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Date of Preparation: March 11, 2020

EDUCATION:

Present **Doctor of Philosophy, Ancient Languages**

Stellenbosch University; Stellenbosch, South Africa

Dissertation: Text as Scribal Product: A Proposed Cognitive Oriented Schema for the Praxis of Hebrew Bible Textual Criticism (tentative title)

Supervisors: Dr. Christo van der Mewre and Dr. Gideon Kotzé

Committee Members and External Reader: TBD

2015 **Master of Arts, Biblical Studies**

Trinity Western University; Langley; British Columbia

Thesis: Tracking Changes: A Proposal for a Linguistically Sensitive Schema for Categorizing Textual Variation of Hebrew Bible Texts in Light of Variant Scribal Practices Among the Judaeans
Desert Psalms Witnesses

Supervisor: Dr. Martin Abegg; Second Reader: Dr. Dirk Büchner

2012 **Master of Divinity, Pastoral Ministry, with high distinction**

Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary; Mequon, Wisconsin

Thesis: A Matter of Choice: On the Feasibility and Utility of an Eclectic Text of the Hebrew Bible

Supervisor: Dr. Kenneth Cherney

2007 **Bachelor of Arts, Liberal Arts, with high distinction**

Martin Luther College, New Ulm, Minnesota

LANGUAGE RESEARCH PROFICIENCIES:

ANCIENT

Classical/Ecclesiastical Latin (advanced)

Homeric/Classical/Common/Medieval Greek (advanced)

Classical/Qumran/Mishnaic Hebrew (advanced)

Classical Syriac (intermediate)

Classical Aramaic (intermediate)

MODERN

Spanish (advanced)

German (advanced)

Hebrew (intermediate)

Greek (intermediate)

French (intermediate)

Italian (intermediate)

TEACHING & RESEARCH INTERESTS:

the Hebrew Bible and its transmission, translation, and reception in Early Judaism, especially with regards to the text as produced of the Septuagint and early Christian writings

combining Communicative Language Teaching, eLearning best practices, and uses of emerging technologies for pedagogical purposes

Cognitive Linguistic approaches to philology, linguistics, and hermeneutics
Translation studies
Papyrology, scribal culture, and orality-literacy studies
Qumran studies
Early Jewish and Christian hermeneutics

ACADEMIC WORK EXPERIENCE:

2019-present **Junior Fellow**
John William Wevers Institute for Septuagint Studies

2015-2019 **Language Consultant**
Supernatural 5 Films Inc.

2015-2019 **Doctoral Research Fellow**
John William Wevers Institute for Septuagint Studies

2014-2015 **Graduate Researcher**
Dr. Robert Hiebert, John William Wevers Institute for Septuagint Studies

2012-2015 **Academic Consultant and Module Developer**
Accordance Bible Software

2012-2015 **Research Assistant**
Trinity Western University; Dr. Peter Flint, Canada Research Chair in Dead Sea Scrolls

2012 **Assistant**
Koine Greek Instructors Fluency Workshop, Fresno Pacific University; Fresno, California

2011-present **Communicative Language Instruction Curriculum Developer and Consultant**
Asia Lutheran Seminary, Hong Kong, Dr. Glen Thompson

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE:

ESL Ministries Co-ordinator, Vancouver, BC, 2012-present

Direct, promote, manage, and teach free neighbourhood ESL classes and co-ordinate local anti-poverty activities at the site of Wilson Heights United Church and Saviour of the Nations Lutheran Church (<https://www.whuc.net/advocacy-program>).

Imperative Education Tutor, Milwaukee, WI, 2011-12

Program sponsored on behalf of Concordia University, Mequon for Milwaukee Public School designed to help struggling high-school students in the areas of reading, mathematics, and test-taking who desire to continue their education at the college level.

