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Education:

Th.D. 1993 Harvard University
Diss: "Trajectories through the Philip Tradition" (director: Helmut Koester)
Th.M. 1986 Harvard Divinity School
M.Div. 1979 Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary (summa cum laude)
B.A. 1974 Gordon College (magna cum laude)

Teaching Experience:

Research Professor, Boston College School of Theology and Ministry (2013-).
Courses taught include Acts of the Apostles, First Corinthians, Gospel of Luke, Introduction to the New Testament, Later Pauline Writings.

Associate Research Professor, Boston College School of Theology and Ministry (2008-12).

Associate Research/Adjunct Associate Professor of New Testament, Weston Jesuit School of Theology, Cambridge, MA (2001-2007).

Adjunct Assistant Professor of New Testament, Weston Jesuit School of Theology, Cambridge, MA (1996-2001).

Visiting Assistant Professor of New Testament, Weston Jesuit School of Theology, Cambridge, MA (1994-96).

Visiting Assistant Professor of Religion, Wesleyan University (Fall 1994).

Teaching Fellow, Harvard Divinity School/Harvard University (1984-1992): The Bible and Its Interpreters, Elementary Greek, Gnosticism and Early Christianity, Introduction to the New Testament,

State University; Victor Mathews, Missouri State University; Raj Nadella, Columbia Theological Seminary.

Former Board Members include John S. Kloppenborg, University of Toronto; Carol Newsom, Emory University; Marvin A. Sweeney, Claremont School of Theology.

Oxford University Press—launched in 2010. See <https://www.oxfordbibliographies.com/page/134>

Senior Editorial Consultant (2005-), Contexticon Learning and Research, Inc.

An academic research collaboration based in Cambridge, Massachusetts, producing a new online reference work on New Testament language, in collaboration with Oxford University Press (launched May 2009). See <http://contexticon.com/>

Editor, Society of Biblical Literature Symposium Book Series (2000-2007).

Twenty-seven titles accepted and published (some titles abbreviated):

Writings and Speech in Israelite and Ancient Near Eastern Prophecy, ed. Ehud Ben Zvi and Michael H. Floyd (2000)

The Book of Ezekiel: Theological and Anthropological Perspectives, ed. Margaret S. Odell and John T. Strong (October)

Jews, Christians, and the Theology of the Hebrew Scriptures, ed. Alice Ogden Bellis and Joel S. Kaminsky (2000)

Prophecy in Its Ancient Near Eastern Context, ed. Martti Nissinen (2000)

Reading and Hearing the Book of the Twelve, ed. James D. Nogalski and Marvin A. Sweeney (2000)

Gnosticism and Later Platonism: Themes, Figures, and Texts, ed. John D. Turner and Ruth Majercik (2000)

Paul and Pathos, ed. Thomas H. Olbricht and Jerry L. Sumney (2001).

Persia and Torah, ed. James W. Watts (2001).

The Intertexture of Apocalyptic Discourse in the New Testament, ed. Duane F. Watson (2002).

Which Mary? The Marys of Early Christian Tradition, ed. F. Stanley Jones (2002).

Jerusalem in Bible and Archaeology, ed. Andrew G. Vaughn and Ann E. Killebrew (2003).

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Psalms in Community, ed. Harold W. Attridge and Margot Fassler (2003).

Contextualizing Acts, ed. Todd Penner and Caroline Vander Stichele (2003).

Redescribing Christian Origins, ed. Ron Cameron and Merrill Miller (2004).

Ezekiel's Hierarchical World, ed. Stephen L. Cook and Corrine L. Patton (2004).

Biblical Interpretation: History, Context, and Reality, ed. Christine Helmer (2005).

Wisdom and Apocalypticism in Early Judaism and Christianity, ed. by Lawrence M. Wills and Benjamin G. Wright III (2005).

Ancient Fiction: The Matrix of Early Christian and Jewish Narrative, ed. by Jo-Ann A. Brant, Charles W. Hedrick, and Chris Shea (2005).

Reading the Present in the Qumran Library, ed. Kristin De Troyer and Armin Lange (2005).

A Farewell to the Yahwist? The Composition of the Pentateuch in Recent European Interpretation, ed. Thomas B. Dozeman and Konrad Schmid (2006).

“As Those Who Are Taught”: *The Interpretation of Isaiah from the LXX to the SBL*, ed. Patricia K. Tull and Claire Mathews McGinnis (2006).

The Reality of the Apocalypse: Rhetoric and Politics in the Book of Revelation,

Boston College Presentations:

Participant: Panel discussion: Encountering Jesus Christ in the Gospels. C21 Event at 129 Lake Street, November 5, 2008. See <http://www.bc.edu/content/bc/schools/stm/edevnts/CampusEvents/PastLectures/2008/11-5-2008.html>

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“Nicephorus Callistus’ Physical Description of Peter: An Original Component of the *Acts of Peter?*” (paper delivered at the Colloque international sur la littérature apocryphe chrétienne, Lausanne-Geneva, March 1995).

