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Associate Professor of Old Testament, Skandinavisk Teologisk Högskola (Scandinavian School of Theology), *Uppsala, Sweden*

Education

Ph.D., Theological Studies, Old Testament and Semitic Languages, Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, Deerfield, IL. 2013, The President's Award.

Dissertation: "A Lexical, Exegetical, Conceptual, and Theological Study of Evil in Genesis" (Readers, Richard E. Averbeck, and John Monson)

M. Div., Research, Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, Deerfield, IL. 2007, Magna Cum Laude

M.S., Associated Medical Sciences, Nutrition, Public Health. University of Illinois Chicago, IL,

Thesis: "Psychosocial Aspects of Nutrition Behavior in Israel"

B.S., Nutrition, Dietetics and Food Science. Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, IL,

Experience in Higher Education

2022-current Coordinator of the MA in Old Testament with Jerusalem University College and Affiliate Professor of Old Testament, Northern Seminary, Lisle, IL.

2014-current, Associate Professor of Old Testament, Scandinavian School of Theology, (Skandinavisk teologisk högskola), Uppsala, Sweden

Courses taught: Elementary Hebrew I & II; Hebrew Exegesis; and Introduction to the Old Testament (live and online); Theology of the Old Testament (live, online, and independent study), extension site course in the Czech Republic (Oct 3-10, 2015).

2021-2022 Dean of the Theology Faculty, Scandinavian School of Theology, (Skandinavisk teologisk högskola), Uppsala, Sweden

2020-2022 Visiting Professor of Old Testament, Northern Seminary, Lisle, IL.

2018-2020 Dean of Academic Affairs and Associate Professor of Old Testament, Northern Seminary, Lisle, IL.

2017-2018 Director of Masters Programs and Affiliate Professor of Old Testament, Trinity Evangelical Divinity School (TEDS), Deerfield, IL.

2015-2017 Assistant Director of the Master of Divinity Program and Affiliate Professor of Old Testament, TEDS, Deerfield, IL.

2011-2014 Field Education Coordinator, TEDS, Deerfield, IL Coordinate practical ministry experiences required of Master's level divinity students

2010-2011 Adjunct Faculty, North Park Seminary, Chicago, IL, Fall-Spring, Summer

Courses taught:

BIBL 6100-6101 Elementary Hebrew (Fall-Spring, and Summer Intensive)

2012 Guest Instructor, Christian Life College, Mount Prospect, IL. Taught undergraduate student BL 120 Biblical Exegesis in Greek and Hebrew

2008-2010 Editorial Board, Trinity Journal, Deerfield, IL

2007-2014 Adjunct Faculty, TEDS, Deerfield, IL

Courses taught at various seminaries include:

OT 458 Old Testament Theology
OT 419 Hebrew Tools and Old Testament Interpretation
OT 402 Evil in Genesis (Understanding Evil in the Old Testament)
OT 309 Black Interpretation of the Old Testament
WS 307 Women of the Old Testament
OT 307 Pentateuch, Poetry and Wisdom Literature (synchronous course)
OT 308 Former and Latter Prophets (Historical Books and the Prophets)
IN 304 Interpreting the Bible
SM 401 & 402 MDiv Internship Seminar
OT 5000 Introduction to the Old Testament (online course)
OT 5100 Genesis (developed and taught online course)
OT 5100 The Pentateuch (English Bible)
ID 5010 Foundations of Biblical Interpretation
OT 5240-5241 Elementary Hebrew I & II (ten years at TEDS, one year at North Park Seminary, Chicago)
OT 5242 Hebrew Exegesis
OT 6100 Hebrew Review (designed, developed, and taught for incoming PhD & MA students)
OT 7090 Old Testament Theology
OT 6600 Preaching from the Old Testament
OT 9000 PhD Seminar: Genesis and the Theological Foundations of Evil

Lectured In:

OT 6216 Pentateuch and Historical Books, "I & II Chronicles"
OT 8000 Theological Research Methods in Old Testament, "Introduction to"

2002-2009 Graduate and Teaching Assistant TEDS, Deerfield, IL Foundations of Biblical Studies; Beginning and Intermediate Greek; Beginning and Intermediate Hebrew

1984-1986 Assistant Professor, Director of Coordinated Undergraduate Program, Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, IL, Instructor in classroom, clinical, and hospital settings

Experience in Ministry

2019-current, Bulletin of Biblical Research, Editorial Board.

