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Education

Wheaton College, Wheaton, IL

PhD in Old Testament under Dr. Daniel Block, August 2012

Dissertation: “YHWH Fights for Them!”: The Divine Warrior in the Exodus Narrative

Northwest Baptist Seminary, Tacoma, WA

Master of Divinity and Master of Theology (New Testament), June 2007

Thesis: Stephen and the Old Testament

Hebrew University, Jerusalem, Israel

Visiting Graduate Student, 2004–2005

Western Washington University, Bellingham, WA.

Bachelor of Science, June 1999

Major: Chemistry; Minor: Ancient Greek

Teaching Experience

Associate Professor, Talbot School of Theology (2018–present)

Exodus

Joshua, Judges, and Ruth

Kings

Divine Violence in the Old Testament

Violence, Sexuality, and Racism in the Old Testament

Geography of Israel

Old Testament History and Literature

Tolkien and the Old Testament

Assistant Professor, Talbot School of Theology (2012–2018)

Biblical Interpretation and Spiritual Formation

Joshua, Judges, and Ruth

Kings

Divine Violence in the Old Testament

Adjunct Instructor at Moody Bible Institute (2010–2012), Corban University School of Ministry (2010), and Northwest Baptist Seminary (2005–2007)

Books

Exodus (co-authored with Chloe T. Sun; New International Commentary on the Old Testament; Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, under contract)

The Destruction of the Canaanites: God, Genocide, and Biblical Interpretation (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2022)

Understanding Old Testament Theology (co-authored with Brittany Kim; Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2020)

Fighting for the King and the Gods: A Survey of Warfare in the Ancient Near East (Atlanta: SBL Press, 2017)

“YHWH Fights for Them!” The Divine Warrior in the Exodus Narrative (Gorgias: Piscataway, 2014)

Articles and Chapters

“Afterward” (with Brittany Kim), in *Mapping the Employment Maze: Traditional and Nontraditional Vocational Pathways in Biblical Studies* (ed. Brandon C. Benzinger and Adam W. Day; Cascade: Eugene, OR, under contract).

“Arrogant or Divinely Appointed? Ancient Near Eastern Attempts to Explain Courageous Enemies,” in *Brill’s Companion to Courage and Cowardice in Ancient Warfare* (ed. Jenn Finn; Leiden: Brill, under contract).

“Gandalf, Sauron, Melian, and the Balrogs as Angels? A Study of J.R.R. Tolkien’s Maiar in the Context of Biblical Angelology,” in *Tolkien and Theology* (ed. Douglas Estes; Minneapolis: Fortress, forthcoming).

“Tolkien’s War Gods: Studying Tolkien’s View of War through the Characterization of Makar and Tulkas,” in *Proceedings of Tolkien 2019* (forthcoming)

“Warfare and Intelligence Gathering in Ancient Israel,” in *The Ancient Israelite World* (eds. Kyle Keimer and George A. Pierce; London: Routledge, 2022)

“Praying Against Enemies: Biblical Precedents, Ethical Reflections, and Suggested Guidelines,” Pages 69–83 in *Righteous Indignation: Christian Philosophical and Theological Perspectives on Anger* (ed. Gregory L. Bock and Court D. Lewis; Minneapolis: Fortress, 2021)

“Causes of Genocide,” Pages 31–49 in *The Cultural History of Genocide Volume 1: The Ancient World* (ed. Tristan Taylor; London: Bloomsbury, 2021)

“The Sword of YHWH: The Human Use of Divine Weapons in the Ancient Near East and the Hebrew Bible.” Pages 293–304 in *For Us, but Not to Us: Essays on Creation, Covenant, and Context in Honor of John H. Walton*. Edited by Adam E. Miglio, Caryn A. Reeder, Joshua T. Walton, and Kenneth C. Way. Eugene, OR: Pickwick, 2020.

