

# FREDERIC CLARKE PUTNAM

*curriculum vitae*

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## TEACHING

Associate Professor of Biblical Studies, Templeton Honors College at Eastern University (St. Davids, PA), 2012 –  
Visiting Professor of Old Testament, Westminster Theological Seminary (Philadelphia, PA), 2006 –  
Professor of Biblical Studies, Cairn University (Langhorne, PA), 2007-2012  
Visiting Professor of Old Testament, Greek Bible College (Pikermi, Greece), Summer 2010  
Visiting Professor of Biblical Hebrew, Bethel Seminary of the East (Dresher, PA), 2007-08  
Senior Tutor, English Language & Literature, Honors Academy (Lansdale, PA), 2006-08  
Visiting Professor of Old Testament, Institutul Teologica Timotheus (Bucharest, Romania), 2006  
Professor of Old Testament, Biblical Theological Seminary (Hatfield, PA), 1999-2006  
Associate Professor of Old Testament, Biblical Theological Seminary (Hatfield, PA), 1991-1999  
Assistant Professor of Old Testament, Biblical Theological Seminary (Hatfield, PA), 1986-1991  
Instructor in Biblical Languages, Biblical Theological Seminary (Hatfield, PA), 1984-1986  
Lecturer in Biblical Languages, Philadelphia Center for Christian Studies (Philadelphia, PA), 1981-83

## EDUCATION

Ph.D.           The Annenberg Research Institute (continuing The Dropsie College for Hebrew & Cognate Learning), Philadelphia, PA (now the Herbert D. Katz Center for Advanced Judaic Studies of the University of Pennsylvania)  
M.A.           The Dropsie College for Hebrew & Cognate Learning, Philadelphia, PA  
S.T.M., M.Div.   Biblical Theological Seminary, Hatfield, PA  
B.S.           Cairn University, Langhorne, PA

## OTHER ACTIVITIES & SERVICE

### Professional

Accreditation Consultant, City Center Academy, Philadelphia, PA, 2003-04  
Re-licensure Visiting Team for the State of New Jersey, 1997  
Chair, Institutional Self-study for Initial Accreditation (Middle States), Biblical Theological Seminary, Hatfield, PA, 1987-90, 1993-95  
Chair, Institutional Self-study for Initial Accreditation (ATS) and Re-accreditation (Middle States), Biblical Theological Seminary, Hatfield, PA, 1993-95  
Academic Dean, Biblical Theological Seminary, Hatfield, PA, 1987-1992  
Founder & editor, *The Biblical BookList*, Hatfield, PA, 1987-2002

### Religious

Leadership Development Committee, Philadelphia MetroWest Presbytery, 2006 – (chair, 2012 – )  
Parliamentarian, Philadelphia MetroWest Presbytery, 2006 –  
Minister to College Students, Covenant Presbyterian Church (PCA), Harleysville, PA, 2006-08  
Parliamentarian, Philadelphia Presbytery (PCA), 2005-2006  
Assistant Parliamentarian, Philadelphia Presbytery (PCA), 2001-2004  
Moderator, Philadelphia Presbytery (PCA), 2000  
Committee on Administration, Philadelphia Presbytery (PCA), 1995, 1999-2000  
Vice-moderator, Philadelphia Presbytery (PCA), 1995, 1999  
Committee on Ordination, Philadelphia Presbytery (PCA), 1986-1988; chair, 1988-2005  
Interim co-pastor, Covenant Presbyterian Church, Harleysville, PA, 1988-90

Covenant Presbyterian Church, Harleysville, PA: preaching, teaching, choir, orchestra, handbell choir, other ministerial responsibilities (weddings, funerals), 1984 –  
 Preaching and teaching in local and regional churches, 1980 –  
 Director, Tenth College Union, Tenth Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia, PA, 1980-1983

