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## EDUCATION

*Doctor of Philosophy*, Theology (Old Testament; 2005), University of Oxford.

**Dissertation:** “‘Righteous’ Jehu and his ‘Evil’ Heirs: The Deuteronomist’s Negative Perspective on Dynastic Succession.”

*Master of Philosophy*, Theology (Old Testament; 2002), University of Oxford.

**Thesis:** “‘YHWH Will Rule over You’ (Judges 8:23): The Theocratic Ideal as a Theme Unifying the Disparate Traditions of the Gideon Narrative” (20,000 words).

**Long essay:** “‘Yet his Sons Did Not Follow in his Ways’ (1 Samuel 8:3): The Negative Perspective on Dynastic Leadership in the Books of Samuel” (15,000 words).

**Coursework:** Three theological essays (5,000 words each), exams on the Greek of Jeremiah 1-15 and on the Hebrew of Amos, Ecclesiastes, 2 Samuel 9-20 and Isaiah 40-55.

*Master of Divinity* (2000), Fuller Theological Seminary, GPA: 3.95.

*Master of Science*, Industrial Engineering (1986) and *Bachelor of Arts*, Economics (1985), Stanford University, GPA: 3.10.

## PUBLICATIONS

### Books

*The Historical Writings: Introducing Israel’s Historical Literature* (Fortress, 2016), co-written with Mark Leuchter.

*Prostitutes and Polygamists: A Look at Love, Old Testament Style* (Zondervan, 2015).

*God Behaving Badly: Is the God of the Old Testament Angry, Sexist and Racist?* (InterVarsity Press, 2011). Translated into German as *Der missverstandene Gott?* (Brunnen, 2012) and Korean as 내겐 여전히 불편한 하나님: 구약의 하나님을 사랑의 하나님이라 할 수 있을까? (IVP Korea, 2013).

*Righteous Jehu and his Evil Heirs: The Deuteronomist’s Negative Perspective on Dynastic Succession* (Oxford University Press, 2007).

*1, 2 Kings* in the *Story of God Bible Commentary*, edited by T. Longman, III (Zondervan, forthcoming).

## Articles in Books and Journals

- “**Temple Treasures and Tribute Talents: Hezekiah’s Encounters with Assyria and Babylon (2 Kings 18 and 20)**” (7000 words) in *Characters and Characterization in Samuel-Kings* edited by B. Johnson and K. Bodner (T&T Clark, 2019).
- “**David Was a Rapist, Abraham Was a Sex Trafficker**: What We Miss When We Downgrade Old Testament Abuse Stories to Sexual Peccadillos” (2900 words) *Christianity Today* (October 22, 2015), shared on Facebook almost 4000 times, one of [CT’s most popular articles of 2015](#).
- “**‘I Will Strike You Down and Cut off your Head’ (1 Samuel 17:46): Trash Talking, Derogatory Rhetoric, and Psychological Warfare in Ancient Israel**” (7300 words) in [\*Warfare, Ritual, and Symbol in Biblical and Modern Contexts\*](#), edited by F. Ames, B. Kelle, and J. Wright (Society of Biblical Literature, 2014): 111-130.
- “**Compassion and Wrath as Motivations for Divine Warfare**” (7300 words) in [\*Holy War in the Bible: Christian Morality and an Old Testament Problem\*](#), edited by H. A. Thomas, J. Evans, and P. Copan (InterVarsity Press, 2013): 133-151.
- “**The Immutable Mutability of YHWH**” (7000 words) [\*Southeastern Theological Review\*, 2.1 \(2011\): 21-38](#).
- “**How Do We Reconcile a Loving God with a God Who Commits Genocide?**” (2200 words) [\*Relevant\* 53, September-October \(2011\): 108-111](#).
- “**‘A Prophet Instead of You’ (1 Kings 19:16): Elijah, Elisha and Prophetic Succession**” (6200 words) in [\*Prophecy and the Prophets in Ancient Israel: Proceedings from the Oxford Old Testament Seminary\*](#), edited by J. Day (T&T Clark, 2010): 172-187.
- “**The Non-Eternal Dynastic Promises of Jehu of Israel and Esarhaddon of Assyria**” (3100 words) [\*Vetus Testamentum\*](#), 60/3 (2010): 337-344.
- “**The Eternal Curse: Seven Deuteronomistic Judgment Oracles against the House of David**” (3000 words) in [\*For and Against David: Story and History in the Books of Samuel\*](#), edited by A. G. Auld and E. Eynikel (Peeters, 2010): 315-326.
- Review article** (3100 words) of G. Athas’s *The Tel Dan Inscription: A Reappraisal and a New Interpretation* (2003) in *Revue biblique* 113/3 (2004): 423-429.

