

CURRICULUM VITAE

Bruce Norman Fisk

841 Westmont Road – Santa Barbara, CA 93108

fisk@westmont.edu – 805-565-7020 (office) – 805-280-5932 (cell)

EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Religion, 1997 Duke University, Durham, NC

Dissertation: “Retelling Israel's Story: Scripture, Exegesis and Transformation in Pseudo-Philo's *Liber Antiquitatum Biblicarum* 12-24.”

Committee: Richard Hays, E. P. Sanders, Eric Meyers, John R. Levison

Major: New Testament and Christian Origins

Minors: Old Testament, Judaism.

M. Div. (*Magna Cum Laude*) 1987 Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, Deerfield, IL

M. A. in New Testament (*Magna Cum Laude*) 1986 Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, Deerfield, IL

B. S. in Bible (High Honors) 1981 Philadelphia Biblical University, Langhorne, PA.

Part time studies:

Arabic: Santa Barbara City College, fall, 2006, spring, 2009; Nablus, West Bank, summer, 2008.

Greek: MacMaster Divinity School, Hamilton, Canada, 1982

French: Memorial University of Newfoundland, St. Pierre, France, 1981.

PROFESSIONAL TITLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Chair, Westmont Department of Religious Studies, 2007–2009

Westmont Faculty Senate, 2007-2009

Westmont Faculty Council, 2003-2006; 2007 (fall)

Professor of New Testament, Westmont College, 2008–

Associate Professor of New Testament, Westmont College, 2002–

Adjunct Faculty in New Testament, Fuller Theological Seminary, 2002

Assistant Professor of New Testament, Westmont College, 1999-2002

Associate Professor of New Testament, Briercrest Bible College, 1997-1999

Chair: Department of Bible and Theology, Briercrest Bible College, 1998-1999

Adjunct New Testament Faculty, Briercrest Biblical Seminary, 1997-1999, 2001.

Instructor in Hellenistic Greek, Duke Divinity School, 1995-1997

Graduate Assistant in New Testament, Duke Divinity School, 1995

Graduate Assistant in Old Testament, Duke Divinity School, 1994

Faculty in New Testament, Briercrest Bible College, 1987-1993

Chair: Department of Bible and Theology, Briercrest Bible College, 1989-1991

Visiting Lecturer: Briercrest Graduate School, 1987

Teaching Fellow in Greek Exegesis, Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, 1986-1987

Teaching Fellow in Greek Grammar, Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, 1985-1986

Faculty Assistant in New Testament, Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, 1984-1986

Tutor in Greek Grammar, Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, 1985

ASSOCIATIONS

Board Member: *Americans for a Just Peace in the Middle East* (www.ajpme.org) 2007–

Member: Society of Biblical Literature

Steering Committee: Scripture in Early Judaism and Christianity Section of the *Society of Biblical Literature* (2000–)

Steering Committee: Paul and Scripture Seminar of the *Society of Biblical Literature* (2005–2010)

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

Review: Mary Therese DesCamp. *Metaphor and Ideology: Liber Antiquitatum Biblicarum and Literary Methods through a Cognitive Lens*. Biblical Interpretation Series 87. Leiden and Boston: Brill, 2007. *Journal for the Study of Judaism*, forthcoming.

Review: Charles D. Smith. *Palestine and the Arab-Israeli Conflict: A History with Documents*. Bedford/St. Martin's; 7th ed. 2009. *Missiology*, forthcoming.

Eschatology. Interpretation: Resources for the Use of Scripture in the Church. Series editors: P. Miller, R. B. Hays. Westminster/JKP, forthcoming, 2011.

Hitchhiking the Gospels (provisional title). Baker Academic, 2010.

“Paul among the Storytellers: Reading Romans 11 in the Context of Rewritten Bible” in C. A. Evans and H. D. Zacharias, eds., “*What Does the Scripture Say?*” *Studies in the Function of Scripture in the Gospels and Letters of Paul*. Studies in Scripture in Early Judaism and Christianity. T. & T. Clark, 2010.

“See My Tears: A Lamentation for Jerusalem (Luke 13:32-35; 19:41-44)” in J. R. Wagner, C. K. Rowe, and A. K. Grieb, eds., *The Word Leaps the Gap: Essays on Scripture and Theology Sparked in Honor of Richard B. Hays*. Eerdmans, forthcoming, 2008. Pp. 147-178.

