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Education

Ph.D. Harvard University, 1986. Department of Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations. Hebrew Bible and Northwest Semitic Philology.
M.A. Harvard University, 1983.
M.Div. Weston School of Theology, 1978.
B.A. Fordham University, 1973. Major in Classics.

Grants and Honors

Loyola University of Chicago Research Leave for Fall 2008.
Loyola University of Chicago Summer Research Stipend for 2004.
Loyola University of Chicago Center for Ethics and Social Justice Fellowship for Spring 2003-04.
Loyola University of Chicago Summer Research Stipend for 2003.
Loyola University of Chicago Leave of Absence (Faculty Development) for Spring 1996.
Loyola University of Chicago Summer Research Stipend for 1994.
Loyola University of Chicago Summer Research Stipend for 1992.
Ph.D., with Honors, 1986.
M.Div., with Distinction, 1978.
B.A., summa cum laude (rank 1/486) 1973.
Classics Award in Greek, Fordham University, 1973.
Phi Beta Kappa, Fordham University, 1972.

Professional Memberships

American Schools of Oriental Research
Catholic Biblical Association of America
Chicago Society of Biblical Research
Society of Biblical Literature

Teaching Experience

1997 - present. Associate Professor of Old Testament, Department of Theology, Loyola University of Chicago.
1991 - 1997. Assistant Professor of Old Testament, Department of Theology, Loyola University of Chicago.
1993 Appointed to the Graduate Faculty in Theology, Loyola University of Chicago.
1991 Appointed to the Associate Graduate Faculty in Theology, Loyola University of Chicago.

- 1988 - 1991. Adjunct Assistant Professor, Department of Theology, Georgetown University. Courses in biblical literature and biblical Hebrew.
- 1988 - 1991. Professorial Lecturer, Liberal Studies Program (a graduate-level, interdisciplinary program for adult students), Georgetown University. Courses in biblical literature.
- 1987 - 1991. Certificate Program in Theological Studies, School for Summer and Continuing Education, Georgetown University. Old Testament.
- 1986 - 1991. Alumni College (a series of week-long mini-courses held each summer for Georgetown Alumni).
- 1986 - 1987. Lecturer, Department of Theology, Georgetown University.
- 1984 Appointment to the Faculty of Weston School of Theology, with rank of assistant professor, in Old Testament. Appointment declined in 1986, following leave of absence from the Society of Jesus in July, 1985.
- 1983 Weston School of Theology. Lecturer in Old Testament. (Fall).
- 1982 Harvard Divinity School. Teaching Fellow (teaching assistant to Frank M. Cross). (Spring).
- 1981 Harvard University. Dept. of Near Eastern Languages. Teaching Fellow. (Fall).
- 1977 Jesuit Center for Adult Education, Charleston, MA. (Spring).
- 1973 - 1975. St. Xavier High School, Cincinnati, Ohio. Teacher: Latin I-II, Religious Education II, Debate.

Books

- 2010 Board of Editors-in-Chief. *The New American Bible*, revised edition (NABRE). Translated from the Original Languages with Critical Use of All the Ancient Sources. Authorized by the Board of Trustees of the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine and the Administrative Board of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops and the United States Catholic Conference. Canonical rescript signed by Cardinal George on September 30, 2010 (Copyright September 30, 2010).
- 1993 *Studies in Third Millennium Sumerian and Akkadian Personal Names: The Designation and Conception of the Personal God* (Studia Pohl, Series Maior 16; Roma: Editrice Pontificio Istituto Biblico, 1993), 327pp.

Articles, Translations and other Contributions

- “The Calf Episodes in Exodus and Deuteronomy: A Study in Inner-Biblical Interpretation,” in *The Reception of Golden Calf Traditions in Early Judaism, Christianity, and Islam*. (Themes in Biblical Narratives: eds. A. Lucas and E. Mason; Leiden: Brill, forthcoming 2017) x-xx. [In press, ca. 11, 500 words]
- 2010 New American Bible 2009 Psalter Revision Committee: Contributor of translation, textual notes, commentary, and cross-references for Psalms 69, 70, 74, 75, 77, 78, 83, 85, 101, 103, 104, 105, 114, 115, 126, 127, 128, 129, 135, 144, 145, 146, 147, and 148. *The New American Bible* (revised edition; Washington, DC: Confraternity of Christian Doctrine, September 30, 2010) [Manuscript 59 pages in length.]

