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CURRENT POSITION

Fall 2023–present Professor of Theology, Loyola University Maryland
Program Director, Graduate Theology, Loyola University Maryland

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

July 2020–June 2023 Chair, Theology Department, Loyola University Maryland
Fall 2018–Spring 2023 Associate Professor of Theology, Loyola University Maryland
Fall 2012–Spring 2018 Assistant Professor of Theology, Loyola University Maryland
July 2003–July 2007 Associate Pastor, Bethlehem Covenant Church, Minneapolis, MN
July 1997–May 1999 Instructor, English as a Foreign Language, Tashkent, Uzbekistan

EDUCATION

Duke Divinity School, Duke University, Durham, NC
Doctor of Theology (ThD) 2012
Concentrations: New Testament (primary); Theology & Ethics (secondary)
North Park Theological Seminary, Chicago, IL
Master of Divinity 2003
High Honors; Excellence in Greek and Preaching
North Park University, Chicago, IL 1997
Bachelor of Arts in English (Writing Concentration) and Biblical/Theological Studies
Summa Cum Laude

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Loyola University Maryland (Fall 2012–present)
Introduction to Christian Theology (core course)
God and the Good Life: An Introduction to Theology (first-year seminar core course)
The Human Drama: The Ancient World (first-year Honors seminar)
Food, Hunger, and the Bible (intermediate-level core course)
Forgiveness and Reconciliation (intermediate-level core course)
Who Is Jesus? (intermediate-level core course)
Becoming Good: Character Ethics (upper-level core course)
Jesus and the Gospels (seminar)

Hope, Death, and the End of the World (seminar)
Senior Seminar: The Sermon on the Mount (major capstone course)
The Beatitudes (hybrid MTS/advanced undergraduate seminar)
New Testament Survey (MTS course)

Duke Divinity School, Durham, NC

Fall 2011–Spring 2012 Instructor, Introduction to Hellenistic Greek
Fall 2008–Spring 2011 Preceptor (OT, NT, American Christianity, Christian Ethics)

North Park Theological Seminary, Chicago, IL

Fall 2011 Instructor, New Testament II (online Moodle course)
Fall 2010 Instructor, New Testament II (online Blackboard course)
Fall 2008–Spring 2009 Instructor, Intro to Biblical Greek (online Blackboard course)

Educational Services International, Tashkent, Uzbekistan

1997–1999 English as a Foreign Language Instructor (university level)

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS: BOOKS

The Beatitudes through the Ages. Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans, 2021.

- Finalist, Biblical Studies, *Christianity Today* book awards, 2022
- Academy of Parish Clergy's Reference Book Top 5 List, 2022

Practicing Lament. Cascade Companions series. Eugene, OR: Wipf & Stock, 2021.

Introducing Christian Ethics, second edition. With Samuel Wells and Ben Quash. Oxford, UK: Wiley, 2017.

Jesus Wept: The Significance of Jesus' Laments in the New Testament. Library of New Testament Studies. London: T&T Clark, 2015.

Doing Theology for the Church: Essays in Honor of Klyne Snodgrass, ed. Rebekah A. Eklund and John E. Phelan Jr. Covenant Press; Wipf & Stock, 2014.

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS: ARTICLES

"Fury or Folly? Ἀνοία in Luke 6.11." *New Testament Studies* 69/2 (April 2023): 222–229. Published online March 8, 2023. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1017/S0028688522000376>.

"Octaves and Septenaries: Patristic Approaches to the Beatitudes in Medieval Life." *Studia Patristica* 105 (2022): 79–94.

"Group Worksheets for Collaborative Reading of Texts." *Teaching Theology and Religion* 21/2 (April 2018). DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1111/teth.12431>.

"Hot Jesus, Black Messiah, Suffering Son of God: How Jesus Films Shape Our Moral Imaginations." *Journal of Religion and Film* 21/1 (April 2017), Article 33.

<http://digitalcommons.unomaha.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1412&context=jrf>.
Downloaded 3,781 times as of December 2022.

“From ‘Hosanna!’ to ‘Crucify!’: The Fickle Crowds in the Four Gospels.” *Bulletin for Biblical Research* 26/1 (2016): 21–42.

“‘To Us, the Word’: The Double-Logos of Hebrews 4:12-13.” *Journal of Theological Interpretation* 9/1 (2015): 101-116.

