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**PRESENT POSITIONS:**

**Associate Professor of Theology**, [Religious Studies](#), [Westmont College](#), 2005-present.  
**Adjunct Faculty**, Fuller Theological Seminary, Summer 1997, Spring 1998, Summer 2000;  
Fall 2004-present (Southern California Extension, Santa Barbara campus).  
**Assistant Scoutmaster**, Boy Scout Troop 33, Los Padres Council, Boy Scouts of America, 2007-  
present. Eagle Scout, 1982.

**PAST POSITIONS:**

**Teacher**, Yeshivat-Yeshua college ministry at Westmont, [Montecito Covenant Church](#), 2006-2007.  
**Teacher**, "The Bridge" college ministry, [Montecito Covenant Church](#), 2004-2005.  
**Principal, Developer**, [Therapeias Health Management, LLC](#), Claremont, CA  
([www.therapeias.com](http://www.therapeias.com)), 1997-2004. Wrote the server and client software for a comprehensive health  
management system for outpatients with chronic diseases, developed corporate website.  
**Assistant Professor of Theology**, [Religious Studies](#), [Westmont College](#), 2003-2005.  
**Assistant Professor of Theology**, [Religious Studies](#), [Azusa Pacific University](#), 2002-2003.  
**Adjunct/Assistant Professor of Theology**, [Religious Studies](#), [Westmont College](#), 1999-2002.  
**Teaching Pastor**, [Christian Assembly Foursquare Church](#), Los Angeles, CA, 1998-2001.  
**Interim Chaplain**, Westmont College, 2000.  
**Preceptor/Teaching Assistant**, [Duke Divinity School](#), 1995-1997; Duke University, 1996-1997;  
Fuller Theological Seminary, 1994.  
**Research Analyst/Writer**, [Barna Research Group](#), Glendale CA, 1992-1993.

**EDUCATION:**

[Duke University](#), Durham, NC. Ph.D. in Religion (Theology and Ethics), 1999.  
Dissertation: *Living and Active: The Christian Vision of Scripture*. Geoffrey Wainwright, director.  
Committee: Stanley Hauerwas, Richard Hays, Willie Jennings, Miroslav Volf.  
Minors: New Testament (Richard Hays), Islamics (Vincent Cornell).  
[Fuller Theological Seminary](#), Pasadena, CA. M.A. in Biblical Studies and Theology, 1994.  
[Stanford University](#), Stanford, CA. B.A. in Political Science with Distinction, 1986.

## ACADEMIC HONORS:

**Faculty Research Award**, Westmont College, 2007-2008.

**Christianity Today Book Award**, Award of Merit, Christian Living category, for *Ain't Too Proud to Beg*, 2008.

**Shortlisted Candidate**, [Michael Ramsey Prize for Theological Writing](#), Archbishop of Canterbury and Society for Promotion of Christian Knowledge, for *Living and Active*, 2005.

**First Prize**, “Kilian McDonnell, OSB, at Eighty” essay competition, in ecumenism, for [“Gusty Winds or a Jet Stream? Charismatics and Orthodox on the Spirit of Tradition.”](#) Institute for Ecumenical and Cultural Research/St. John’s School of Theology-Seminary, 2001.

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

**Trustee**, Center for Catholic and Evangelical Theology, 2008-present.

**Associate Editor**, *Pro Ecclesia*, 2005-present.

**Judge**, *Christianity Today* book awards, 2008.

**Participant**, Science and the Spirit Research Initiative, Calvin College/Templeton Foundation, 2005-2008.

**Member**, Society of Biblical Literature, 2006-2007.

**Participant**, National Council of Churches Faith and Order Commission, Authority in the Church study group, 2006.

**Manuscript reviewer**, of Niels Christian Hvidt, *Christian Prophecy: The Post-Biblical Tradition*, for Oxford University Press, 2005.

**Member**, American Academy of Religion, 1995-2005.

**Member**, ecumenical study group on ecclesiology, Center for Catholic and Evangelical Theology, 2000-2003. The group is charged with developing constructive, fully ecumenical ecclesiology.

**Co-Founder and Contributing Editor**, [Ekklesia Project Online](#) webzine, 2002-2003.

**Editor**, [Journal of Christian Theological Research](#), 2001-2002.

## MAJOR PUBLICATIONS:

Work, T., *The Reason for the Season: Christology Through the Liturgical Year* (in progress).

—, *The Gospel according to Dad: Letters to my Children on Christian Faith* (in progress).

—, *The Bible for Evangelical Renewal* (in progress).

—, *Theological Commentary on the Bible: Deuteronomy* (Grand Rapids: Brazos, 2009).

—, *Ain't Too Proud to Beg: Living through the Lord's Prayer* (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2007).

—, et al., *In One Body through the Cross: The Princeton Proposal for Christian Unity*, ed. Carl E. Braaten and Robert W. Jenson (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2003).