- 2010 “Interpretive Disagreements and the Ontology of a Text: Scandal or Possibility?” in *Early Jewish and Christian Influences: Festschrift for Thomas H. Tobin, S.J., on the Occasion of His Sixty-fifth Birthday*, ed. Patricia Walters (Novum Testamentum Supplements ; Leiden: Brill, November, 2010), 3-30.
- 2010 “In God’s Image” and “Male and Female”: How a Little Punctuation Might Have Helped,” in *God, Science, Sex, Gender: An Interdisciplinary Approach to Christian Ethics*, eds. Patricia Beattie Jung and Aana Marie Vigen, with John Anderson (Urbana and Chicago: University of Illinois Press, 2010), 167-183.
- 2009 “Anthropology. Hebrew Bible/Old Testament,” in *Encyclopedia of the Bible and Its Reception: A (Aleph) – Anthropology*, eds. Hans-Josepf Klauck, Bernard McGinn, Paul Mendes-Flohr, Choon-Leong Seow, Hermann Spieckermann, Eric J. Ziokowski *et alii* (Berlin: Walter de Gruyter, 2009).
- 2009 “Alttestamentliche Anthropologie und die Konstruktion personaler Identität,” in Bernd Janowski und Kathrin Liess in Zusammenarbeit mit Niko Zaft (Hg.), *Der Mensch im alten Israel: Neue Forschungen zur alttestamentlichen Anthropologie*. Herders Biblische Studien 59. (Freiburg: Verlag Herder GmbH, 2009), 213-241.
- 2008 “Anthropology. Hebrew Bible/Old Testament,” in *Encyclopedia of the Bible and Its Reception: A (Aleph) – Anthropology (Online Edition)*, eds. Hans-Josepf Klauck, Bernard McGinn, Paul Mendes-Flohr, Choon-Leong Seow, Hermann Spieckermann, Eric J. Ziokowski *et alii* (Berlin: Walter de Gruyter, November 2008).
- 2006 “Anthropology, OT Theological,” in *The New Interpreter’s Dictionary of the Bible*, eds. Katharine Doob Sakenfeld *et alii* (Nashville, TN: Abingdon Press, 2006) I: A-C, pp. 171-174.
- 2006 “Autonomy,” in *The New Interpreter’s Dictionary of the Bible*, eds. Katharine Doob Sakenfeld *et alii* (Nashville, TN: Abingdon Press, 2006) I: A-C, pp. 355-356.
- 2005 “Questions about the Construction of (Homo)sexuality: Same-Sex Relations in the Hebrew Bible,” translated into Portugese in *Diversidade Sexual e Catholicismo*, eds. Patricia Beattie Jung with Joseph Coray (trans. Adail Ubirajara Sobral; San Paulo, Brazil: Edicoes Loyola, 2005).
- 2001 “Questions about the Construction of (Homo)sexuality: Same-Sex Relations in the Hebrew Bible,” in *Sexual Diversity and Catholicism*, eds. Patricia Jung and Joseph Coray (Collegeville, MN: The Liturgical Press, 2001), 108-132.
- 1999 “Old Testament Anthropology and the Construction of Personal Identity.” *The Catholic Biblical Quarterly* (1999) 217-38.
- 1997 “Here One Need Not Be One's Self: The Concept of ‘Self’ in the Old Testament,” in *The Whole and Divided Self: The Bible and Theological Anthropology*, eds. David E. Aune and John McCarthy (New York: The Crossroad Publishing Company, 1997) 49-88.

- 1997 William C. French and Robert A. Di Vito, "The Self in Context: The Issues," in *The Whole and Divided Self: The Bible and Theological Anthropology*, eds. David E. Aune and John McCarthy (New York: The Crossroad Publishing Company, 1997) 23-45.
- 1993 "The Tell el-Kheleifeh Inscriptions" (Chapter 6), in *Nelson Glueck's 1938-1940 Excavations at Tell el-Kheleifeh: A Reappraisal*, ed. G. Pratico (American Schools of Oriental Research, Archaeological Reports; Atlanta: Scholars Press, 1993) 51-63 + 75-86 and pls. 74-84.
- 1993 "Tradition-Historical Criticism," in *To Each its own Meaning: An Introduction to Biblical Interpretations and their Applications*, eds. Stephen Haynes and Steven McKenzie (Philadelphia: The Westminster / John Knox Press, 1993).
- 1992 "The Demarcation of Divine and Human Realms in Genesis 2-11," in *Creation in the Biblical Traditions*, eds. R. J. Clifford and J. J. Collins (The Catholic Biblical Quarterly Monograph Series 24; Washington, DC: The Catholic Biblical Association of America, 1992) 39-56.
- 1992 "The Lachish Letters," in *The Anchor Bible Dictionary*, ed. David Noel Freedman *et alii* (New York: Doubleday & Company, Inc., 1992) IV. 126-28.
- 1991 New American Bible Psalter Revision Committee: Contributor of revised translation, textual notes, explanatory notes, and cross-references for Psalms 49, 73, 74, 75, 90, 91, 92, and 94 for *The Revised Psalms of the New American Bible* (New York: The Catholic Book Publishing Company, 1991).