“*Apocryphal Intertextual Activities: A Response to Harold W. Attridge’s ‘Intertextuality in the Acts of Thomas’*” (written response prepared for the Intertextuality in Christian Apocrypha Seminar at the 1995 Annual Meeting of the AAR/SBL, Philadelphia).

“Peter and Philip Upside Down: Perspectives on the Relation of the *Acts of Philip* to the *Acts of Peter*,” in *Society of Biblical Literature 1996 Seminar Papers* (SBLSP 35; Atlanta: Scholars Press, 1996) 23-34 (prepared for discussion at the joint session of the Intertextuality in Christian Apocrypha Seminar and the Nag Hammadi and Gnosticism Seminar at the 1996 Annual Meeting of the AAR/SBL, New Orleans).

“Nicephorus Callistus’ Physical Description of Peter: An Original Component of the *Acts of Peter?*” *Apocrypha* 7 (1996) 135-45 (a revised version of the 1995 paper read at the University of Geneva).

“Intertextual ‘Ecos.’ Introductory Remarks on Writing and Rewriting: Textual Instability in the Nag Hammadi Library and in the Christian Apocrypha” (Opening presentation at the joint session of the Intertextuality in Christian Apocrypha Seminar and the Nag Hammadi and Gnosticism Seminar at the 1996 Annual Meeting of the AAR/SBL, New Orleans).

“A Specula for Q” (Written response to three papers treating the topic: “Mythmaking and Social Formation in the Jesus Schools,” prepared for and presented at the Ancient Myths and Modern Theories of Christian Origins Consultation, 1997 Annual Meeting of the AAR/SBL, San Francisco).

“Acts and the History of the Earliest Jerusalem Church. Working Paper for the Ancient Myths and Modern Theories of Christian Origins Seminar” (1998 Annual Meeting of the AAR/SBL, Orlando).

Book: Editor with François Bovon and Ann Graham Brock, *The Apocryphal Acts of the Apostles: Harvard Divinity School Studies*. Religions of the World. Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Center for the Study of World Religions, 1999.

“Articulate Animals: A Multivalent Motif in the Apocryphal Acts of the Apostles.” Pages 205-32 in *The Apocryphal Acts of the Apostles: Harvard Divinity School Studies*.

Editor with Daniel J. Harrington, *New Testament Abstracts on CD-ROM. Volumes 32-42—1988-1998* (version 1.0; Cambridge, MA: Weston Jesuit School of Theology, 1999).

“*Apocryphal Intertextual Act*”

“The Acts of Peter and Luke’s Intertextual Heritage,” in *Semeia* 80 (1997): 207-22 [actually published in 1999].

“From Messiahs to Christ: The Pre-Pauline Christ Cult in Scholarship. Working Paper for the Ancient Myths and Modern Theories of Christian Origins Seminar (1999 Annual Meeting of the AAR/SBL, Boston).

Entry on “Acts of the Apostles” for *Eerdmans Dictionary of the Bible*, ed. David Noel Freedman et al. (October 2000).

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“Acts of the Apostles”—An annotated research bibliography for Oxford Bibliographies: Biblical Studies, posted August 26, 2011 (approx. 10,500 words)
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“The Community Problem through a Lukan Glass (Darkly?).” Paper delivered at the 2011 SBL Annual Meeting offering an appreciation and critique of Stanley K. Stowers “The Concept of ‘Community’ and the History of Early Christianity” in *Method and Theory in the Study of Religion* 23 (2011): 238-56. Respondent: Stanley K. Stowers.

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Book: with François Bovon: *The Acts of Philip: A New Translation*. Waco, TX: Baylor University Press, 2012.

Book: edited with Daniel J. Harrington: *Encountering Jesus in the Scriptures*. New York/Mahwah, NJ: Paulist, 2012.

“‘We Had Hoped That He Was the One to Redeem Israel’: The Fragility of Hope in Luke-Acts.” Pages 57-69 in *Hope: Promise, Possibility, and Fulfillment*. Edited by Richard Lennan and Nancy Pineda-Madrid. New York/Mahwah, NJ: Paulist, 2013.

“Peter’s Daughter—Daddy Dearest?” Pages 319-28 in “*The One Who Sows Bountifully*”: *Essays in Honor of Stanley K. Stowers*. Edited by Caroline Johnson Hodge, Saul M. Olyan, Daniel Ullucci, and Emma Wasserman. Brown Judaic Studies 356. Providence: Brown Judaic Studies, 2013.

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