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### Education

- Ph.D. HARVARD UNIVERSITY, Near Eastern Languages & Civilizations, Hebrew Bible, 2001  
MA GORDON-CONWELL THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY, 1990 *summa cum laude*  
BS VALLEY FORGE CHRISTIAN COLLEGE, BS in Bible, 1983 *magna cum laude*

### Academic Positions

- 2017–present **The Robert H. Gundry Chair of Biblical Studies, Westmont College, Santa Barbara, CA.**  
*Introduction to Old Testament, Intermediate Hebrew, Exegesis in English and Hebrew*
- 2013–2017 **Professor of Old Testament, Wheaton College, Wheaton, IL.**  
*OT Lit & Interp, Intermediate Hebrew, Exegesis in English and Hebrew, Environmental Stewardship, Cultural Environment of the ANE*
- 2009–2013 **Professor of Old Testament, Wesley Biblical Seminary, Jackson, MS.**  
*Intro to OT, 600- & 700-level Exegesis, Hebrew Language, Akkadian, Archaeology.* Designed and directed Wesley's *Israel Studies Program* in partnership with Jerusalem University College and Amihai Mazar's Tel Rehov Excavations in Israel.
- 2000–2009 **Associate Professor of Old Testament, Asbury Theological Seminary, Wilmore, KY.**  
*Intro to OT, 600- & 700-level Exegesis, Hebrew Language, Akkadian, Archaeology.* Designed and directed Asbury's *Israel Studies Program*.
- 1999 **Adjunct Faculty, Gordon College, Wenham, MA.**  
*Prophetic Literature.*
- 1993–1998 **Instructor and Teaching Fellow, Harvard Divinity School, Cambridge, MA.**  
*Intermediate Hebrew Grammar, Introduction to the Hebrew Scriptures.*
- 1994–1997 **Teaching Fellow, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA.**  
*The Bible & Its Interpreters, Job and the Joban Tradition; Jerusalem: The Holy City (archaeology), Rapid Reading in Biblical Hebrew, The Cultural Legacy of the Ancient Near East.*
- 1991–1995 **Visiting Lecturer and Language Tutor, Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, S. Hamilton, MA.**  
*Elementary Hebrew Grammar.*

## Publications

### Books

- The Fifth Gospel: A Christian Entry into the Book of Isaiah*. InterVarsity Press, under contract.
- The Book of Deuteronomy*. The Two Horizons Commentary Series. Wm. B. Eerdmans, under contract.
- The Bible from the Ground Up*. Co-authored with Ben Witherington. Oxford Univ. Press, under contract.
- The Epic of Eden: A Christian Entry into the Old Testament*. InterVarsity Press, 2008.
- The Deuteronomistic History and the Name Theology: lšakkēn šēmô šām in the Bible and the Ancient Near East*. BZAW 318. Berlin: Walter de Gruyter, 2002.

### Book chapters

- “The Archaeology of Mt. Ebal and Mt. Gerizim and Why It Matters to Deuteronomy,” in *Debating Deuteronomy*. Edited by Daniel Block. IVP, forthcoming.
- “Women, Sex and Culture,” in *The Bible & Sex*. Edited by Robert Steward. Fortress Press, forthcoming.
- “What do I Know of Holy? On the Person and Work of the Holy Spirit in Scripture,” in *Spirit of God: Christian Renewal in the Community of Faith*. Edited by Jeffrey Barbeau and Beth Felker Jones. IVP Academic, 2015.
- “Eighth Century Issues: The World of Jeroboam II and the Reign of Hezekiah,” in *Foundations for a History of Israel*. Edited by B. T. Arnold and R. Hess. Baker Academic, 2014.
- “Placing the Name, Pushing the Paradigm: A Decade with the Deuteronomistic Name Formula,” in *Deuteronomy in the Pentateuch, Hexateuch, and the Deuteronomistic History*. FAT 56. Mohr Siebeck, 2012.
- “The Bible and American Environmental Practice: An Ancient Code Addresses a Current Crisis,” in *The Bible and the American Future*. Edited by Robert Jewett with Wayne L. Alloway Jr. and John G. Lacey. Wipf & Stock Publishers, 2009.
- Psalms 95, 97, and 99 in *Psalms for Preaching and Worship: A Lectionary Commentary*. The Lectionary Commentary: Theological Exegesis for Sunday’s Texts. 3 volumes. Edited by Roger E. Van Horn and Brent A. Strawn. Wm. B. Eerdmans, 2009.
- “Jonah: When God Sends a Missionary,” in *World Mission in the Wesleyan Spirit*. Providence House Publishers, 2009.
- “The Message of the Master and the Content of our Calling: ‘A New Thing,’ Isaiah 43,” in *Living Life on Purpose: The Joy of Discovering and Following God’s Call*. Edited by Maxie D. Dunnam and Steve G. W. Moore. Providence House Publishers, 2005.