—, *Living and Active: Scripture in the Economy of Salvation*, *Sacra Doctrina: Christian Theology in a Postmodern Age* vol. 3, gen. ed. Alan G. Padgett (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2001).

—, *Unmarried America* (Glendale: Barna Research Group Press, 1993).

—, ed., *Works: Journal of the Church and the World* (Altadena: 5/91-5/92, monthly).

—, [TelfordWork.net](http://telfordwork.net) (<http://telfordwork.net>). Website offering course syllabi and resources, on-line copies of many publications and presentations, my *Clutter* weblog (now dormant), a Theological FAQ, and links.

### SCHOLARLY ARTICLES (\* by invitation):

(Additional otherwise unpublished articles are posted on [TelfordWork.net](http://telfordwork.net).)

“A Stranger at Home? The Critical Bible in the Life of the Church,” in Carlos Bovell, ed., *Interdisciplinary Perspectives on the Authority of Scripture* (Wipf and Stock, contracted).\*

“Pneumatology,” in Kelly M. Kapic and Bruce L. McCormack, eds., *Mapping Modern Theology: A Thematic History of Recent Theological Reflection* (Baker Academic, contracted).\*

“Review of Peter C. Bouteneff, *Beginnings: Ancient Christian Writings of the Biblical Creation Narratives*,” *Religious Studies Review* (contracted).\*

“Hope,” in Bruce Benson, Malinda Berry, and Peter Heltzel, eds., *Radical Evangelicals* (Brazos, forthcoming).\*

“Proverbs 1:20-33,” “Proverbs 31:10-31,” and “Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22,” in David L. Bartlett and Barbara Brown Taylor, eds., *Lectionary Commentary Series* vol. IV (Philadelphia: Westminster John Knox, forthcoming).\*

“What Have the Galapagos to do with Jerusalem? Scientific Knowledge in Theological Context,” in James K.A. Smith and Amos Yong, eds., *Science, the Spirit and Pentecostal-Charismatic Scholarship: Questions and Possibilities* (forthcoming).

[“Iconomy’: A Rule Theory for Images in the Church,”](#) *St. Vladimir’s Seminary Quarterly* (forthcoming).

“A Place, not a Pigeonhole: Scripture as a Fruitful Theological Topic,” *Austin Seminary Journal* (forthcoming).\*

“Review of Richard Bauckham, *Jesus and the Eyewitnesses*,” *Biography* (forthcoming).\*

“The Science Division: Pneumatological Relations and Christian Disunity in Theology,” *Zygon: Journal of Religion and Science* 43:4 (12/2008), 897-908.

“Psalm 36:5-11,” “Psalm 71:1-14,” and “Psalm 70,” in David L. Bartlett and Barbara Brown Taylor, eds., *Lectionary Commentary Series* vol. II (Philadelphia: Westminster John Knox, 2008), 192-197, 216-221, 240-245.\*

“Review of Michael Welker, ed., *The Work of the Spirit: Pneumatology and Pentecostalism*,” *Pneuma* 30 (2008), 184-185.\*

“Don’t Call Me Postconservative: A Theological War We’d Do Best to Avoid,” review of Roger Olson, *Reformed and Always Reforming*, *Christianity Today* 52:2 (2/2008), 79-80.

“Review of John Webster, *Holy Scripture: A Dogmatic Sketch*,” *Scottish Journal of Theology* 60:4 (11/2007), 484-487.\*

“Messianic Showdown: How Jesus Turns the World Upside Down,” *The Christian Century* 124:13 (June 26, 2007), 28-31.

[“Converting God’s Friends: From Jonah to Jesus,”](#) *Word & World* 27:2 (Spring 2007).\*

“Education as Mission: The Course as Sign of the Kingdom,” *Journal of Education and Christian Belief* 11:1 (Spring 2007).

“Review of David S. Katz, *God’s Last Words: Reading the English Bible from the Reformation to Fundamentalism*,” *Pro Ecclesia* 16:1 (Winter 2007), 110-114.\*

