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Education

2009	Brunel University/London School of Theology London, United Kingdom	Doctor of Philosophy (New Testament Studies)
2005	Asbury Theological Seminary Wilmore, Kentucky	Master of Divinity
2001	Caribbean Wesleyan College Savanna-la-Mar, Westmoreland Jamaica	Diploma in Theology (Magna Cum Laude)

Other Qualifications

2019	Indiana University Lilly Family School of Philanthropy	Certificate in Fund Raising Management
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Language Proficiency

French	Reading, Speaking, Listening, Writing	Native
Haitian Creole	Reading, Speaking, Listening, Writing	Native
English	Reading, Speaking, Listening, Writing	Fluent Level
Spanish	Reading, Speaking, Listening, Writing	Advanced Level
Russian	Reading, Speaking, Listening	Conversational Level
Koine Greek	Reading	Advanced Level
Classical Latin	Reading	Intermediate Level
Biblical Hebrew	Reading	Intermediate Level
German	Reading	Basic Level

Ordination

2010	Ordained Minister of the Wesleyan Church of Haiti, Northern District
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Academic Appointments

Wesley Seminary Indiana Wesleyan University 4201 South Washington Street Marion, IN 46953	Vice President of Academic Affairs (2020 –) Academic Dean (2018 – 2020) Professor of New Testament
Indiana Wesleyan University School of Theology and Ministry 4201 South Washington Street Marion, IN 46953	Professor of New Testament & Ancient Languages (2016 – 2017) Associate Professor of New Testament & Ancient Languages (2011 – 2016)
Asbury Theological Seminary Wilmore, Kentucky	Affiliate Professor of New Testament (2010 –) Adjunct Professor of New Testament (2009 – 2010) Adjunct Instructor of Biblical Languages (2005 – 2009)
Caribbean Wesleyan College Savanna-la-Mar, Jamaica	Visiting Faculty (2011 –) Academic Dean (2005 – 2011) Biblical Studies Faculty (2005 – 2011)
Vladimir Wesleyan Evangelical Bible College Vladimir, Russia	Visiting Faculty (January 2003, January 2004)

Awards

2017	Lilly Endowment <i>Accelerate Indiana</i> Grant (\$2,650.00), Indiana Wesleyan University. Lead 15 students on a Biblical Studies Field Trip to attend the Midwest Region Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, visit the University of Notre Dame, and explore the cultural centers of South Bend, Indiana.
2017	Hinds Fellowship Award – Research Load Release & \$3,500.00 Research Funds for 2017-18 Academic Year, Indiana Wesleyan University
2016	Hinds Fellowship Award – Research Load Release & \$3,500.00 Research Funds for 2016-17 Academic Year, Indiana Wesleyan University
2015	End of Year Research Funding Award (\$1,200.00), Indiana Wesleyan University
2015	Hinds Fellowship Award – Research Load Release for 2015-16 Academic Year, Indiana Wesleyan University

2013	Lilly Faculty Research Load Award, Indiana Wesleyan University
2013	Lilly Scholarship Fund Award (\$2,000.00), Indiana Wesleyan University
2005	Zondervan Award for Excellence in New Testament Greek, Asbury Theological Seminary
2005	Elected to the International Honor Society of Theta Phi
2005	Towel and Basin Award for Servant Leadership, Asbury Theological Seminary
2005	Excellence in Biblical Studies Award, Asbury Theological Seminary
2004	Wilbur T. Dayton Award for Scholarship and Leadership Potentials in the Wesleyan Church, Asbury Wesleyan Community
2004	Elected to עבר, the National Honor Society of Students of Hebrew Language and Culture
2001	Valedictorian, Caribbean Wesleyan College, Jamaica

Publications

Books

The Letter of James: One Book Daily-Weekly Bible Study (Franklin, TN: Seedbed Publishing, 2021).

A Narratological Reading of 1 Peter (Library of New Testament Studies 440; London: T&T Clark, 2012).

Shaping Theological Education in the Caribbean: A Community Approach (co-edited with Dieumème Noelliste, Trinidad: Caribbean Evangelical Theological Association, 2011).

FORTHCOMING:

Hearing and Doing the Word of God (Grand Rapids: Baker Academic, 2021).

Reading the Law from the Margins (Downers Grove: IVP Academic, 2021).

Articles & Book Chapters

“The Background and Implications of Language of New Birth in 1 Peter,” *Journal of Theological Interpretation* 15:2 (2021), pp. 318-32. <https://doi.org/10.5325/jtheointe.15.2.0318>

Review of Michael R. Whittington, *Hearing Kyriotic Sonship: A Cognitive and Rhetorical Approach to the Characterization of Mark's Jesus* (Biblical Interpretation 148. Leiden: Brill, 2017), *Review of Biblical Literature* [http://www.bookreviews.org] (2021).

“Teaching as a Call to Becoming,” *Christian Scholar's Review Blog Series*, July 16, 2021, <https://christianscholars.com/teaching-as-a-call-to-becoming/>

Review of Max Botner, *Jesus Christ as the Son of David in the Gospel of Mark* (Society for New Testament Studies Monograph Series 174. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2019), *Review of Biblical Literature* [http://www.bookreviews.org] (2021).

Review of Daniel Marguerat, *Les Actes des Apôtres (13-28)* (Commentaire du Nouveau Testament Vb. Genève: Labor et Fides, 2015), *Review of Biblical Literature* [http://www.bookreviews.org] (2020).