“Praying for the Peace or Destruction of Babylon? The Intersection of Enemy Love and Imprecatory Psalms in the Old Testament” *Criswell Theological Review* 17 (2020): 13–33

“God’s Staff and Moses’ Hand(s): The Battle against the Amalekites as a Turning Point in the Role of the Divine Warrior” *Journal for the Study of the Old Testament* 44 (2019): 198–214

“War and Peace in Canaan: Connecting Geography with Political and Military Affairs in Ancient Israel through a Classroom Game” *Teaching Theology and Religion* 21 (2018): 306–20

“Honor Your Parents: A Command for Adults” *Journal of the Evangelical Theological Society* 60 (2017): 247–63

“YHWH the Dragon: Exploring a Neglected Biblical Metaphor for the Divine Warrior and Its Bearing on the Translation of 'Ap” (with Brittany Kim) *The Bible Translator* 65 (2014):165–84

“The Publications of Daniel I. Block: Overview and Bibliography,” in *For Our Good Always: Studies on the Message and Influence of Deuteronomy in Honor of Daniel I. Block* (eds. Jason S. DeRouchie, Jason Gile, and Kenneth J. Turner; Winona Lake: Eisenbrauns, 2013), xxi–xxxii

“Did YHWH Condemn the Nations When He Elected Israel? YHWH’s Disposition toward Non-Israelites in the Torah” *Journal of the Evangelical Theological Society* 55 (2012): 521–36

“Recent Research on Warfare in the Old Testament” *Currents in Biblical Research* 10 (2012): 1–46

“Evangelicals, Theology, and Biblical Interpretation: Reflections on the Theological Interpretation of Scripture” *Bulletin for Biblical Research* 20 (2010): 379–98

Dictionary and Encyclopedia Entries

Thirty-five entries in *Baker Expository Dictionary* (eds. Tremper Longman and Mark Strauss; Grand Rapids: Baker, forthcoming).

“Destruction of the Canaanites” in [Bible Odyssey](#), 2021.

“[A PhD in Biblical and Theological Studies: What Is It Good For?](#)” (co-authored with Brittany Kim)

“[Black Old Testament Scholars Bibliography](#),” “[Arab Old Testament Scholars Bibliography](#),” “[Latino/a Old Testament Scholars Bibliography](#),” and “[Asian Old Testament Scholars Bibliography](#)” (co-authored with Brittany Kim)

“[101 Books on Biblical Theology: An Annotated Bibliography](#)” (co-authored with Brittany Kim and Darian Lockett)

Fourteen entries in *Wars of Religion: An Encyclopedia of Faith and Conflict* (eds. Timothy Demy and Jeffrey Shaw; Santa Barbara: ABC-CLIO, 2017)

“Zarethan,” “Jabesh-Gilead,” and “Mizpah” in *The Lexham Bible Dictionary* (eds. J. D. Barry and L. Wentz; Bellingham: Lexham Press, 2014).

Book Reviews

Mark S. Smith and Elizabeth Bloch-Smith, *Judges 1*, JETS (forthcoming).

Richard E. Averbeck and K. Lawson Younger, Jr., eds. “An Excellent Fortress for His Armies, a Refuge for the People”: *Egyptological, Archaeological, and Biblical Studies in Honor of James K. Hoffmeier*. *BBR* 31(2021): 243–45.

David G. Firth, *Including the Stranger: Foreigners in the Former Prophets*, *BBR* 31 (2021): 81–83.

Caroline Blyth. *Reimagining Delilah’s Afterlives as Femme Fatale: The Lost Seduction*, *BBR* 28 (2019): 471–73.

Mark Smith, *Poetic Heroes: The Literary Commemorations of Warriors and Warrior Culture in the Early Biblical Period*, *JAOS* 137 (2017): 879–81