- “Authority of Scripture,” in Katharine Doob Sakenfeld, gen. ed., *New Interpreter’s Dictionary of the Bible* (Nashville: Abingdon, 2006).\*
- [“Pentecostal and Charismatic Worship,”](#) in Geoffrey Wainwright *et al.*, eds., *The Oxford History of Christian Worship*, chapter 21 (New York: Oxford, 2006), 574-585.\*
- “‘Witness to the Signs,’ review of Lesslie Newbigin, *Signs amid the Rubble*,” *Pro Ecclesia* 13.3 (Summer 2004), 352-358.\*
- [“Speaking for the Spirit in an Age of Division,”](#) in Carl Braaten and Robert Jenson, eds., *The Ecumenical Future* (Eerdmans, 2004), 198-217.\*
- [“Review of J. Denny Weaver, \*The Nonviolent Atonement\*,”](#) *Theology Today* 59:3 (October 2002), 510-513.\*
- [“Annunciation as Election,”](#) *Scottish Journal of Theology* 54:3 (2001), 285-307.
- [“Veggie Ethics: What America’s Favorite Vegetables Say About Evangelicalism,”](#) *Theology Today* 57/4 (1/2001), 473-483.
- [“I Belong to the One True Church,”](#) in Geoffrey Wainwright, *Lesslie Newbigin: A Theological Life* (New York: Oxford, 2000), 398-401.\*
- [“Kiss Me, Kate: Putting Visions of Religious Convergence to the Test,”](#) *Studies in Interreligious Dialogue* 10/1 (2000), 44-56.
- [“Advent’s Answer to the Problem of Evil,”](#) *International Journal of Systematic Theology* 2/1 (3/2000), 100-111.\*
- [“Reordering Salvation: Church as the Proper Context for the Ordo Salutis,”](#) in David Cunningham, Ralph Del Colle, and Lucas Lamadrid, eds., *Ecumenical Theology in Worship, Doctrine, and Life: Essays in Honor of Geoffrey Wainwright* (Oxford, 1999), 182-195.\*
- “Christian-Muslim Convergence as Tradition-Constituted Enquiry,” *Studies in Interreligious Dialogue* 7/2 (1997), 200-216.

#### **NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL PRESENTATIONS (\* by invitation):**

- Keynote address, Theology track, InterVarsity Following Christ ’08 Conference, Chicago, IL, 2008.\*
- Keynote address, Western Seminary conference on theological interpretation, Holland, MI, 2008.\*
- “The Science Division: Implications of Christian Disunity in Theology-Science Dialogue,” Society for Pentecostal Studies Annual Meeting, Durham NC, 2008.
- “Divine and Human Agency and Pauline Soteriology,” respondent, SBL Pauline Soteriology Group, in San Diego, CA, 2007.\*
- “Yesterday, Today, and Forever: Science and the Pentecostal Cosmic Narrative,” Science and the Spirit Research Initiative Colloquium, Regent University, 2007.
- [“Teaching the Bible as Holy Scripture, or, Not Making Our Proselytes Twice the Sons of Hell that We Are,”](#) SBL Christian Theology and the Bible Group, in Washington DC, 2006.\*
- [“Breathed, Justified, Anointed, Enlightened, Filled: The Churches’ Life, Separation, and Hope in the Spirit,”](#) Institute for Ecumenical Research 40<sup>th</sup> International Ecumenical Seminar, Strasbourg, France, 2006.\*
- [“Evangelicals in the Factory of Scripture,”](#) AAR Evangelical Theology Group, in Philadelphia PA, 2005.

- [“Response to William F. Abraham, ‘Canon: Graveyard and Site of Resurrection of Evangelicalism,’”](#) The Word Made Fresh Forum, in Philadelphia PA, 2005.\*
- [“Education as Mission: The Course as Sign of the Kingdom,”](#) 2003 Pruitt Memorial Symposium, Baylor University, 2003.
- [“Sharpening the Doctrine of God: Theology between Christianity and Early Islam,”](#) AAR Eastern Orthodox Studies Group, in Toronto, ON, 2002.
- [“Songs of Zion: Eschaton and Blues in African-American Faith,”](#) AAR Systematic Theology and Black Theology Joint Session, in Denver, CO, 2001.
- [“The Confession of Christ as Hermeneutical Norm,”](#) Tenth Annual Wheaton Theology Conference, Wheaton IL, 2001.
- [“Speaking for the Spirit in an Age of Division,”](#) Center for Catholic and Evangelical Theology ecclesiology study group, in Princeton NJ, 2001.\*
- [“Monday’s Coming: Problem and Providence in Black and Womanist Theology,”](#) Christian Theological Research Fellowship, at the American Academy of Religion annual meeting, in Nashville, TN, 2000.
- [“Gusty Winds, or a Jet Stream? Charismatics and Orthodox on the Spirit of Tradition,”](#) AAR Evangelical Theology and Orthodox Theology Joint Session, in Boston, MA, 1999.
- “Advent’s Answer to the Problem of Evil,” AAR Systematic Theology Group, in Orlando, FL, 1998.
- “Sharing the Blame for Ecclesiology’s Second-Rate Status in Evangelicalism,” AAR Evangelical Theology Group, in San Francisco, CA, 1997.
- “Beyond Argument: Understanding Diversity in Biblical Interpretation,” AAR Evangelical Theology Group roundtable discussion, in San Francisco, CA, 1997.
- “Orthodox Resources for a Systematic Theology of Scripture,” AAR Orthodox Theology Group, in New Orleans, LA, 1996.

