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EDUCATION

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Ph.D.	<b>University of Sheffield</b> , Department of Biblical Studies – with distinction	2010
M.Div.	<b>University of Toronto</b> , University of Trinity College – honors	2005
Graduate Work	<b>Naropa University</b> , Buddhist Studies & Sanskrit	1998–2000
B.A.	<b>Concordia College</b> – Moorhead, Minnesota – Religion and Philosophy	1998

ACADEMIC POSITIONS HELD

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**St. Ambrose University**

Full Professor of Biblical Studies and Theology	2021–present
Associate Professor of Biblical Studies and Theology	2016–2021
Assistant Professor of Biblical Studies and Theology	2011–2016

**University of Colorado, Boulder**

Scholar in Residence, Religious Studies Department	2010–2011
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**Concordia College, Moorhead, Minnesota**

Scholar in Residence, Religion Department	2010
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**University of Sheffield**

Visiting Lecturer, Department of Biblical Studies	2009
Adjunct Instructor	2007
Teaching Assistant	2006

**University of Derby**

Associate Lecturer of Sociology, Department of Community Studies	2009
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**College of the Resurrection at Mirfield, University of Leeds**

Adjunct Lecturer of Biblical Studies	2009
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BOOKS

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*Re-Reading the Prophets through Corporate Globalization: A Cultural-Evolutionary Approach to Understanding Economic Injustice in the Hebrew Bible.* Eugene, Oregon: Cascade Books, 2022. HB version published by Gorgias in 2010.

*The Common Good: A Biblical Ethic Against Poverty.* Eugene: Cascade Books (under contract).

*Amos & Micah Through the Centuries.* Blackwell Bible Commentaries. Oxford: Wiley Blackwell (under contract).

VOLUMES EDITED

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*Economics and Empire in the Ancient Near East: Guide to the Bible and Economics, Volume 1.* Edited by Matthew J. M. Coomber. Center and Library for the Bible and Social Justice Series. Eugene, OR: Cascade Books, 2023.

*The Apocrypha: Fortress Commentary on the Bible Study Edition.* Edited by Gale A. Yee, Hugh R. Page, Jr., and Matthew J.M. Coomber. Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 2016.

*The Historical Writings: Fortress Commentary on the Bible Study Edition.* Edited by Gale A., Hugh R. Page, Jr., and Matthew J.M. Coomber. Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 2016.

*The Pentateuch: Fortress Commentary on the Bible Study Edition.* Edited by Gale A., Hugh R. Page, Jr., and Matthew J.M. Coomber. Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 2016.

*The Prophets: Fortress Commentary on the Bible Study Edition.* Edited by Gale A. Yee, Hugh R. Page, Jr., and Matthew J.M. Coomber. Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 2016.

*Wisdom, Worship, and Poetry: Fortress Commentary on the Bible Study Edition.* Edited by Gale A. Yee, Hugh R. Page, Jr., and Matthew J.M. Coomber. Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 2016.

*Fortress Commentary on the Bible: The Old Testament and Apocrypha.* Edited by Gale A. Yee, Hugh R. Page, Jr., and Matthew J.M. Coomber. Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 2014.

*Bible and Justice: Ancient Texts, Modern Challenges.* Edited by Matthew J.M. Coomber. BibleWorld. London: Equinox Publishing, 2011.

*Political Theology* 11, No. 3, 2010.

Guest editor of a special edition, which is comprised of selected papers from the 2008 Conference on Bible and Justice

*Economics and Empire in the Greco-Roman World: Guide to the Bible and Economics, Volume 2.* Edited by Matthew J. M. Coomber. Center and Library for the Bible and Social Justice Series. Eugene, OR: Cascade Books, forthcoming.

*Bible in the age of Capital: Guide to the Bible and Economics, Volume 3.* Edited by Matthew J. M. Coomber. Center and Library for the Bible and Social Justice Series. Eugene, OR: Cascade Books, forthcoming.

*Bible in the age of Capital: Guide to the Bible and Economics, Volume 4.* Edited by Matthew J. M. Coomber. Center and Library for the Bible and Social Justice Series. Eugene, OR: Cascade Books, forthcoming.

*God, Mammon, and the Hope of the Poor in the Old Testament: Guide to the Bible and Economics, Volume 5.* Edited by Matthew J. M. Coomber and Margaret Aymer. Center and Library for the Bible and Social Justice Series. Eugene, OR: Cascade Books, forthcoming.