### Peer Reviewed Journals

- “The Question of Provenance and the Economics of Deuteronomy” *Journal for the Study of the Old Testament*, September 2017.
- “Environmental Law: Wisdom from the Ancients,” in *Bulletin for Biblical Research* 24.3 (2014): 307–329.
- “Environmental Law in Deuteronomy: One Lens on a Biblical Theology of Creation Care,” in *Bulletin for Biblical Research*, 20.3 (2010): 331–354.
- “The Place of the Name in Deuteronomy,” in *Vetus Testamentum* 57 (2007): 342–366.
- “A Biblical Theology of Creation Care: Is Environmentalism a Christian Value?” in *The Asbury Journal*, 62/1 (2007): 67–76.

### Dictionary/Encyclopedia Articles

- “The Name Theology,” in the *Routledge Dictionary of Ancient Mediterranean Religions*. Edited by Jennifer Knust, Eric Orlin, Michael Satlow and Lisbeth Fried. New York and London: Routledge, 2015.
- “Religion and the Environment,” pp. 746–755 in *Handbook of Religion: A Christian Engagement with Traditions, Teachings, and Practices*. Edited by Terry C. Muck et al. Baker Academic, 2014.
- “The Deuteronomistic History.” *Dictionary of the Old Testament: Historical Books*. Edited by Bill T. Arnold and H. G. M. Williamson. Intervarsity Press, 2005.

“Covenant,” *Eerdmans Companion to the Bible*. Edited by Gordon Fee and Robert Hubbard Jr. Wm. B. Eerdmans, 2011.

## Curriculum

*The Epic of Eden: Ruth for Seekers*. A 6-week Study: Video & Study Guide. Forthcoming August 2017.  
*The Epic of Eden: Isaiah*. An 8-week Study: Video & Study Guide. Seedbed Publishing, August 2016.  
*The Epic of Eden: Understanding the Old Testament*. A 12-week Study: Video & Study Guide. Seedbed Publishing, August 2014.

## Popular Articles

“Uncovering ‘feet’ in the Book of Ruth,” in *Bible Study Magazine* Mar/April 2016.  
 “The Best Song,” in *Bible Study Magazine* Nov/Dec 2015.  
 “Context & Clarity: David and his Temple,” in *Bible Study Magazine* July/Aug 2015.  
 “A Biblical Theology of Creation Care: Is Environmentalism a Christian Value?” in *The Asbury Journal*, 62/1 (Spring 2007): 67–76.

## Book Reviews

Review of Mercedes L. García Bachmann, *Women at Work in the Deuteronomistic History*, International Voices in Biblical Studies. *The Journal of Hebrew Scriptures*, 2014.  
 Review of Raymond F. Person Jr., *The Deuteronomistic History and the Book of Chronicles*. *Biblical Interpretation* 21 (2013): 421–23.  
 Review of Pekka Pitkänen, *Central Sanctuary and Centralization of Worship in Ancient Israel: From the Settlement to the Building of Solomon’s Temple*. *Themelios* 30/2 (2005): 59–60.

## Lectures & Papers Presented

The Carl F. Henry Center for Theological Understanding lectureship, Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, “The Servant, the Idol, & the Image of God: Isaiah’s Conversation with the Creation Account,” lecture and interview, February 2017.  
 Society of Biblical Literature, *Hebrew Bible, History, and Archaeology Section*, “The Archaeology of Mt. Ebal and Mt. Gerizim and Why it Matters,” November 2016.  
 Institute of Biblical Research *Scripture and Hermeneutics Seminar*, “Kingship in Deuteronomy,” November 2016.  
 Gardner-Webb University *Center for Christian Ethics & Social Responsibility* a series of lectures on “Environmentalism & the Evangelical,” November 2016.  
 Wheaton College Humanities Colloquium, “Dating Deuteronomy via Economics,” September 2, 2016.  
 Arise City, Tampa, FL. A gathering of urban leaders. “Environmentalism and the Christian,” June 2016.  
 Biola University, “Wisdom Series.” Addressed college community in three separate venues on issues of environmental stewardship, April 13, 2016.  
 Seven Minute Seminary: “The Divided Kingdom” with Seedbed at Asbury Theological Seminary, Fall 2015: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FYWVTEfzQwk>  
 Evangelical Theological Society, Annual Meeting, Pentateuch Section. “Economics in Deuteronomy,” November 2015.  
 Institute of Biblical Research, Annual Meeting. Plenary response to Craig Bartholomew’s “Old Testament Origins and the Question of God,” November 2015.  
 Asbury Theological Seminary Eta Beta Rho Anniversary event. “Silver in Deuteronomy,” October 2015.  
 Sepher Torath Mošeh, Colloquium on Deuteronomy. “The Archaeology of Mt. Ebal and Mt. Gerizim, and Why It Matters,” September 2015.  
 Wheaton College Science Seminar. “Creation Care and the Character of God,” September 2015.  
 Evangelical Theological Society, Southeast Annual Conference. “Environmentalism and the Evangelical,” April 2015.  
 Murdock Trust Leadership Event, Vancouver, WA. “A Question of Leadership: The Tale of Two Kings”