- Colleen M. Conway, *Sex and Slaughter in the Tent of Jael*, *BBR* 27 (2017): 390–92
- Arie Versluis, *The Command to Exterminate the Canaanites: Deuteronomy 7*, *BBR* 27 (2017): 385–87
- M. Daniel Carroll R. and J. Blair Wilgus, eds., *Wrestling with the Violence of God: Soundings in the Old Testament*, *Themelios* 41 (2016)
- Christoph Berner and Harald Samuel, eds., *The Reception of Biblical War Legislation in Narrative Contexts*, *BBR* 26 (2016): 576–78
- John Walton and Craig Keener, eds., *The Cultural Backgrounds Study Bible*, *Gospel Coalition Blog* (November 21, 2016); written with Nicholas Piotrowski
- Jeremy Schipper, *Ruth*, *BBR* 26 (2016): 397–99
- Brad E. Kelle, Frank Ritchel Ames, and Jacob L. Wright, eds., *Warfare, Ritual, and Symbol in Biblical and Modern Contexts*, *Biblical Interpretation* 24 (2016): 562–64
- Thomas Dozeman, *Joshua 1–12*, *BBR* 26 (2016): 253–54
- Spencer L. Allen, *The Splintered Divine: A Study of Ištar, Baal, and Yahweh Divine Names and Divine Multiplicity in the Ancient Near East*, *BBR* 25 (2015): 549–51
- Ellen White, *Yahweh’s Council: Its Structure and Membership*, *BBR* 25 (2015): 260–61
- Jack M. Sasson, *Judges 1–12*, *BBR* 24 (2014): 557–59
- Katell Berthelot, Joseph E. David, and Marc Hirshman, eds., *The Gift of the Land and the Fate of the Canaanites in Jewish Thought*, *BBR* 24 (2014): 415–16
- Robert Chisholm, *Judges and Ruth*, *Themelios* 39 (2014)
- Boyd SeEVERS, *Warfare in the Old Testament*, *Themelios* 39 (2014)
- Rüdiger Schmitt, *Der ‘Heilige Krieg’ im Pentateuch und im deuteronomistischen Geschichtswerk*, *BBR* 22 (2012): 125–26
- Douglas Green, *“I Undertook Great Works”: The Ideology of Domestic Achievements in West Semitic Royal Inscriptions*, *BBR* 21 (2011)
- J. Daryl Charles and Timothy J. Demy, *War, Peace, and Christianity*, *Themelios* 36 (2011)
- Aarnoud van der Deijl, *Protest or Propaganda*, *BBR* 20 (2010): 575–76
- Thomas Dozeman, *Exodus*, *JETS* 53 (2010): 163–65
- David Allen, *Deuteronomy and Exhortation in Hebrews: A Study in Narrative Re-presentation*, *BBR* 20 (2010): 137–38
- Jason DeRouchie, *A Call to Covenant Love: Text Grammar and Literary Structure in Deuteronomy 5–11*, *BBR* 19 (2009): 430–31
- Philip Cary, *Jonah*, *JETS* 52 (2009): 366–67
- Richard Hess and Elmer Martins, eds., *War in the Bible and Terrorism in the Twenty-First Century*, *BBR* 19 (2009): 106–7

Conference Presentations

“The Tenth Plague: An Ethical Overview” (2022 *ETS National Meeting*)