“Pseudo-Philo, Paul and Israel's Rolling Stone: Early Points along an Exegetical Trajectory” in K. Pomykala, ed., *Israel in the Wilderness: Interpretations of the Biblical Narratives in Jewish and Christian Traditions*. Themes in Biblical Narrative; Leiden: Brill, 2008. Pp.117-136.

“Synagogue Influence on Paul's Roman Readers” in Stanley Porter and Christopher Stanley, eds., *As It is Written: Studying Paul's Use of Scripture*. Brill, 2008.

Blog: *Crossings: Musings and stories about the New Testament world, then and now*. normtroubles.blogspot.com/ (“Biblioblogger of the Month,” May, 2007 ☺).

“Building a New Testament Library: Romans—Ephesians” *Catalyst: Contemporary Evangelical Perspectives for United Methodist Seminarians*. 33.2. 2007. Pp.6-8.

Review: Louis H. Feldman, “‘Remember Amalek’: Vengeance, Zealotry, and Group Destruction in the Bible according to Philo, Pseudo-Philo, and Josephus” (HUCM 31. Wayne State University Press, 2004). *Journal of Semitic Studies*, 2006 51.2: 412-415.

“The Odyssey of Christ: A Novel Context for Philippians 2:6-11” in C. Stephen Evans, ed., *Exploring Kenotic Christology: The Self-Emptying of God*. Oxford: OUP, 2006. Pp. 45-73.

“Gaps in the Story, Cracks in the Earth: The Exile of Cain and the Destruction of Korah in Pseudo-Philo (LAB 16)” in C. A. Evans, ed., *Of Scribes and Sages: Early*

- Jewish Interpretation & Transmission Of Scripture*, Volume 2, Edinburgh: T. & T. Clark, November, 2004.
- “Three Takes on *The Passion of the Christ*.” *Beliefnet Review*. February, 2004.
http://beliefnet.com/story/139/story_13978_1.html
- “Paul: Life and Letters” in S. McKnight and G. Osborne, eds., *The Face of New Testament Studies: A Survey of Recent Research*. Baker Academic, 2004. Pp. 283-325.
- Do You Not Remember? Scripture, Story and Exegesis in the Rewritten Bible of Pseudo-Philo*. JSP Supplement Series 37; Sheffield Academic Press, 2001.
- “Genesis Apocryphon (1QapGen)” in Craig Evans, ed. *Dictionary of New Testament Background*. InterVarsity Press, 2000. Pp.398-401.
- “Rewritten Bible in Pseudepigrapha and Qumran” in Craig Evans, ed. *Dictionary of New Testament Background*. InterVarsity Press, 2000. Pp. 947-953.
- “Offering Isaac Again and Again: Pseudo-Philo's Use of the Aqedah as Intertext,” *Catholic Biblical Quarterly* 62 (3, 2000) 481-507. Abstractor of *The Studia Philonica Annual for Old Testament Abstracts*. Washington, D.C., 2000.
- Interpretation Bible Studies: 1 Corinthians*. Geneva Press, 2000.
- “One Good Story Deserves Another: The Hermeneutics of Invoking Secondary Biblical Episodes in the Narratives of Pseudo-Philo and the Testaments of the Twelve Patriarchs.” In C. A. Evans, ed., *The Interpretation of Scripture in Early Judaism and Christianity: Studies in Language and Tradition* (SSEJC 7). Sheffield Academic Press, 2000. Pp.217-238.
- Review: Howard Jacobson, *A Commentary on Pseudo-Philo's Liber Antiquitatum Biblicarum, with Latin Text and English Translation*. AGJU 31; 2 vols. Brill, 1996. *Review of Biblical Literature* (e-journal of SBL).
- Review: Carl J. Davis, *The Name and Way of the Lord: Old Testament Themes, New Testament Christology*. JSNTSup 129. Sheffield Academic Press, 1996.
- Review of *Biblical Literature* (e-journal of SBL). “Scripture Shaping Scripture: The Interpretive Role of Biblical Citations in Pseudo-Philo's Episode of the Golden Calf,” *Journal for the Study of the Pseudepigrapha* 17 (1998) 3-23.
- “Retelling Israel's Story: Scripture, Exegesis and Transformation in Pseudo-Philo's Liber Antiquitatum Biblicarum 12-24.” Ph.D. dissertation, Duke University, 1997. Richard B. Hays, supervisor. Abstractor of *Journal of Jewish Studies for Old Testament Abstracts*. Washington, D.C., 1997-1999.
- “*Porneuein* as Body Violation: The Unique Nature of Sexual Sin in 1 Corinthians 6:18,” *New Testament Studies* 42 (1996) 540-558.
- “Abortion,” in W. A. Elwell, ed. *Evangelical Dictionary of Biblical Theology*. Baker, 1996. Pp. 2-6.
- “Body of Christ ,” in Elwell, ed. *Evangelical Dictionary of Biblical Theology*. Pp. 73-74.
- “Building,” in Elwell, ed. *Evangelical Dictionary of Biblical Theology*. Pp.76-77.
- Review: *Paul's Narrative Thought World*, by Ben Witherington, III. *Journal of Biblical Literature* 115 (1996) 552-554.
- Review: *Allegorical Readers and Cultural Revision in Ancient Alexandria*, by David Dawson. *Journal of Early Christian Studies* 2 (1994) 344-346.
- “A Person's A Person,” *Briercrest Echo*, Spring, 1991.