## Articles in Dictionaries

- “Elihu,” “Hilkiah,” “Hosea the book,” “Hosea the person,” “Gedaliah,” “Jacob,” “Jehoiachin,” “Jehoiakim,” “Jephthah,” “Jeroboam,” “Lamech” and “Lot” (4810 words total) in [\*Baker Illustrated Bible Dictionary\*](#), edited by T. Longman III, P. Enns, and M. Strauss (Baker, 2013).
- “Word of God,” (5800 words) and “Wrath” (4000 words) in [\*Dictionary of the Old Testament: Prophets\*](#), edited by J. G. McConville and M. J. Boda (InterVarsity Press, 2012).
- “1, 2 Kings,” “Menahem” and “Shalmaneser III” (5200 words total) in [\*Lexham Bible Dictionary\*](#) (Logos, online).
- “Jehu Dynasty” (2750 words) in [\*Dictionary of the Old Testament: Historical Books\*](#), edited by B. T. Arnold and H. G. M. Williamson (InterVarsity Press, 2005).

## Book Reviews

### *Christianity Today*

B. A. Strawn, *The Old Testament is Dying: A Diagnosis and Recommended Treatment* (2017).

### *Journal of Hebrew Scriptures*

J. L. Wright, [\*David, King of Israel, and Caleb in Biblical Memory\*](#) (2014). (2015). 1200 words.

M. R. Jacobs and R. F. Person Jr, editors, [\*Israelite Prophecy and the Deuteronomistic History\*](#) (2013). (2016). 1900 words.

### *Bulletin of Biblical Research*

J. H. Walton, *Genesis 1 as Ancient Cosmology* (2011). 22/3 (2012): 417-418.

A. Brenner, A. C. C. Lee, G. A. Yee, editors, *Genesis* (2010). Texts@contexts. Forthcoming.

D. L. Baker, *Tight Fists or Open Hands?* (2009). 20/4 (2010): 584-585.

W. Brueggemann, *An Unsettling God: The Heart of the Hebrew Bible* (2009). 20/4 (2010): 588-589.

### *Journal for the Study of the Old Testament*

D. M. Stith, *The Coups of Hazael and Jehu* (2008). 35/5 (2011): 69.

P. Barker, *The Triumph and Grace in Deuteronomy* (2004). 31/5 (2007): 173.

M. Leuchter, *Josiah's Reform and Jeremiah's Scroll* (2006). 31/5 (2007): 137.

J. Van Seters, *The Edited Bible* (2006). 31/5 (2007): 163-164.

M. C. Tetley, *The Reconstructed Chronology of the Divided Kingdom* (2005). 30/5 (2006): 50-51.

### *Southeastern Theological Review*

B. G. Webb, *The Book of Judges* NICOT (2012). 5.2 (2014): 250-252.

E. A. Seibert, *Disturbing Divine Behavior* (2009). 1.1 (2010): 67-68.

### *Themelios*

T. Römer, *Dark God: Cruelty, Sex, and Violence in the Old Testament* (2013). 39.1 (2014): 77-79.

### *Vetus Testamentum*

L. M. Wray Beal, *The Deuteronomist's Prophet* (2007). 60 (2010): 164.

S. L. McKenzie and J. Kaltner, *The Old Testament: Its Background, Growth, and Content* (2007). 59 (2009): 665.

M. Hamilton, *The Body Royal* (2005). 58 (2008): 137.

S. F. van Keulen, *Two Versions of the Solomon Narrative* (2005). 58 (2008): 138-139.

Festschrift for S. J. De Vries, *God's Word for Our World* (2004). 58 (2008): 135-136.

## EMPLOYMENT

**Dean of the Faculty** (July 2017-present), **Allan A. MacRae Professor of Old Testament** (July 2016-present), **Associate Professor** (July 2011-June 2016), **Assistant Professor** (July 2007-June 2011), **Visiting Professor** (July 2006-June 2007), [Biblical Theological Seminary](#). Designed syllabi, delivered lectures, advised students, supervised DMin students. **Courses:** OT Survey, Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus-Numbers-Deuteronomy, Samuel-Kings, Isaiah, Psalms, Daniel-Esther, Hermeneutics, OT Poetry, OT Prophecy, and OT Narrative.

**Instructor**, [Logos Mobile Education](#), Logos Bible Software. "1, 2 Samuel", "1, 2 Kings." Taped January 2014.

**Adjunct Professor** (Summer 2010, 2012), Fuller Theological Seminary. Course: Genesis.

**Biblical Hebrew Teacher** (Oct 2005-June 2006), University of Oxford. Taught three introductory courses (Theology Faculty, Oxford Centre for Hebrew and Jewish Studies) and an advanced reading class (Blackfriars).

**Research Assistant** (Oct 2005-August 2007). Proofread, edited and researched for the Ezekiel commentary of Dr. Paul Joyce.

**Lecturer** (April-Oct 2005), University of Oxford. Delivered lectures on the Former and the Latter Prophets (Blackfriars) and on 2 Kings (Wycliffe Hall).

**Tutor** (Dec 2004-June 2006), University of Oxford. Deepened students' historical, literary and theological understanding of texts and challenged them to strengthen their writing and defend their views. Tutored courses on pre-exilic texts, post-exilic texts, Genesis 1-11, Amos, Pentateuch, Prophecy, Psalms, and Wisdom for eight Oxford colleges.

**Teaching Assistant** (Jan 1999-March 2000), Fuller Theological Seminary. Assisted in John Goldingay's, "Isaiah" course and in J. Robert Clinton's "Mentoring" and "Bible-Based Leadership in the OT" courses. Gave lectures, graded papers, and tutored students.