## **INSTITUTIONAL EXPERIENCE:**

- Member**, Mission and Distinctiveness Task Force, Westmont College, 2008-present.
- Honors Coordinator**, Westmont College, 2007-present.
- Member**, Communications Board, Westmont College, 2005-present.
- Faculty Advisor**, *The Horizon* newspaper, Westmont College, Fall 2008.
- Member**, Theology Search Committee, Westmont College, 2007-2008.
- Member**, Professional Development Committee, Westmont College, 2007.
- Member**, Personnel Committee, Westmont College, 2006-2007.
- Member**, Theology and New Testament Search Committee, Westmont College, 2006-2007.
- Member**, Computer and Technology Advisory Committee, Westmont College, 2005-2006.
- Member**, New Testament Search Committee, Westmont College, 2005-2006.
- Member**, Salary and Budget Committee, Westmont College, 2004-2005.
- Member**, History of Christianity Search Committee, Westmont College, 2003-2004.
- Member**, Theology Search Committee, APU, 2002-2003.
- Planning Team Member**, Lilly Fellows Foundation Conference, Westmont College, 2001.
- Participant**, Lilly Fellows Foundation Conference, Loyola Marymount University, 2000.

**Member**, Chapel Committee, Westmont College, 2000.

**Departmental Fellowship**, Graduate Program in Religion, Duke University, 1994-1999.

**Member**, Committee to Restructure the Graduate Program in Religion, Duke University, 1994-1995.

## POPULAR ARTICLES:

(Additional otherwise unpublished articles are posted on [TelfordWork.net](http://TelfordWork.net).)

“A Hard Act to Follow: Do sequels have to be disappointing?” *Books & Culture* (forthcoming).

“[Spiritual Justice Is Social Justice, and Vice Versa](#),” *Westmont Horizon* 72 (1/30/2007), 7.

“[Are Catholics Christians?](#)” *Westmont Horizon* 72 (9/2006), 2.

“[The Soulless World of Tom Wolfe](#),” *The New Pantagruel* 2.3 (Summer 2005).

“[Pop Goes the Bubble: Adventures in Christian Culture Crossing](#),” *Westmont* magazine 27:3 (Summer 2004), 14-17.

“[Telford Work: The Internet Monk Interview](#),” [www.internetmonk.com/work.html](http://www.internetmonk.com/work.html), 2004.

“[Rock of Aged](#),” *Perspectives: A Journal of Reformed Thought* 19:6 (June/July 2004), 16-19.

“[My Enemy, Myself: What Brings Evangelicals Together Is Also What Tears Us Apart](#),” *Christianity Today* (February 2004), 41-43.

“[Once Upon a Tribulation](#),” *Re:generation Quarterly* 8:2 (Winter 2003), 32-34.

“[How September 12 Destroyed My Faith](#),” *Ekklesia Project Online* (<http://ekkesiaproject.org/articles/2002-09-work-september12.html>).

“[Nicodemus: Help, I’m Lost and Disconnected](#),” *Westmont Horizon* 67 (2/26/2002), 5.

“[Nicodemus: Is Required Worship Spiritual?](#)” *Westmont Horizon* 67 (2/5/2002), 4.

“[Synoptic Star Wars](#),” *Books & Culture* 8:2 (March/April 2002), 6-7.

“[January 2002: A Resolution](#),” *Westmont Horizon* 67 (1/15/2002), 5.

“[Nicodemus: Premarital Sex Is Not ‘Marriage’](#),” *Westmont Horizon* 67 (11/6/2001), 5.

“[Nicodemus: ‘Where is God in All This Suffering?’](#)” *Westmont Horizon* 67 (10/23/2001), 5.

“[Nicodemus: ‘Is Patriotism Biblical?’](#)” *Westmont Horizon* 67 (9/25/2001), 4.

“[Nicodemus: Answers to Your Silent Questions](#),” *Westmont Horizon* 67 (9/11/2001), 4.

“[Communal Worship and Love: Not an Option](#),” *Westmont Horizon* 66 (12/5/2000), 5.

“[Thin Line Between Arts and Entertainment](#),” *Westmont Horizon* 66 (12/5/2000), 9.

“[What Is Revival Anyway?](#)” *Westmont Horizon* 66 (9/19/2000), 4.

“The Day the Torch Was Dropped,” *Ministry Currents* (1-3/1994).

“Is Hearing Believing?” and “Fault Lines: Dividing the Baby Boom Generation,” *Ministry Currents* (10-12/1993).

“Post-Christian, Indeed,” “Unmarried With Children,” “Civil Wars,” and “Tomorrowland,” *Ministry Currents* (4-6/1993).

“Defined by What They Aren’t,” “Census Insights: American Mobility and Poverty,” “Future Faith,” “Getting More Than the Face Value,” *Ministry Currents* (1-3/1993).

“The Twenty-Something Crowd,” “Research and Response,” *Ministry Currents* (10-12/1992).