Granville Neighborhood Health Center Co-ordinator and Translator, Milwaukee, WI, 2008-12

Served to promote a free community health centre for primarily the Hispanic community around the community of Granville on the north side of Milwaukee (<https://www.nafcclinics.org/content/granville-neighborhood-health-center>).

English Language Partners Director, Milwaukee, WI 2008-12

Worked to plan curriculum, logistics, teacher training, and personalised ESL tutoring for English Language Partners (<https://www.facebook.com/English.Language.Partners.Wisconsin>).

SELECTED RESEARCH PROJECTS:

Society of Biblical Literature Commentary on the Septuagint – Genesis (co-author with Dr. Rob Hiebert)

The Greek Psalter Project (phase 1 project manager)

<http://ntvmr.uni-muenster.de/web/gsi-greek-psalter-project/welcome>

The Hebrew Bible: A Critical Edition – Psalms (former graduate researcher with Dr. Peter Flint)

<http://ohb.berkeley.edu>

PUBLICATIONS:

Books

Sigrist, David J. *The Biblical Hebrew Grammar* (London: Stone Face Press Academic, 2018).

Sigrist, David J. *The New Testament Greek Grammar* (London: Stone Face Press Academic, 2017).

Articles

“Brothers in Christ: Re-remembering the Maccabean Martyrs through Transformation in Translation,”
Canadian-American Theological Review 5/1 (2016): 43–50.

Book Reviews

Review of *L'influence de l'araméen sur les traducteurs de la LXX principalement, sur les traducteurs grecs postérieurs, ainsi que sur les scribes de la Vorlage de la LXX* by Anne-Françoise Loiseau in *Review of Biblical Literature* (2019): <http://www.bookreviews.org>.

Review of *Epigraphy, Philology, and the Hebrew Bible: Methodological Perspectives on Philological and Comparative Study of the Hebrew Bible in Honor of Jo Ann Hackett* by Jeremy Hutton and Aaron Rubin in *Review of Biblical Literature* (2018): <http://www.bookreviews.org>.

Review of *The Developmental Composition of the Bible* in *Ancient Jew Review* by Eugene Ulrich (2017) : <http://www.ancientjewreview.com/articles/2017/4/24/the-developmental-composition-of-the-bible-in-view-of-qumran>.

Resources

“Project Immersio” language learning and linguistics resources for found at:

<https://www.projectimmersio.com>.

“Greek Judean Desert Manuscripts.” Development, proofing, tagging, and translation for *Accordance Bible Software*. Altamonte Springs: OakTree Software Inc., 2014.

“Göttingen Septuagint introduction and apparatus.” Development, proofing, and tagging for *Accordance Bible Software*. Altamonte Springs: OakTree Software Inc., 2013-15.

Entries

“4 Maccabees: Latin,” with Dr. Robert Hiebert, *The Textual History of the Bible*, vol. 2: *Deutero-Canonical Scriptures* (ed. Armin Lange, Matthias Henze, Daniel Schwartz), 2019.

“People.” In *The Lexham Theological Wordbook*. Bellingham: Logos Research Systems, 2014.

“Sin.” In *The Lexham Theological Wordbook*. Bellingham: Logos Research Systems, 2014.

PRESENTATIONS:

“Active Learning with Digital Natives: Evidence-Based Practical Solutions of the Intentional and Careful Use of Technological Devices for Post-secondary in class Instruction.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, November 24, 2019.

Project Geo Lens Demonstration at the “Vancouver Zone - An impact-driven showcase of academic XR Projects” at the 2019 VR/AR Global Summit in Vancouver, BC November 2, 2019.

“From Literal to Free?: a Quantitative Approach to the Characterisation of the Development of the Translation Technique of Old Greek Genesis.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Canadian Society of Biblical Studies June 2, 2019.

“The Dead Bringing New Life to the Old: A Preliminary Statistical Investigation into the Relevance of the Dead Sea Scrolls for Identifying Old Greek Readings of the Received Psalter with a Demonstration of the Value of the Testimony of Ra 2110 for this Purpose.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Canadian Society of Biblical Studies, May 27th, 2017.