“The Goods of Reading: Theological Interpretation and Scriptural Reasoning.” *Journal of Scriptural Reasoning* (December 2010). <http://jsr.shanti.virginia.edu/back-issues/vol-9-no-1-december-2010-the-fruits-of-scriptural-reasoning/the-goods-of-reading-theological-interpretation-and-scriptural-reasoning/>.

“Communal Discernment: Knowing God Together.” *Practical Matters Journal* (October 1, 2009).
<https://wp.me/p6QAmj-nj>.

INVITED ARTICLES AND BOOK CHAPTERS

“The Ethics of Possessions: Goods as a Moral Issue in the Gospel of Luke.” With Carl-Magnus Carlstein. Pages 115–134 in *New Testament Ethics: Revisiting The Moral Vision of the New Testament*, ed. Cheryl Hunt, Nicholas J. Moore, and Timothy J. Murray. Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans, 2026.

“Scandalous Particularity: Visual Depictions of Jesus in Modern Art.” Pages 149–164 in *Theology, Modernity, and the Visual Arts*, ed. Ben Quash and Chloë Reddaway. Turnhout, Belgium: Brepols, 2024.

“Beatitudes.” In *Brill Encyclopedia of Early Christianity Online* (2022).

“More Things in Heaven and Earth: Some Musings on History and Hope.” *Bulletin for Biblical Research* 32 no.3 (2022): 279–286.

“Reading the Beatitudes in the Company of Others.” *Covenant Quarterly* 79 no.1 (2021): 4–18.

“Widow’s Mite (Mark 12:38–44; Luke 20:45–21:4).” *The Visual Commentary on Scripture*.
<https://thevcs.org/widows-mite>. Published to the site March 2021.

“Matthew, the Cross, and the Cruciform Life.” Pages 3–21 in *Cruciform Scripture: Cross, Participation, and Mission*, ed. Nijay K. Gupta, Andy Johnson, Christopher W. Skinner, and Drew J. Strait. Grand Rapids, MI: Wm. B. Eerdmans, 2020.

“Where Angels Long to Look (1 Peter 1:1–12).” *The Visual Commentary on Scripture*.
<https://thevcs.org/where-angels-long-look>. Published to the site January 2020.

“Jesus of Nazareth.” Pages 139–160 in *The State of New Testament Studies*, ed. Scot McKnight and Nijay K. Gupta. Baker Academic, 2019.

- Review essay of Richard Hays, *Echoes of Scripture in the Gospels* (Baylor University Press, 2016), in the Syndicate online symposium (<https://syndicate.network/symposia/biblical-studies/echoes-of-scripture-in-the-gospels/>). Published to the site February 11, 2019.
- "Blessed Are the Failures: Leaning into the Beatitudes." Pages 141–150 in *Theologies of Failure*, ed. Roberto Sirvent and Duncan B. Reyburn. Eugene, OR: Cascade Books, 2019.
- "Response to Nickel." *Ex Auditu* 34 (2018): 62–66.
- "The Blessed (Matthew 5:3–12)." The Visual Commentary on Scripture. <http://thevcs.org/blessed>. Published to the site in August 2018.
- "Literalism, Literalist Reading, Christianity." Pages 818–20 in *The Encyclopedia of the Bible and Its Reception*, vol. 16. Berlin: deGruyter, 2018.
- "Blessed are the Image-Bearers: Gregory of Nyssa and the Beatitudes." *The Anglican Theological Review* 99 no. 4 (Fall 2017): 729–740.
- "Intertextuality, Christianity." Pages 223–225 in *The Encyclopedia of the Bible and Its Reception*, vol. 13. Berlin: deGruyter, 2016.
- "Empires and Enemies: Re-Reading Lament as Politics." Pages 19–35 in *Let Us Attend: The Theological Reading of Scripture as Political Act*, ed. Daniel McClain and Matthew Tapie. Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 2015.
- "Jesus' Teaching and the Crowds." Sea of Galilee page, Bible Odyssey website. Society of Biblical Literature (Spring 2015). <http://bibleodyssey.org/en/people/related-articles/jesus-teaching-and-the-crowds>.
- "Community." Pages 107–111 in *The Oxford Encyclopedia of the Bible and Ethics*. Oxford University Press, 2015.
- "Response to Phelan." *Ex Auditu* 30 (2014): 22–25.
- "Jesus Laments (Or Does He?): The Witness of the Fourfold Gospel." Pages 3–18 in *Doing Theology for the Church: Essays in Honor of Klyne Snodgrass*, ed. Rebekah A. Eklund and John E. Phelan Jr. Covenant Press; Wipf & Stock, 2014.
- "Response to Thomas, 'Health and Healing: A Pentecostal Contribution.'" *Ex Auditu* 21 (2005): 108–111.

