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Ecumenical Theological Seminary
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Personal Statement

My formal education has included an array of studies in Humanities, which has resulted in a broad experience in teaching, research, writing, and publication.

- Greek and Roman Classics (languages, philosophy, history, and literature),
- Mediterranean Religions of Antiquity and Late Antiquity
- Near Eastern Studies
- Second Temple Judaism
- Biblical Studies (specialization in New Testament & Christian Origins)
- History of Early Christianity (canonical and non-canonical developments)

My hermeneutical approach to Biblical Studies in general and the New Testament in particular is a model that reads ancient sources as vestiges of religious dialogue and intellectual history.

My work is focused on first- and second-century Jewish dialogue on early Christian messianism, Roman economy of dominance and enslavement, Post-Colonial Criticism and Empire Criticism of NT and Classical sources and material artefacts related to images of enslaved peoples in Greco-Roman cultures and contexts.

I have extensive experience and commitment to using a variety of equity-minded instructional models, using various LMS platforms, including onsite, hybrid, and fully online courses. My professional teaching experience also includes a variety of administrative duties—curriculum development, assessment, program development and review, course mapping, course schedule preparation, strategic planning, academic catalog and course catalog revision, keeping specific office hours, student advising (program planning), attending regular faculty, staff, academic council, and program directors meetings, multiple committees as assigned, leading faculty training in instructional technology, and web site development.

The context in which I currently teach can be described as urban, inner city, with a diverse student population from underrepresented communities. The academic challenges are real, and I have done the personal and professional work necessary to be a part of the academic and administrative teams and to develop positive relationships with my colleagues and students, building mutual trust and respect, to empower student success in basic writing skills as well as more advanced skills in research and writing, with an emphasis on analysis, critical thinking, and real-world problem solving.

Education

Ph.D. University of Michigan

Horace H. Rackham School of Graduate Studies, Department of Near Eastern Studies

Area of Concentration — Ancient Civilizations and Biblical Studies

Area of Specialization — Second Temple Judaism and Christian Origins

Dissertation Committee: Gabriele Boccaccini (Chair), Brian Schmidt, Ray Van Dam, Charles Gieschen

Dissertation: *The Messiah in the Parables of Enoch and the Letters of Paul: A Comparative Analysis*

M.A. University of Michigan

Horace H. Rackham School of Graduate Studies, Department of Near Eastern Studies

Area of Concentration — Ancient Civilizations and Biblical Studies

Program — Judaism & Christianity in the Graeco-Roman World from Second Temple to Late Antiquity

Advisor — Gabriele Boccaccini, Ph.D., University of Turin

S.T.M. Concordia Seminary, St. Louis

Major — Exegetical Theology

Minor — Historical Theology

M.Div. Concordia Seminary, St. Louis

M.A. Washington University in St. Louis

Department of Classics

B.A. University of Nebraska, Lincoln

College of Arts and Science, Classics Department

Advisor — John D. Turner, Ph.D. Duke University

Major — Classical Greek

Major — Integrated (Interdisciplinary) Studies

Minor — Classical Latin

Minor — History

Minor — Mathematics

Academic Positions

Professor of Biblical Studies, Ecumenical Theological Seminary, Detroit, MI since 2022
 Voluntary Faculty, Wayne State University, Detroit, MI since 2016
 Assoc. Professor of Biblical Studies, Ecumenical Theological Seminary, Detroit, MI 2016–2022
 Assistant Professor of Biblical Studies, Ecumenical Theological Seminary, 2013–2016
 Visiting Lecturer, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor 2004, 2013
 Adjunct Professor, Ecumenical Theological Seminary, Detroit, Michigan 2012–2013
 Adjunct Professor, University of Toledo 2010–2013
 Graduate Instructor, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor 2001–2010
 Instructor of Classics, William Jewell College, Liberty, Missouri 2008
 Adjunct Professor of Religious Studies, University of Detroit Mercy 2008
 Latin Tutor, Washington University in St. Louis 1988
 Instructor of Latin, Washington University in St. Louis 1987

Scholarship

Books

The Messiah: A Comparative Study of the Enochic Son of Man and the Pauline Kyrios. Jewish and Christian Texts in Context and Related Studies, no. 10. James H. Charlesworth, ed. London: T&T Clark, 2011. xvi + 240 pages.