“Brothers in Christ: Re-remembering the Maccabean Martyrs through Transformation in Translation.” Paper presented at the *Hermeneutics in Context* conference of the Canadian Evangelical Theological Association, October 15th, 2016.

“Overcoming Obstacles: Exploring Proposed Technological Solutions for Perceived Problems with Ancient Language Learning through Communicative Methods.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, November 22nd, 2015.

“Some Noteworthy Linguistic Features in Septuagint Genesis.” Paper co-presented with Dr. Robert Hiebert at the Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, November 21st, 2015.

“Tracking Changes: A Tentative Proposal for a Linguistically Sensitive Schema for Categorizing Textual Variations of Hebrew Bible Texts.” Paper presented at the Trinity Western University Student Biblical Studies Symposium, January 10, 2015; and at the Pacific Northwest Regional Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, March 29, 2015.

“Which Simon Says?: Preliminary Thoughts on the Contextual Arguments and Early Versional Reception of the Referent(s) of Συμμεών in Acts 15:14 for Multi-vocal Theological Readings.” Paper presented at the Pacific Northwest regional meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, March 28, 2015.

“Kiss What Now?: Psalm 2:12 and the Utility of the Ancient Versions for Determining the Semantic Meaning of Lexically Ambiguous Words in the Hebrew Bible.” Paper presented at the University of Lethbridge Research in Religious Studies Conference, Lethbridge, May 8, 2014.

“Did I Say, ‘You Are Gods?’: John 10:34-36’s Midrashic Use of Embedded Scripture.” Paper presented at the Canadian Evangelical Theological Society, Victoria, June 2, 2013; and at the International Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, St. Andrews, July 10, 2013.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS & DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE:

<i>2015-present</i>	The International Cognitive Linguistics Association
<i>2014-present</i>	The International Organization for Septuagint and Cognate Studies
<i>2013-present</i>	The International Organization for Qumran Studies
<i>2012-present</i>	Canadian Society of Biblical Studies
<i>2010-present</i>	Society of Biblical Literature
<i>2014-2016</i>	Graduate Student Biblical Studies Symposium <i>Founder and Organizer, Trinity Western University</i>
<i>2014-2016</i>	Ancient Language Society <i>Founder and President, Trinity Western University</i>
<i>2013-14</i>	Graduate Student Association <i>Executive Vice President, Trinity Western University</i>
<i>2012-14</i>	Graduate Assistant <i>Graduate Collegium, Trinity Western University</i>
<i>2008-2012</i>	Milwaukee Area Biblical Archaeological Society

SELECTED ACADEMIC HONOURS AND AWARDS:

- 2015-18 Scholar's Initiative Doctoral Fellowship, John William Wevers Institute for Septuagint Studies (\$8000 USD *per annum*)
- 2014 Logos at Oxford Junior Fellow on behalf of SCIO, University of Oxford (\$1000 USD + room and board)
- 2013 Logos at Oxford Participant on behalf of SCIO, University of Oxford (\$1000 USD + room and board)
- 2012-14 Research Fellowship, Dead Sea Scrolls Institute, Trinity Western University (\$12000 CAD *per annum*)
- 2012-14 Academic Merit Scholarship, Trinity Western University (\$1000 CAD *per annum*)
- 2010-12 Charles E. Kropp Fellowship, Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary (\$6000 USD *per annum*)
- 2008-12 Siebert Foundation Grant, Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary (\$5000 USD *per annum*)
- 2008-12 Salem Foundation Grant, Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary (\$1500 USD *per annum*)
- 2006 Northwestern College Ernst Scholarship for Confessional Languages, Martin Luther College (\$1000 USD)
- 2005-07 SBC Foundation Scholarship, Martin Luther College (\$5000 USD *per annum*)
- 2003-07 Academic Scholarship, Martin Luther College (\$1000 USD *per annum*)