

Nijay Kumar Gupta

Curriculum Vitae

EDUCATION:

1. **Doctor of Philosophy**, Dept of Theology & Religion, **University of Durham** (UK), 2006-2009 (Thesis title: "Worship That Makes Sense: A Cognitive and Socio-Literary Approach to the Theology of Paul's Non-Atonement Cultic Metaphors")
2. **Master of Theology** (*summa cum laude*), **Master of Divinity** (*summa cum laude*), **Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary** (MA), 2001-2005
3. **Bachelor of Arts**, **Miami University** (Ohio), 1997-2001

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

1. **Professor of New Testament** (Northern Seminary, IL), 2020-
2. **Doctoral Faculty Associate** (Trinity College Bristol, UK), 2018-2021
3. **Associate Professor of New Testament** (Portland Seminary, OR), 2014-2020
4. **Assistant Professor of Biblical Theology & Exegesis** (Northeastern Seminary, NY), 2013-2014
5. **Assistant Professor of Biblical Studies, Visiting** (Eastern University, PA), 2012-2013
6. **Assistant Professor of Biblical Studies, Visiting** (Seattle Pacific Uni & Seminary), 2010-2012
7. **Visiting Instructor in New Testament**, (Ashland Theological Seminary, Ohio), 2009-2010

PROFESSIONAL LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE

1. **Global Virtual Meeting Committee Member**, Society of Biblical Literature (2022-)
2. **Senior Translator and Board Member at Large, Bible Translation Committee**, New Living Translation (Tyndale House Publishers, 2022-)
3. **NT Editor**, New Word Biblical Themes (Zondervan Academic) (2020-)
4. **Co-Editor**, *The Bible in God's World Commentary Series* (Cascade, co-editor Scot McKnight)
5. **Editorial Board** of *Priscilla Papers* (2019-)
6. **Editorial Board** of *Journal for the Study of the New Testament* (2020-)
7. **Editorial Board** of *Ex Auditu* (North Park Seminary/Wipf & Stock) (2017-)
8. **New Testament Editor**, Smyth & Helwys Supplement Series (Helwys) (2017-)
9. **Co-chair (with Dr. J.K. Goodrich)**, Pauline Theology group, Institute for Biblical Research (2016-present): speakers have included E.P. Sanders, Beverly Gaventa, Matthew Novenson, Bruce Longenecker, Martin de Boer, Alexandra Brown, Susan Eastman, Erin Heim, Tim Gombis, and John Barclay

PAST PROFESSIONAL LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE

1. **Editor-at-Large** for *Bulletin for Biblical Research* (2020-2022)
2. **Editorial Board** of Biblical Interpretation Series (Brill) (2019-2022)
3. **Member, Steering Committee**, "Christian Theology and the Bible," SBL Annual Meeting Program Unit (2017-2021)
4. **Board Member-at-Large** for the Institute for Biblical Research (2012-2016, 2020-2022)
5. **Editorial board** for *Journal for the Study of Paul and His Letters* (2011-2018)

PUBLICATIONS

Books Published

Worship that Makes Sense to Paul: A New Approach to the Theology of Paul's Cultic Metaphors. BZNBW. Berlin: Walter de Gruyter, 2010.

Prepare, Succeed, Advance: A Guidebook for Getting a PhD in Biblical Studies and Beyond. Eugene: Wipf & Stock, 2011. **Second edition published 2019.**

Colossians. Smyth & Helwys Bible Commentary Series, 2013.

Matthew and Mark across Perspectives: Essays in Honour of William R. Telford and Stephen C. Barton. LNTS. T & T Clark, 2016. Co-edited with Kristian Bendoraitis.

1 & 2 Thessalonians. New Covenant Commentary. ed. C.S. Keener and M.F. Bird. Eugene: Cascade, 2016.

The Lord's Prayer. SHBC Supplement Series. Smyth & Helwys, 2018.

Intermediate Biblical Greek Reader: Galatians and Related Texts, Open Text Network, 2018. Co-edited with Jonah Sandford.

Shall Be Bright at Last: Reflections on Suffering and Hope in Paul, co-edited with Martha Byrne VanHouten. Pennington Epress, Open Ebook, 2019.