A Simplified Guide to Worshiping As Lutherans. Eugene, OR: Wipf & Stock, 2009. Paper. xvii + 136 pp.

The Struggle to Reclaim the Liturgy in the Lutheran Church: Adiaphora in Historical, Theological and Practical Perspective. Preface by Robert A. Kolb. Lewiston, New York: Edwin Mellen, 2005. xvii + 415 pp.

Books in Progress

History & Faith: Reading the Texts of Our Religious Past with Hermeneutical Self-Awareness. in progress.

Empire Criticism Notes and Insights on New Testament Texts. in progress.

The Enslaved as Child: Diminutive Images of Dominated Peoples in Greek and Roman Daily Life as Ideology of Power and Propaganda of Empire. in progress.

The Birth of Lord Jesus Messiah: Christology at the Intersections of Judaism and Christianities in the Late First, Early Second Century. in progress.

Books Edited

Wisdom Poured Out Like Water: Studies on Jewish and Christian Antiquity in Honor of Gabriele Boccaccini. Edited by J. Harold Ellens, Isaac W. Oliver, Jason von Ehrenkrook, James Waddell, and Jason M. Zurawski. Deuterocanonical and Cognate Literature Studies, Volume 38. Edited by Friedrich V. Reiterer, Beate Ego, Tobias Nicklas, and Kristin de Troyer. Berlin: De Gruyter, 2018.

Enoch and the Mosaic Torah: The Evidence of Jubilees. Proceedings of the Fourth International Seminar on the Enoch Literature, Camaldoli, Italy, 1-5 July 2007. Gabriele Boccaccini, ed. Jason von Ehrenkrook, James Waddell & Jason Zurawski, assist. eds. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2009.

Enoch and Qumran Origins: New Light on a Forgotten Connection. Proceedings of the Second International Seminar on the Enoch Literature, Venice, Italy, 1-5 July 2003. Gabriele Boccaccini, ed. J. Harold Ellens and James Waddell, assist. eds. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2005.

“The Origins of Enochic Judaism,” Proceedings of the First Enoch Seminar, University of Michigan, Sesto Fiorentino, Italy, June 19 - 23, 2001. Gabriele Boccaccini, ed. J. Harold Ellens and James Waddell, assist. eds. *HENOCH XXIV.1-2* (2002).

Light For Our World: Essays Commemorating the 150th Anniversary of Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Missouri. John W. Klotz, editor. David Kuhfal, Steve Niermann, Steve Smith, James Waddell, and Todd Wilken, student editors. St. Louis: Concordia Seminary, 1989.

Book Chapters (peer reviewed)

“God’s Laocoönic Effort to Break Free from the Mess God Made: The Centuries-Old Problem of the Relationship between Faith and History.” A Review from a New Testament Specialist’s Perspective of L. Daniel Hawk, *The Violence of the Biblical God: Canonical Narrative and Christian Faith*. SBL Press, 2020. Presented at the Eastern Great Lakes Regional Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, Akron, Ohio, 15 March 2019. Society of Biblical Literature.

“‘I Have Been Born Among You’: Jesus, Jews, and Christians in the Second Century.” *Wisdom Poured Out Like Water: Studies on Jewish and Christian Antiquity in Honor of Gabriele Boccaccini.* Edited by J. Harold Ellens, Isaac W. Oliver, Jason von Ehrenkrook, James Waddell, and Jason M. Zurawski. Deuterocanonical and Cognate Literature Studies, Volume 38. Edited by Friedrich V. Reiterer, Beate Ego, Tobias Nicklas, and Kristin de Troyer. Berlin: De Gruyter, 2018. 526–538.

“The Shadow and the Substance: Early Reception of Paul the Jew in the Letter to the Colossians.” *The Early Reception of Paul the Second Temple Jew: Text, Narrative and Reception History.* Isaac Oliver and Gabriele Boccaccini, editors. The Library of Second Temple Studies 92. Lester Grabbe, editor. London: Bloomsbury T.&T. Clark, 2018. 75–87.

“Enochic Judaism and the Messiah of the Early Church: Adapted Images of Heaven, Hell, and Afterlife.” *Heaven, Hell, and the Afterlife: Eternity in Judaism, Christianity, and Islam*. Vol. 1, *End Time and Afterlife in Judaism*. J. Harold Ellens, ed. Santa Barbara, CA: Praeger, 2013. 61–69.