*God, Mammon, and the Hope of the Poor in the New Testament: Guide to the Bible and Economics, Volume 6.*

Edited by Matthew J. M. Coomber and Margaret Aymer. Center and Library for the Bible and Social Justice Series. Eugene, OR: Cascade Books, forthcoming.

*Class and Intersectionality in the Hebrew Bible: Engaged Biblical Studies in the Academy and on the Streets.*

Edited by Matthew J. M. Coomber and Ludwig Beethoven J. Noya. Center and Library for the Bible and Social Justice Series. Eugene, OR: Cascade Books, forthcoming.

## JOURNAL ARTICLES

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“An Interpretive Model of Privileged Contempt: Understanding Disdain Toward Those of Lower Status, from Ancient Israel to the New American Politics.” *Journal of Religion and Society* 23 (2021): 5–23.

“Let My People Go: Der Exodus und die Geschichte der Afroamerikanischen Sklaven.” *Welt und Umwelt Der Bibel* 92, No. 1 (2019): 50–55.

“Seeking Community in a Capitalist Age: A Collective Response to Poverty and Debt, from the Bible to Today.” *Journal of Religion and Society* 16 (2018): 92–108.

“Debt as Weapon: Manufacturing Poverty from Judah to Today.” *Diaconia: Journal for the Study of Christian Social Practice* 4, No. 2 (2013): 141–58.

“Caught in the Crossfire? Economic Injustice and Prophetic Motivation in Eighth-Century Judah.” *Biblical Interpretation* 19, No. 4–5 (2011): 396–432.

“Editorial Introduction: The Problems and Potential of Bible and Justice.” *Political Theology* 11, No. 3 (2010): 213–20.

“Subsistence and Greed: Revisiting the Eighth-Century Prophets in an Age of Globalization.” *Masibi Sevak* 24, No. 3 (2009): 14–30.

“Exegetical Notes on 1 Kgs. 17.8–16: The Widow of Zarephath.” *Expository Times* 118, No. 8 (2007): 389–90. (invited article)

## BOOK CHAPTERS AND CONTRIBUTIONS

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“The Importance of Biblical Economics to the Field of Biblical Studies.” Pages 1–11 in *Economics and Empire in the Ancient Near East: Guide to the Bible and Economics, Volume 1*. Edited by Matthew J. M. Coomber. Eugene, OR: Cascade Books, 2023.

“St. Ambrose and His Biblical Response to Empire.” Pages 57–66 in *Ambrose and Community*. Ambrosians on Ambrose Series, Number One. Edited by Ethan Gannaway and Robert Grant. Davenport, Iowa: Fons Lumis Press, 2023.

- “Poverty and Social Justice in Micah.” Pages 208–23 in *Cambridge Companion to the Hebrew Bible and Ethics*. Edited by C. L. Crouch. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2021.
- “Those at Ease Have Contempt for Misfortune: Biblical Approaches to Challenging Anti-Poor Sentiment.” Pages 83-109 in *Imagined Worlds and Constructed Differences*. Edited by Jeremiah Cataldo. Library of Hebrew Bible/Old Testament Studies. New York: Bloomsbury, 2019.
- “Occupying the Temple in Ancient Judah: Resisting Debt Abuses, from Jerusalem to Wall Street.” Pages 131-62 in *Reading the Bible in an Age of Crisis: Political Exegesis for a New Day*. Edited by Bruce Worthington. Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 2015.
- “Micah’s Date.” Page li, in *Micah*. Authored by Julia O’Brien. Wisdom Commentary Series. Chicago: Liturgical Press, 2015.
- “Women and Land Seizure in *Micah*.” Pages 25-26 in *Micah*. Authored by Julia O’Brien. Wisdom Commentary Series. Chicago: Liturgical Press, 2015.
- “Justice and Power,” Pages 89-90 in *Micah*. Authored by Julia O’Brien. Wisdom Commentary Series. Chicago: Liturgical Press, 2015.
- “Reading the Old Testament in Ancient and Contemporary Contexts.” Pages 5-29 in *Fortress Commentary on the Bible: The Old Testament and Apocrypha*. Edited by Gale A. Yee, Hugh R. Page, Jr., and Matthew J.M. Coomber. Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 2014.
- “Jonah.” Pages 861-69 in *Fortress Commentary on the Bible: The Old Testament and Apocrypha*. Edited by Gale A. Yee, Hugh R. Page, Jr., and Matthew J.M. Coomber. Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 2014.
- “Micah.” Pages 871-84 in *Fortress Commentary on the Bible: The Old Testament and Apocrypha*. Edited by Gale A. Yee, Hugh R. Page, Jr., and Matthew J.M. Coomber. Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 2014.
- “Before Crossing the Jordan: The Telling and Retelling of the Exodus Narrative in African-American History.” Pages 123-36 in *Exodus and Deuteronomy: Texts @ Contexts*. Edited by Athalya Brenner and Gale A. Yee. Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 2012.
- “Introduction.” Pages 1-10 in *Bible and Justice: Ancient Texts, Modern Challenges*. BibleWorld. Edited by Matthew J.M. Coomber. Oakville, CT: Equinox Publishing, 2011.
- “Prophets to Profits: Ancient Judah and Corporate Globalization.” Pages 212-37 in *Bible and Justice: Ancient Texts, Modern Challenges*. BibleWorld. Edited by Matthew J.M. Coomber. Oakville, CT: Equinox Publishing, 2011.
- “Biblical Challenges to Debt” in *Bible in the age of Capital: What is Being Done*. Center and Library for the Bible and Social Justice Series on Bible and Economics: Edited by Matthew J.M. Coomber. Eugene: Cascade Books, forthcoming.