- and “An Image of Leadership: A Shepherd’s Tale,” December 2014.
- Society of Biblical Literature, *Consultation on Deuteronomy*, “Law and Social Location: The Quest for a Core,” November 2014
- Seven Minute Seminary: “The Ancient Near East and Genesis 2” with Seedbed at Asbury Theological Seminary, Spring 2014: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-gssQ56kxm8>
- The Seminary Stewardship Alliance, “The Genesis of Creation Care and Sabbath Law,” plenary speaker for annual event in Wakeforest NC, September 2014.
- Wheaton College Theological Conference. “What Do I Know of Holy? On the Person and the Work of the Holy Spirit in the Scriptures,” April 2014.
- Seven Minute Seminary: “Reading Genesis 1 in Context” with Seedbed at Asbury Theological Seminary, Spring 2014: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XbPiKssdK-w>
- The Asbury College Holiness Lectures. “Environmental Stewardship as a Contemporary Expression of Holiness,” February 2014.
- Wheaton College Archaeological Conference. “Mt. Ebal as ‘The Place of the Name,’” October 2013.
- Seven Minute Seminary: “The Role of Archaeology in Biblical Studies” with Seedbed at Asbury Theological Seminary, Spring 2012: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Dm3HILoNOak>
- The Genesis Scholars Forum, A Templeton Foundation Event. February 2013.
- Greer-Heard Point-Counterpoint Forum New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, New Orleans, LA. “Women, Sex, and Culture: A Response to *Unprotected Texts*,” February 2013.
- Evangelical Theological Society, “Environmental Law: Wisdom from the Ancients,” Fall 2012.
- Seven Minute Seminary: “What is a Prophet?” with Seedbed at Asbury Theological Seminary, Spring 2012: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VMhgaMVLHcY>
- The Torrey Memorial Bible Conference at Biola University, La Mirada, CA. “The Sabbath and Creation Care: Ancient Laws and Current Contexts,” October 2011.
- Cheney Lectureship at Central Christian College of Kansas. “Environmental Issues, Creation Care, and Social Justice in the Old Testament,” April 2011.
- Biblical Archaeology Society, 13th annual Bible and Archaeology Lecture Series (“Bible Fest”), Atlanta, GA. “Could Mt. Ebal be Deuteronomy’s ‘Place of the Name’?” November 2010.
- Society of Biblical Literature *A Joint Session on the Pentateuch and the Book of Deuteronomy*, “Placing the Name, Pushing the Paradigm: A Decade with the Deuteronomistic Name Formula,” Fall 2010.
- Biblical Archaeology Society, 12th annual Bible and Archaeology Lecture Series (“Bible Fest”), New Orleans, LA. “The Israelites and the Environment,” November 2009.
- The Bible and the American Future, Lincoln, NE. “The Bible and American Environmentalism: An Ancient Code Addresses a Current Crisis.” October 18–20, 2009.
- Institute for Biblical Research, Boston, MA. Plenary paper, “Environmental Law in Deuteronomy,” November 2008.
- Asbury Theological Seminary, cross-disciplinary lecture: “Women in Ministry” <http://media.asburyseminary.edu/flash/courses/is502/women-in-ministry/>
- The Scripture Foundation Series, Owego, NY. *Isaiah*. Ten-hour intensive for continuing ministerial education for the Wyoming District Conference of the UMC. March 2008.
- The Parkhurst Lectures, Southwestern College, Winfield Kansas. “A Light to the Nations,” February 2008.
- Tel Dan Excavations, Israel. “The Place of the Name in Deuteronomy,” July 2006.
- The Epworth Institute of the United Methodist Church. “A Birds-Eye View of the Book of Isaiah,” July 11–15, 2005.
- Society of Biblical Literature, *Deuteronomistic History Section*, “Placing the Name in Israel’s Experience,” Fall 2004.
- University of Durham, Durham, England. “The Meaning and Function of the *lēšakkēn šēmô šām* formula in Deuteronomy and the Deuteronomistic History,” Fall 2004.
- University of Gloucestershire, Cheltenham, England. “*lēšakkēn šēmô šām*, the Name Theology, and the Deuteronomistic History,” Fall 2004.
- Tel Zeitah Excavations, Israel. “Hezekiah’s Crisis and Biblical Archaeology,” June 2004.
- Asbury College, Wilmore, KY. *The Bible and Theology Forum*: “The Bible, History, and Archaeology,”

Fall 2003.