1 & 2 Thessalonians. Grand Rapids: Zondervan. Zondervan Critical Introduction to the New Testament, 2019.

Reviews: Matthew Jensen (*BBR*), William Bowes (*Asbury Journal*), Jason Gardner (*JSNT*), David Chapman (*Presbyterion*), Carla Works (*CTM*), William Klein (*Denver Journal*)

The State of New Testament Studies: Second Edition, co-editors Gupta and Scot McKnight. Grand Rapids: Baker, 2019.

A Beginner's Guide to New Testament Studies: Understanding Key Debates. Grand Rapids: Baker Academic, 2020. Korean Edition published 2020.

Reviews: Regina Boisclair (*CBQ*), Daniel Cole (*ExpTim*), Oscar Jiménez (*RSR*), Karen Jobes (*JETS*), Donald Senior (*The Bible Today*), Jonathan Wright (*CBS, MBTS*),

Paul and the Language of Faith. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2020. Korean Edition published 2021.

Reviews: Benjamin Schliesser (*TLZ*), Craig Saunders (*BBR*), Timothy Gombis (*JETS*), Jessica Bent (*RRT*), Oscar Jiménez (*RSR*), Stephen C. Barton (*Theology*), Michael Cerbo (*Catholic Library World*), Bruce Henning (*EQ*), Joel Wentz (*ERoB*), Paul Foster (*ExpTim*), Chris Kugler (*JTS*), William Bowes (*MJTM*)

Reading Philippians. Eugene, OR: Cascade, 2020.

The New Testament Commentary Guide. Lexham Press, 2020.

Philippians. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. Co-authored with Michael F. Bird. 2020.

Sin and Its Remedy in Paul. Co-edited with John K. Goodrich. Cascade, 2020.

Cruciform Scripture: Cross, Participation, and Mission in Paul. Co-edited with Andy Johnson, Chris Skinner, and Drew Strait. Eerdmans, 2021.

Living the King Jesus Gospel. Tribute to Scot McKnight. Co-edited with Tara Beth Leach, Drew Strait and Matthew Bates. Cascade, 2021.

Fifteen New Testament Words of Life. Zondervan Academic, 2022.

The Writer. Cascade, December 2022.

Tell Her Story. IVP Academic, March 2023.

Forthcoming Book Projects

The State of Pauline Studies. Coeditors: Scot McKnight and Erin Heim. Baker, slated 2023

Dictionary of Paul and His Letters. 2nd Ed. Co-edited with Scot McKnight and Lynn Cohick. IVP Academic, slated 2023

The Beginning of Paul's Gospel: Theological Explorations of Romans 1-4. Cascade, slated late 2022. Co-edited with John K. Goodrich.

Galatians. Grand Rapids: Zondervan. Story of God Bible Commentary. December 2023.

Strange Religion: Why the First Christians Were Bizarre, Dangerous, and Attractive. Brazos, Spring 2024

Galatians. New Word Biblical Commentary. Zondervan Academic. Slated 2024.

The Affections of Jesus Christ. Eerdmans, slated 2024.

Philippians and Philemon. New Testament Theology. Cambridge University Press, slated 2024.

Paul's Worldly Theology: What It Means to Live in the Here and Now. Baker Academic, slated 2025

1-2 Timothy, Titus. Reading the New Testament. Second Series. Helwys. Edited by Todd D. Still. 2026/2027

Philippians and Philemon. New Testament Library. Westminster John Knox. Slated for 2027/2028.

Academic Journal Articles

"An Apocalyptic Reading of Psalm 78 in 2 Thessalonians 3," *Journal for the Study of the New Testament* 31.2 (2008): 179-194.

"I Will Not Be Put to Shame: Paul, the Philippians and the Honorable Plea for Death," *Neotestamentica* 42.2 (2008): 253-67.

"A Man of No Reputation: Honor Ascribed to Jesus in the Gospel of John," *Ashland Theological Journal* 40 (2008).

"A Royal Priesthood, Honored and Chosen: Cultic Metaphors in 1 Peter," *Perspectives in Religious Studies* 36.1 (2009): 61-76.

"Towards a Set of Principles for Interpreting Metaphors in Paul," *Restoration Quarterly* 51.3 (2009): 169-181.

