on the End Times, Theological Conference of the Mennonite Community, January 25–30, 2016, Asunción, Paraguay

“Jesus’ Atoning Sacrifice in Hebrews and Atonement of Sin in the Greco-Roman World.” Annual Meeting of the Evangelical Theological Society. November 17, 2016. San Antonio, USA

Lectures on the Book of Acts. Baptist Pastors Study Group, July 31 – Aug 3, 2017, Twin Lakes Conference Center, Florence, Mississippi, USA.

“The Great Commission: The Vision and Practice of Missionary Work from Jesus, John, and Paul to Bonifatius and Martin Luther.” Mission and the Bible in the Wake of the Reformation Conference, October 13, 2017. Wycliffe College, Toronto, Canada

Lectures on Pauline Theology. New Theological College, November 2–12, Dehradun, India

Pastors Conference, New Theological College, November 8–10, Dehradun, India; lectures: Pastoral Ministry according Paul’s First Letter to Timothy, 2017

“Paul and the Next Generation of Christian Leaders: The Contribution of the Pastoral Epistles to New Testament Ecclesiology” Annual Meeting of the Evangelical Theological Society. November 16, 2017. Providence, Rhode Island, USA

Lectures on Hermeneutics. Pastors Conference, Free Evangelical Churches Switzerland. March 5–7, 2018. Emmetten, Switzerland

“Paul in Athens (Acts 17).” Hapdong Theological Seminary, Suwon, Korea, November 4, 2018

“Paul’s Missionary Work in Athens.” Conference of the Korean Evangelical Society of New Testament Studies. November 3. Seoul, Korea

“The Centrality of Jesus Christi in Paul’s Ethics: The Evidence of 1 Corinthians.” Conference of the Korean Evangelical Society of New Testament Studies. November 3. Seoul, Korea

“Lives that Speak (Romans 12:1).” Lecture at Asia United Theological University, International Graduate School. November 5, 2018. Okcheon, Korea

“Biblical Theology from a New Testament Perspective.” Annual Meeting of the Evangelical Theological Society. November 13, 2018. Denver, USA

“Jesus’ Trial before the Sanhedrin.” Lecture, Logos Evangelical Seminary. September 11, 2019. El Monte/Los Angeles, CA

“Restoring the Image of God.” Lectures. Access Bible Convention. September 14, 2019. El Monte/Los Angeles, CA

“The Centrality of Jesus Christ in Paul’s Ethics: The Example of 1 Corinthians.” Workshop. Access Bible Convention. September 14, 2019. El Monte/Los Angeles, CA

“Jesus Messiah and the New Life of True Righteousness: Romans 6.” Annual Meeting of the Evangelical Theological Society. Consultation Paul’s Letter to the Romans. November 21, 2019. San Diego

“Die Wiederkunft Jesu.” Evangelisch-Lutherische Gemeinde Burgstädt, December 13, 2019. Burgstädt, Germany

“Die Urchristliche Mission.” Landeskirchlicher Impulstag, December 14, 2019. Leipzig, Germany

“Leitlinien der Apostelgeschichte zu missionarischem Gemeindebau in unserer heutigen Zeit.” January 10, 2020. Neu-Halbstadt, Chaco. Paraguay

“Was sagt das Neue Testament über die Endzeit?” January 10, 2020. Neu-Halbstadt, Chaco. Paraguay

“1. Korintherbrief. Auslegung und praktische Anwendung.” Theologischer Sommerkurs. Instituto Bíblica Asunción, 13.–17. January, 2020. Asunción, Paraguay

“The Viability of Premillennialism and the Text of Revelation.” Annual Meeting of the Evangelical Theological Society. November 18, 2020. Providence, Rhode Island. Digital.

“Jesus’ Parables as Target of Source, Form, Redaction, and Memory Critics: Blind Spots, Failures, and Scholarly Integrity.” Annual Meeting of the Evangelical Theological Society. November 20, 2020. Providence, Rhode Island. Digital.

“The Significance of Jesus for New Testament Theology.” The Tenth Annual Covenant Theological Conference, January 19, 2021. St. Louis, MO. Digital Conference (due to Covid-19)

Classes taught

Asia Theological Seminary, Philippines

OT Background & History

Old Testament Introduction

Historical Theology

Current Issues in NT Studies

Galatians

Greek Exegesis

Greek Exegesis: Gospel of John

Greek Syntax

New Testament Survey

New Testament Theology

Pauline Theology: Law & Christ

Qumran Literature

Romans

Tools of Biblical Research

Giessen Theological Seminary

Biblische Theologie: Mission

Einführung in die jüdische Literatur

Exegese 1. Korintherbrief

Exegese Gleichnisse

Exegese Johannesoffenbarung

Exegese Römerbrief

Hauptseminar: Tod und Auferstehung Jesu

Hermeneutik

NT Einleitung

NT Theologie

Paulinische Ethik

Paulinische Theologie: Gesetz

Proseminar Exegetische Übungen

Trinity Evangelical Divinity School

NT5100 Book of Acts (English Bible)

NT5100 Matthew (English Bible)

NT5210 Greek Exegesis I

NT5211 Greek Exegesis II

NT5212 Greek Exegesis III

NT6221 Synoptic Gospels and Johannine Literature

NT6222 Acts, Pauline and General Epistles

NT6600 Preaching from the New Testament

NT7260 Romans

NT7270 Corinthian Correspondence

NT7730 New Testament History

NT7730 New Testament Research

NT8610 The Teaching of Jesus

NT8630 Pauline Theology

NT8640 New Testament Theology

NT8720 Advanced Exegesis: 1 Corinthians

NT8720 Advanced Exegesis: Acts

NT8720 Advanced Exegesis: Romans

NT8723 Textual Criticism

NT9000 Ph.D. Seminar: Issues in New Testament Theology: Jesus’ Death & Resurrection

NT9111 Ph.D. Seminar: New Testament Research

NT9160 Ph.D. Seminar: Missions in the New Testament

Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary

 NT501 New Testament Survey

 NT503 Life of Jesus

 NT613 Gospel of Mark

 NT619 Exegesis of Acts

 NT620 Exegesis of Romans

 NT622 Exegesis of 1 Corinthians

 NT675 New Testament Theology

 NT680 Pauline Theology

 NT915 New Testament History

 NT917 New Testament Missions

 NT920 Exegesis of Romans

 NT950 Jesus’ Death and Resurrection

 NT970 Advanced New Testament Research