Society of Biblical Literature, *Hebrew Cognate Literature Section*, “Deuteronomy 12:5: The Clarification of a Difficult Text,” Fall 2001.

MIT, Cambridge, MA. “The Bible and Archaeology,” Spring 1999.

Amherst College, Amherst, MA. Gathered communities of Amherst College, UMass at Amherst, Mt.

Holyoke and Smith Colleges. “Hezekiah’s Crisis and Biblical Historiography,” Spring 1999.

Eastern Kentucky University and Berea College, Richmond, KY. “Hezekiah’s Crisis,” “Biblical Historicity and the Dan Stele,” and “An Historical Defense of the Exodus,” Fall 1998.

Society of Biblical Literature, *Hebrew Cognate Literature Section*, “The Deuteronomistic Historian and the Place of the Name,” Fall 1996.

L’Abri Fellowship, Southborough, MA. “Jonah, Nahum, and the Assyrians,” Spring 2000. “Jeremiah, the Persecuted Prophet,” Spring 1999. “The Prophets in their ANE Setting,” Fall 1998. “Isaiah, Hezekiah and Biblical Archaeology,” Summer 1998. “Did God Evolve I & II?” Summer 1997 and Fall 1998.

“The New Covenant,” Fall 1996. “Eden and the New Jerusalem,” Fall 1995. “Monotheism in a Polytheistic World,” Summer 1995. “An Historical Investigation of the Exodus, Conquest, and Settlement,” a three-week series, 1994. “The Current State of Pentateuchal Criticism,” June 1994.

Philadelphia School of Urban Missions, “The Kingdom of God: An Old Covenant Reality in New Covenant Wrapping,” weekend seminar, Summer 1995. “Redemptive History: A Theological Overview of the OT,” weekend seminar, Summer 1994.

## Board Memberships

The Seminary Stewardship Alliance, 2016–present

The American Bible Society: Scripture and Translation Committee, 2006–2014

## Scholastic Awards and Scholarships

- 2016 *G. W. Aldeen Grant*, Wheaton College. Grant awarded to fund research and publication in the 2017 academic year.
- 2015 *Academic Technology Grant*, Wheaton College. Grant awarded to fund technology in the classroom.
- 2014 *Wheaton College Faith & Learning Grant*, Wheaton College. Grant awarded to fund the teaching of a new, trans-disciplinary course: “Environmental Stewardship: The Bible & Biology” in the 2015 academic year.
- 2013 *G. W. Aldeen Grant*, Wheaton College. Grant awarded to fund an out-of-sequence study leave in the 2014 academic year.
- 2011 *Outstanding Faculty Honoree*. Mississippi Higher Education Appreciation Day Working for Academic Excellence
- 2008 *Sigma Chi Pi Honor Society* of the Assemblies of God Commission on Christian Higher Ed
- 2007 *Distinguished Alumni Service Award*, Valley Forge Christian College and Alumni Association
- 2007 *Who’s Who Among American Teachers & Educators*
- 2006 *Asbury Award for Excellence in Teaching*, Asbury Theological Seminary
- 1999 *The Graduate Society Dissertation Completion Fellowship*, Harvard University
- 1997 *Derek Bok Certificate of Distinction in Teaching*, Harvard University
- 1996 *Derek Bok Certificate of Distinction in Teaching*, Harvard University
- 1996 *The Graduate Student Council Travel Grant*, Harvard University
- 1994 *The Pfeiffer Grant*, toward participation in the Ashkelon Excavations
- 1990 *Phi Alpha Chi*, Theological Honor Society for Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary graduates
- 1990 *Byington Scholar*, Gordon-Conwell
- 1984 *Outstanding Young Women of America*
- 1983 *Delta Epsilon Chi*, The National Honor Fraternity for Ministers
- 1983 *Who’s Who Among American College Students*

## Selected Related Professional Experience

**Northwest Texas Annual Conference**, Lubbock TX. “The Shepherd as Leader” and “Some Thoughts on the Book of Joshua,” June 2017.