## LOCAL PRESENTATIONS:

- “Grieving Wrong and Grieving Right,” sermon, Goleta Presbyterian Church, 2008.
- “Does Religion Belong in Politics? Reflections in the Midst of the 2008 Campaign,” with Jesse Covington, Westmont Downtown, 2008.
- “The Big Picture: A Three-Week Crash Course on Everything,” sermon series, Calvary Baptist Church, Santa Barbara, 2008.
- [Inaugural Chapel Prayer](#), Westmont Chapel, 2008.
- [“Under Construction: Westmont’s Honors Experience.”](#) President’s Scholars dinner, Westmont Orientation, 2008.
- [“The Holy Spirit in the Bible and Everywhere Else.”](#) four-part series, First Presbyterian Church, Santa Barbara, 2008.
- “Children of Men,” discussion co-leader, Westmont Reel-Talk film series, 2008.
- “Response to F. LeRon Shults, ‘The Emergence of Compassion,’” Westmont College, 2008.
- [“Bowling Holy.”](#) Westmont Focus Week chapel speaker, 2008.
- “Catholic Worship,” panelist, Westmont College, 2008.
- [“Spiritual Health from a Great Physician.”](#) Westmont Emmaus Road training speaker, 2008.
- [“The Real Deal? Gnostic Movement\(s\).”](#) History of Global Christianity guest speaker, 2008.
- “The Meaning of Christmas,” UCSB Chinese/American Christian Fellowship, 2007.
- [“Response to Lisa J. DeBoer, ‘Whose Art? Which Church?’”](#) Paul C. Wilt Phi Kappa Phi Lecture, Westmont College, 2007.
- [“Idea Exchange: Reconsidering Tenure?”](#) Panelist, Westmont College, 2007.
- [“Nailing Jell-O to the Wall: The Emergent Church Movement.”](#) Westmont Homecoming Mini-class, Westmont College, 2007.
- [“Why Is the Bible Powerful?”](#) Chapel speaker, Santa Barbara Christian School, Santa Barbara CA, 2007.
- [“Disappointed? Rejoice.”](#) Junior Class chapel speaker, Westmont College, 2007.
- [“Faculty Prayer.”](#) *In the Sanctuary: Westmont Chapel 2006/2007*, Truetone compact disc, 2007.
- [“Are We Using the Same Bible? Evangelical Hermeneutics in the Economy of Salvation.”](#) invited speaker, Torrey Honors Institute of Biola University, Los Angeles, CA, 2007.
- “Living and Active: Scripture in the Economy of Salvation,” invited seminar leader, Torrey Honors Institute of Biola University, Los Angeles, CA, 2007.
- “Response to Jeff Schloss, ‘Is the New Testament Love Command Biologically Impossible? Evolutionary Theory, Biblical Faith, and the Mystery of Altruism,’” Paul C. Wilt Phi Kappa Phi Lecture, Westmont College, 2007.
- [“Pray the Mission.”](#) sermon, Goleta Presbyterian Church, Goleta, CA, 2007.
- [“Focus Week Chapel Prayer.”](#) Westmont Chapel, 2007.
- “Hamlet” and “Rosencrantz and Guildenstern are Dead,” discussion co-leader, Westmont Reel-Talk evening for honors students, 2006.
- [“Nailing Jell-O to the Wall: The Emergent Church Movement.”](#) Tuesdays with Morals, Westmont College, 2006.
- “My Life in Books,” invited panelist, Oregon Extension, Ashland OR, 2006.

“Debriefing Da Vinci: Learning to Be the Church in Dan Brown’s World,” panelist, Westmont Homecoming, 2006.

[“Disappointed,”](#) Junior Class chapel speaker, Westmont College, 2006.

[“Knowing Jesus Changes Everything,”](#) Featured Retreat Speaker, Christ the King Episcopal Church, Santa Barbara, 2006.

[“Sheep with a Shepherd,”](#) Montecito Covenant Church, 2006.

[“Unmixing Technology’s Message,”](#) Westmont College, 2006.

[“The Holy Spirit in the Bible and Everywhere Else,”](#) four-part series, Santa Barbara Free Methodist Church, 2006.

[“Sovereignty, Creativity, Integrity, and Responsibility in Divine and Human Economy,”](#) faculty exchange panelist, “Creative Work in an Ownership Society,” Westmont College, 2006.

“Summit for Justice,” discussion leader, Westmont College, 2006.

[“Mission as What? Vocation and Confession in Cross-Cultural Missions,”](#) Emmaus Road/One-in-Christ joint session, Missions Week, Westmont College, 2006.

“The Princeton Proposal for Christian Unity,” All Saints-by-the-Sea Episcopal Church, Santa Barbara, CA, 2006.

[“Cats and Dogs Living Together: Christian Unity for Catholics and Protestants,”](#) One-in-Christ student group inaugural speaker, Westmont College, Santa Barbara, CA, 2005.

“For Freedom Set Free: The First Year,” panelist, Westmont College First Year Parents’ Weekend, 2005.

[“The Lord’s Prayer in its Eschatological Setting,”](#) Paul C. Wilt Phi Kappa Phi Lecture, Westmont College, 2005.