“Eating Meat Offered to Idols: Corinthian Behavior and Pauline Response in 1 Corinthians 8-10” *Trinity Journal* 10 (1989) 49-70.

SELECTED PAPERS AND PRESENTATIONS

- “A Hebrew of Hebrews: Paul’s Use of Scripture in Light of Contemporary Jewish Interpretation.” Invited paper. *Paul and Scripture Seminar* of the Society of Biblical Literature. SBL Annual Meeting. Boston. November, 2008.
- “Synagogue Influence on Paul’s Roman Readers.” Invited paper for the *Paul and Scripture Seminar* of the Society of Biblical Literature. November, 2006.
- Presider: Scripture in Early Judaism and Christianity Section. Theme: Scripture in New Testament Texts. *AAR/SBL 2004 Annual Meeting*, San Antonio, TX; 2009 Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA.
- “The Passion of the Christ: Three Questions for Discussion.” Delivered at Anti-Defamation League Public Forum. Victoria Hall, Santa Barbara. 3-14-04.
- “Largely Fiction: William Edelen's Take on the Four Gospels. A Response to W. Edelen’s ‘The Fiction of ‘The Passion’ Movie’” 3-7-04.
- “The Odyssey of Christ: Reading Philippians 2 in Hellenistic Context.” Paper read at the Kenotic Christology Workshop, at the *Calvin Center for Christian Scholarship*, Calvin College, Grand Rapids, MI. 5-29, 6-1-02.
- “Ancient Historiography as Docudrama: The New Testament Gospels as Screenplay.” Presentation at *Scripts and Scripture*, a conversation between Biblical scholars and screenwriters, co-sponsored by *Reel Spirituality: An Institute for Moving Images* and The Brehm Center for Worship, Theology and the Arts at Fuller Theological Seminary. 4-30-02.
- “‘After their sufferings a better fate is in store’: Philippians 2:6-11 and the Conventions of Greek Romance.” Paper read at the *SBL Pacific Coast Region Annual Meeting*, St. Mary's College, Moraga, CA, 3-24, 3-25, 3-26-02.
- “Like a Rolling Stone: Early Evidence for the Tradition of Israel’s Traveling Water Source in Paul and Pseudo-Philo.” Paper read at *AAR/SBL 2001 Annual Meeting* (Scripture in Early Judaism and Christianity Section), Denver, CO. 11-17-01.
- “Israel's Wilderness Wanderings and Paul’s Exe-Jesus in 1 Corinthians 10:4.” Research report. Faculty Exchange, Westmont, March, 2001.
- “Gaps in the Story, Cracks in the Earth: The Exile of Cain and the Destruction of Korah in Pseudo-Philo (LAB 16).” Paper read at *AAR/SBL 2000 Annual Meeting* (Scripture in Early Judaism and Christianity Section), Nashville, November, 2000.
- “One Good Story Deserves Another: The Hermeneutics of Invoking Secondary Biblical Episodes in the Narratives of Pseudo-Philo and the Testaments of the Twelve Patriarchs.” Paper read at the *AAR/SBL 1998 Annual Meeting* (Scripture in Early Judaism and Christianity Section), Orlando, November, 1998.
- “The Offering of Isaac Again and Again: Pseudo-Philo's Use of the Aqedah as Intertext.” Paper read at *AAR/SBL 1997 Annual Meeting* (Pseudepigrapha Group), San Francisco, November, 1997.
- “Scripture Shaping Scripture: The Interpretive Role of Biblical Citations in Pseudo-Philo's *Liber Antiquitatum Biblicarum*.” Paper read at *AAR/SBL 1996 Annual Meeting* (Pseudepigrapha Group), New Orleans, 1996.