"The Theo-Logic of Paul's Ethics: Crosscurrents and Trends in Recent Research, Pathways for Future Investigation," *Currents in Biblical Research* 7.3 (2009): 336-61.

"Whose Body is a Temple (1 Cor. 6.19)? Paul Beyond the Individualism/Communalism Divide," *Catholic Biblical Quarterly* 72 (2010): 518-36.

"To Whom was Christ a Slave?: Double Agency and the Specters of Sin and Death in Philippians," *Horizons in Biblical Theology* 32 (2010): 1-16.

"Cultic Metaphors in Philo: Exploring the Question of Coherence," *Journal for the Study of the Pseudepigrapha* 20.4 (2011): 277-297.

"New Commentaries on Colossians: Survey of Approaches, Analysis of Trends, and the State of Research," *Themelios* 35.1 (2010): 7-14.

"The 'not...but' (*ou...alla*) NT Rhetorical Pattern: Its Features and Purposes and the Dangers of Misinterpretation," *Ashland Theological Journal* (December 2010)

"The Politics of Ephesians and the Empire: Accommodation or Resistance?" *Journal of Greco-Roman Christianity and Judaism* 7 (2010): 112-36.

"Mirror-Reading Moral Issues in Paul," *Journal for the Study of the New Testament* 34.4 (2011): 361-381.

"What Mercies of God? The Septuagintal Background of Paul's Use of *Oiktirmos* in Romans 12:1" *Bulletin for Biblical Research* 22.1 (2012): 81-96.

"Human Idolatry and Paul as Faithful Worshipper of God" *Neotestamentica* 46.1 (2012): 30-42.

"What is in a Name: The Hermeneutics of Authorship-Analysis Concerning Colossians" *Currents in Biblical Research* 11.1 (2012)

"Beholding the Word of Christ: A Theological Reading of Colossians," *Canadian Theological Review* Fall (2013).

"'They Are Not Gods!': Jewish and Christian Idol Polemic and Greco-Roman Use of Cult Statues," *The Catholic Biblical Quarterly* (2014).

"Gloria in Profundis: Comparing the Glory of Moses in Sirach to Jesus in the Fourth Gospel," *HBT* 36.1 (2014): 60-78.

"Teach Us, Mary: The Authority of Women Teachers in the Church in Light of the Magnificat (Luke 1.46-55)," *Priscilla Papers* 29.3 (2015), 524-526.

"Thinking with the New Testament about Other Religions," *Evangelical InterFaith Dialogue* (2015).

"The Thessalonian Believers, Former Pagans or Godfearers? Challenging a Stubborn Consensus," *Neotestamentica* (2018).

"Reconstructing Junia's Imprisonment: Examining a Neglected Pauline Comment in Rom 16:7" *Perspectives in Religious Studies* (2020)

"Cruciform Onesimus" *Expository Times* (2022)

Book Chapters/Essays

"Did Saint Paul Take Up the Great Commission? Discipleship Transposed into a Pauline Key," in *Ecclesia and Ethics*. LNTS. T & T Clark, 2016.

"Paul and the Militia Spiritualis Topos in 1 Thessalonians," in *Paul and the Graeco-Roman Philosophical Tradition*. LNTS. T & T Clark, 2016.

"The Spirituality of Faith in the Gospel of Matthew." Pages 108-124 in *Matthew and Mark across Perspectives*. London: LNTS. T&T Clark, 2016.

"Embodying the Hospitable Kingdom," in *Reading Romans in Context*. Zondervan, 2016, 151-157.

"Abba, Father" in *Reading Mark in Context*. Zondervan, 2017.

Two chapters in *Devotions on the Greek New Testament*, volume 2. Zondervan, 2017.

"The Good Soldier and the Good Life," in *Paul and the Giants of Philosophy*. IVP Academic, 2018.

"New Testament Ethics" and "Introduction" in *The State of New Testament Studies*. Baker, 2019.

"1-2 Thessalonians," in *Cambridge Companion to the New Testament*. Ed. Patrick Gray. Cambridge University Press, 2021.

"The Lord the Spirit: The Holy Spirit in Paul" in *T&T Clark Companion to Pneumatology*. Ed. Daniel Costello. T&T Clark, 2021.

