

**CURRICULUM VITAE**

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**EDUCATION**

- Doctor of Philosophy, *ABD* (PhD), University of Wales, St. David, Wales; Advisor, Dr. William S. Campbell.
  - **Dissertation Title:** “The Divine Warrior Motif in the Gospel of Mark: Toward a Reading of Ancient Combat Myth Motif in Mark.”
- Master of Theology (Th.M. OT), Biblical Seminary, 2003
  - Wrote Thesis entitled, “Jesus is the Messenger and Voice of the Way: The Narrator’s Use of Scripture in Mark 1:1-3”
  - Specialized in the use of the Old Testament in the New Testament
- Master of Arts in Old Testament (MAOT), Biblical Seminary, 2008
  - Specialized in Old Testament
  - Hebrew and Aramaic
- Master of Science in Biblical Studies (MS), Cairn University, 1995
  - **Focus**
    - Theological Interpretation of Scripture
    - Narratology
    - Reading the Bible in its Socio-political, economic, and cultural context
    - Reading the Bible as Literature
    - Hebrew
    - Aramaic
    - Greek
- Bachelor of Science (BS), Cairn University, 1992
  - **Focus**
    - Specialized in Pre-seminary studies
    - Specialized in Greek
    - Tutored NT Greek, Summers of 90-92
    - Co-founder of The Student Theological Society

<b>TEACHING EMPLOYMENT AND EXPERIENCE</b>
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Visiting Assistant Professor, Eastern University, St. Davids 2013-2014

**Courses:**

- Intermediate Greek
- Greek 1 (2 semesters)
- The Nature and Meaning of the Old Testament
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- General Epistles

**Committee service:** For the past three semesters I have served on the *Writing Across the Curriculum committee*.

▪ Adjunct Professor, Eastern University, St Davids, PA 2011-2013

**Courses:**

- New Testament
- Old Testament
- Letters of Paul
- Hebrews (General Epistles)
- Greek I-II; Intermediate
- 1-2 Corinthians

▪ Adjunct Professor, Biblical Seminary, Hatfield, PA, 2011-present

**Courses:**

- The Use of the Old Testament in the New Testament
- Greek 1 (2 semesters)
- Intermediate Greek
- The Gospel of Mark
- Advanced Greek: Gospels, Pauline epistles, LXX, and Didache
- Studies in the Book of Isaiah
- Psalms
- Gospels (specific attention to Reading Mark as a first century *biography*)
- URBAN Center, "Joy in the City": Psalms, Gospel of Mark, Pauline Literature

▪ Assistant Professor of Biblical Studies *and* Biblical Languages, Cairn University, 1999-2011

- Participate in academic administrative committees
- Class advisor 2000-2005
- Oversee Independent Studies (Average of 6 per school year)

▪ Visiting Professor of Biblical Studies, **Wisconsin Wilderness Campus**, 2000-2011

▪ ADVANCE degree completion program, (Adult, continuation education) Cairn University, 2000-2011

- Guest Lecturer: Langhorne Presbyterian Church, 2012  
The Text and Transmission of the New Testament
- Guest Lecturer: Allentown Presbyterian Church, 2013  
Reading the Gospels: The Gospel of Mark as Ancient Biography.

### **CHURCH EXPERIENCE**

- The Well, Feasterville, Pa, 2010-present
  - Assisted in developing The Well's Educational program – I oversee a weekly dialogue on Scripture (we are currently in our second year of weekly meetings.
  - Taught "Theological Interpretation of Scripture" – a five week intensive examination of the underlining storyline of the Old and New Testaments
  - Participated in the preaching rotation, Spring 2011
  - Elective on "Psalms" 2011
  - Elective on "Reading the Old Testament Theologically"
  - Elective on Gospels
  - Elective on Apocrypha
  - Elective on Pseudepigrapha, with specific attention to the *Testament of the 12 Patriarchs* and *1 Enoch*
  - Elective on the Book of Revelation (reading Revelation within its first century context in light of antecedent theological and literary relationships.)
- Bible Fellowship, Yardley, PA, 2007-2009
  - Taught adult education classes, 2007-2009
- Calvary Church of Souderton, 2003-2007
  - Taught Adult Education, 2003-2007
- Ordained, Under the leadership of *New Beginning Church* of Philadelphia, 2010

### **Conferences: Presentations**

- Member of Society of Biblical Literature
- Member of Institute of Biblical Research (IBR)
- Student Theological Society, Cairn (co-Founder)
  - Presented paper entitled, "The Parable of the Strongman in Mark: The Gerasene Demonic as an Intertextual illustration of Mark 3:20-31."

### **COURSES TAUGHT: Undergraduate and Graduate**

- Eastern University, Cairn University, Biblical Seminary
  - The Old Testament
  - Pentateuch

- Wisdom books of the Old Testament
- Prophetic books of the Old Testament
- Isaiah Elective
- Psalms Elective
- Theology of Mark Elective
- Matthew Elective
- The New Testament
- The 4 Gospels
- Paul's Epistles
- Non-Pauline Epistles
- Theology I-III
- Introduction to the Bible/Hermeneutics
- Greek
- The Use of the Old Testament in the New
- Exegesis of Mark (2<sup>nd</sup> Year Greek) – advanced Greek

## LANGUAGES

- Reading *and* Exegetical Knowledge
  - Greek, Biblical Hebrew, Biblical Aramaic

## MEMBERSHIPS

- Society of Biblical Literature
- Institute of Biblical Research

## REFERENCES

- Dr. Peter Enns  
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- Dr. John R. Franke, Executive Director at Yellowstone Theological Institute and General Coordinator at The Gospel and Our Culture Network  
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