“Biblical Notions and Admonitions on Evil in Pauline Literature.” *Explaining Evil*. 3 vols. J. Harold Ellens, ed. Santa Barbara, CA: Praeger, 2011.

“Enoch and the Enoch Tradition: A Bibliography, 2000–Present.” *The Early Enoch Literature*. Gabriele Boccaccini and John J. Collins, editors. Leiden: E.J. Brill, 2007. 337-347.

Articles (peer reviewed)

“Enoch’s Place at the Table . . . The Beginning of an Important Conversation?” *HENOCH: Studies in Judaism and Christianity from Second Temple to Late Antiquity* 33.2 (fall 2011): 1-2.

“*Recte Administrantur Sacramenta*: ‘Sacraments Administered Rightly’ according to *Augustana VII*.” *CONCORDIA JOURNAL* 32.4 (October 2006): 371-380.

“The Church’s Theological Practice of Liturgy: Clarifying Hermeneutical Boundaries.” *CONCORDIA JOURNAL* 32.1 (January 2006): 2-16.

“Identifying Authorities and Pastoral Practice in the Early Church. Two Case Studies: Basil of Caesarea and Ephrem of Syria.” *CONCORDIA JOURNAL* 31.1 (January 2005): 48-59.

“Will the Real Judaism Please Stand Up? Ritual Self-Definition As Ideological Discourse from Qumran to Jerusalem.” *HENOCH: Historical and Philosophical Studies on Judaism* 26.1 (april 2004): 3-23.

“Narrative Seam Antics in Luke’s Gospel: Reading the Magnificat Again for the First Time.” Seminar paper in fulfillment of the S.T.M. degree. Fuerbringer Library. St. Louis: Concordia Seminary, 1999.

Book Reviews

Hurtado, Larry W., Paul L. Owens. *‘Who Is This Son of Man?’ The Latest Scholarship on a Puzzling Expression of the Historical Jesus*. The Library of New Testament Studies 390. London: T&T Clark, 2011. Cloth. \$130.00. Reviewed in *Enoch Seminar Online*. August 2013.

Walck, Leslie W. *The Son of Man in the Parables of Enoch and in Matthew*. Jewish and Christian Texts in Context and Related Studies, vol. 9. James H. Charlesworth, ed. London / New York: T&T Clark, 2011. Cloth. \$130.00. Reviewed in *HENOCH: Studies in Judaism and Christianity from Second Temple to Late Antiquity* 34.1 (spring 2012): 174–178.

Kannengiesser, Charles, editor. *Handbook of Patristic Exegesis: The Bible in Ancient Christianity*. 2 vols. Leiden: Brill, 2004; 1 vol. unabridged. Leiden: Brill, 2006. xxxiv + 1,496 pages. Cloth. \$179.00. Reviewed in *HENOCH: Studies in Judaism and Christianity from Second Temple to Late Antiquity* 29.2 (2007): 386–391.

Invited Academic Papers

Review Panel (New Testament Perspective) of L. Daniel Hawk, *The Violence of the Biblical God: Canonical Narrative and Christian Faith*. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2019. Presented at the Eastern Great Lakes Regional Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, Akron, Ohio, 15 March 2019.

“The Shadow and the Substance: Early Reception of Paul the Jew in the Letter to the Colossians.” The Fourth Nangeroni Meeting of the Enoch Seminar. Rome, Italy, 2016.

“Adam, Enoch and Paul: Merging Intellectual Traditions of Early Christology” / the First International Graduate Enoch Seminar, 2-4 May 2006, the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan

“Will the Real Judaism Please Stand Up? Ritual Self-Definition As Ideological Discourse from Qumran to Jerusalem” / the February 2004 Meeting of the Midwest Region of the Society of Biblical Literature

“Will the Real Judaism Please Stand Up? Ritual Self-Definition As Ideological Discourse from Qumran to Jerusalem” / the University of Michigan, Department of Near Eastern Studies, 31 March 2003

Academic Papers

“Was the Infancy Gospel of Thomas a Jewish Document?” / the 2014 Meeting of the Midwest Region of the Society of Biblical Literature, Bourbonnais, Illinois.