Co-editor, *Dictionary of Paul and His Letters*. Second Edition. InterVarsity Press, projected 2022. Essays by Gupta include: "1-2 Thessalonians," "Ethics," "Faith."

"Sin in Context" in *Sin and Its Remedy in Paul*. Cascade, 2020.

"Paul and *Pistis Christou*" in *Oxford Handbook of Pauline Studies*. Ed: Barry Matlock and Matthew Novenson. Coming 2021.

"Faith in the New Testament" in *Oxford Bibliographies Online* (2021)

"Cruciformity and the Believer's Governing Faculties" in *Cruciform Scripture* 2021.

"Philemon," in *Oxford Bibliographies Online*. Slated 2022

"1-2 Thessalonians" in *HarperCollins Study Bible*, 3rd ed.

"The Doxological Apostle" in *God and Wonder*. Cascade, 2022

"Did Early Christians Give Dignity and Honor to Female Slaves?" in *The Biblical World of Gender*, 2022.

"Paul, Slave of Christ: Foreshadowing Paul's *doulos* theology in Rom 1:1" in *The Beginning of Paul's Gospel*. Cascade, slated late 2022.

Popular Level Writing

Articles with *Christianity Today*, *Christian Century*, *Catalyst Resources Online*, *Outreach Magazine*, and *Missio Alliance*.

I have signed a contract to have a monthly Bible column in the religion magazine *Fathom*. The first column should appear in October 2022.

Endowed Lectureships and Major Speaking Invitations

Life Pacific University Annual Theology Lecture (San Dimas, CA), July 20, 2022: Topic: Paul's theology of love.

Missiology Lectures, Panelist, Fuller Seminary (Pasadena, CA), Oct 26-28, 2022: Women and Power.

Carmichael-Walling Lectureship, Abilene Christian University (Abilene, TX), November 2021: Topic: Early Christianity in the Greco-Roman World.

Newell Lectures, Anderson University (Anderson, IN), October 2021: Topic: Hidden Christian Figures: Bringing the Lives of Early Christian Women out of the Shadows

Wheaton Theology Conference, 2021, Wheaton College; Keynote Speaker: Topic: Worship, Art, and Imagination. Presentation title: The Doxological Apostle

Downey Distinguished Lectureship 2020, Ambrose University: "Strange Religion: How the Early Christians Were Weird, Dangerous, and Attractive" (October 14-16, 2020)

George Fox University Distinguished Public Lecture, March 2019: "People of Faith: Why the First Christians Called Themselves 'Believers'"

Academic Paper Presentations

South African Theological Seminary, Postgraduate Research Symposium: "Philemon" Feb 26, 2022

Calvin Theological Seminary, Doctoral Seminar: "The State of 1-2 Thessalonians Scholarship" Nov 15, 2021

Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Postgraduate Seminar: "Paul and the Language of Faith" Oct 5, 2021

South African Theological Seminary, Postgraduate Research Symposium: "1-2 Thessalonians" Feb 26, 2021

University of Manchester, Religion Dept Research Seminar: "Reconstructing Junia's Imprisonment" October 1, 2020.

Trinity College Bristol Interdisciplinary Research Seminar: "Faith in Galatians: Revisiting the Divine-Human Agency Debate," January 10, 2019.

1892 Club Doctoral Seminar, SBTS: "Covenantal Pistism: Human Faith in Galatians," Sept 12, 2018.

Tyndale Fellowship NT Study Group 2015 (Cambridge, UK): “Covenantal Pistism: Faith and Human Agency in Galatians”

Society of Biblical Literature 2014 (San Francisco): “Pistis at the Crossroads of Law and Love in 1 Thessalonians,” (Biblical Ethics Program Unit)

Society of Biblical Literature 2012 (USA): New Testament and Hellenistic Religions program unit: “The Invisible Made Visible: A Re-evaluation of Jewish Idol Polemic in the Greco-Roman World and Its Implications for NT Christology”

Society of Biblical Literature 2012 (USA): Johannine Literature Program Unit: “Comparing Ben Sira and John on the Glory of Moses and Jesus”

Society of Biblical Literature 2011 (USA): Ethics, Love, and the Other Group: “Among the Gentiles” (Panel Review of Luke Timothy Johnson’s book *Among the Gentiles*)

British New Testament Conference 2009 (Aberdeen, UK): Hermeneutics Seminar: “Mirror-reading Moral Discourses in Ancient Letters.”