Book Reviews

- 2009 Book Review, David Daube, *The Deed and the Doer in the Bible: David Daube's Gifford Lectures*, Volume 1. Compiled and ed. Calum Carmichael (*Theological Studies* 70 [2009] 929-930).
- 2008 Book Review, James K. Mead, *Biblical Theology: Issues, Methods, and Themes* (*Theological Studies*, 29[2008] 922-923).
- 2007 Book Review, Agustinus Gianto, ed. *Biblical and Oriental Essays in Memory of William L. Moran* (*The Catholic Biblical Quarterly*, 69 [2007] 174-175).
- 2006 Recension, Agustinus Gianto, ed. *Biblical and Oriental Essays in Memory of William L. Moran* (*Cristianesimo nella storia: ricerche storiche esegetiche teologiche*, 27 [2006] 944-947).
- 2005 Book Review, Marvin A. Sweeney and Ehud Ben Zvi, eds. *The Changing Face of Form Criticism in the Twenty-First Century* (*The Jewish Quarterly Review* 95:2 [Spring 2005] 331-335).

- 1999 Book Review (Shorter Notices), Jörg Jeremias, *The Book of Amos (Theological Studies 60 [1999] 384).*
- 1998 Book Review (Shorter Notice), Gerd Lüdemann, *The Unholy in Holy Scripture: The Dark Side of the Bible (Theological Studies 59 [1998] 363-64.*
- 1997 Book Review, Norman Golb, *Who Wrote the Dead Sea Scrolls?: The Search for the Secret of Qumran (The Canadian Catholic Review 15 [1997] 39.*
- 1996 Book Review (*Recensio*), Richard S. Hess, *Amarna Personal Names. (Orientalia, 64 [1995] 477-479.)* (Actually only appeared in February 1996).
- 1995 Book Review, Patrick D. Miller, *They Cried to the Lord: The Form and Theology of Biblical Prayer (Theological Studies 56 [1995] 568-569.)*
- 1994 Book Review (Shorter Notice), Waldemar Janzen, *Old Testament Ethics: A Paradigmatic Approach. (Theological Studies, 55 [1994] 783.)*
- 1994 Book Review (*Recensio*), Daniel E. Fleming, *The Installation of Baal's High Priestess at Emar. (Orientalia 63 [1994]144-145).*
- 1994 Book Review, Victor (Avigdor) Hurowitz, *I Have Built You an Exalted House: Temple Building in the Bible in Light of Mesopotamian and Northwest Semitic Writings. (Catholic Biblical Quarterly 56 [1994] 333-334).*
- 1992 Book review, Daniel Isaac Block, *The Gods of the Nations: Studies in Ancient Near Eastern National Theology. (Catholic Biblical Quarterly, 54 [1992] 104-106).*
- 1985 Book Review, Peter C. Craigie, *Ugarit and the Old Testament. (Catholic Biblical Quarterly 47[1985] 116-117).*
- 1984 Book Review, Dennis Pardee et al., *Handbook of Ancient Hebrew Letters: A Study Edition. (Catholic Biblical Quarterly 46[1984] 552-554).*

Papers and Presentations

- 2014 “The Place of Nature in Job 38-42: A Vision for Ecology, Issues for Theology,” Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, San Diego, CA, Ecological Hermeneutics Section (November 24, 2014).
- 2014 “The Book of Job and The ‘Place’ of Nature.” Department of Theology Theology and Ecology Events Series 2013- 2014. (February 26, 2014).
- 2012 “The Calf Episode in Exodus and Deuteronomy: A Study in Inner-Biblical Interpretation.” Paper presented at The Reception of Golden Calf Traditions in Early Judaism,

