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**EDUCATION:**

**Vanderbilt University, Nashville TN**

**Ph.D., Hebrew Bible major/New Testament minor, anticipated December 2008**

**M.A., in passing, May 2006**

Graduate Department of Religion

Course GPA: 3.86

Dissertation: "Intersections of Time: Readings of Simultaneity in the Book of Judges"

Directors: Professor Jack M. Sasson, Hebrew Bible, First Reader

Professor Fernando F. Segovia, New Testament, Second Reader

Professor Douglas A. Knight, Hebrew Bible

Professor William P. Franke, Comparative Literature

Professor Julia M. O'Brien, Old Testament, Lancaster Theological Seminary

**Saint Paul School of Theology, Kansas City, MO**

special student, Hebrew reading classes, 1999-2000

**Alban Institute and United Methodist Church**

various continuing education classes for clergy, 1989-99

**Southern Methodist University, Dallas TX**

**M.Div., Bible concentration, May 1989**

Perkins School of Theology      GPA: 91.9

**Washington University in St. Louis**

**A.B., Mathematics major/Classics major, May 1985**

College of Arts and Sciences      GPA: 3.89

**HONORS AND AWARDS:**

**High Pass on Qualifying Exams, Vanderbilt University**

**Dempster Fellowship, \$10,000, United Methodist Church, 2003-04**

**Craig E. Brandenburg Graduate Award, \$2500, United Methodist Church, 2004-05, 2005-06**

**F2P2 Training and Certification Program, Vanderbilt Univ. Center for Teaching (in progress)**

**Full-tuition Scholarship and Stipend, Vanderbilt University, 2000-03**

**High Honors, Southern Methodist University**

**Hebrew Award, Southern Methodist University**

**Promise for Ministry Award, Southern Methodist University**

**Full-tuition scholarship, Southern Methodist University**

**Magna cum Laude, Washington University in St. Louis**

**Phi Beta Kappa**, Washington University in St. Louis  
**Chancellor's Honorary Scholarship**, Washington University in St. Louis  
**Pi Mu Epsilon** (math honorary), Washington University in St. Louis  
**Ross Middlemiss Prize in Math**, Washington University in St. Louis  
**Tavener Prize in Classics**, Washington University in St. Louis  
**Dean's List**, Washington University in St. Louis, all eight semesters 1981-85  
**Presidential Scholar**, U.S. Dept. of Education, Shawnee Mission South High School  
**National Merit Scholar**, Shawnee Mission South High School  
**National Honor Society**, Shawnee Mission South High School

**PROFESSIONAL TEACHING EXPERIENCE:**

**Saint Paul School of Theology, Kansas City, MO**  
**Course of Study Instructor**

Hebrew Bible 211, Summer 2006, Winter 2007, Summer 2007

**American Baptist College, Nashville, TN**

**Adjunct Instructor**

Jeremiah, Spring 2005

**Divinity School, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN**

**Writing Tutor**, 2004-05

**Graduate Department of Religion, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN**

**Master Teaching Fellow**, 2003-04

**Divinity School, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN**

**Instructor**

Readings in Biblical Hebrew, Spring 2003

Elementary Biblical Hebrew, Fall 2002

**Divinity School, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN**

**Teaching Fellow**

The Hebrew Bible – Dr. Jack M. Sasson, Fall 2004

Jesus and the Early Christian Communities – Dr. A.-J. Levine, Fall 2002

Jesus the Jew – Rabbi David Davis, Spring 2002

Literature, Religion & Faith of Ancient Israel – Dr. Douglas A. Knight, Fall 2001

**Saint Paul School of Theology, Kansas City MO**

**Praxis Leader**, 1996-2000

This position involved weekly small group discussions focused on case studies brought by the students themselves as a way to help them integrate their theological training with the practice of ministry. I led a different group each semester.

**PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES (CURRENT):**

**Society for Biblical Literature**

Phi Beta Kappa  
Dempster Fellows, United Methodist Church

**PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS:**

Articles on Ancient Israel – *Encyclopedia of Love, Courtship, and Sexuality* (Greenwood Publishing, forthcoming)  
"Ruth" – lecture for South Central Jurisdictional Clergywomen's Consultation, February 2007  
"Like Father, Like Son: the Levite in Micah's House" – paper presented at Central States Regional SBL Meeting, 2006  
"Daniel" – "Browsing the Bible" article for *DisciplesWorld* (March, 2006)  
"Jeremiah" – "Browsing the Bible" article for *DisciplesWorld* (November, 2005)  
"Ruth and Naomi" – article for *Encyclopedia of Religion, 2nd ed.* (Macmillan, 2005)  
"Woman to Woman: A Comparative Study of Women's Status as Represented in Law Codes of Ancient Israel and Neighboring Nations" – paper presented at SBL 2004 Annual Meeting  
"Does Biblical History Have a Future? David as a Test Case for Historical Criticism" – planner and leader for 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Hebrew Bible Symposium, Vanderbilt University, Jan. 12, 2004  
"At Home in Babylon? An Ideological/Rhetorical Consideration of Exodus 1" – paper presented at SBL 2003 Annual Meeting  
Contributor to *New Interpreter's Dictionary of the Bible* (Abingdon, 2006)  
Contributor to Index volume of *New Interpreter's Bible* (Abingdon, 2004)  
Proofreader for online version of Preuss's *Old Testament Theology* (United Methodist Publishing House, 2004)

**PROFESSIONAL CHURCH EXPERIENCE:**

**Pastor, Kansas East Conference of the United Methodist Church**  
**Ordained Elder, 1991; Ordained Deacon, 1988**  
Nashville: Vanderbilt University graduate student, 2000 - present  
Kansas City: Stephens UMC, 1995 - 2000  
Westmoreland UMC and Olsburg UMC, 1991 - 1995  
Liberty UMC and Dearing UMC, 1989 - 1991

**Student Intern/Assistant Pastor, Southern Illinois Conference of the UMC**  
Olney: Immanuel UMC, 1987-1988

**CHURCH AND COMMUNITY RESPONSIBILITIES (SELECTED):**

Volunteer, Dead Sea Scrolls Exhibit, Union Station, Kansas City, Spring 2007  
Dead Sea Scrolls Introductory Sessions at Local Churches, Spring 2007  
Pulpit Supply, Guest Bible Study Leader, Lectionary Study Leader for Clergy,  
Kansas City District UMC, 2005 - present  
Member, The Interfaith Alliance, 2000 - present  
Member, Reconciling Ministries Network (association of United Methodists), 1996 - present  
Active Participant, Belmont UMC, Nashville, TN, 2000 - 2005

Participant, Nashville Peace and Justice Center, Nashville TN, 2000 - 2005  
Bible Study Leader, Kansas East Conf. School of Christian Missions, 1998 - 1999  
Co-founder, Lectionary Study Group, Kansas City District UMC, 1997 - 2000  
Mentor for Ministry Candidates, Kansas East Conference UMC, 1996 - 2000  
Chairperson, Kansas East Conference Council on Ministries, 1996 - 1999  
President, Wyandotte County Ministerial Association, Kansas City KS, 1998 - 1999  
Chairperson, Kansas East Conference Affirmative Action Committee, 1989 - 1994  
President and Co-founder, Wesley Foundation, Washington Univ. in St. Louis, 1983 - 1985  
Member, Council for Interreligious Concerns, Washington Univ. in St. Louis, 1983 - 1985

**REFERENCES:**

**Jack M. Sasson**, Mary Jane Werthan Professor of Jewish Studies and Hebrew Bible  
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