- “Genesis 9:20–27: Exegesis” (2021 IBR National Meeting)
- “Imperialism and the Israelite Kingship: The Narrator’s Critique of David’s Behavior as King in His International Wars” (2020 IBR National Meeting)
- “Gods or Angels? Blurring the Distinction in Tolkien’s Middle-earth and the Old Testament” (2020 ETS National Meeting)
- “Battlefield Rape in the Ancient Near East and the Old Testament: Hiding and Exposing the Horror” (2020 ETS National Meeting)
- “The Story of Tamar, Amnon, and David as a Cautionary Tale for Those Ignoring the Sexual Sins of Church Leaders” (2019 ETS Annual Meeting)
- “Tolkien’s War Gods: Studying Tolkien’s View of War through the Characterization of Makar and Tulkas” (2019 Tolkien Conference)
- “Should I Pray for the Peace or Destruction of Babylon? The Intersection of Enemy Love and Imprecatory Psalms in the Old Testament” (2018 IBR Annual Meeting)
- “Christ in Judges and Ruth? A Survey of Recent Studies on Finding Jesus in the Old Testament” (2016 ETS Annual Meeting, with Uche Anizor)
- “Defining Genocide in the Ancient Near East: Insights from Genocide Studies” (2016 SBL Annual Meeting)
- “The Ethics of Calling Down Curses on Your Enemies in the Context of Enemy Love: Suggested Guidelines for Contemporary Imprecatory Psalms” (2016 Center for Christian Thought Conference)
- “Honor Your Parents: A Command for Adults Rather Than Children” (2015 ETS Annual Meeting)
- “Genocide in the Ancient Near East: Did Israel Act Like Their Neighbors?” (2015 SBL Pacific Coast Regional)
- “Samson and the Gate of Gaza” (2014 SBL Annual Meeting)
- “Teaching Geography through a Game” (2014 SBL Annual Meeting)
- “Does YHWH Fight Like the Gods? YHWH and Other Ancient Near Eastern Divine Warriors” (2014 SBL Pacific Coast Regional)
- “Genocide and Inerrancy” (2013 ETS Annual Meeting)
- “Divine Warrior Motif: Diversity in the Motif” (2013 SBL Annual Meeting)
- “An Early Example of Contextualization: The Exodus in Moses’ Sermons in Deuteronomy” (2012 ETS Midwest Regional)
- “YHWH the Dragon: Exploring a Neglected Biblical Metaphor for the Divine Warrior” (2011 SBL Annual Meeting with Brittany Kim)
- “God’s Staff and Moses’ Arms: The Battle against the Amalekites as a Turning Point in the Role of the Divine Warrior” (2011 ETS Annual Meeting)
- “YHWH the God of Chaos: The Anti-*Chaoskampf* in Exodus” (2011 ETS Annual Meeting)
- “Did God Command Ethnic Cleansing? Ambiguities toward the Nations in the Torah” (2010 ETS Annual Meeting)

“A Warrior after God’s Own Heart? The Ethics of the International Wars of David according to the Narrator of 2 Samuel” (2009 ETS Annual Meeting)

“Theological Interpretation of Scripture and Evangelicals” (2008 ETS Annual Meeting)

“Do We Have the Exact Words of Jesus?” (2006 ETS Northwest Regional)

“A Textlinguistic Analysis of Amos 1-2” (2003 ETS Northwest Regional)

Professional Societies

Evangelical Theological Society (2003–present)

Society of Biblical Literature (2007–present)

Institute for Biblical Research (2007–present)

Tolkien Society (2017–present)

Grants and Administrative Activities

Director at [Every Voice: A Center for Kingdom Diversity in Christian Theological Education](#)

Chair of Undergraduate Old Testament department of Biola University (2018–present)

Member of Steering Committee of *Difficult Texts in the Old Testament: A Workshop Approach* at the Institute for Biblical Research (2021-present)

Chair of *Warfare and Violence in the Old Testament* section at Evangelical Theological Society (2018–present)

Selecting new books for Biola library related to Old Testament (2014–present)

Doctrinal reviews for new Biola faculty (2013–presesnt)

Research Leave Grant from Biola University’s Provost Office (Spring 2016)

Participation in *Center for Christian Thought* on the topic of love (Spring 2016)

Lilly Grant Writing Stipend for an essay on stewardship and spiritual formation (2015)

Member of search committees for Old Testament faculty (2013–2016, 2020-2021) and Assistant Dean for Core Curriculum (2018)

Member of Biola’s Council for the Core (2016–2018, 2022)

Proposal reviewer for Old Testament papers (National ETS, 2015–2018, 2020)

Selected Other Presentations and Experience

Redemption Hill Church, Whittier, CA

Occasional Preaching and Teaching (2018–present)

Crossroads Community Church, Wheaton, IL

Small Group Leader, 2008–2012

Taught Adult Education Class (with Dr. James Hoffmeier), 2009–2012 (intermittently)

Faith Community Bible Church, Bremerton, WA

Ordained June 2007

Pastor to Young Adults, 2001–2003, 2005–2007

Georgia Pacific Pulp Mill Analytical Lab, Bellingham, WA

Analytical Chemist, 1999–2001

Special Interests

Diversity and the Old Testament

Warfare and Violence in the Old Testament and the Ancient Near East

Old Testament Ethics

Old Testament Theology

Exodus

The Works of J. R. R. Tolkien