- “Introduction and Annotations for the Biblical Book of Micah.” *The Oxford Annotated Bible, 6<sup>th</sup> Edition*. Oxford: Oxford University Press (in production).
- “Attitudes Toward Being Rich in Preexilic Prophecy” in *Is it Good to Be Rich? Answers from Antiquity and the Bible*. Edited by Peter Altman, Nadine Ueberschaer, and Frank Ueberschaer. Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck (in production).
- “Social Scientific Approaches” in *The State of Old Testament Studies: A Survey of Recent Research*. Edited by H. H. Hardy and M. Daniel Carroll R. Grand Rapids: Baker Academic (in production).
- “Going Public: Norman Gottwald’s Call and the Urgent Need for Engaged Biblical Studies in the Academy, the Boardroom, and on the Street” in *Class and Intersectionality in the Hebrew Bible: Engaged Biblical Studies in the Academy on and the Streets*. Edited by Matthew J. M. Coomber and Ludwig Beethoven J. Noya. Center and Library for the Bible and Social Justice Series. Eugene, OR: Cascade Books, forthcoming.

## BOOK REVIEWS

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- “Review of Walter Brueggemann, *Ancient Echoes: Refusing the Fear-Filled, Greed-Driven Toxicity of the Far Right*.” *Catholic Biblical Quarterly*: forthcoming.
- “Review of Michael S. Moore, *WealthWatch: A Study of Socioeconomic Conflict in the Bible*.” *Review of Biblical Literature*: June 2012.

## POPULAR WRITING

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- “The Sacrament of Baptism and Its Restorative Power.” *The Catholic Messenger: The Catholic Newspaper for the Diocese of Davenport*<http://www.catholicmessenger.net/2021/11/the-sacrament-of-baptism-and-its-restorative-power>. November 2021.
- “Exploring Exodus’ Truths with Young Minds.” *The Catholic Messenger: The Catholic Newspaper for the Diocese of Davenport*: [https://www.catholicmessenger.net/2021/06/exploring-exodus-truths-with-young-minds/?utm\\_source=rss&utm\\_medium=rss&utm\\_campaign=exploring-exodus-truths-with-young-minds](https://www.catholicmessenger.net/2021/06/exploring-exodus-truths-with-young-minds/?utm_source=rss&utm_medium=rss&utm_campaign=exploring-exodus-truths-with-young-minds). June 2021.
- “An Ethic of Care at the Core of Our Faith.” *The Catholic Messenger: The Catholic Newspaper for the Diocese of Davenport*: <http://www.catholicmessenger.net/2020/03/an-ethic-of-care-at-the-core-of-our-faith/> March 2020.
- “Looking in From the Outside.” *Tiny Faith*: <https://www.tinyfaith.org/home/2018/9/4/looking-in-from-the-outside-guest-contributor-matthew-coomber>: Sep. 2018.

“Becoming Resistance: A Gentile’s Experience in Learning What it Means to Resist Evil.”  
*Federation News: A Publication of the Jewish Federation of the Quad Cities:*  
 March/April 2015.