“Recontextualizing the Infancy Gospel of Thomas—A Proposal” / Christian Apocrypha Group of the 2012 Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, Chicago, Illinois

“Wisdom in Enochic Scribal Communities—Ekstasia and Apocalypse as Religious Experience” / Religious Experience in Early Judaism and Christianity Group of the 2012 Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, Chicago, Illinois

“The Enochic Son of Man and Pauline Christology” / The Pauline Epistles Group of the 2011 Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, San Francisco, California

“The Intertextuality of First Enoch, Paul, and the Gospel of Matthew: Modeling Early Jewish Messianic Systems” / Intertextuality in the New Testament Group of the 2010 Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, Atlanta, Georgia

“*The Greek Life of Adam and Eve* and the *Carmen Christi* of Philippians 2: Evidence of Competing Jewish Soteriologies” / Intertextuality in the New Testament Consultation Group of the 2009 Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, New Orleans, Louisiana

“*The Greek Life of Adam and Eve* and the *Carmen Christi* of Philippians 2: Evidence of Competing Jewish Soteriologies” / the 2009 Meeting of the Midwest Region of the Society of Biblical Literature, Bourbonnais, Illinois

“An Exegesis of Philippians 2.5-11” / the January 2009 Exegetical Symposium, Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Indiana

“Adam, Enoch and Paul: Merging Intellectual Traditions of Early Christology” / the First International Graduate Enoch Seminar, 2-4 May 2006, the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor

“Apostolic Response to the ‘Forged Letter’ in 2 Thessalonians 2: an Example of Pauline Exegesis” / the January 2006 Exegetical Symposium, Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Indiana

“Will the Real Judaism Please Stand Up? Ritual Self-Definition As Ideological Discourse from Qumran to Jerusalem” / the February 2004 Meeting of the Midwest Region of the Society of Biblical Literature

“Identifying Authorities and Pastoral Practice in the Early Church. Two Case Studies: Basil of Caesarea and Ephrem of Syria” / the September 2003 Theological Symposium of Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Missouri

“Identifying Authorities in the Church’s Theological Practice of Liturgy: Clarifying Hermeneutical Boundaries” / the September 2003 Theological Symposium of Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Missouri

“Will the Real Judaism Please Stand Up? Ritual Self-Definition As Ideological Discourse from Qumran to Jerusalem” / the University of Michigan, Department of Near Eastern Studies, 31 March 2003

“Will the Real Judaism Please Stand Up? Ritual Self-Definition As Ideological Discourse from Qumran to Jerusalem and Its Implications for New Testament Exegesis” / the January 2003 Exegetical Symposium, Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Indiana

“Rabbinic Exegesis and the Commandment against Idolatry: Palestinian Synagogues Interacting with Roman Culture of Late Antiquity” / the January 2002 Exegetical Symposium, Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Indiana

“Psalm 22 in Its Liturgical Context” / the January 2001 Exegetical Symposium, Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Indiana

“Narrative Seam Antics in Luke’s Gospel: Reading the Magnificat Again for the First Time” / the January 2000 Exegetical Symposium, Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Indiana

“A Liturgical Paradox: Order and Freedom according to the Sixteenth-Century Evangelical Witness” / the September 1999 Theological Symposium of Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Missouri

“*In Statu Confessionis*: Adiaphora, Liturgy and Conf[es/u]sion” / the May 1999 Theological Symposium of Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Missouri

“The Confessional Referents of Evangelical Catholicity” / the May 1999 Theological Symposium of Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Missouri

Public Lectures

“Paul As Urban Prophet: Ideology of Community vs. Ideology of Power in Pauline Literature.” The 2013 Sustaining Pastoral Excellence Workshop Series, Ecumenical Theological Seminary, Detroit, Michigan

“Mockery and Sarcasm: Biblical Satire in Its Social and Political Contexts.” The 2012 Annual Philip Markowicz Lecture on Jewish Biblical Studies, University of Toledo

“‘Glorious Seraphim Surround the Throne’: Apocalypse and Afterlife in Jewish Thought from the Second Temple Period to Today.” The 2011 Annual Philip Markowicz Lecture on Jewish Biblical Studies, University of Toledo

“Priests, Scribes, and Sacred Texts: The Diversity of Biblical Interpretation in the Second Temple Period.” The 2010 Annual Philip Markowicz Lecture on Jewish Biblical Studies, University of Toledo

Online Publication (Blog)

Studia Rerum Iudaicarum: Reflections on Judaism and Christianity from the Second Temple Period to Late Antiquity Informing Contemporary Socio-Political Commentary and Criticism

