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- 1990 Ph.D., Columbia University/Union Theological Seminary, New York. Field of specialization: Religion/Biblical Studies. Dissertation title: "Paul's Apocalyptic Word of the Cross: Perception and Transformation in 1 Corinthians 1-2."
1980 Master of Divinity, Yale Divinity School.
1977 A.B. *cum laude* with distinction in Religion, Duke University, Durham, N.C. Major: Religion.

Teaching and Administrative Experience

- 2013- 2014 Acting Head, Department of Religion
2007-2009 Head, Department of Religion (Second Term)
2007-2015 Jessie Ball Dupont Professor of Religion (Endowed Chair)
2015 Fletcher Otey Thomas Professor of Bible
2001 Professor of Religion
1999-2000 Visiting Associate Professor of New Testament, Wake Forest University Divinity School
1996-2001 Head, Department of Religion, Washington and Lee University.
1995-1996 Acting Head, Department of Religion, Washington and Lee University.
Spring 1994 Visiting Associate Professor of New Testament, The Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago.
1993-2001 Associate Professor of Religion, Washington and Lee University.
1990-1993 Assistant Professor of Religion, Washington and Lee University.
1987-1990 Instructor of Religion, Washington and Lee University.

Courses Taught

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| Introduction to the New Testament | Introductory New Testament Greek |
| Approaches to the Study of Religion | The Historical Jesus |
| The Bible and the Enlightenment | Jesus in Fact, Fiction and Film |
| Jewish and Christian Apocalyptic Thought | Pilgrimage: An Introduction to Religion |
| Orthodoxy and Heresy in Early Christianity | Monasticism: From the Desert to the Cloister |
| Women in World Religions | Mystical and Visionary Traditions in Christianity |
| Female and Male in Western Religion | The Grandeur that was Rome and the Rise of Christianity (team- taught in Italy) |
| Life and Legacy of the Apostle Paul | |
| Visions and Beliefs in the West of Ireland (team-taught in Ireland) | |

Books Published

- Alexandra R. Brown, *The Church in Community Health Programs*, The Program Agency, United Presbyterian Church in the USA, 1981.
- Alexandra R. Brown, *The Cross and Human Transformation: Paul's Apocalyptic Word in 1 Corinthians*, (Minneapolis: Augsburg/Fortress Press, 1995). Second printing in 2008.
- Virginia Wiles, Alexandra Brown and Graydon Snyder, eds. *Putting Body and Soul Together: Essays in Honor of Robin Scroggs* (Philadelphia: Trinity Press, 1997).

Books and Chapters in Progress toward Publication

- *First Corinthians: A Commentary (New Testament Library Series)* under contract with Westminster/John Knox Press.
- *Paul and Proclamation: The Apostle as Preacher and Poet*. Book manuscript in progress.

- 1 and 2 Corinthians for *The Cambridge Companion to the New Testament*, invited manuscript in progress for publication by Cambridge University Press in 2019.
- “Sin and Its Remedy in 1 Corinthians” paper accepted for publication in series *Contours of Pauline Theology* (Cascade imprint of Wipf and Stock) projected 2020

Selected Chapters and Articles since 2000

- “Kairos Gathered: Time, Tempo, and Typology in 1 Corinthians,” *Interpretation: A Journal of Bible and Theology*, Vol 72. 1, Jan. 2018.
- “Introduction and Annotations for 2 Corinthians” in the New Oxford Annotated Bible (5th edition) Oxford University Press, 2018.
- “John 1:19-28,” “John 1:29-34,” “John 1:35-42,” Three essays for Feasting on the Gospels, John, Volume 1, eds. Cynthia Jarvis and Elizabeth A. Johnson (Westminster/John Knox Press) 2015.
- “Creation, Gender and Identity in New Cosmic Perspective,” for The Unrelenting God: Essays on God's Action in Scripture in Honor of Beverly Roberts Gaventa edited by David J. Downs and Matthew L. Skinner, Eerdmans, 2013.
- “Paul’s Apocalyptic Cross and Philosophy: Reading 1 Corinthians with Giorgio Agamben and Alain Badiou,” in Joshua B. Davis and Douglas Harink, Apocalyptic and the Future of Theology (Eugene Oregon, Cascade Books) 2012, 96-117.
- “Wisdom Literature: Theoretical Perspectives,” *The Encyclopedia of Religion*, ed., Mircea Eliade (New York: MacMillan Press, 1986). Revised for second edition, 2005.
- “Narrative Theology in the Pauline Epistles? A Response to Papers by Richard Hays and Sylvia Keesmat” in Horizons in Biblical Theology, Vol 26. No.1, 2004.
- “Character Formation or Character Transformation?: The Challenge of Cruciform Exegesis for Character Ethics in Paul,” in William P. Brown, ed., The Character of Scripture: Moral Formation, Community, and Biblical Interpretation (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2002).
- “Paul and the Parousia” in John T. Carroll, ed., The Return of Jesus in Early Christianity (Peabody, Mass: Hendrickson, 2000).
- Essays on “Regeneration,” “Latter Days,” and “Judgment” for the *Eerdmans Dictionary of the Bible* (2000).