“Dis-Disabling Moses.” *Academics on Scott’s Exodus: Gods and Kings. Noah’s Flood: Ancient Stories of Natural Cataclysm:*  
[http://media.wix.com/ugd/32af69\\_604247449fd94ab292f1b182d007ec35.pdf](http://media.wix.com/ugd/32af69_604247449fd94ab292f1b182d007ec35.pdf): Dec. 2015.

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

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“Empire Against Community: Prophetic Anger and Intra-Community Conflict in Eighth-Century Judah.” Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, San Antonio, Texas, 2023.

“Response to papers from *Borders, Migration, and Climate Crises* Poverty in the Biblical World session.” Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, San Antonio, Texas, 2023

“Attitudes toward Wealth in Hebrew Prophecy.”  
 Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, Denver, Colorado, 2022

“Attempting Justice: Norman Gottwald’s Hermeneutic on Social Class and Choosing to *Go Public*.” Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, Denver, Colorado, 2022

“Legitimacy of Drawing Biblical Texts into Modern Ethical Discourse: A Psychological Approach.” Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, San Antonio, Texas, 2021

“Interpreting the Psychology of Privilege: The Modern Relevance of Contempt in the Hebrew Bible” Invited Presentation. Society of Old Testament Studies, University of Sheffield, England, 2021

“Understanding and Confronting the Callousness of Trumpian Politics: A Biblical-Psychological Approach.” Invited Presentation. Kripke Symposium on Religion and the New Politics, Creighton University, Omaha, 2020

“Chasing the Ba’als, Then and Now: A Response.”  
 Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, San Diego, 2019 (delivered in absentia)

“Adopting Biblical Ethics into Modern Poverty Contexts.”  
 Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, Denver, 2018

“St. Ambrose, Empire, & the First-Testament Ethos of the Common Good.”  
 Saint Ambrose of Milan: (Re-)constructing Community, St. Ambrose University, Davenport, Iowa, 2018

“Land Management as Ethnic Identifier in Second-Temple Judea.”  
 Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, Boston, 2017

“A Biblical Ethic for Confronting Debt and Poverty in the Modern World.” — Invited Kripke Symposium on Religion in Global Context, Creighton University, Omaha, 2017

“Jubilee, Debt, and the Myth of the Welfare Queen.”  
Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, San Antonio, 2016

“Poor Shaming and the Corruptive Nature of Wealth in Judah: A Psychological Approach.”  
Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, San Antonio, 2016

“‘Land Shall Not Be Sold Beyond Reclaim’: Collective Responsibility and Usufruct in the Hebrew Bible.” Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, San Diego, 2014

“Response to ‘Poverty in the Covenant Code,’ by Johannes Unsok Ro.”  
Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, Baltimore, 2013

Panelist for “Review of Roland Boer’s *The Sacred Economy* (WJK, 2015)”  
Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, Baltimore, 2013

“‘Those at Ease Have Contempt for Misfortune’: Addressing Anti-Poor Sentiment through Biblical Texts.” St. Ambrose Conference on Bible and Justice, Davenport, Iowa 2013

“Debt as Weapon: Generating Poverty and Power in Eighth-Century Judah.”  
Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, Chicago, 2012

“Reshaping Exodus, Reshaping Society: Longing for Canaan in African-American History.”  
American Academy of Religion, Society of Biblical Literature, American Schools of Oriental Research 2012 Upper Midwest Regional Meeting, St. Paul, 2012

“Land and Greed: Revisiting Ancient Prophets in the Struggle for Modern Trade Justice.”  
Rocky Mountains-Great Plains Society of Biblical Literature and American Academy of Religion Regional Meeting, Denver, 2011

“Crossing Over Jordan: The Telling and Retelling of the Exodus Narrative in African-American Communities.” Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, Atlanta, 2010

“Woe unto Whom? A Cultural-Evolutionary Approach to Understanding the Hidden Socio-Economic Contexts Behind Land Ownership Abuse In the Hebrew Prophets.”  
Society of Biblical Literature International Conference, Rome, 2009

“In Search of a Prophetic Context: How the Social Sciences Can Help to Shed Light on Prophetic Complaints Against Injustice.”  
The Third International Conference on Interdisciplinary Social Sciences, Prato, Italy, 2008