British New Testament Conference 2009 (Aberdeen, UK): Simultaneous Short Papers: “What Mercies of God? *Oiktirmos* in the LXX and Paul’s Programmatic Use in Romans 12.1.”

Society of Biblical Literature 2009 (New Orleans): “Paul and Scripture in Philippians: Reassessing Scholarly Approaches to Why and How Paul Employed Jewish Traditions and Imagery” (Intertextuality in the New Testament group)

Tyndale Fellowship New Testament Study Group 2009 (Cambridge, UK): “Rules of Engagement and the Military Metaphors of Paul: A Case Study in the Application of Conceptual Metaphor Theory to Pauline Ethics.”

British New Testament Conference 2008 (Durham, UK): Hermeneutics Seminar: “Worship and Phronesis: Paul’s Questioning of His Jewish Privileges and the Promise of a Cultic Hermeneutic in Phil. 3.2-11.”

Society of Biblical Literature 2008 (USA): Second Corinthians: Pauline Theology in the Making Program Unit (Boston, Mass.): “A New Vision of God: The Power of Cultic Metaphors and Paul’s Call for a Cruciform Epistemology in 2 Corinthians.”

Tyndale Fellowship New Testament Study Group 2008: “Cultic Metaphors in 1 Peter.”

Durham-Sheffield New Testament Conference 2008: “2 Corinthians 6.14-7.1 and Paul’s Articulation of an Epistemological Crisis” (Durham).

Society of Biblical Literature 2007 (USA): Biblical and Literary Criticism Group (San Diego, Calif.): “Principles for Interpreting Metaphors in Paul: “*Prosagōgēn*” (Rom. 5.2) as a Test Case.”

British New Testament Society 2007 (Exeter, UK), Simultaneous Papers: “I Will Not Be Put to Shame: Paul, the Philippians and the Honorable Plea for Death.”

International Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature 2007: Paul and Pauline Literature Group (Vienna, Austria): “An Apocalyptic Reading of Psalm 78 in 2 Thessalonians 3.”

Annual Seminar on the Old Testament in the New 2007 (Durham, England).

Book Reviews

Reviews published in *Review of Biblical Literature*, *Horizons in Biblical Theology*, *Expository Times*, *Scottish Journal of Theology*, *Biblical Interpretation*, *Interpretation*, *Catholic Biblical Quarterly*, and *Journal of Theological Studies*.

AWARDS/GRANTS/SCHOLARSHIPS:

1. 2020 Outreach Magazine Resource of the Year: Biblical Studies, for *Paul and the Language of Faith*.
2. Graduate Researcher of the Year, 2017-2018 (George Fox University)
3. Seminary Grant for Community Leadership – “House Experiment” (2017-2018)
4. Wabash Center Summer Grant (2016)
5. Wabash Center Pre-tenure Seminary Teaching Fellowship (2015-2016 fellowship)
6. Faculty Development Grants, 2015, 2015, 2016, 2017 (George Fox University)
7. Minor Grants: Evans, Ustinov College, De Bury (University of Durham) – 2007-2009
8. Overseas Research Students Awards Scheme [ORS] (University of Durham) – 2006-2009

SOCIETY MEMBERSHIPS

1. Catholic Biblical Association
2. Society of Biblical Literature
3. Institute for Biblical Research
4. Society of New Testament Studies (2017-)

INSTITUTIONAL ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE

1. Director, Master of Divinity program, Northern Seminary, 2021-2022
2. Director, New Testament World Colloquium, Northern Seminary, 2020-
3. Director of Supervised Ministry Program, Northern Seminary, 2020-2021
4. Faculty Search Committee chair, George Fox University/Portland Seminary, 2018-2019
5. Faculty of Color Mentor, George Fox University, 2018
6. Member of Oversight Committee for the Asian-American Ministry, Seattle Pacific University Graduate School of Theology, 2010-2012
7. Student Member of the Organizing Committee for the British New Testament Society Conference (University of Durham), 2008
8. Postgraduate Research Representative to the Board of Studies (University of Durham), 2007-2008