- “Sin Against the Body: 1 Corinthians 6:18 in Literary Context.” Paper read at *AAR/SBL Upper Midwest Regional Conference*, Minneapolis, 1993.
- “Eating Meat Offered to Idols: An Examination of Corinthian Behaviour and Pauline Response in 1 Corinthians 8-10.” Paper read at *The Evangelical Theological Society of Canada*, Toronto, 1989.
- “A Brief Presented to the Saskatchewan Commission on Directions in Health Care.” Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan, 1989.

TALKS AND SERIES IN CHURCHES AND PARACHURCH ORGANIZATIONS

- “The Apocalypse.” *The Living Word*. 12-week adult education series. Montecito Covenant Church, Montecito, CA. Fall, 2009.
- “Israel, Palestine and the Bible.” DEPTH. Monthly Seminar. Free Methodist Church, Santa Barbara, CA. 10-8-09.
- “Christian Zionism.” *Palestine Past and Present*. Speaker Series at *All Saints-by-the-Sea Episcopal Church*, Montecito, CA. 3-26-08.
- “Render to Caesar.” Guest lecturer: *Front Porch*. Presbyterian Student Ministry at Cal-Poly San Luis Obispo, CA. 2-20-08.
- “Christian Community One-Oh-One (Acts 4:23-33).” Sermon. *Centre Pointe Church*, Santa Clarita, CA. 2-3-08.
- “Images of Jesus in Imagination, History and Scripture.” Two-week adult education series. First Presbyterian Church, Santa Barbara. 1-6 and 1-13-08.
- “Christian Zionism” Adult education. First Presbyterian Church, Santa Barbara. 1-27-08.
- “Dead Sea Scrolls: First United Methodist Church, Santa Barbara, CA. 10-17-07.
- “The Prophet’s Ascent to the Holy City: Sacred Geography in Luke’s Gospel.” Adult education, Goleta Presbyterian Church, 3-25-07.
- “Christian Zionism: Contours, Commitments and Critique.” Guest speaker: *Front Porch*, Cal-Poly, San Luis Obispo. 4-04-07.
- “Christian Zionism.” Adult education, Montecito Covenant Church. Four studies. 1/2-07.
- “Breaking *The Da Vinci Code*.” Keynote address at Presbytery of Santa Barbara 408th Stated Meeting. First Presbyterian Church, Grover Beach, CA. 5-09-06.
- “The Passion of Christ.” Public lecture sponsored by “The Gathering.” Unitarian Society Parish Hall. 3-27-06.
- “The Gnostic Gospels.” Public lectures sponsored by “The Gathering.” Unitarian Society Parish Hall. 1-17, 2-6-06.
- “Studies in Luke.” Adult education, Montecito Covenant Church. Four studies. 9/10-03
- “There’s Something About That Name: Looking for Jesus in Film, Academy and Church.” Lecture Series. *The Ranch School of Ministry*, Lancaster, CA. 5-25, 5-26-01.
- “Reading Paul in Six Modes.” Lecture: *The Desert Vineyard*, Leadership Group. Lancaster, CA. 5-24-01
- “Making Room at the Table: 1 Corinthians 11:17-34.” Sermon: *The Desert Vineyard*, Lancaster, CA. 5-20-01.
- “Preview of Coming Attractions: 1 Corinthians 15:1-19.” Chapel, Briercrest Biblical Seminary, Caronport, Saskatchewan, Canada. 3-29-01.
- “Lord of the Dance: Imaging Jesus in Film, the Academy and the Gospels.” Lecture Series. *The Ranch School of Ministry*, Lancaster, CA. August, 2000.