“Globalization and the Hebrew Prophets: Ancient Voices, Timeless Crisis.”  
The 2008 Conference on Bible and Justice, University of Sheffield, 2008

“Metacommentating Micah: The Need for Metacommentary in the Field of Biblical Studies.”  
Society of Biblical Literature International Conference, Vienna, Austria, 2007

“Finding Common Voices in the Prophets and a Modern Context.”  
Department of Biblical Studies Seminar Series, University of Sheffield, 2007

“Micah Revisited: The Need for Metacommentary in the Field of Biblical Studies.”  
Department of Biblical Studies Seminar Series, University of Sheffield, 2006

“The Importance of Metacommentary in Biblical Interpretation.”  
Graduate Research Conference, University of Leeds, 2006

“Re-Reading the Prophets: Centralization and Latifundialization in the Eighth Century.” European Association of Biblical Studies, Budapest, 2006

“Prophetic Literature in Context.”  
Department of Biblical Studies Seminar Series, University of Sheffield, 2006

## CONFERENCES ORGANIZED

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- 2023 Rethinking Class in Intersectional Activism and Faith-Based Community Organizing: Continuing Critical Reflections on the Work of Norman K. Gottwald.**  
Co-organized with Ludwig Beethoven J. Noya, the Wendland-Cook Program in Religion and Justice, and the Center and Library for the Bible and Social Justice  
This online seminar considers the effects Dr. Norman Gottwald’s 1992 presidential address, “Social Class as an Analytic and Hermeneutical Category in Biblical Studies” has had on the role of class analysis in Biblical studies. Speakers include Gregory Cuellar, Stacy Davis, Brigitte Kahl, Madipoane Masenya, Monica Melancthon, Ched Myers, Joerg Rieger, and Gerald West.
- 2016 St. Ambrose Conference on Bible and Justice: Contextual Bible Study Webinar Series,** St. Ambrose University  
An online webinar series to train biblical scholars and community workers on how to develop bible studies for their communities that both draw awareness to the issues they face, while also supporting those who struggle for a more just world. Keynote speakers included Dr. Paulo Ueti, Prof. Jerald West, and Dr. Bob Ekblad.
- 2013 St. Ambrose Conference on Bible and Justice,** St. Ambrose University  
Along with my colleague, Dr. Micah Kiel, I organized and directed an international conference that explored how biblical texts can find relevance in addressing modern justice concerns. The conference focused on themes of empire, gender, poverty, and the environment. Keynote speakers were Elisabeth Schüssler Fiorenza, Richard Horsley, Elsa Tamez, David Horrell, and Norman Gottwald.
- 2008 2008 Conference on Bible and Justice,** University of Sheffield  
I conceptualized, organized, and directed an international conference that brought together over one hundred scholars and students from five different continents to discuss how the ancient teachings of the Bible can address modern forms of injustice, from human rights and the environment to creating a deaf hermeneutic. Keynote speakers were Stanley Hauerwas, John Rogerson, and Tim Gorringer.



**2007 Doctoral Research Training Conference**, University of Leeds

I directed the religious-studies section of a two-part Arts and Humanities Research Council-funded conference that trained doctoral students in effective research, teaching, presentation, and publishing skills.

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**AWARDS AND HONORARY SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS**


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- 2022      Guest Speaker, Summer Symposium at the Martin-Luther-University Halle-Wittenberg: “Is It Good to Be Rich? Answers from Antiquity and the Bible.” Wittenberg, Germany
- 2021      Invited Speaker, Society of Old Testament Studies  
University of Sheffield, Sheffield, England (via web-conferencing)
- 2020      Guest Speaker, Symposium on Religion and the New Politics  
Creighton University, Omaha, Nebraska
- 2018      Keynote Speaker, World Affairs Council of the Quad Cities  
Bettendorf, Iowa
- 2017      Guest Speaker, Religion in Global Context Symposium  
Creighton University, Omaha, Nebraska
- 2016      Fall 2016 Burchenal Speaker, Burchenal Lecture Series  
Eckerd College, St. Petersburg, Florida
- 2015      Phi Eta Sigma Excellence in Teaching Award  
St. Ambrose University
- 2012      The Charles K. & Mary Ellen Wilber Award for Research in Peace and Non-Violence, St. Ambrose University
- 2010      Sheffield Graduate Award for Excellence in Research & Academic Development,  
University of Sheffield
- 2008      Graduate-Student Assistantship Award for the 2008 International Conference on Interdisciplinary Social Sciences in Prato, Italy
- 2005–09    Overseas Research Scheme Award for a full Ph.D. tuition and fee waiver,  
University of Sheffield
- 2005      Governor General’s Silver Medal for highest standing in graduating class,  
Trinity College in the University of Toronto
- 2005      Gordon Kent Stephen Memorial Prize for highest standing in third year  
Trinity College in the University of Toronto