2017 and 2018, July, Preaching Pastor, International Church of Shanghai, Shanghai, China.

2015-present, Faculty representative, Trinity Society of Women, TEDS, Deerfield, IL.

2013-present, Ordained Minister, Fellowship of Christian Assemblies.

2012-2013 President, Trinity Society of Women, TEDS, Deerfield, IL.

Weekly meetings, Coordinated Trinity's first Women's Theology Conference, and multiple guest speakers and events through the year. Liaison, 2013-2014

2006-2008 Director of Women's Ministries, Lakeland Evangelical Free Church, Gurnee, IL.

Responsible to coordinate Women's Retreat, Bible Studies, Seminars, Workshops, Welcome Ministry, coordinate with church staff and ministry teams

1981-1982 Assistant Administrator. Food Justice Programs, Chicago, Illinois. Assist coordination of non-profit community food and hunger network

1980-1981 Volunteer International Christian Embassy of Jerusalem, Jerusalem, Israel.

Assisted with community relief project in Old City, Jerusalem

Administration and Leadership outside Higher Education

- 1982-2007 President, The Combined Group, Inc./Insurance Consulting Group, Gurnee, IL.
Employee Benefits Consulting firm Developed a general agency serving up to 1,000 active commissioned agents in the Chicago area market.
- 1986-2006 President, Combined Employers Association, Gurnee, IL.
Formed professional service organization for small businesses and entrepreneurs; successfully implemented group insurance programs.
- 1994-1997 Consultant. Community Health Plans, Chicago & Libertyville, IL.
Reviewed and made recommendations for proposals and private placement memorandums for physician groups and health care consultants.

Publications

- Forthcoming. Demystifying Evil: A Biblical and Personal Exploration.* InterVarsity Press, 2023.
- “God’s Comfort for Human Brokenness.” In *Divine Suffering: Theology, History, and Church Mission.* Edited by Andrew J. Schmutzer, Pickwick. 2023.
- Sample Sermon on Proverbs 31, in *How to Preach Proverbs*, by Jared Alcantara, Fontes Press, 2022.
- “Hebel in Ecclesiastes,” In *What Has Ecclesiastes to Do With...?: Navigating Life’s Unexpected Challenges in Disruptive Times*, Singapore: Word and Works, 2022.
- “Why I Believe in a Historical Adam and Eve,” chapter in edited volume (in Swedish). In *Bibeltro: Nio teologer om bibelsyn och bibelbruk*, Edited by Anders Gerdmar, Torbjörn Aronson, and Pavel Hoffman, Uppsala, Sweden: STH Publications, 2022.
- Evil in Genesis: A Contextual Analysis of Hebrew Lexemes for Evil in the Book of Genesis*, Lexham Press. 2021.
- Honest Answers: Exploring God Questions with your Tween.* Co-author with Janelle Alberts, Kregel, 2020.
- “The Question of Evil and Animal Death Before the Fall,” *Trinity Journal*, 36/2 (2015), 193-213.
- “Strength,” *Lexham Theological Wordbook.* ed. Douglas Mangum et al. (Lexham Bible Reference Series; Bellingham, WA: Lexham Press, 2014).
- “Tree of Life,” *The Lexham Bible Dictionary.* ed. John D. Barry et al. (Bellingham, WA: Lexham Press, 2012, 2013, 2014).
- “Amen,” *The Lexham Bible Dictionary.* ed. John D. Barry et al. (Bellingham, WA: Lexham Press, 2012, 2013, 2014).
- “Semantics,” *The Lexham Bible Dictionary.* ed. John D. Barry et al. (Bellingham, WA: Lexham Press, 2012, 2013, 2014).
- Review: *Metathesis in the Hebrew Bible: Wordplay as a Literary and Exegetical Device*, by Isaac Kalimi, Peabody, MA: Hendrickson, 2018. *CBQ* July, 2021.
- Review: *The #MeToo Reckoning: Facing the Church’s Complicity in Sexual Abuse and Misconduct*, by Ruth Everhart, Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 2020. *Presbyterion* 46/1 (Spring 2020): 137-139.
- Review: *Ruth: A Discourse Analysis of the Hebrew Bible*, by Daniel I. Block. Books-at-a-Glance, <http://www.booksataglance.com/book-reviews/ruth-discourse-analysis-hebrew-bible-daniel-block/>, June 25, 2016.

Review: *Filled with the Spirit*, by John R. Levison, *Trinity Journal*, 34/2 (2013), 312-14.