Selected Reviews since 2000

- Review of Charles L. Campbell, 1 Corinthians: Belief – A Theological Commentary on the Bible (Westminster/John Knox, 2018) *Interpretation: A Journal of Bible and Theology* 73.2 (2019) 199-201.
- Review of Kyle B. Wells, Grace and Agency in Paul and Second Temple Judaism: The Transformation of the Heart (Novum Testamentum Supplements, 157: Brill, 2014) *Journal of Theological Studies* (Oxford University Press) 69.1 (2018) 299-301.
- Review of J.P. Davies, Paul Among the Apocalypses? An Evaluation of the “Apocalyptic Paul in the Context of Jewish and Christian Apocalyptic Literature (London/New Dehli/Sydney: Bloomsbury T&T Clark, 2016) *Catholic Biblical Quarterly* 80.2 (2018) 330-331.
- Review of L.L. Welborn, Paul’s Summons to Messianic Life, (New York: Columbia University Press, 2015) for *Review of Biblical Literature*, July, 2016.
- Review of N.T. Wright, Paul and the Faithfulness of God, (Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 2013) for *The Christian Century*, October 2014.
- Review of J.M.F. Heath, Paul’s Visual Piety: The Metamorphosis of the Believer (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2013) for *The Expository Times* 125.12, 2014.
- Review of Francis Taylor Gench, Encountering God in Tyrannical Texts, (Louisville: Westminster John Knox, 2014) for *The Christian Century* (forthcoming)

- Review of Michael Lakey, Image and Glory of God: 1 Corinthians 11:2-16 as a Case Study in Bible, Gender and Hermeneutics (Library of New Testament Studies 418; London/New York: Clark, 2010) for *Catholic Biblical Quarterly* (2012).
- Review of Margaret Mitchell, Paul, the Corinthians and the Birth of Christian Hermeneutics (Cambridge University Press, 2010) for *Interpretation: A Journal of Bible and Theology* (2011)
- Review of Douglas A. Campbell, The Deliverance of God: An Apocalyptic Rereading of Justification in Paul (Grand Rapids, Eerdmans, 2009) for *Theology Today* 68.1, April 2011.
- Review of Ian W. Scott, Paul's Way of Knowing (Grand Rapids, Baker Academic, 2009) for *Interpretation: A Journal of Bible and Theology* (forthcoming in 2011).
- Review of Vincent P. Brannick, Understanding Paul and His Letters (New York, Paulist Press, 2009) for *Biblical Theology Bulletin* 41.1 (February, 2011).
- Review of Anthony C. Thiselton, "The First Epistle to the Corinthians: A Commentary on the Greek Text" (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2000) in *Interpretation* 56, no.1, 2002.

Representative Papers, Lectures and Seminars since 2000

- Formal Response to paper by David Konstan (Classics, NYU) on "Forgiveness in the New Testament and Classical Literature" for the *Bible and the Emotions* session at the annual meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, Boston MA, November, 2017.
- The *Speaks Lecture Series* at Hood Seminary, Salisbury N.C.: 1) "The Word of the Cross and Speech-Activism;" 2) "Gathering Time: Sounding Kairos in the Congregation." October 7-8, 2016.
- "Gathering Time: Typology and Temporality in 1 Corinthians" a paper presented by invitation for the Columbia New Testament Seminar at Columbia University, New York, February 2016.
- "1 Corinthians 1-2 for Divinity Students." Guest lecture at Duke Divinity School, April 2016.
- Formal Response to paper by Mark Burrows on Rilke and Theology entitled "Poetic Transgressions and Theological Writing: Rilke's Sonnets to Orpheus as an Experiment in Bricolage" for the Society of Biblical Theologians, annual meeting, February, 2015.
- "Breton's Radical Paul: Philosophical Rupture and the Apocalypse of the Cross," a paper for the American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Nov. 2014. "Explorations in Theology and Apocalyptic" session.
- "The Making and Remaking of the Bible," "Assembling the Text: How the Letters of Paul Were Collected, Translated and Included in the Bible," and "The Bible and the Enlightenment." Three lectures for the Washington and Lee Alumni College, *The History of the Bible*, June, 2012.
- "Paul's Apocalyptic Cross meets Philosophy" a paper delivered to Duodecim, an invited colloquium of theologians and biblical scholars. May, 2012.
- "Preaching Paul on the Cross and Human Transformation." Guest lecture for Duke Divinity School, April, 2011.
- "Paul, Messianic Power and the Cross: Reading 1 Corinthians with Two 21st Century Philosophers," a seminar for the Center for Theological Inquiry, Princeton, NJ, February, 2010.
- "Paul and Agency in the Time that Remains," a paper for the Pauline Soteriology Group of the Society for Biblical Literature, November, 2008.
- "Discerning the Mystery: Education as Paying Attention," Baccalaureate Address for Washington and Lee University, June 2007.
- "The Apostle Paul and the Corinthian Women," Class of '62 Lecture at Washington and Lee University, September 2006.
- Three Lectures for the 2004 Washington and Lee Alumni College: *The Historical Jesus: Early Christianity and the New Testament*: 1) "The Theologian and the Historical Jesus;" 2) "The Earliest Witness to Jesus: Paul;" 3) "Paul and the Accounts of Jesus' Death and Resurrection"