“The Politics of Faith,” leader and participant, Westmont Downtown, Santa Barbara, CA, 2005.

“Ain’t Too Proud to Beg: Wrestling with Life, Theology, and Prayer” (adult education four-week series), Montecito Covenant Church, Santa Barbara, CA, 2005.

[“The Ultimate Makeover: Jesus the End and the Beginning,”](#) Hope Community Church, Santa Barbara, CA, 2005.

“Responding to Hurricane Katrina,” panelist, “Tuesdays with Morals,” Westmont College, 2005.

“Saved,” discussion co-leader, Westmont Student Orientation, 2005.

“Faculty Panel,” panelist, Westmont Student Orientation, 2005.

[“You Can Say That Again,”](#) sermon, Montecito Covenant Church, 2005.

[“Sight to the Blind”](#) (adult education four-week series), First Presbyterian Church, Santa Barbara, CA, 2005.

[“Evangelicals in the Factory of Scripture,”](#) UCSB Front Porch, 2005.

[“Sex Now and Then: A Discussion of Sex in America, on College Campuses, and in the Roman Empire,”](#) “Tuesdays with Morals,” Westmont College, 2005.

[“Can God Really Suffer? The Powerful Weakness of the Cross,”](#) Westmont Preview Days guest lecture, 2005.

[“All Here Present in the Sight of God: Spirituality for Cross-Cultural Mission,”](#) Westmont Emmaus Road, 2005.

[“A Front Porch of What House? The Wholeness of Campus Christian Life,”](#) UCSB Front Porch, 2005.

[“Omega and Alpha: Jesus, the Center of Christian Faith,”](#) All Saints-by-the-Sea Episcopal Church Lenten series, Santa Barbara, 2005.

[“Every Place on which You Set Foot Shall Be Yours,”](#) Monroe Scholar Candidates’ Chapel, Westmont College, 2005.

“This Is Spinal Tap,” Westmont College film series, 2004.

[“How Odd,”](#) Westmont College Christmas Tree Lighting, 2004.

[“For Freedom Set Free: The First Year,”](#) panelist, Westmont First Year Parents’ Weekend, 2004.

“‘Saved,’ Religious Studies at the Movies,” Westmont College, 2004.

[Homily for Macedonio Coria,](#) Forest Lawn Memorial Park, Glendale, 2004.

[“Love Thyself: A Disquieting Portrait of American Christianity,”](#) UCSB Front Porch featured speaker, UCSB, 2004.

[“Less Is More: The Joy of Preaching about Almost Nothing,”](#) Westmont Homecoming Worship Service, 2004.

[“Theology in High School and \(Especially\) Beyond,”](#) Trinity Lutheran Church, Ventura, 2004.

[“Generosity under Pressure: or, How to Win in November No Matter What,”](#) sermon, Montecito Covenant Church and Hope Community Church, 2004.

[“Recalling the Calling,”](#) Santa Barbara Community Church men’s retreat, 2004.

“What Happens When We Die?” panelist, Montecito Covenant Church, 2004.

[“What’s the Connection?”](#) Westmont College baccalaureate address, Westmont College, 2004.

[“From Iconoclasm to the ‘Triumph of Orthodoxy,’”](#) Westmont College History Department guest lecturer, Westmont College, 2004.

[“Writing Workshop,”](#) panelist, Westmont College, 2004.

“‘Jesus of Montreal,’ Religious Studies at the Movies,” Westmont College, 2004.

[“Learning Christian Faith by Breaking Spiritual Laws,”](#) Parents Weekend lecture, Westmont College, 2004.

“Modern Muslim Constancy and Change: A Tip of an Iceberg,” UCSB Front Porch featured speaker, UCSB, 2004.

[“Evangelicals in the Factory of Scripture,”](#) Westmont College Faculty Exchange, Santa Barbara, 2004.

[“Why the Cross?”](#) sermon, Hope Community Church, Santa Barbara, 2004.

[“World Religions in Terms of Christian Faith,”](#) Westmont College Scholar’s Day, 2004.

“Religion in the Media Age,” roundtable panelist, Walter H. Capps Center for the Study of Religion and Public Life at UCSB and Westmont College, 2004.

[Response to Bob Russell,](#) “Evolution and the Problem of Evil,” Interdisciplinary Symposium at Westmont College, 2004.

[“Searching the Scriptures \(for Islam\),”](#) Christ the King Episcopal Church, 2004.

[“Good News for the Whole World \(not to be confused with ‘Evangelicalism and World Religions’\),”](#) Faculty Exchange (with Elinor Abbot, Chandra Mallampalli, and Robert Wennberg), Westmont College, 2003.

“Is Graduate School for You? Professors Talk,” panelist, Career and Life Planning, Westmont College, 2003.