Review: *Seven Days That Divide the World: The Beginning According to Genesis*, by John C. Lennox. *Trinity Journal* 33/1 (2012): 103-5.

Review: *Thinking in Tongues: Pentecostal Contributions to Christian Philosophy*, by James K. A. Smith, *Trinity Journal* 33/1 (2012): 154-6.

Current Writing Projects

The use of good and evil in the Old Testament

Bold Women: Inspiring Stories from the Old Testament

Selected Presentations and Sermons

2023 (January 20, 21, 22) Lanier Theological Library series on Deconstructing Evil, lecture, panel discussion, and questions at Champion Forest Baptist Church, Houston, TX

2022 (October 2, 9, 16), series on “What is Evil?” “Why is there Evil?” and “How Do You Overcome Evil?” Oak Brook Community Church, Oak Brook, IL

2022 (May 22), in series on “The Holy Spirit,” Oak Brook Community Church, Oak Brook, IL

2022 (May 10), “Suffering, Complaint, and a New Perspective, Psalm 73,” Chapel, Northern Seminary, Lisle, IL

2020 (October 18), “My Testimony: A Shalom Theology through Trying Times,” Free Will Baptist Church, Locust Grove, OK

2020 (September 27 and October 4) “The Church in the End Times: Making Ourselves Ready,” Wheaton Chinese Alliance Church, Wheaton, IL

2020 (April 5) “God’s Secret Place in Troubled Times,” Wheaton Chinese Alliance Church, Wheaton, IL

2020 (January 7 and 14) “Praying God’s Will” Chapel, Northern Seminary, Lisle, IL

2019 (October 10) “The Power of God’s Word.” New Kind of Preacher Forum, Northern Seminary, Lisle, IL

2019 (Sept 9) “Being Agents of Comfort in a Broken World.” The Keshet Forum, Glenview, IL

2019 (Sept 6-8) “From Brokenness to Restoration.” Mosaic Retreat and Sunday Sermon. Trinity Covenant Church, Manchester, CT

2019 (Sept 1) “Facing Life’s Challenges (Lessons from Peter),” In Christ Singapore Church, Singapore.

2019 (July 15-17) “Why Is There Evil and Suffering” and “Where Is God When I Hurt?” SALT Conference, Wheaton, IL

2019 (June 2) “Reflecting God’s Image,” Wheaton Chinese Alliance Church, Wheaton, IL

2019 (March 24) “God and the Problem of Evil.” Mission Dei Church, Wrigleyville, Chicago, IL

2018 (November 16) “Image of God, Mutuality, and Human Flourishing,” Annual CBE Dinner, Denver, CO

2018 (November 13) “Abuse: What Is It, Why Is It, and What Can We Do About It?” Annual Convention of the Evangelical Theological Society, Denver, CO

2018 (October 21) “When God Waits,” International Church of Shanghai, China. Sermon based upon John 11