- Christianity, and Islam: An International Conference held in conjunction with the Annual Meeting of the SBL, Loyola University Chicago (November 14-16, 2012).
- 2012 Response to Pauline Viviano, "Biblical Interpretation in the Post-Vatican II Church, Colloquium on The Spirit of Vatican II: Then and Now. Hank Center for the Catholic Intellectual Heritage, Loyola University Chicago (September 20, 2012).
- 2011 "Sacred Prostitution in the Ancient Near East: Fact or Fiction?" Presentation on panel sponsored by the John Cardinal Cody Chair of Catholic Theology and the Richard A. McCormick, S.J. Chair of Catholic Moral Theology: "Holy Sex Workers: Mary Magdalene and Other Women, or the Mythology of Prostitution. Loyola University Chicago (March 3, 2011).
- 2010 "Sex as Power: the Case of the Sodomites in its Cultural Context." Presentation on panel sponsored by the John Cardinal Cody Chair of Catholic Theology and the Richard A. McCormick, S.J. Chair of Catholic Moral Theology: "Sex, Power, and Church Authority," Loyola University Chicago (September 23, 2010).
- 2007 "Genesis 1:27." Paper presented at Symposium on Evolutionary Biology, Human Sexuality, and the Catholic Intellectual Heritage, Loyola University Chicago (February 3, March 17, and April 28, 2007). Panel presentation on September 27, 2007.
- 2003 "The Pre-Modern Interpretation of Genesis 22 (the "Binding of Isaac"). Marquette Seminar on Phenomenology and Hermeneutics, Marquette University (October 31, 2003).
- 2001 "Homoeroticism and Community in the Old Testament." Hispanic Theological Initiative Central Regional Meeting, Loyola University Chicago (March 23-24) 2001.
- 1999 "Questions about the Construction of (Homo)sexuality: Same-Sex Relations in the Hebrew Bible," Symposium on Homosexuality and the Biblical Renewal of Moral Theology, Loyola at the Cenacle, Chicago (October 8-10), 1999.
- 1999 Response to Christopher Seitz, "Isaiah in New Testament, Lectionary, Pulpit," in *Word Without End*, Wabash Center Consultation on the Future of Biblical Scholarship, Wabash College, Crawfordsville, IN (July 10-14, 1999).
- 1997 "Catholic Studies and the New Graduate Program at Loyola," The Inaugural Symposium of The Center for the Advanced Study of Christianity and Culture, Loyola University Chicago (September 26-27, 1997).
- 1995 "Reflections on Old Testament Anthropology and the Construction of Personal Identity." Plenary address at the 58th General Meeting of the Catholic Biblical Association of America, Siena College, Loudonville, NY (August 12-15).

- 1994 "The Concept of Self in the Old Testament," Conference on Bible and Theology, Concordia University, Montreal, Canada (September 23-24).
- 1994 (August). Respondent to "Ezekiel and the Exodus Traditions" by Corrine Patton" in the Task Force on the "Theology of the Hebrew Bible/Old Testament" at The 57th General Meeting of the Catholic Biblical Association of America, August 13-16.
- 1993 (October 8-10). Respondent to "The Role of the Bible in Medieval Discourses of the Self" by Willemien Otten and "The Binding of Isaac: The Ethics of Interpretation" by John McCarthy at The Third Annual Conference for the Project of The Bible and Theology.
- 1993 (August). Respondent to "Israel and Sinai: Structure and Meaning in the Sinai-Horeb Narrative Exodus 19-34" by Joseph Blenkinsopp in the Task Force on the "Theology of the Hebrew Bible/Old Testament" at The 56th General Meeting of the Catholic Biblical Association of America, August 14-17.
- 1990 Respondent to "Priestly Creation Theology in Genesis 1-9" by Bernard Batto in the Task Force on the "Theology of the Hebrew Bible/Old Testament" at The 53rd General Meeting of The Catholic Biblical Association of America.

Related Professional Activity

- 1994 - present. Associate Editor: *The Catholic Biblical Quarterly Monograph Series*. (Elected August, 1994).
- 1994 - 2008. The New American Bible Old Testament Revision Editorial Board. The Board of Editors-in-Chief, authorized by the Board of Trustees of the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine and with the approval of the Administrative Board of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, is charged with the complete revision of the translation of The New American Bible's Old Testament by the Catholic Biblical Association of America. (Appointed to the Board, February 1994).
- 1991 - 1994. Associate Editor (elected for second term): *The Catholic Biblical Quarterly*.
- 1987 - 1990. Associate Editor: *The Catholic Biblical Quarterly*.
- 1980 - 1993. Epigraphist for the Tell el-Kheleifeh Project, a reappraisal of the site excavated by Nelson Glueck as biblical Ezion-geber. The work is under the direction of Dr. Gary Pratico of the Semitic Museum, Harvard University, and under the auspices of the American Schools of Oriental Research.

Professional Experience

- 2016 (July) – present. Chair, Department of Theology.
- 2015 (July) – 2016 (June). Graduate Program Director, Department of Theology.

2007 (July) – 2010 (June). Graduate Program Director, Department of Theology.

1997 (August)-2002 (August). Graduate Program Director, Department of Theology.

1988-1991. Director of Special Programs and Administrative Services, School for Summer and Continuing Education, Georgetown University. Office of the President of the University, 1990 - 1991.

1985 - 1987. Director of Professional Development, School for Summer and Continuing Education, Georgetown University.