- 2005 McDonald Prize for general knowledge of the English Bible  
Trinity College in the University of Toronto
- 2004 Trinity College Prize for Highest Standing in Hebrew  
Trinity College in the University of Toronto
- 2003 Sidney Childs Prize for highest standing in Systematic Theology  
Trinity College in the University of Toronto

### ACADEMIC TEACHING

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St. Ambrose University Theology Department	Theo 501	“Old Testament: Torah and Prophets”
	Theo 502	“Old Testament: The Writings”
	Theo 335	“Love, Land, & Law: Torah and the Ongoing Human Experience”
	Theo 336	“Bible & the Arts”
	Theo 337	“Bible & Social Justice”
	Theo 338	“Bible in Modern Political Thought”
	Theo 339	“Hebrew Prophecy: Mysticism in Action”
	Theo 360	“Bible in Culture and Society”
	Theo 360	“Bible and Religious Extremism”
	Theo 130	“Introduction to the Old Testament”
	Theo 130-Online	“Introduction to the Bible”
	Theo 160	“Genocide and Resistance” <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Team-taught course with English</li> </ul>
	Theo 160	“Bible in Culture and Society”
	Theo 100	“Just Theology”
	Theo 360OS	“Genocide, Resistance, and God in Nazi Europe” <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Study-abroad course</li> </ul>
	Hon 101	“World of Ideas: War and Peace” <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Team-taught honors course with History</li> </ul>
Hon 102	“Social Activism in Christian History” <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Team-taught honors course with Social Work</li> </ul>	
University of Sheffield, U.K. Biblical Studies Department	Bib 101	“Decoding the Bible: Introduction to the Old Testament”
	Bib 111	“Biblical Hebrew”
	Bib 114	“The Bible: Fact or Fiction?”

	Bib 119	“The Biblical World” (Teaching Assistant)
	Bib 336	“The Pauline Persona” (Teaching Assistant)
University of Derby, U.K. Sociology Department	6SL007	“The Bible in Culture and Society”
University of Leeds, U.K. Mirfield Seminary	THP 5790	“The New Testament in the Modern Church”

#### ADDITIONAL TEACHING AND SPEAKING

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Panelist, “Putting Ambrose at the Center of St. Ambrose University” at St. Ambrose University		Fall 2021
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Presenting “St. Ambrose and His Biblical Response to Empire”</li> </ul>		
Benefits of Meditation for Stress Reduction and Mental Clarity (via Zoom)		Spring 2021
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Taught soldiers and civilian workers, around the world for the US Army Global Sustainment Command</li> </ul>		
Guest Lecture, University of Sheffield (via Zoom)		Fall 2020
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Guest taught a class for Dr. Meredith Warren on the use of Exodus and God in the abolitionist and civil-rights movements</li> </ul>		
Keynote Speaker and Panelist, St. Ambrose University, Civil Rights Week		Spring 2020
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Discussion on Islamophobia, Anti-Semitism, and Inciting Racism</li> </ul>		
Keynote Speaker, Catholic Diocese of Davenport, Deaconate Convocation		Fall 2019
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reading the Bible with Marginalized Communities</li> </ul>		
Guest Professor, Catholic Diocese of Davenport		Spring 2019
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Old Testament: Ministry Formation Program</li> </ul>		
Guest Professor, Whiteside Forum, Morrison, Illinois		Spring 2018
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Genocide, Resistance, and God in Nazi Germany</li> </ul>		
Panelist, Augustana College, Rock Island, Illinois		Spring 2017
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>American Religion in the Age of Trump</li> </ul>		
Guest Speaker, St. Paul Lutheran Church, Davenport		Spring 2017
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bible and Capitalism in the Early Twenty-First Century</li> </ul>		
Guest Professor, Catholic Diocese of Davenport		Spring 2017
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>New Testament: Ministry Formation Program</li> </ul>		