- 2018 (October 20) "Finding Life in the Gospel of John," International Church of Shanghai, China. One day seminar.
- 2018 (April 6) "Lament in the Face of Evil," Center for Transformational Churches conference series on the Language of Lament, Deerfield, IL
- 2018 (February 24) "Empowered: Theology of the Holy Spirit," Trinity Society of Women Annual Theology Conference, TEDS, Deerfield, IL
- 2017 (November 17) "Human Corruption, Divine Retribution, and the Suffering of God," Institute of Biblical Research, Boston, MA
- 2017 (November 16) "Miriam and Aaron in Numbers: A Practical Theological Analysis," Annual Convention of the Evangelical Theological Society, Providence, RI
- 2017 (September 26) "Sola Gratia," TEDS Chapel Series, https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Fcxlep2f_lk&t=837s
- 2016 (November 15) "When God Takes Life: Corruption as a Legal Basis for Death in Genesis and Beyond," Evangelical Theological Society, San Antonio, TX
- 2016 (Sept 24-25), "Be Transformed," Women's retreat, 3-part presentation. Redeemer Life Church, Vernon Hills, IL (ECC),
- 2016 (July 10,17, 24, 31), Four-Part Series, "Genesis 1-4 and the Foundations of Our Faith," International Church of Shanghai, Shanghai, China.
- 2016 (April 28) "Proverbs 31," TEDS Chapel Series <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cN9BckJvZYE&t=40s>
- 2016 (March 19), "From Ashes to Renewal," Theology Conference for Women, Trinity Society of Women, TEDS, Deerfield, IL
- 2016 (March 13), "Paul's Prison Prayer (Col 1:9-12): Living a Life Worth Living," International Church of Shanghai, Shanghai, China
- 2015 (November 18), "A Biblical Theology for Navigating Evil and Suffering," Evangelical Theological Society, Atlanta, GA
- 2015 (November 18), "Listen to the Torah of Your Mother," Evangelical Theological Society, Atlanta, GA
- 2015 (October 4), "Restoration of God from Ashes to Beauty," Word of Life Church, Brno, Czech Republic
- 2015 (September 13), "Living a Life of Fullness without Fear (Psalm 23)," International Church of Shanghai, Shanghai, China.
- 2014 (November 20), "What Is Evil, and How it Works," Panel Speaker on Creation, Death and the Fall," Evangelical Theological Society, San Diego, CA
- 2014 (September 14), "Is God Evil? God's Actions in the Old Testament," Seminar Presenter, Apologias Fall Conference, Stockholm, Sweden (<http://www.apologia.nu/en-ond-gud/>)
- 2014 (September 13), "Is God a Mafia Boss or Is God Good," Professor Lectures, Inauguration of the Scandinavian School of Theology, Stockholm, Sweden
- 2014 (April 11-12), "Who Is the Holy Spirit," College Ministry Retreat, Lakeview Covenant Church, Northbrook, IL
- 2013-2014 (December, February), Pulpit Supply, Preaching series on Genesis 1; Preaching series on Paul's Prison Prayers, Korean English Ministry, Chicago Covenant Presbyterian Church, Glenview, IL

- 2013 (November 23), "Lexical Semantics of Evil (רָעָה) in Genesis," Society for Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, Baltimore, MD
- 2013 (November 22), "Contextual Semantics of Evil (רָעָה) in Genesis," Emerging Scholarship, Institute for Biblical Research Annual Meeting, Baltimore, MD
- 2013 (March 12), "Psalm 27: Hope," Chapel Speaker, Trinity Evangelical Divinity School
- 2013 (February 23), "Identity as the Image of God: Dust and Divinity," Identity: A Women's Theological Conference, Trinity Society of Women, Trinity International University
- 2012 (November 15), "A Contextual Approach to the Lexical Semantic Use of "Evil" (רָעָה) in Genesis," Evangelical Theological Society Annual Meeting, Milwaukee, WI
- 2012 (May 6), "Deuteronomy 8: God Our Source," Sermon, Abundant Life Church, Round Lake IL
- 2012 (April 28), "Streams of Living Water: Living Life Fully." Women's Retreat, Christ Church Highland Park, Highland Park, IL
- 2012 (April 25), "Overcoming: My Story," Trinity Society of Women, TEDS, Deerfield, IL
- 2012 (April 20), "Contentment," Undergraduate Women's Ministry, TIU, Deerfield, IL
- 2012 (February 5), "Genesis and the Plot Conflict of Good and Evil," Sermon, Abundant Life Church, Round Lake, IL
- 2012 (February 11), "A Contextual Approach to the Lexical Semantic Use of "Evil" (רָעָה) in Genesis," Presenter, Midwest Society of Biblical Literature, Bourbonnais, IL
- 2011 (November 4-5), "Forgiveness," Life Spring Community Church (EFCA), Spring Grove, IL
- 2011 (October 28), "Old Testament Foundations of Godly Leadership," North Central District of EFCA Women's Leadership Conference, Minneapolis, MN

Professional Memberships

- Society of Biblical Literature, member, 2007-present
- Evangelical Theological Society, member, 2011-present
- Institute of Biblical Research, Fellow, 2013-present
- American Society of Overseas Research, Associate Member, 2019-present
- TACT (Theological and Cultural Thinkers), member, 2005-2009
- President's Council, University of Illinois, member, 1996-2008

Selected Awards

- 2013, *The President's Award*, the top student award to a student who has contributed spiritually and academically to the campus community, Trinity International University
- 2007-2009, G. Walter Hansen Fellowship, through the Carl F. H. Henry Center for Theological Studies, Trinity Evangelical Divinity School
- 2007-2008, Ph.D. Scholarship, Trinity Evangelical Divinity School
- 2002, National Women's Ministries Award, EFCA, Trinity Evangelical Divinity School
- 2001, DeBaets Memorial Award, Trinity Evangelical Divinity School

References Available upon request