<https://studiarerumiudaicarum.com/>

Local Media

“With Faith, Detroit Is Never Bankrupt,” *The Detroit News*, Guest Editorial, 19 April 2014

Teaching Experience

Ecumenical Theological Seminary, Detroit, Michigan

- 1) Koine Greek I – onsite and online
- 2) Koine Greek II – onsite and online
- 3) Biblical Greek Exegesis – Ephesians – onsite and online
- 4) Biblical Hermeneutics – online
- 5) Introduction to the Hebrew Bible (OT) — on site and online
- 6) Introduction to the New Testament — on site and online
- 7) The Prophetic Tradition — hybrid
- 8) Faith, Politics, and Justice in the World of Jesus—online
a.k.a. Second Temple Judaism and the Dead Sea Scrolls — online
- 9) Paul the Apostle — onsite and online
- 10) The Gospel of Mark — online
- 11) The Gospel of Matthew — online
- 12) Luke–Acts — online
- 13) The Gospel of John and the Johannine Tradition — online
- 14) Empire, Wealth, and Poverty in the New Testament — online
- 15) Protest & Resistance in the Gospels: Faith’s Response to the Forces of Empire — online
- 16) Postcolonial Bible — online
- 17) Church History I: Early Church to the Late Medieval Period — hybrid

University of Michigan, Ann Arbor

- 1) Introduction to the New Testament
- 2) Jesus and the Gospels
- 3) The Bible in English
- 4) The Dead Sea Scrolls and the Qumran Community
- 5) World Religions—Judaism, Christianity & Islam

University of Toledo

- 1) Old Testament / Tanakh
- 2) New Testament History and Ideas
- 3) Jewish Biblical Studies: Second Temple Judaism and the Dead Sea Scrolls
- 4) Jewish Biblical Studies: The Life and Writings of Paul
- 5) World Religions (Eastern & Western) — on site and online
- 6) World Religions (Eastern & Western) — Honors
- 7) Introduction to Religion

William Jewell College, Liberty, Missouri

- 1) Classical Greek
- 2) Classical Latin

University of Detroit Mercy

- 1) Jesus and the Gospels

Washington University in St. Louis

- 1) Latin Review

Academic Administrative Service

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| Director of the Masters Programs, Ecumenical Theological Seminary | 2016– |
| Strategic Plan Committee, Ecumenical Theological Seminary | 2017–2019 |
| Co-director of the Masters Programs, Ecumenical Theological Seminary | 2015–2016 |
| Student Advising, Ecumenical Theological Seminary | 2015– |
| Chair, Curriculum Committee, Ecumenical Theological Seminary | 2015– |
| Faculty Committee, Ecumenical Theological Seminary | 2015– |
| Chair, Online Education Committee, Ecumenical Theological Seminary | 2014– |

Secretary, Enoch Seminar ...

- Fifth Enoch Seminar, “Enoch, Adam, Melchizedek: Mediatorial Figures in 2 Enoch,” Chair Andrei Orlov (Marquette University), Naples, Italy, 2009
- Third Enoch Seminar, “Enoch and the Messiah Son of Man: Revisiting the Book of Parables,” Chair Gabriele Boccaccini (University of Michigan), Camaldoli, Italy, 2005
- Second Enoch Seminar, “Enoch and Qumran Origins,” Chair Gabriele Boccaccini (University of Michigan), Venice, Italy, 2003
- First Enoch Seminar, “The Origins of Enochic Judaism,” Chair Gabriele Boccaccini (University of Michigan), Florence, Italy, 2001