[“World Religions in the Context of Christian Faith \(and not the other way around\),”](#) UCSB Front Porch featured speaker, UCSB, 2003.

[“Response to David Batstone’s \*Saving the Corporate Soul\*,”](#) Westmont College Board of Advisors panelist (with David Batstone, Edd Noell, and Heather Speirs), Westmont College, 2003.

[“King of the World: Solomon,”](#) sermon, Montecito Covenant Church, Santa Barbara, CA, 2003.

[“For Freedom Set Free: The First Year,”](#) panelist, Westmont First Year Parents’ Weekend, 2003.

“The Matrix Reloaded’: Religious Studies at the Movies,” Westmont College, 2003.

[“Running in Circles: Painful Adventures in Christian Culture Crossing,”](#) Westmont Urban Program featured speaker (with Bruce Fisk), 2003.

“Bible Stories You Didn’t Outgrow” (adult education four-week series), First Presbyterian Church, Santa Barbara, CA, 2003.

“Christian Perspectives on Just War and Pacifism,” panelist, Azusa Pacific University, 2003.

“Development as a Teacher,” panelist, Center for Advanced Theological Studies, Fuller Seminary, 2002.

“Memento,” Westmont College film series, 2002.

[“Lost and Found: Soulcraft as the Work of the Church,”](#) “Dust of the Ground or Souls in Earthly Tents?” interdisciplinary conference, Westmont College, 2002.

[“Christian Life in a Multifaith World,”](#) UCSB Front Porch featured speaker, UCSB, 2002.

“Bible Studies You Didn’t Outgrow,” sermon series ([Eden](#), [Noah’s Ark](#), [Jonah](#)), Hope Community Church, Santa Barbara, CA, 2002.

[“After 9/11: Ups and Downs in the Public Square,”](#) Westmont College Alumni Weekend, 2002.

[“In the Matrix, but Not of It: Can Christians Use Computers?”](#) Westmont College Computer Science Department guest lectures, 2001.

“Testing the Credibility of the Official [Westmont] Story,” panelist, Lilly Fellows Foundation Conference, Westmont College, 2001.

“Islamism: Introduction and Interpretation,” Westmont College board of advisors featured speaker, Westmont College, 2001.

“Islamism: Introduction and Interpretation,” UCSB Front Porch featured speaker, UCSB, 2001.

“‘Why Do They Hate Us So Much?’ Islam and the West in Each Other’s Eyes” (with Chandra Mallampalli), Westmont College, 2001.

[“Divided Loyalties? Christian Identity in Wartime America,”](#) Phi Sigma Tau Philosophical Society lecture, Westmont College, 2001.

“‘The Truman Show’: Religious Studies at the Movies,” Westmont College, 2001.

“‘Dogma’: Religious Studies at the Movies,” Westmont College, 2001.

[“Laodicea, U.S.A.,”](#) Westmont College Christian Concerns chapel, 2001.

[“Get Real,”](#) Westmont College chapel series, 2001.

[“The Political Jesus,”](#) Christians in the Public Square series, Westmont College, 2000.

“Dead Poets Society,” Westmont College film series, 2000.

“Implications of Christ’s *Kenosis* for Our Fields of Study,” panelist, Westmont College, 2000.

[Response to Bruce N. Fisk](#), “The Frog Prince, the Matrix, and the Way of the Cross: A Meditation on Philippians 2:5-11,” *Kenosis: A Campus Reflects*, Westmont College, 2000.

“‘Contact’: Religious Studies at the Movies,” Westmont College, 2000.  
“The Roman Catholic Mass: A Theological History and Analysis,” Westmont College Music Department guest lecture, 2000.  
[“Community Journey,”](#) Westmont College chapel series, 2000.  
“Encountering Muslims,” The Roy P. Adams Mission Conference, Westmont College, 2000.  
“‘The Matrix’: Religious Studies at the Movies,” Westmont College, 2000.  
“Advent’s Answer to the Problem of Evil,” Pasadena Mennonite Church, 1999.  
[“In the Matrix, but Not of It: Can Christians Use Computers?”](#) Westmont College Computer Science Department guest lecture, 1999.  
[“Can a Person Follow Jesus and Still Be Muslim?”](#) (with Gaston Espinosa), Westmont College Hot Issues Series, 1999.  
“‘Pleasantville’: Religious Studies at the Movies,” Westmont College, 1999.

#### **LANGUAGES:**

Spanish; Greek, German, Hebrew (reading knowledge);  
Oracle PL/SQL, HTML, Microsoft Visual FoxPro.