### **Community**

*CPConsort*, 2012 –  
*Chorus Parvus*, 2009 –  
 Founder & Head Teacher, Puttenham Academy, Hatfield, PA, 1999-2006  
 Trustee, City Center Academy, Philadelphia, PA, 1995-2003  
 Bucks County Choral Society, 1992-93 (translated & wrote program notes, Brahms, *Ein Deutsche Requiem*)  
 Producer & director, “Kings in Judaea”, 1989 – 2005  
 Producer & director, *Romeo & Juliet*, *Macbeth*, *Comedy of Errors*, *Hamlet*, *Merchant of Venice*, *Midsummer Night’s Dream*, 1999 – 2006

### **Leisure**

Baking, conversation, gardening, messing about in boats, early music, reading, tea, walking, writing

## **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

Society of Biblical Literature  
 International Organization for Septuagint and Cognate Studies  
 Evangelical Theological Society  
 Institute for Biblical Research, Fellow  
 Interdisciplinary Biblical Research Institute, Fellow & Board of Directors

## **CREATIVE PRODUCTS**

### **Dissertation**

Representation of the Hebrew Predicators of Existence in the Septuagint. Unpublished doctoral thesis.  
 Philadelphia: The Annenberg Research Institute.  
 Sponsors: Emanuel Tov, Stephen A. Geller

### **Thesis**

Imprecation and Righteousness in Psalm 35. Unpublished S.T.M. thesis. Hatfield: Biblical Theological Seminary.  
 Sponsor: Thomas V. Taylor

### **Publications**

“Warning: You are Being Seduced” (Pr 25.15), in *Devotions from the Hebrew Bible*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2014 (announced).  
 “Inhale. Exhale. Repeat.” (Eccl 1.2), in *Devotions from the Hebrew Bible*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2014 (announced).  
 (with Ted A. Hildebrandt) *The Book of Proverbs: A Classified Bibliography*. Sheffield: Sheffield Phoenix (announced).  
*A New Approach to Biblical Hebrew*. Sheffield: Sheffield Phoenix, 2010.  
 “Redeemed Intimacy: The Song of Songs”, in *Modern Reformation*, Nov-Dec 2001.

[Commentary on] *Proverbs*. *The Complete Biblical Library. Old Testament Study Bible*. Springfield, MO: World Library Press, 1998.

*Card-Guide to Biblical Hebrew*. Quakertown, PA: Stylus, 1996; rev. ed., 1997.

*Hebrew Bible Insert: A Student's Guide to the Syntax of Biblical Hebrew*. Quakertown, PA: Stylus, 1996; 2<sup>nd</sup> ed., 2003.

*A Cumulative Scripture Index of Hebrew Grammar & Syntax*. Winona Lake: Eisenbrauns, 1996.

"Proverbs", in *Coram Deo*, by R. C. Sproul. 1994.

*Directory & Profile: Collection Evaluation & Development Section of the American Theological Library Association*. Hatfield, PA: Collection Evaluation and Development Committee of the ATLA, 1986. (with James C. Pakala)

"Cities of the Ancient World", for *The Bible Newsletter*, 1982-1985.

"Biblio/File" (monthly column), in *Eternity* 31-35, January 1980 – December 1984.

*Ten Key Finds in Biblical Archaeology*. Philadelphia: Evangelical Ministries, Inc., 1981.

"Ten Key Finds in Biblical Archaeology", in *Eternity* 31, 1980.

Article(s) or review(s) in *The Bible Newsletter*, *Biblical Bulletin*, *Biblical Viewpoint*, *CBQ*, *The CCA Record*, *Eternity Magazine*, *JETS*, *NIDOTTE*, *Tabletalk*, *Tenth Journal*, *The Teaching Professor*, *PBU Today*

### Papers read

"Eroded Hope: Joban Conceptual Metaphors in Job 14" (Cognitive Linguistics in Biblical Interpretation Program Unit), SBL, November 2013

"Of Golden Worlds: Metaphor Complexes as Biblical Theologies", ETS, November 2013

"On the Bible & the Good Life", Templeton Honors College, April 2012

"Lacking' and 'Gaining' a Heart in Proverbs", Agora Conference, Cairn University, October 2011

"Self-Referential Metaphors in Job 6-7", AAR-SBL Mid-Atlantic Annual Regional Meeting, April 2011

