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EDUCATION

Ph.D., 2006. Biblical Studies (Divinity School; University of Chicago, Chicago, IL)
Dissertation: *Constructing a New Covenant: Discursive Strategies in the Damascus Document and Second Corinthians* (Advisor: Prof. Hans-Josef Klauck)

M.T.S., 1995 (Duke Divinity School; Duke University, Durham, N.C.)
Thesis: "Apocalyptic as the 'End of History': A Critique of a Critical Category"

B.A., 1991 (University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Chapel Hill, N.C.)
Major: Psychology

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Visiting Assistant Professor of Religion. Luther College (Fall 2007 to present)

Apostle Paul: Discourse and Practice
Apocalypse Then and Now
Hellenistic Religions
The World of the Bible: the Dead Sea Scrolls
Introduction to Biblical Studies

Lecturer in Religious Studies. Saint Xavier University (Fall 2006)

New Testament Christianity

Lecturer in Religious Studies. Albion College, Albion, MI (Fall 2005 to Spring 2006)

Introduction to Western Religions
Introduction to the Hebrew Bible
Introduction to the New Testament
Jewish Life and Thought
Introduction to Biblical Greek

Lecturer in Koine Greek. The Divinity School, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL

Introduction to Koine Greek I-III (Autumn 2002 to Spring 2004)

Instructor. The Graham School of General Studies, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL

Ancient Mediterranean Religions (Autumn 2006)
Politics, History, and Myth in the Dead Sea Scrolls (Autumn 2003)

Teaching Assistant. The Divinity School, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL (Winter 2000)

The Exodus Narrative in Jewish and Christian Traditions

ARTICLES

“Symbolic Goods as Media of Exchange in Paul’s Gift Economy,” in Alanna Nobbs and Don Barker, eds., *Corinth: Paul, People and Politics (Proceedings of the Annual Conference of the Society for the Study of Early Christianity, May 14, 2011)* (forthcoming in e-book format)

“Paul’s Covenantal Theology in 2 Cor 2:14–7:4” in Reimund Bieringer and Didier Pollefeyt, eds., *New Perspectives on Paul and the Jews* (New York: T & T Clark, 2011)

“Spirit and Covenant Renewal: A Theologoumenon of Paul’s Opponents in 2 Corinthians,” *Journal of Biblical Literature* 129.1 (2010): 153–175

BOOKS

A Spiritual Economy: Symbol and Sustenance in the Letters of Paul of Tarsus (prospectus under consideration by publisher)

Constructing a New Covenant: Discursive Strategies in the Damascus Document and Second Corinthians (WUNT II/233; Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, 2007)

ARTICLES IN REFERENCE WORKS

“Abilene” in Hans-Josef Klauck, Bernard McGinn, et al., eds., *Encyclopedia of the Bible and its Reception*, vol. 1: *Aaron–Aniconism* (Berlin: de Gruyter, 2009): 91–92

“Antonia, Tower of” in Hans-Josef Klauck, Bernard McGinn, et al., eds., *Encyclopedia of the Bible and its Reception*, vol. 2: *Anim–Atheism* (Berlin: de Gruyter, 2009): 294–296

“Belial” in Hans-Josef Klauck, Bernard McGinn, et al., eds., *Encyclopedia of the Bible and its Reception*, vol. 3: *Athena–Blasphemy* (Berlin: de Gruyter, forthcoming 2011)

“Boasting” in Hans-Josef Klauck, Bernard McGinn, et al., eds., *Encyclopedia of the Bible and its Reception*, vol. 4: *Blastus–Circumcision* (Berlin: de Gruyter, forthcoming 2011)

Entries in the *Contexticon of New Testament Language* (Contextual Learning and Research, Inc.): ἀναγινώσκω (“to read”); ἐξαίφνης (“suddenly”); εὕρισκεσθαι καθεύδοντες (“to be found sleeping”); ὁ υἱὸς τοῦ ἀνθρώπου (“son of man”); ὑπομένω εἰς τέλος (“to remain to the end”); συντέλεια (“completion”); τέλος (“end”/“goal”); θροέομαι (“to be distressed”); online at <http://contexticon.com/>