- Guest Professor, Catholic Diocese of Davenport Fall 2016
- Old Testament: Ministry Formation Program
- Guest Speaker, St. Paul Lutheran Church, Davenport Spring 2016
- Biblical Ethos of the Common Good
- Guest Speaker, P.R.I.S.M., St. Ambrose University Spring 2016
- LGBTQ\*: a Biblical-Liberation Approach
- Guest Speaker, St. Paul Lutheran Church, Davenport Spring 2016
- Exodus in African-American History (a two-part series)
- Guest Professor, Catholic Diocese of Davenport Fall 2015
- New Testament: Ministry Formation Program
- Keynote Speaker, Catholic Diocese of Davenport, Deaconate Convocation Fall 2015
- Preaching the Old Testament in Year C: weekend-long series
- Guest Speaker, St. Paul Lutheran Church, Davenport Fall 2015
- Genocide, Rebellion, and God in Nazi Germany
- Guest Professor, Catholic Diocese of Davenport Spring 2015
- New Testament: Ministry Formation Program
- Guest Speaker, St. Ambrose University Spiritual Residence Hall Spring 2015
- The Spirituality of Mindfulness Meditation
- Guest Speaker, St. Ambrose Faculty Development Series Spring 2014
- “Publish Not Perish: Entering into the Publishing World”
- Guest Professor, DeWitt Academy for Theological Education Fall 2013
- Taught “Personas of God in the Bible”
- Guest Speaker, St. Ambrose Chaplaincy’s *Brewed Awakening* Series Fall 2012
- “The Crossroads of Faith and Politics”
- Panel Member, St. Ambrose University New Student Seminar Fall 2012
- Contributed to a forum on the importance of the liberal arts
- Panel Member, St. Ambrose University Honors Panel Fall 2012
- Forum for honors students who aspire to pursue graduate studies
- Keynote Speaker, Annual Wilber Symposium, St. Ambrose University Spring 2012
- Co-presented “A Challenging Peace: Wrestling with Violence and Non-Violence in the Bible,” with Dr. Micah D. Kiel

- Guest Speaker, St. Ambrose Chaplaincy's *Brewed Awakening* Series Spring 2012
- Led a session on how the Bible can address modern poverty
- Pastoral Educator, Trinity Episcopal Cathedral, Davenport, Iowa 2011–Present
- Teaching an adult education series on the Bible
- Pastoral Educator, Shepherd of the Valley (ELCA), LaSalle, Colorado 2010–2011
- Taught weekly adult and women's Bible-study groups
- Guest Lecturer, Department of Biblical Studies, University of Sheffield Fall 2009
- Prepared and taught a module for a course on Koine Greek
- Guest Speaker, Subject Centre for Philosophy and Religious Studies, Summer 2008
- Offered a session on how to organize an academic conference
- Guest Speaker, Student Christian Movement, University of Sheffield Spring 2007
- Presented a talk for undergraduate students on the use of the Bible in addressing modern social-justice issues
- Guest Speaker, St. Marks Church, Broomhill, Sheffield Fall 2006
- Christian meditation and the history of prayer beads
- Guest Speaker, University of Sheffield Chaplaincy Service Spring 2006
- Led a seminar on universal salvation for a lecture series
- Guest Speaker, Church of the Holy Trinity, Toronto Spring 2004
- Led a Lenten series on the Bible in society
- Panelist, University of Toronto Fall 2003
- Participated in a multi-faith panel on peace and war
- Panelist, International Student Conference Against Sanctions and War in Iraq, University of Toronto Spring 2003
- Participated in a multi-faith panel that addressed Iraqi sanctions
- Guest Contributor, 89.5 CIUT FM, Toronto Public Radio Spring 2003
- Participated in an on-air discussion on Christianity and war
- Assistant English Teacher, Japan Exchange Teaching Program, 2001—2002
- Adult English-Conversation Teacher, Hagi City Council, Yamaguchi, Japan 2001—2002

GRANTS RECEIVED

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- 2018 St. Ambrose University
- Sabbatical for fall semester to conduct research and work on writing *Amos and Micah: Through the Centuries*
- 2017–18 Baecke Faculty Fellowship
- Full year grant to cover fall and spring course reductions, in order to facilitate scholarly research
- 2013 St. Ambrose Faculty Development Committee Research Grant
- To cover the costs of travel expenses and materials for the research of a forthcoming book
- 2013 Upper Midwest Association for Intercultural Education (UMAIE) Faculty Development Grant
- To cover travel expenses for the development of a study abroad course
- 2012 St. Ambrose University Strategic Fund
- For the development of the St. Ambrose Conference on Bible and Social Justice

ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS AND EXPERIENCE

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- Center and Library for the Bible and Social Justice**, Board of Directors 2010—2023
- Poverty in the Biblical World Section**, Co-Chair 2013—2019
- Society of Biblical Literature
- Poverty in the Biblical World Section**, Steering Committee 2013—Present
- Society of Biblical Literature
- Bible and Empire Section**, Steering Committee 2013—2022
- International Society of Biblical Literature
- Social Sciences and Interpretation of Hebrew Scriptures**, Steering Committee 2014—2023
- Society of Biblical Literature
- Yom Hashoah of the Quad Cities**, St. Ambrose University representative 2022—Present
- Boston Poverty Consortium**, Scholarly Advisor 2015—Present
- General Education Committee** 2019—Present
- St. Ambrose University

<b>Honors Council</b>	2021—Present
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• St. Ambrose University</li> </ul>	
<b>Strategic Planning Committee</b>	2019—Present
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• St. Ambrose University</li> </ul>	
<b>Diversity Working Group</b>	2016—Present
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• St. Ambrose University</li> <li>• Promote diversity awareness on campus and in curriculum</li> </ul>	
<b>Presidential Inauguration Committee Co-Chair</b>	2021
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• St. Ambrose University</li> </ul>	
<b>Baecke Endowment Committee</b>	2018—2021
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• St. Ambrose University</li> </ul>	
<b>Middle East Institute Advisory Council, Member</b>	2014—2018
<b>Emeritus Status Ad-Hoc Committee, St. Ambrose University</b>	2015—2016
<b>Dean Search Committee, St. Ambrose College of Arts and Science</b>	2015—2016
<b>St. Ambrose Center for Teaching Excellence, Committee Member</b>	2012—2016
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide resources and organize activities to facilitate effective teaching among St. Ambrose faculty</li> </ul>	
<b>St. Ambrose Fulbright Committee, Member</b>	2013—2018
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assist and interview St. Ambrose Fulbright applicants</li> </ul>	
<b>Bookstore Advisory Committee, St. Ambrose University</b>	2012—2013
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Navigate changes in textbook platforms</li> <li>• Help to implement improvements in ordering</li> </ul>	
<b>Richard F. Koehler Biology Senior Selection Committee</b>	Spring 2013
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vet applicants and choose a 2013 award recipient</li> </ul>	
<b>Post-Graduate Representative, Department of Biblical Studies</b> University of Sheffield	2006—2009
<b>University of Toronto Student Union</b>	2003—2004
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Toronto School of Theology Representative</li> </ul>	

## FOREIGN LANGUAGE SKILLS

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Read and Written: Hebrew, Aramaic, Koine Greek, and Sanskrit  
 Spoken: German (conversational) and Japanese (functional)

## ACADEMIC AFFILIATIONS

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Society of Biblical Literature  
 Sheffield Institute of Interdisciplinary Biblical Studies (external-member)  
 Society of Old Testament Studies  
 Catholic Biblical Association of America

## PRIESTLY QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE

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Associate Priest St. John's Episcopal, Kewanee, Illinois	2022—Present
Pulpit Supply Episcopal Diocese of Iowa and the Episcopal Diocese of Illinois	2011—Present
Interim Priest at Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran (ELCA), LaSalle, Colorado	2010—2011
Assistant Priest at St. Marks, Broomhill (Church of England) Sheffield, United Kingdom	2005—2009
Assistant Priest at University of Sheffield Chaplaincy Service Sheffield, United Kingdom	2005—2009
Assistant Priest at the University of Sheffield Chaplaincy Service Sheffield, United Kingdom	2005—2009
Ordination to the Episcopal priesthood Gethsemane Episcopal Cathedral, Fargo, North Dakota	December 2005
Clinical Pastoral Education Certification Fargo-Moorhead Clinical Pastoral Education, Fargo, North Dakota	Summer 2005
Deacon Gethsemane Episcopal Cathedral, Fargo, North Dakota	Summer 2005
Ordained as a deacon in the Episcopal Church Gethsemane Episcopal Cathedral, Fargo, North Dakota	May 2005