Grants & Fellowships

- 2010 One Term Dissertation Fellowship—Department of Near Eastern Studies, Horace H. Rackham School of Graduate Studies, University of Michigan
- 2009 Summer Fellowship—Frankel Center for Judaic Studies, University of Michigan
- 2009 Near Eastern Studies Departmental Fellowship—University of Michigan
- 2007/'08 Radcliffe Fellowship—Horace H. Rackham School of Graduate Studies, University of Michigan
- 2007/'08 Ramsdell Fellowship—Horace H. Rackham School of Graduate Studies, University of Michigan
- 2007 Brandt Israel Fellowship—Frankel Center for Judaic Studies, University of Michigan
- 2007 Near Eastern Studies Departmental Fellowship—University of Michigan
- 2007 Rackham Graduate Student Research Grant (Ph.D. candidate)—Horace H. Rackham School of Graduate Studies, University of Michigan
- 2005 Barney & Beatrice Keywell Graduate Student Fellowship—Frankel Center for Judaic Studies, University of Michigan
- 2005 Discretionary Fellowship (Ph.D. pre-candidate)—Horace H. Rackham School of Graduate Studies, University of Michigan
- 2004 Near Eastern Studies Departmental Fellowship—University of Michigan
- 2003 Weinberg Graduate Fellowship—Frankel Center for Judaic Studies, University of Michigan
- 2003 Hewlett International Travel Grant for Study Abroad—Horace H. Rackham School of Graduate Studies, University of Michigan
- 2001 Delta Phi Epsilon Fellowship—Frankel Center for Judaic Studies, University of Michigan
- 2001 Near Eastern Studies Departmental Fellowship—University of Michigan
- 2001 Discretionary Fellowship (Master's level)—Horace H. Rackham School of Graduate Studies, University of Michigan

Academic Awards

- 2004 Society of Biblical Literature, Midwest Region / Winner of the Graduate Student Paper Competition in New Testament/Christian Origins, for the paper: “Will the Real Judaism Please Stand Up? Ritual Self-Definition As Ideological Discourse from Qumran to Jerusalem.”
- 2003 Michigan Center for Early Christian Studies Award in Early Christian Studies—Department of Near Eastern Studies, the University of Michigan, for the paper: “Will the Real Judaism Please Stand Up? Ritual Self-Definition As Ideological Discourse from Qumran to Jerusalem.”
- 1990 Marvin E. Kuhlmann Homiletics Endowment Award—Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Missouri

Volunteer Academic Service

Michigan Center for Early Christian Studies—Board of Directors, 2017–2022

Societas Melancthoniana, 1988–’91—organized and led the Latin Club at Concordia Seminary

Professional Editorial Work

Secretary for the American Editorial Board of the international journal *HENOCH: Studies in Judaism and Christianity from Second Temple to Late Antiquity*, 2005–’10

Senior Editor, *WorshipConcord*, <http://worshipconcord.wordpress.com/>, 2009–’10

Student assistant editor, *CONCORDIA JOURNAL*, Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, MO, 1987–’91

Professional Societies

The Association for Jewish Studies—member since 2010

American Philological Association—member since 2010

American Academy of Religion—member since 2004

American Schools of Oriental Research—member since 2003

Society of Biblical Literature—member since 2002

Pastoral Experience

Huron Valley Urban Farm, Ypsilanti, Michigan—since 2014

Pastor, Faith Lutheran Church of Ypsilanti, Michigan—since 2012

Pastor, St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church of Albion, Michigan—1997-2006
Vicarage Supervisor, 1998-2006

Pastor, Trinity Lutheran Church of Louisiana, Missouri and
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church of Bowling Green, Missouri—1991-'97

Invited Presentations for the Church

“Toward a Theology of Worship: A Biblical and Confessional Understanding and Approach” /
Come Let Us Worship the Lord Our Maker (Psalm 95.6): Theological Conferences on Worship /
Saginaw, Michigan, 26 February 2011

“Toward a Theology of Worship: A Biblical and Confessional Understanding and Approach” /
Come Let Us Worship the Lord Our Maker (Psalm 95.6): Theological Conferences on Worship /
Birmingham, Michigan, 12 February 2011

“Toward a Theology of Worship: A Biblical and Confessional Understanding and Approach” /
Come Let Us Worship the Lord Our Maker (Psalm 95.6): Theological Conferences on Worship /
Jenison, Michigan, 25 January 2011

“The Lutheran Concept of *Adiaphora*: A Response to Charles Arand” / Respondent paper at the
Model Theological Conference, St. Louis, Missouri, 12-16 January 2010

“Looking Forward in Harmony: Reintroducing the Conversation about Worship in the Lutheran
Congregation” / Saginaw, Michigan, 5-6 May 2009

“Looking Forward in Harmony: Reintroducing the Conversation about Worship in the Lutheran
Congregation” / Jackson, Michigan, 7 April 2009

“Moving Beyond Worship Wars: Reintroducing the Conversation about Worship in the Lutheran
Congregation” / Lake Tahoe, Nevada, 7-9 October 2008