REVIEWS

Review of Kathy Ehrensperger, *Paul and the Dynamics of Power: Communication and Interaction in the Early Christ-Movement* (London: T&T Clark, 2007); *Review of Biblical Literature* [<http://www.bookreviews.org>] (2009)

Review of John Barclay and Simon Gathercole, eds., *Divine and Human Agency in Paul and His Cultural Environment* (JSNTSupp 335; London and New York: T & T Clark, 2006); *Review of Biblical Literature* [<http://www.bookreviews.org>] (2009)

CONFERENCE PAPERS

“The Benefactor's Account-book: The Rhetoric of Gift Reciprocity in Seneca and Paul,” Early Christianity and the Ancient Economy program unit, Society of Biblical Literature 2011 Annual Meeting

“Saved by Obedience: Matthew 1:21 and Jesus’ Teaching on the Torah,” Matthew program unit, Society of Biblical Literature 2011 Annual Meeting

“Symbolic Goods as Media of Exchange in Paul’s Gift Economy,” Society for the Study of Early Christianity, Macquarie University (May 2011, invited paper)

“Religious Economies of Symbolic Goods? Apuleius’ *The Golden Ass* as Test Case,” Sociology and Biblical Studies program unit; International Society of Biblical Literature 2010 Annual Meeting

“Religious Economies of Symbolic Goods? Pauline Epistles as Test Cases,” Paul and Pauline Literature program unit; International Society of Biblical Literature 2010 Annual Meeting

“Recent Research on 2 Corinthians 3: Implications for the New Perspective,” Second Corinthians: Pauline Theology in the Making Seminar; Society of Biblical Literature 2009 Annual Meeting

“Paul’s Covenantal Theology in 2 Cor 2:14–7:4,” New Perspectives on Paul and the Jews Seminar, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven (2009, invited paper; conference website at http://www.theo.kuleuven.ac.be/page/conf_paulandthejews/)

“Were Paul's Opponents in 2 Corinthians Emissaries of the Jerusalem Church?” Society of Biblical Literature Midwest Region Meeting (2005)

“The Damascus Document’s ‘Critique of the Princes of Judah’: A Veiled Criticism of Aristobulus I and Alexander Jannaeus,” American Oriental Society/American Schools of Oriental Research/Society of Biblical Literature Midwest Region Joint Meeting (2003)

PUBLIC AND COMMUNITY LECTURES

“Interpreting Exodus: From Second Isaiah to the Apostle Paul,” Zumbro Adult Forum, Zumbro Lutheran Church, Rochester, MN (April 26, 2009)

COMMUNITY SERVICE

International Student Friendship Family (2009–2011; Luther College Diversity Center)

HONORS, AWARDS AND GRANTS

Luther College Faculty Development Grant for language study at the Goethe Institut, Chicago (Summer 2008)

Wabash Fellowship in Pedagogy and the Study of Religion; University of Chicago, Chicago, IL (Spring 2005)

Dissertation Fellow; Martin Marty Center, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL (2002–2003)

Milo P. Jewett Prize (Divinity School, University of Chicago, 2002) for the paper, “The True Jew According to Paul (Rom 2:17–19) and Criticisms of Greek Philosophy”

AREAS OF TEACHING COMPETENCE

Primary: New Testament, Second Temple Judaism, Koine Greek

Secondary: Hebrew Bible, ancient Mediterranean religions, elementary-intermediate Biblical Hebrew

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Indexer-Analyst. American Theological Library Association (August 2006 to August 2007)
Indexed publications in current periodicals in the areas of New Testament, early Christian studies, and early Judaism for the ATLA database.

Assistant Researcher. New Testament Language Project, Cambridge, MA (June 1998 to Sept. 2000)
Contributed entries for the New Testament Language Project's online contextual lexicon of New Testament Greek.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Society of Biblical Literature
American Academy of Religion
Chicago Society of Biblical Research

LANGUAGES

Reading knowledge of Ancient Greek, Hebrew, French, and German.
Some instruction in Aramaic, Syriac, Ethiopic, and Coptic.

REFERENCES

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Bruce Lincoln, University of Chicago (blincoln@uchicago.edu)
Robert Shedinger, Luther College (shedintro@luther.edu)
Adela Yarbro Collins, Yale University (adela.collins@yale.edu)
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