#### **COLLEGE, SEMINARY, AND CHURCH COURSES:**

**Introductory Christian Doctrine**, Spring 1999, [Fall 1999](#), [Spring 2000](#), [Fall 2000](#), [Spring 2001](#), [Fall 2001](#), [Spring 2002](#), [Fall 2003](#), [Spring 2004](#), [Fall 2004](#), [Spring 2005](#), [Fall 2005](#), [Spring 2006](#), [Fall 2006](#), [Spring 2007](#), [Fall 2007](#), [Spring 2008](#), Fall 2008, Spring 2009.  
**Seminar in Theology: Pneumatology and Nature**, [Spring 2007](#).  
**Doctrine of Reconciliation**, [Fall 2006](#).  
**Seminar in Theology: Theological Interpretation**, [Spring 2005](#) (featuring Deuteronomy), Spring 2009 (featuring Genesis).  
**Life and Literature of the New Testament**, [Fall 2005](#).  
**Doctrine of God**, [Fall 2004](#).  
**Contemporary World Theologies**, [Spring 2004](#), [Spring 2006](#), [Spring 2008](#).  
**Doctrine of the Word**, [Fall 2003](#), [Fall 2007](#).  
**Ancient and Medieval Christianity**, [Fall 2003](#).  
**Judaism and Islam**, [Spring 2002](#).  
**Topics in Theological History: Christian Worship**, [Spring 2002](#).  
**Reformation Christianity**, [Fall 2001](#).  
**Topics in Theological History: Augustine and Augustinianism**, [Spring 2001](#).  
**History and Theory of Religion**, [Spring 2001](#).  
**History of World Christianity**, Fall 2001.  
**Topics in Theological History: History of Christian Confession**, [Spring 2000](#).  
  
**Systematic Theology: Ecclesiology and Eschatology** (Fuller Extension), [Spring 2008](#).  
**Systematic Theology: Christology and Soteriology** (Fuller Extension), [Winter 2008](#).  
**Systematic Theology: Theology and Anthropology** (Fuller Extension), [Fall 2007](#).  
**Medieval and Reformation Theology** (Fuller Extension), [Winter 2005](#).  
**Patristic Theology** (Fuller Extension), [Fall 2004](#).  
**Systematic Theology: Ecclesiology and Eschatology** (Fuller), [Summer 2000](#).  
**Doctrine of Scripture** (Fuller), offered [Summer 1999](#).

**Systematic Theology: Christology and Soteriology** (Fuller), [Summer 1997](#), [Spring 1998](#).

**Contemporary Christian Thought** (APU), [Spring 2002](#).

**Church History** (APU), [Fall 2002](#), [Spring 2002](#).

**Theology and Christian Life** (APU), [Fall 2002](#), [Spring 2002](#).

**Topics in Systematic Theology: The World in Christian Perspective** (APU), [Fall 2002](#).

**Leaders Training Leaders Training Leaders: The Pastoral Epistles** (Montecito Covenant Church College Group), 2004-2005.

**The Gospel According to Hollywood** (Christian Assembly), Winter-Spring 2000, Fall 2002.

**Christian Theology for Christian Life** (Christian Assembly), [Spring-Summer 1999](#).

**Apocalypse Now: Revelation** (Christian Assembly), [Fall 1998](#).

**Life After Jesus: Acts** (Christian Assembly), [Spring 1998](#).

**Who Is This Guy? Exploring Jesus Together** (Christian Assembly), [Winter 1998](#).

#### **PRECEPTORIALS:**

**Christian Theology** (Geoffrey Wainwright; Duke Divinity School), 1997.

**New Testament Introduction** (Richard Hays; Duke Divinity School), 1997.

**Christian Ethics** (Harmon Smith, Stanley Hauerwas; Duke Divinity School), 1995, 1996.

**Comparative Area Studies** (Vincent Cornell; Duke University), 1996.

**Religion and Film** (Ellison Jones; Duke University), 1996, 1997.

**Medieval/Reformation Theology** (John L. Thompson; Fuller Theological Seminary), 1994.

#### **CHURCH AFFILIATION:**

Attender, Santa Barbara Community Church, Santa Barbara, CA, 2008-present.

Attender, Montecito Covenant Church, Santa Barbara, CA, 2003-2008.

Former teaching pastor and attender of Christian Assembly (Foursquare), Los Angeles, CA, 1997-2001 and 2002-2003. Served on the teaching team of this multiethnic congregation of 2,000. Led occasional courses in theology and biblical studies. Helped develop its spiritual formation curriculum, statement of faith, and “partnership” (new members) process. Preached on occasion. Taught children in Sunday School.

Former elder of Glendale Community Church (nondenominational), Glendale, CA. Led small group Bible studies. Preached. Served on its ministry (deacons’) council and on a pastor search committee.

#### **INTERNET EXPERIENCE:**

Developed websites for the Christian Theological Research Fellowship ([apu.edu/~ctrf](http://apu.edu/~ctrf)), the Ekklesia Project webzine ([www.ekklesiaproject.org/webzine.html](http://www.ekklesiaproject.org/webzine.html)), the Department of Religious Studies, Westmont College ([www.westmont.edu/departments/rs](http://www.westmont.edu/departments/rs)), and Telford Work ([telfordwork.net](http://telfordwork.net)).