**Lynn Haven United Methodist Church**, Panama City FL. Two-day community conference on “Insiders and Outsiders in the Book of Ruth,” March 2017.

**Senatobia District of the United Methodist Church**, Senatobia MS. Six-hour seminar for continuing pastoral education in the Book of Amos. January 2017.

**Redwood Christian Park**, Plenary speaker at the Annual Women’s Conference. A curriculum in *Hope .. Stronger than Fear*, April 2016.

**Lakeridge UMC**, Lubbock TX. *Isaiah*. January 2016.

**Centenary UMC**, Modesto CA. *Jonah*. January 2016.

**Mt. Bethel UMC**, Atlanta GA. *Isaiah for Everyone*, February 2015; *Ruth a Study in Excellence*, January 2014.

**Chapelwood UMC**, Houston TX. *A Weekend with Deuteronomy*, November 2011.

**BlessedEarth.org**, “An Old Testament Professor and Creation Care.” Guest blogger and consultant to this biblically based educational nonprofit that inspires and equips Christians to become better stewards of the earth.

**CORE consultant** for Wesley Biblical Seminary at *Preparing for 2040: Enhancing Capacity to Educate and Minister in a Multiracial World* with the Association of Theological Schools, 2010-present.

**Institute of Biblical Research Program Committee**, 2007–2010.

**Advisory Member Translation and Scholarship Committee of the American Bible Society**, 2006–present.

**Editorial Board**, *Bulletin for Biblical Research*, 2005–2009.

**The Epic of Eden Seminar**. A one weekend, 8-10 hour seminar that leads laypeople on a biblical-theological journey from Eden to the New Jerusalem. Some of the venues have included: First United Methodist Church, Tulsa, OK; St. John’s Episcopal Church, Memphis, TN; Christ UMC, Memphis, TN; Wesley Chapel, Jackson, MS, Spring 2011; First United Methodist Church, Tupelo, MS, August 2010; Due West United Methodist Church, Marietta GA, January 2010; Lakeridge United Methodist Church, Lubbock TX, October 2009; Central United Methodist Church, Meridian, MS, August 2009; Southland Christian Church, Lexington, KY, January 2008; Killearn United Methodist Church, Killearn, FL, 2005 & 2008; Old Bethel United Methodist Church, August 2006; The Woodlands United Methodist Church, The Woodlands, TX, January 2004; St. Patrick’s & Church of the Apostles Anglican Churches, Lexington, KY, September 2004.

**Redwood Christian Park**, Boulder Creek, CA. Adult Bible Teacher from 2003–present. *The Book of Psalms: Honest Faith in Hard Times*, July 2017; *Hope ... Stronger than Fear*, April 2016; *Micah: Prophet of Justice and Peace*, July 2014; *Amos: God’s Spokesman for Social Justice*, August 2013; *Digging Up the Bible: Archaeology & the Old Testament*, June 2012; *A Story, a Story: Deuteronomy*, June & August 2011; *Jonah: When God Sends a Missionary*, August 2010; *Ruth*, April 2010, August 2008; *Isaiah*, June 2007, August 2006; *The Epic of Eden*, August 2003, June 2005, July 2009; *The Life of David*, August 2004.

**The Missions Society**. Norcross GA. Plenary speaker for 2005, 2006, 2008 and 2013 leadership events, the “President’s Gathering.”

**College Union Refresh Conference** (affiliate of the United Methodist Foundation for Evangelism), Lake Junaluska, NC. Plenary speaker, December 5–7, 2006 and December 10–12, 2008.

**Salvation Army Training Center**, Atlanta GA. Continuing ministerial education, *The Prophets*, June 2003.

**Ichthus**, Wilmore, KY. Youth speaker for this 10,000+ transdenominational, outdoor youth gathering, April 2002, 2003, and June 2008.

**Park Street Church Adult Education Program**, Boston MA. *The Prophets: Spokesmen of Yahweh*, Spring 1998; *The God Who Acts: An Investigation of the Theology of Redemptive History*, Spring 1996.

**Campus Crusade for Christ**, Boston MA. *The God Who Acts: An Investigation of the Theology of Redemptive History*. Summer training course for Crusade workers involved in *The Boston Summer*

*Project*, 1996.

**Minister with the Assemblies of God**, 1983–1991

**Philadelphia Teen Challenge Girls Home**, Live-in staff, Philadelphia, PA 1981, 1982

## Personal:

**Married:** Steven Tsoukalas

**Children:** Noël Christianna Tsoukalas (2002)  
Elise Anastasis Tsoukalas (2006)