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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 POSTS

- 2025–present Assistant Professor of New Testament, WTS
- 2023–2025 Adjunct Professor of New Testament, WTS

### COURSES TAUGHT

- Masters: Greek 1; Greek 2; Greek 3 (exegesis); NT Interpretation: Acts & Paul (NT 223)
- PhD/ThM: Readings in New Testament Introduction & Theology (NT 921); Readings in Second Temple Judaism (NT 791); Inner-Biblical Interpretation (NT 941)

### ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

- "The Gift of Payback: Ps 61:13 (LXX) and the Romans 2 Debate," ETS '26.
- "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 Joseph R. Dodson with Mattie Mae Motl, *Conquerors Not Captives: Reframing Romans 7 for the Christian Life* for *Westminster Theological Journal* (2025).

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

“Final Reckoning: Grace that Glorifies Christ,” The Carson Center, The Gospel Coalition (2026), <https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/article/grace-glorifies-christ/>.

“Our Deliverer Came Down,” *Westminster Magazine*, 6.1 (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.

## FORTHCOMING/CONTRACTED WORKS

*2 Corinthians*, Reformed Exegetical and Theological Commentary on Scripture. Crossway, expected 2031.

Contributing editor: Study notes on 1 Corinthians, 2 Corinthians, Philippians, and Philemon in *The John Calvin Study Bible*. HarperCollins, expected 2028. Also author of essay, “John Calvin as a Commentator” in the same.

“2 Corinthians” in *Comfort in Covenant? Ars Moriendi in the Reformed Tradition, 1550–1725*, edited by Jason Pickard and Mathew McDaniel, Vandenhoeck & Ruprecht, expected 2028.

## AWARDS

Richard B. Gaffin, Jr. PhD Scholarship

*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

Zondervan Theology Award (University of Northwestern—St. Paul, 2015)

## 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            Ordained Teaching Elder in PCA by Philadelphia Metro West Presbytery

2025            Licensed in Philadelphia Metro West Presbytery (PCA)

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.