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### EDUCATION:

- Ph. D.** Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts—Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, Department of Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations, with concentration in Hebrew Bible and Northwest Semitic Philology. **Dissertation:** 1 Samuel 16-18 and 19:8-10: A Traditio-Historical Study. Advisors: Professors Frank Moore Cross, Jr. and Paul D. Hanson.  
6/91
- M. A.** Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts—Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, Department of Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations, with concentration in Hebrew Bible and Northwest Semitic Philology. **General Exams passed with distinction**, October, 1985.  
3/86
- M. Div.** Princeton Theological Seminary, Princeton, New Jersey—graduated **second in class** of 145 members with concentration in Old Testament.  
6/81
- M. Div. Studies** *North American Baptist Seminary*, Sioux Falls, South Dakota.  
9/77-6/79
- M. A.** Institute of Holy Land Studies, Jerusalem, Israel—Hebrew major including both classical and modern Hebrew.  
4/78
- B. A.** Westmont College, Santa Barbara, California—graduated Summa Cum Laude and **first in class** of 189 members with Religious Studies major.  
5/76
- A. A.** Allan Hancock College, Santa Maria, California—degree in Liberal Arts.  
6/74

### WORK EXPERIENCE:

- 9/00-present            Professor of Old Testament—Westmont College
- 9/93-8/00              Associate Professor of Old Testament—Westmont College.
- 1/86-8/93              Assistant Professor of Old Testament—Westmont College.
- 9/84-1/85              Teaching Fellow—“Introduction to the Bible,” Harvard University.
- 2/84-6/84              Teaching Fellow—“The World of the Early Christians,” Harvard University.
- 2/83-5/83              Teaching Fellow—“Introduction to the Bible,” Harvard University.
- 2/83-5/83              Teaching Fellow—“Old Testament Theology,” Harvard University.
- 6/80-8/80  
9/80-6/81              Hebrew Teaching Assistant—Princeton Theological Seminary, once in summer school and a second time during the academic year.
- 6/78-6/79              Teaching Assistant in Old Testament—North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, South Dakota.
- 9/78-6/79              Hebrew Tutor—Lincoln High School, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, in special program for gifted students.
- 2/76-6/76              Greek Tutor—Westmont College.

## PUBLICATIONS:

**Author** of the following articles for *The Oxford Companion to the Bible*, eds. Bruce M. Metzger and Michael D. Coogan (1993): “Revelation,” “Eschatology,” “Jebusites,” “Melchizedek,” “Promised Land,” “Rechabites.”

**Author** of the following articles for the *Evangelical Dictionary of Biblical Theology*, ed. Walter A. Elwell (1996), published by Baker Book House: “Hope,” “Pit,” “Prostitution,” “Punishment,” “Sheol,” “Zechariah, Theology of.”

**Contributed** the following chapters to the revision of *Old Testament Survey* (2nd ed., 1996), by William Sanford La Sor, David Allan Hubbard, and Frederic William Bush, published by Eerdmans: “Haggai,” “Zechariah,” “Malachi,” and “The Formation of the Old Testament.”

**Author** of the following articles for *Eerdmans Dictionary of the Bible*, ed. David Noel Freedman (2000): “Goliath,” “Daniel,” “Mene, Mene, Tekel, Upharsin,” “Nephilim,” “Seraphim,” “Servant of the Lord.”

**Author** of *Daniel* in the New International Biblical Commentary to be published by Hendrickson (in progress).

#### HONORS AND AWARDS:

- 91, 93, 96, 98      Westmont College Faculty Development Grants—summer stipends used for research.
- 90-91              Teacher of the Year Award—Humanities Division, Westmont College.
- 3/91                Omicron Delta Kappa—national honor society membership.
- 9/83-12/85        Non-resident Tutor in Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations—Lowell House, Harvard College.
- 6/83                Harvard Semitic Museum/Dorot Foundation Fellowship—used for studying Arabic at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem, Israel, summer 1983.
- 6/81                Senior Fellowship in Old Testament—for best Senior thesis submitted in this field, Princeton Theological Seminary.
- 6/80                Henry Snyder Gehman Award in Old Testament—for excellence in the field of Old Testament, Princeton Theological Seminary.
- 5/76                Faculty Scholarship Award—for highest cumulative grade point average of class, Westmont College; class size: 189 members.
- 5/76                Phi Kappa Phi—national honor society membership.
- 7/74                Alpha Gamma Sigma—California Junior College Honor Scholarship Society, elected to lifetime membership.
- 1973                Certificate of Academic Honors—presented by Kiwanis Club, Santa Maria, California.

#### PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS:

American Schools of Oriental Research  
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