BOOK REVIEWS

- Review of William M. Wright IV, *The Lord's Prayer: Matthew 6 and Luke 11 for the Life of the Church*. In *Theological Studies* 86 no. 1 (2025): 175–183.
- Review of Sung J. Cho, *Matthew's Account of the Massacre of the Innocents in Light of Its Reception History*. In *Review of Biblical Literature* 02/2025. <https://www.sblcentral.org/home/bookDetails/1001952>.

- “Between Two Truths: Lament, Trust, and Wrestling with an Inscrutable God.” Review of J. Richard Middleton, *Abraham’s Silence: The Binding of Isaac, the Suffering of Job, and How to Talk Back to God*. In *Canadian-American Theological Review* 11 (2022): 44–50.
- Review of Reinhard Feldmeier and Hermann Spieckermann, *God Becoming Human: Incarnation in the Christian Bible*. In *Catholic Biblical Quarterly* 84 no. 3 (2022): 498–500.
- Review of Channing L. Crisler, *Reading Romans as Lament: Paul’s Use of Old Testament Lament in His Most Famous Letter*. In *Catholic Biblical Quarterly* 82 no. 1 (2019): 133–34.
- Review of Sung Min Hong, *Those Who Weep Shall Laugh: Reversal of Weeping in the Gospel of Luke*. In *Reading Religion*, American Academy of Religion (May 15, 2019), <http://readingreligion.org/books/those-who-weep-shall-laugh>.
- Review of Carol B. Wilson, *For I Was Hungry and You Gave Me Food: Pragmatics of Food Access in the Gospel of Matthew*. In *Horizons: The Journal of the College Theology Society* 43 no. 1 (June 2016): 189–90.
- Review of David Ford, *Christian Wisdom*. In *Journal of Scriptural Reasoning* 10.2 (December 2011). <http://jsr.shanti.virginia.edu/back-issues/volume-10-no-2-december-2011-public-debate-and-scriptural-reasoning/review-of-david-ford-christian-wisdom-desiring-god-and-learning-in-love/>.

CHURCH-BASED PUBLICATIONS

- “The Healing Gift of Bold Lament: The Messy Middle Between Jesus’ Resurrection and Ours.” *Church Health Reader* (Winter 2018). <https://chreader.org/healing-gift-bold-lament/>.
- “A Lament for Baltimore.” *Christian Century* guest blog (May 5, 2015). <http://www.christiancentury.org/blogs/archive/2015-05/lament-baltimore>.
- “Discovering the Gifts of Lament.” *The Covenant Companion* (September 2011): 12–15. Available at <http://covchurch.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/2/2010/12/9.2011.Lament.pdf>.
- *Award of Excellence (first place), “Theological or Scholarly Article,” Associated Church Press Convention
- *Award of Merit (second place), “Theological Reflection: Long Format,” Associated Church Press Convention

FORTHCOMING PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

- Commentary on the Gospel of Luke* (Baker Academic; Baker Exegetical Commentary on the New Testament series; expected publication 2028).
- The Gospel of Luke: New Word Biblical Themes* (Zondervan; expected publication 2028).

PEER-REVIEWED CONFERENCE PAPERS

"Octaves and Septenaries: The Beatitudes in the Middle Ages." Patristic Thought and Medieval Society Workshop, the Oxford International Patristics Conference, August 2019.

"Blessed Are the Excommunicated." History of Interpretation Group, Institute for Biblical Research, November 2017.

"Hot Jesus, Tragic Superstar, Suffering Son of God: How Jesus Films Aim to Shape Our Moral Imaginations." Bible and Film Section, Society of Biblical Literature, November 2015.

"Calvin, Lament, and the Faithfulness of Christ." Reformed Theology and History Group, American Academy of Religion, November 2014.

"To us, the word, 'Today!' The Double-*Logos* of Heb. 4.12-13." Hebrews Section, International Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, July 2014.

"The Significance of Jesus' Laments." Emerging Scholars (New Testament Section), Institute of Biblical Research, November 2012.

"The Role of the Crowds in the Passion Narrative." Society of Biblical Literature, Synoptic Gospels Section, Fall 2010.