“Clearly Communicating the Good News: Moving Beyond Worship Wars” / Dakota Dunes,
South Dakota, 7-9 April 2008

“Moving Beyond Worship Wars: Reintroducing the Conversation about Worship in the Lutheran
Congregation—Part 1” / Lansing, Michigan, 4 March 2008

“Moving Beyond Worship Wars: Reintroducing the Conversation about Worship in the Lutheran Congregation” / North Dakota, 1-2 October 2007

Languages

Ancient Languages

Biblical Hebrew
Rabbinic Hebrew
Aramaic
Syriac (moderate)
Classical Greek
Hellenistic Greek
Classical Latin
Sahidic Coptic
Ethiopic Ge'ez (beginning)

Modern Languages

German
French
Modern Hebrew (beginning)
Arabic (beginning)
English (first language)

Study Abroad

2009 • *The Fifth International Seminar on the Enoch Literature* / Naples, Italy / *Secretary*

“Enoch, Adam, Melchizedek: Mediatorial Figures in 2 Enoch and Second Temple Judaism”

Participants: Gabriele Boccaccini (host), Andrei Orlov, Harold Attridge, Daniel Boyarin, James Charlesworth, Esther Eshel, Hanan Eshel, Lester Grabbe, John R. Levison, Stephen Pfann, Lawrence Schiffman, Michael Stone, David Suter, Johannes Tromp, et al.

Seminar papers published as *Enoch, Adam, Melchizedek: Mediatorial Figures in 2 Enoch and Second Temple Judaism*, Proceedings of the Fifth Enoch Seminar, University of Michigan, Naples, Italy, 6-10 June 2009, Gabriele Boccaccini editor (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2011).

• *Rome, Italy* / Studied archaeological sites, artifacts and visited museums

- 2007 • *The Third Biennial Michigan Summer School in the Roman Mediterranean*
Israel Antiquities Authority / Jerusalem, Israel
- Graduate Seminar: “Jews and Christians in the Holy Land”
 Studied texts, archaeological ruins and artifacts through daily on-site investigation, lectures and discussions, at Jerusalem (Citadel, Jewish Quarter, Temple Mount, the Israel Museum, etc.), Judean Desert Byzantine Monasteries of Martirius and Euthimius, Caesarea Maritima, Beth She’arim, Sepphoris, Sussita-Hippos, Capernaum, Bet Alpha Synagogue, Beth She’an-Scythopolis, Qumran, Masada, the Nabataean and Byzantine cities of the Negev: Avdat, Shivta
- *Turkey* / Istanbul, Nicaea, Pergamum, Miletus, Ephesus, Laodicea, Aphrodisias, Hierapolis
- visited museums and archeological sites / Hagia Sophia, Istanbul; Archaeological Museum, Pergamum; Archaeological Museum, Ephesus; Archaeological Museum Hierapolis
- *Greece* / Athens, Delphi, Eleusis
- visited museums and archeological sites / National Archaeological Museum, Athens; Epigraphic Museum, Athens; Archaeological Museum, Delphi
- *England* / London and Bath
- visited the British Museum and Roman Bath
- 2005 • *The Third International Seminar on the Enoch Literature* / Camaldoli Monastery, Italy / *Secretary*
- “*The Parables of Enoch and the Messiah Son of Man*”
- Participants: Gabriele Boccaccini (host), John J. Collins, James VanderKam, George Nickelsburg, Paolo Sacchi, Michael Knibb, James Charlesworth, Esther Eshel, Hanan Eshel, David Suter, Adela Yarbro-Collins, Loren Stuckenbruck, Lester Grabbe, Andrei Orlov, Jonathan Ben-Dov, Robert Kraft, Daniel Boyarin, Michael Stone, et al.
- Seminar papers published as *Enoch and the Messiah Son of Man: Revisiting the Book of Parables*, Proceedings of the Third Enoch Seminar, University of Michigan, Camaldoli, Italy, 6-10 June 2005, Gabriele Boccaccini editor (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2007).
- *The Second Biennial Michigan Summer School in the Roman Mediterranean*
The University of Naples / Naples, Italy
- Graduate Seminar: “Jews and Christians in Late Antiquity”
 Studied texts, archaeological ruins and artifacts through daily on-site investigation, lectures, and discussions, at Pompeii, Herculaneum, Puteoli, Paestum, and Oplontis.