"Incarnation as Rent Collection", ETS Eastern Regional Meeting, March 2011

"Wisdom in the Agora: Commercial Integrity & Social Stability", WorldView Conference, Cairn University, October 2010

"YHWH is a Farmer; People are Plants", Westminster Theological Seminary, December 2009

"From Darkness into Gloom: A True Story", Alpha Chi Epsilon (PBU Chapter), September 2009 (invited paper)

"Patterned Language: Form & Meaning in Biblical Poems", SBL, November 2008

"Biblical Metaphor as Theology: YHWH IS A FARMER", ETS Eastern Regional Meeting, April 2008

"*Irrealis* in the Book of Esther", SBL, November 2006

"Congruent Visions: Community in Covenant, Wisdom, & Prophets" ETS Eastern Regional, April 2006

"Frozen Translations: The Text & Meaning of Pr 11.22"; SBL, November 2005

"Whose Story is it Anyway? NLT & Genesis 44.1-13"; ETS, November 2005

"Missional Implications of Eschatological Utopias"; ETS, November 2005

"*Irrealis* in Narrative: Why Stories Tell Us What *Didn't* Happen"; ETS, Eastern Region, April 2005

"The Deceit of Metaphor and the Revelation of the Divine Name"; ETS, Eastern Region, April 2004

"Poetic Pedagogy: Hermeneutical & Pedagogical Implications of the Poetic Presence in the Canon"; ETS, April 2003

"Using Technology in Teaching the Old Testament"; Conference on Technology & Education, Philadelphia, PA, October 2002

"Pre-Reading Hebrew Narrative"; Conference on Bible Translation, Summer Institute of Linguistics, September 2001

"On Educating Christianly", *Veritas* Lecture on Education (inaugural speaker), The Geneva School, Scranton, PA, May 1996

"On Christian Education", Lehigh Valley Conference on Christian Education (plenary address), Lehigh Valley Presbyterian Church, Allentown, PA, September 1994, September 1996

### INTERESTS & RESEARCH

Education (pedagogy, curriculum, philosophy of education, &c.)  
 Cognitive theory of metaphor & biblical metaphor  
 Discourse analysis of biblical poetry and narrative  
 Bible translation  
 War

### **Courses Developed & Taught**

*Biblical Studies:* Biblical Poetry & Contemporary Ministry; Biblical Poetry & the Poetic Books; Biblical Prophecy & Contemporary Ministry; Pentateuch; Prophetic Books; Psalms & Wisdom; Psalms; Proverbs; Ruth; Jonah; The Persian Period; Old Testament Theology; Reading the Old Testament; Reading Biblical Narrative; Reading Biblical Poetry; Wisdom Literature, Old Testament Survey; &c.

*Language:* Biblical Hebrew I-V; Hebrew Reading; Advanced Biblical Hebrew; Hebrew Exegesis; Biblical Aramaic; Inscriptions (“Canaanite” dialects, &c.); New Testament Greek (3 semesters); Linguistics; &c.

*Interdisciplinary:* Linguistics & Biblical Studies; Bible Translation; Discourse Analysis of Hebrew Narrative; Seminar in Biblical Poetry: Structures & Metaphor; Metaphor in Scripture; &c.

*Guided Research:* Biblical Aramaic, Akkadian, Ugaritic, Comparative Semitics; Hebrew Reading; Biblical Poetry; Septuagint (LXX); Textual Criticism of the Hebrew Bible; Linguistics, Semantics, Bible Translation; German for Reading, French for Reading; PCA Standards; &c.

*Literature:* The Joys of Poetry; Reading the Novel; Christian Classics; Invitation to Philosophy (year-long courses); Shakespeare in Summer (three- to six-week seminars reading, discussing, viewing, attending, and performing various plays)

*Non-credit (Workshops, Seminars, Retreats):* “To Sing the Lord’s Songs: On Reading Biblical Poems”; “The First Word: Reading the Old Testament”; “Pursuing Wisdom: Reading & Understanding the Proverbs of Solomon”; “And So It Happened: Reading Biblical Stories”; Old Testament Survey; “Psalms & Wisdom Literature”; “Wicked World; Wise Students”

References available.