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

Book review panel for J. Richard Middleton, *Abraham's Silence*. The Theology of the Hebrew Scriptures and the National Association of Professors of Hebrew, Society of Biblical Literature, November 2022.

"Spirituality of Lament." Webinar for InterVarsity's Digital Camino, with Soong-Chan Rah and Dehlia Umunna, July 7, 2020.

"Underdetermining the Beatitudes: Some Theological Functions of Jesus' Blessings." Theological Interpretation of Scripture, Society of Biblical Literature, November 2019.

"On Being Woke: Mark 13 and the Signs of the Times." Scripture-Theology Colloquium, Wycliffe College, University of Toronto, October 2019.

Conference speaker, "Jesus of Nazareth and the Church's Tradition: The Enduring Legacy of Benedict XVI." Georgetown University, September 2018.

Panelist, review of *Thinking Prayer* by Andrew Prevot, American Academy of Religion, November 2017.

"Hot Jesus, Tragic Superstar, Suffering Son of God: How Jesus Films Shape Our Imaginations," invited lecture, Amherst College, February 2016.

"Revisiting the Virtue of the Liturgy: Response to Jennifer Herdt's 'Afterword,'" Society of Christian Ethics, January 2015.

BOARD MEMBERSHIPS

2026–2029	Board of Trustees, North Park University
2026–2029	Editorial Board, <i>Journal for Theological Interpretation</i>
2026–2029	Editorial Board, <i>Ex Auditu</i>
2025–2028	Editorial Board, <i>Journal of Theological Studies</i>
2020–2023	Editorial Board, <i>Bulletin for Biblical Research</i>
2015–2020	Board of Trustees, North Park University, Chicago, IL
	Presidential Search Committee for North Park University (2017–2018)
	Chair, Academic Committee, North Park Board (2016–2020)
2014–2020	Co-Chair, Christian Theology and the Bible Section, Society of Biblical Literature
2012–2015	Editorial Board, <i>Bulletin for Biblical Research</i>
2006–2011	Liaison Member, Board of the Ordered Ministry, Evangelical Covenant Church
2005–2011	Member, Executive Board of the Evangelical Covenant Church

ADMINISTRATIVE AND SERVICE ROLES

2025–2028	Member, Faculty Affairs Committee, Loyola University Maryland
2022–2023	Board on Rank and Promotion for Teaching and Clinical Faculty, Loyola University Maryland
2020–2023	Chair, Theology Department, Loyola University Maryland
2020–2021	Chair, Implementation Committee on the Rights and Status of Full-Time Non-Tenure Track Faculty
2019–2020	Co-Chair, Committee on the Enhancement of Teaching, Loyola University Maryland
2014–2018	Co-Facilitator, Junior Faculty Symposium for Research in the Humanities, Loyola University Maryland

ASSOCIATIONS

Elected member, Society of New Testament Studies
Member, Society of Biblical Literature
Member, Institute for Biblical Research, Inc.
Member, Society of Christian Ethics

Trained Facilitator, Scriptural Reasoning (trained at the University of Virginia, 2008)

AWARDS

Summer Research Grant, Loyola University Maryland, 2026
Summer Research Grant, Loyola University Maryland, 2025
Summer Research Grant, Loyola University Maryland, 2020 (deferred until 2021)
Summer Research Grant, Loyola University Maryland, 2019
Wabash Center for Teaching & Learning in Theology & Religion Early Career Workshop Fellowship, 2017
Course Development Grant, Peace and Justice Studies, Loyola University Maryland, 2017
Summer Research Grant, Loyola University Maryland, 2017
Wabash Center for Teaching & Learning in Theology & Religion, accepted into 2016–17 Workshop for Early Career Religion Faculty at Colleges and Universities
Summer Research Grant, Loyola University Maryland, 2016
Summer Research Grant, Loyola University Maryland, 2013
Dissertation Writing Fellowship, Louisville Institute, 2011–2012

RESEARCH & TEACHING INTERESTS

History of interpretation/reception history of Scripture
Theological interpretation of Scripture
New Testament
Gospels
The Gospels in film & visual art
Christian and philosophical ethics
Lament in the Hebrew Bible and New Testament
Greek & Greek exegesis
Ancient Greece, the Ancient Near East, Ancient Rome, and Early Christianity

LANGUAGES (READING AND TRANSLATING)

Hellenistic Greek (Koine) (Competent)
Biblical Hebrew (Minimal)
French (Competent)
German (Moderate)
Portuguese (Minimal)