- 2005 • *Rome, Italy* / Studied archaeological sites, artifacts and visited museums
- 2003 • *The First Biennial Michigan Summer School in the Roman Mediterranean*
The University of Rome / San Gregorio Monastery, Rome, Italy
- Graduate Seminar: “Judaism and Christianity in Pre-Constantine Rome”
Studied texts, catacombs (Via Latina, Vinia Randanini, etc.) and archaeological artifacts through daily on-site investigation, lectures and discussions.
- *The Second International Seminar on the Enoch Literature* / Venice, Italy / *Assistant Secretary*
- “*Enoch and Qumran Origins: The Enoch Group and Its Literature in the Second Century BCE*”
- Participants: Gabriele Boccaccini (host), John J. Collins, James VanderKam, George Nickelsburg, Florentino García-Martínez, Paolo Sacchi, Michael Knibb, James Charlesworth, Martha Himmelfarb, Shemaryahu Talmon, Charlotte Hempel, Ithamar Gruenwald, Lawrence Schiffman, Emile Puech, Esther Eshel, Hanan Eshel, Michael Daise, Philip Davies, Lester Grabbe, James Davila, et al.
- Seminar papers published as *Enoch and Qumran Origins: New Light on a Forgotten Connection*, Proceedings of the Second Enoch Seminar, University of Michigan, Venezia, Italy, 1-5 July 2003, Gabriele Boccaccini editor, J. Harold Ellens and James Alan Waddell assistant editors (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2004).
- *Rome & Florence, Italy* / Studied archaeological sites, artifacts and visited museums
- 2001 • *The First International Seminar on the Enoch Literature* / Florence, Italy / *Assistant Secretary*
- “*The Origins of Enochic Judaism*”
- Participants: Gabriele Boccaccini (host), James Charlesworth, John J. Collins, Florentino García-Martínez, George Nickelsburg, Paolo Sacchi, Michael Knibb, Devorah Dimant, Martha Himmelfarb, Ithamar Gruenwald, Esther Eshel, Hanan Eshel, Michael Daise, et al.
- Seminar papers published as “The Origins of Enochic Judaism,” Proceedings of the First Enoch Seminar, University of Michigan, Sesto Fiorentino, Italy, June 19 - 23, 2001. Gabriele Boccaccini, editor. *HENOCH* XXIV.1-2 (2002).

- 2001 • *Israel* / Jerusalem, Masada, Ein Gedi, Qumran, Bet Alpha, Hamat Tiberius, Capernaum, Gamla, Sepphoris, etc.

Spent a week in Jerusalem visiting museums, archeological sites and the Rockefeller Institute (to examine DSS fragments) / Archaeology at Bethsaida-Julia / also studied remains of early synagogues

Intellectual Interests

Empire & Post-Colonial Criticisms — Hebrew Bible, Second Temple Judaism, New Testament
Classical Studies — enslavement & economy, religion & philosophy in ancient cultures
Pauline Studies — christology and soteriology
Biblical Studies — New Testament and Hebrew Bible
Canonical Gospels — Son of Man, Q, Historical Jesus
Second Temple Judaism — Enoch Literature, Dead Sea Scrolls, and Qumran
Early Jewish and Christian views of wealth, poverty, economic oppression, and social justice
Early Christianity — Jewish Christianity, Gnosticism, non-canonical developments
Liturgical Theology

Community Service

Huron Valley Urban Farm, Ypsilanti Township, Michigan, 2014–present
Community Garden Organizer and Volunteer, Ypsilanti Township, Michigan, 2014–present
Fellow, Center for Religious Understanding, University of Toledo, 2011–’13
Little League Baseball, assistant coach, 2008-’09
Rotary International, 1998-2004
Community Moral & Spiritual Leadership and Diversity Team, 1999-2000
Institute for Healing Racism in America, 1997-’99
Hospice Chaplain, Pike County Missouri, 1995-’96
Public High School Curriculum Committee, Louisiana, Missouri, 1994-’96; chair 1995-’96
Board Member, North East Community Action Council, Pike County Missouri, 1994-’96
LCMS World Relief Disaster Response Team, 1993-’94
Louisiana Ministerial Alliance, Louisiana, Missouri, 1991-’97; president 1992-’94
Bowling Green Ministerial Association, Bowling Green, Missouri, 1991-’97; secretary 1994-’96