- “Narrative Theology in the Pauline Epistles?: A Response to Papers by Richard Hays and Sylvia Keesmat” delivered at the 2003 Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical
- “New Testament Theology in Crisis: Can it Be Saved?” Class of ‘62 Lecture at Washington and Lee, December 2002.
- “The Secular Liberal Arts College and the Religious Studies Curriculum in the 21st Century,” a paper for a conference on Religious Studies Curricula at the University of Chicago, March 2002.
- “Character Formation or Character Transformation?: The Challenge of Cruciform Exegesis for Character Ethics in Paul,” a talk for the Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, 2001.

Selected Awards and Fellowships since 2000:

2013	Nominee for the H. Hiter Harris Memorial Teaching Award
2012	Membership in Duodecim, a roundtable for scholars of Theology and Bible
2012	Nominee for the SCHEV (State Council of Higher Education for Virginia) Outstanding Faculty Award
2011	Induction, Omicron Delta Kappa, National Honor Society
2009-10	Resident Member, Center of Theological Inquiry, Princeton, N.J.
2007	Endowed Professorship, Jessie Ball Dupont Professor of Religion
2000	Oxford University Faculty Exchange Scholar (at University College, Oxford, Trinity Term)
1998-2000	Lilly Foundation Consultation on Teaching the Bible in the Twenty-First Century

Selected University, Professional and Community Service since 2000

Middle East and South Asia Committee (MESA), 2017- present
 Advisory Committee (Tenure and Promotion Review), 1995-98; 1997-2000; 2002-05; 2010-13; 2015-18.
 Courses and Degrees Committee, 2013
 President’s Ad Hoc Committee on Ceremonies, 2012-14
 Search Committee Chair for Rupert Johnson Interdisciplinary Endowed Professorship, 2010-11
 Faculty Administrative Evaluation Committee, Chair, 2008-2010
 University Faculty Review Committee, 2006-2009
 Pauline Theology Advisory Committee, Society of Biblical Literature, Co-chair, 2017-present
 Pauline Soteriology Advisory Committee, Society of Biblical Literature 2010-present
 Pauline Epistles Advisory Group, Society of Biblical Literature; Co-chair 2007-08
 Washington and Lee Provost Search Committee, 2007
 Washington and Lee Presidential Search Committee, 2005
 Women’s Studies Core Faculty, 2005 - present
 Committee on Religious Life at Washington and Lee (chair, 2003-2004)
 Faculty Executive Committee, Washington and Lee (1989-1991; 2003-2004; 2010-2013)
 Medieval and Renaissance Studies Committee, 2000-present
 Rockbridge Youth Violin Ensemble Coordinator, 2012-2015
 Rockbridge Community Chorus and Chamber Chorus, 1988-2002; 2005; 2011-present
 Vestry Member, R.E. Lee Memorial Episcopal Church, 1999-2001; 2011-2014.
 Montessori Center for Children, Board of Directors 2004-present; Vice-President 2003-04
 Member of Schola Antiqua, Medieval Chant Ensemble 1999-2005

References

John Carroll, Professor of New Testament, Union Presbyterian Seminary
 Winnifred Sullivan, Professor, Department of Religion, Indiana University
 Beverly Gaventa, Professor of New Testament, Department of Religion, Baylor University
 L.L. Welborn, Professor of New Testament and Early Christianity, Fordham University
 John Barclay, Professor of New Testament, Durham University, United Kingdom