**Area Director** (July 1998-June 1999), InterVarsity Christian Fellowship (IVCF). Co-supervised and trained staff teams working at the Claremont Colleges, USC and Occidental College.

**Campus Staff** (June 1986-June 1998), IVCF, at the Claremont Colleges (1986-1991), the University of Redlands (1991-1992), and the University of Pennsylvania (1992-1998). Taught the Bible weekly in large and small groups. Spoke at over 25 conferences. Trained leaders in inductive Bible study, public speaking and strategic visioning. Raised financial support. Supervised staff team.

**Teaching Fellow** (Jan 1984-June 1986), Stanford University. Taught seven computer courses for graduates and undergraduates (40-100 students). Delivered lectures, designed assignments, and assigned final grades. Two courses were broadcast on closed-circuit television.

## PAPERS

### *Society of Biblical Literature*

"Still Blaming the Victim? David's Rape of Bathsheba" for the Institute for Biblical Research, IBR UnScripted (November 2017, Boston).

"Changing the Mind of God: The Prayer and Tears of King Hezekiah (2 Kings 20:1-6)" for the Institute for Biblical Research (November 2016, San Antonio).

"'I Will Strike You Down and Cut off your Head' (1 Samuel 17:46): Trash Talking, Derogatory Rhetoric, and Psychological Warfare in Ancient Israel" (November 2012, Chicago).

"The First Israelite Exile (2 Kings 15:29): Where Were YHWH and his Prophets?" (November 2008, Boston).

"The Non-Eternal Dynastic Promises of Jehu of Israel and Esarhaddon of Assyria" (November 2008, Boston).

"The 'Eternal' Curse: Seven Deuteronomistic Judgment Oracles against the House of David" (July 2006, Edinburgh).

### *Evangelical Theological Society*

"The Smiting of Uzzah and the Problem of Divine Wrath" (November 2012, Milwaukee).

***Society for the Study of the Old Testament***

“‘I Will Strike You Down and Cut off your Head’ (1 Samuel 17:46): Trash Talking, Derogatory Rhetoric, and Psychological Warfare in Ancient Israel” (July 2008, Oxford).

***Oxford Old Testament Seminar***

“‘A Prophet Instead of You’: Elijah, Elisha and Prophetic Succession” (June 2006).

“Jehu and David: The Deuteronomist’s Most Favoured Israelite Kings” (May 2004).

***Oxford Old Testament Graduate Seminar***

“Where Have All the Battles Gone? The Changing Borders of Jehu and Jeroboam II” (April 2005).

“The Eternal Curse: Five Dynastic Judgments against the House of David” (Nov 2004).

Review of G. Athas’ The Tel Dan Inscription: A Reappraisal and a New Interpretation (Nov 2003).

“Jehu, Son of Jehoshaphat, Nimshi, or Omri: Implications for Israelite and Assyrian Propaganda” (May 2003).

“A Bad ‘Righteous’ King and his Good ‘Unrighteous’ Heirs: Dynastic Succession among the Jehuities” (Feb 2003).

“‘Yet his Sons Did Not Follow in his Ways’ (1 Samuel 8:3): The Negative Perspective on Dynastic Leadership in the Books of Samuel” (Feb 2002).

**CROSS-CULTURAL AND CHURCH TEACHING EXPERIENCES**

Participated in cross-cultural projects in Hawaii (1982), Nigeria (1985), Mexico (1986), urban Newark, New Jersey (1988), Kazakhstan (1994), St. Petersburg, Russia (1996), Israel (2014), Liberia (2017), and Korea (2017). Organized Bible programs for children and young adults in Hawaii, Mexico and Newark. Spoke in churches in Korea, Liberia, Nigeria, and Mexico. Co-directed cultural exchange programs in Kazakhstan and St. Petersburg. Also led shorter projects ministering to urban children and homeless in Los Angeles, Pasadena, and Berkeley.

Preached, taught Sunday school, served as an elder, led home groups, and been actively involved in a variety of churches: Baptist, Evangelical Free, PCUSA, Vineyard, evangelical Anglican, and non-denominational.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

Member of the Society of Biblical Literature since March 2003, member of the Society for Old Testament Study since January 2006, member of the Institute for Biblical Research since November 2009. Served as co-chair of the Hebrew Bible/Old Testament section of the Mid-Atlantic Region of SBL since March 2009.

Judge in category of “Biblical Studies” for [Christianity Today Book Awards](#) (2017).

Coached youth soccer and youth basketball teams from 2006-2014.

Blogs regularly since 2011 at [DavidTLamb.com](http://DavidTLamb.com).

## REFERENCES

Dr. J. Robert Clinton, [jrcinstitute@gmail.com](mailto:jrcinstitute@gmail.com). Fuller Theological Seminary, 135 North Oakland Ave., Pasadena, CA 91182.

Dr. Susan Gillingham, [susan.gillingham@worc.ox.ac.uk](mailto:susan.gillingham@worc.ox.ac.uk). Worcester College, Oxford, OX1 2HB, UK.

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