

## Blake A. Franze

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### EDUCATION

- 2025    PhD, Hermeneutics and Biblical Interpretation (NT), Westminster Theological Seminary  
Dissertation: *The Grace of Reward: A Study in Pauline Charitology*  
Supervisor: David E. Briones
- 2021    MDiv, Westminster Theological Seminary
- 2016    BA, University of Northwestern—St. Paul  
Major: Biblical Studies and Philosophy  
Minor: Ancient and Classical Languages

### TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2023–2025      Adjunct Professor of New Testament, WTS      Feb 2023 – Present  
*Master's Courses Taught:* Greek 1; Greek 2; Greek 3 (exegesis);  
NT Interpretation: Acts & Paul

### ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

- “Contemporary Metaphor Theories and the Bible: A Hermeneutical Check,” *Unio Cum Christo* 10 (2024): 36–58.
- “Abraham’s Incongruous Reward: The Role of Gen 15:1 in Rom 4,” SBL ’24 and Groves Center Lecture (WTS) ’25
- “Paul and Metaphor Theories: Reflections, Warnings, and Guidelines,” ETS ’23
- “The Economy of Grace in *1 Clement*,” ETS ’22 and Groves Center Lecture (WTS) ’22

### BOOK REVIEWS

- Review of R. B. Jamieson and Tyler R. Wittman, *Biblical Reasoning: Christological and Trinitarian Rules for Exegesis*. *Westminster Theological Journal* 86.1 (2024): 113–15.

Review of Matthew V. Novenson, *Paul, Then and Now*. *Westminster Theological Journal* 85.2 (2023): 352–55.

Other “short notices” in *WTJ*.

## POPULAR-LEVEL WRITINGS

“Our Deliverer Came Down,” *Westminster Magazine*, (forthcoming 2025)

“A Biblical Case for Global Stewardship,” *Westminster Magazine*, 3.2 (2024)

Review of N.T. Wright, *Galatians*, Commentaries for Christian Formation (Eerdmans, 2021), for *Reformation 21* (2022), <https://reformation21.org/galatians-ccf/>.

## OTHER PUBLIC, GUEST, AND INVITED LECTURES

“Paul’s End-Time Gospel: Looking at the Eschatological Structure of the Apostle’s Thought,” Sunday Night Theology, Christ Church (West Chester, PA), 2025.

“Catching Up to the ‘Perspectives’ on Paul,” Theology of Romans (WTS, NT 781), 2023.

“Tools for Exegeting Greek Narrative,” Gospels, (WTS, NT 211), 2022, ’23, ’24

“Approaching 2nd Temple Theology as NT Background” New Testament Intro, (WTS, NT 111) 2024, ’25.

“How to go from Text to Sermon,” Theology and Practice of Preaching, (WTS, PT 121), 2022, ’23.

## AWARDS

Richard B. Gaffin, Jr. PhD Scholarship (full tuition & stipend)

*Thomas E. Welmers Memorial Prize in the Biblical Languages and Exegesis in NT* – “Discipleship as Kingdom Participation: Luke 9:57-62,” 2020.

*Thomas E. Welmers Memorial Prize in the Biblical Languages and Exegesis in OT* – “But the Lord Came Down: Genesis 11:1-9,” 2020.

Dr. Robert Steinmeier Fellowship and Practicum, 2019

*summa cum laude*, University of Northwestern—St. Paul, 2016.

## MEMBERSHIPS

Evangelical Theological Society

Society of Biblical Literature

Theta Alpha Kappa National Honor Society for Religious Studies

## LANGUAGES STUDIED

Ancient Koine Greek, Biblical Hebrew, Biblical Aramaic, Latin

Modern French, German

## ECCLESIASTICAL

2025 Licensed in Philadelphia Metro West Presbytery (PCA), Ordination pending.

2017–Present Many Sermons in PCA & OPC churches in greater Philadelphia area, including Christ the King Presbyterian Church (Conshohocken, PA), Cornerstone Presbyterian Church (Amber, PA), Proclamation Presbyterian Church (Bryn Mawr, PA), as well as Westminster Theological Seminary chapel services.