SELECTED WESTMONT ENGAGEMENTS

- “Have Mercy.” Religious Studies chapel address. 11-11-09.
- “Poverty as Marginality.” Westmont Homecoming 2009 Lecture. 10-17-09.
- “People at the Margins.” Presentation: Tuesdays with Morals. 9-15-09.
- Co-leader, *Westmont in the Middle East* Mayterm, May-June, 2009.
- Interviewer: Monroe Scholars Candidates. 2-09-08.
- Co-leader: *Westmont Reel Talk: Superman Returns*. 1-26-08
- Leader, *Westmont in the Middle East* Mayterm, May-June, 2007
- Meditations on Luke’s Benedictus, Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis*. Faculty Retreat
Worship, 8-20, 8-21-07.
- “Keepers of the Scrolls: Doomsday Cult, Commune, Influence on Early Christianity?”
Lecture & guide for Westmont Alumni Regional event: *Dead Sea Scrolls* exhibit.
San Diego, CA. 6-30-07.
- “A Tale of Two Communes: Qumran Monastics and the Early Jesus Movement.” Lecture
& guide for Westmont Alumni Regional event: *Dead Sea Scrolls* exhibit. Seattle,
WA. 1-04-07.
- Co-leader: *Westmont College Reel Talk. Paradise Now*. 9-8-06.
- Breaking the Code: A Dialogue with Dan Brown about Jesus, Mary Magdalene and early
Christianity*. A Westmont Downtown Lecture. Santa Barbara: 5-11-06. Ventura: 5-
18-06.
- Briefing on *The Da Vinci Code*. Westmont Board of Advisors. 11-12-06.
- Presider: “Debriefing *Da Vinci*: Learning to Be the Church in Dan Brown's World.”
Westmont Homecoming Panel discussion. 9-30-06.
- “The Israel-Palestine Conflict.” *Tuesdays with Morals*. Westmont. 9-12-06.
- Co-leader, Westmont Europe Semester (final month). Nov/Dec, 2005.
- “Jesus’ Miracles in Tradition and Christology: A Response to James Taylor's ‘Jesus’
Miracles and Christian Belief.” Paul C. Wilt Phi Kappa Phi Lecture. 9-27-04.
- “Rumors of Glory.” Plenary Meditation at Westmont College Faculty Retreat. 8-04
- Co-leader, *Westmont in the Middle East* Mayterm, May-June, 2004
- “Cracks in the Code: Musings on Dan Brown's *The Da Vinci Code*.” Westmont public
forum. 4-14-04.
- Co-leader, Europe Semester, Fall term, 2002
- “Scripture-shaped Social Policy: A Plea for ‘Thoughtful’ Reading.” Guest lecture for
Human Services and Social Policy (SOC180). 9-4-01.
- “The Frog Prince, The Matrix, and the Way of the Cross: A Meditation on Philippians
2:5-11.” Plenary lecture. *Kenosis: A Campus Reflects*, 9-25-30-00.
- “Seven Things They Probably Told Me When I Wasn't Listening.” New Faculty
Workshop. 8-18-00.

COURSES TAUGHT

Undergraduate

New Testament

Gospels	Life and Literature of the New Testament
Synoptic Gospels	Life and Teachings of Jesus
Acts	Pauline Epistles
Pauline Literature	Thought and Theology of Paul

Hebrews
Apocalypse
New Testament Theology and Ethics
Jewish Backgrounds to Early Christianity
Cultural and Religious Diversity in the New Testament World

Greek

Introductory Greek I and II Beginning Greek A, B, C
Intermediate Greek I and II Greek Exegesis

Other

Understanding and Applying the Bible
Hermeneutics Genesis

Travel Courses

The New Testament World (on campus and on Middle East Mayterm)
The Early Church in the Roman World (Europe Semester)
The New Testament in Ancient and Modern Context (M.E. Mayterm)
Arts & Ideas of the Western Tradition (Europe Semester)

Graduate

Paul and the Christian Community
Life and Teachings of Paul
Intertestamental History and Literature
Biblical Narrative: Issues and Approaches
1 Corinthians: Issues in the Christian Community
Greek Syntax Introduction to Greek Exegesis
Greek Exegesis Advanced Greek Exegesis

REFERENCES

Richard B. Hays
George Washington Ivey Professor of New Testament
The Divinity School
Duke University
Durham, North Carolina, 27708
richard.hays@duke.edu

Karen H. Jobes
Gerald F. Hawthorne Professor of New Testament Greek and Exegesis
Wyn garden 207
Wheaton College and Graduate School
501 College Avenue
Wheaton, IL 60187
Karen.Jobes@wheaton.edu

J. Ross Wagner
Associate Professor of New Testament
Department of Biblical Studies
11 Tennent Hall
Princeton Theological Seminary, Princeton, NJ 08542
ross.wagner@ptsem.edu