“Doing What we Teach: Social Justice and Civic Engagement as Experiential Learning,” *Teaching for Social Justice and Civic Engagement Blog Series*, November 05, 2020, <https://www.wabashcenter.wabash.edu/2020/11/doing-what-we-teach-social-justice-and-civic-engagement-as-experiential-learning/>

“Teaching and Learning as Character Formation,” *Teaching for Social Justice and Civic Engagement Blog Series*, September 28, 2020, <https://www.wabashcenter.wabash.edu/2020/09/teaching-and-learning-as-character-formation/>

“Teaching with Vulnerability,” *Teaching for Social Justice and Civic Engagement Blog Series*, June 17, 2020, <https://www.wabashcenter.wabash.edu/2020/06/teaching-with-vulnerability/>

“Shaping Prophetic Voices for the Public Sphere.” *Christian Scholar's Review*, 49:4 (2020), pp. 355-368. <https://christianscholars.com/shaping-prophetic-voices-for-the-public-sphere/>

“Caribbean Hermeneutics.” Pages 67-71 in *Global Wesleyan Dictionary of Biblical Theology* (Kansas City, MO: Foundry Publishing, 2020).

“Communal Holiness.” Pages 78-81 in *Global Wesleyan Dictionary of Biblical Theology* (Kansas City, MO: Foundry Publishing, 2020).

“Commentary on 1 Peter.” Pages 875-81 in *The Wesley One-Volume Commentary on the Bible* (ed. Joel B. Green and Kenneth J. Collins; Nashville: Abingdon, 2020)

“Lost in Translation: The Formative and Theological Challenges and Opportunities of Using AI in Bible Translation.” In *Faithfully Rendering God’s Word: Artificial Intelligence, Cultural Bias and the Future of Faithful Bible Translation* (with Larisa I. Levicheva; ed. Greg Forster; Grand Rapids: Credo House Publishers; 2020)

“The Petrine Letters.” Pages 425-43 in *The State of New Testament Studies* (ed. Nijay Gupta and Scot McKnight; Grand Rapids: Baker Academic, 2019).

Review of Timo Eskola, *A Narrative Theology of the New Testament: Exploring The Metanarrative of Exile and Restoration* (Wissenschaftliche Untersuchungen zum Neuen, Testament, 350; Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, 2015), *Review of Biblical Literature* [<http://www.bookreviews.org>] (2017)

Review of Benjamin Sargent, *Written to Serve: The Use of Scripture in 1 Peter* (Library of New Testament Studies, 547; London: Bloomsbury, 2015), *Review of Biblical Literature* [<http://www.bookreviews.org>] (2017)

“New Testament Perspectives on Leadership.” Pages 83-92 in *Leadership the Wesleyan Way: An Anthology for Forming Leaders in Wesleyan Thought and Practice* (ed. Aaron Perry and Bryan Easley; Lexington: Emeth Press, 2016).

“Social Holiness in James and 1 Peter.” Pages 29-40 in *Holy Imagination: Thinking About Social Holiness* (ed. Nathan Crawford, Jonathan Dodrill, and David Wilson; Lexington: Emeth Press, 2015).

Review of Chantal Reynier, *Pour Lire La Lettre de Saint Paul aux Romains* (Paris: Cerf, 2011), *Review of Biblical Literature* [<http://www.bookreviews.org>] (2015)

Review of Daniel Keating, *First and Second Peter, Jude* (Catholic Commentary on Sacred Scripture; Grand Rapids: Baker Academic, 2011), *Review of Biblical Literature* [<http://www.bookreviews.org>] (2014)

Review of Reinhard Neudecker, *Moses Interpreted by the Pharisees and Jesus: Matthew’s Antitheses in the Light of Early Rabbinic Literature* (Subsidia Biblica 44; Rome: Gregorian & Biblical Press, 2012), *Review of Biblical Literature* [<http://www.bookreviews.org>] (2014)

Review of Marie-Laure Veyron, *Le Toucher dans les Évangiles* (Lire la Bible 176; Paris: Cerf, 2013), *Review of Biblical Literature* [<http://www.bookreviews.org>] (2014)

Review of Matthew V. Johnson, James A. Noel, and Demetrius K. Williams, eds, *Onesimus Our Brother: Reading Religion, Race, and Culture in Philemon* (Mineapolis: Fortress, 2012), *Review of Biblical Literature* [<http://www.bookreviews.org>] (2014)

Review of Yann Redalié, *La Deuxième Épître aux Thessaloniens* (Commentaire du Nouveau Testament IXc; Genève: Labor et Fides, 2011), *Review of Biblical Literature* [<http://www.bookreviews.org>] (2014)

Review of Walter A. Elwell and Robert W. Yarbrough, *Encountering the New Testament: A Historical and Theological Survey* (3rd ed., Grand Rapids: Baker Academic, 2013), *Review of Biblical Literature* [<http://www.bookreviews.org>] (2014).

Review of Karen A. Longman (ed.), *Thriving in Leadership: Strategies for Making a Difference in Christian Higher Education* (Abilene: Abilene Christian University Press, 2012), *Teaching Theology and Religion* 16.3 (July, 2013).

Review of Russell Pregeant, *Encounter with the New Testament: An Interdisciplinary Approach*, *Review of Biblical Literature* 12 (2010), pp. 337-40.

“Theology of Missions.” Pages 67-77 in *Global Voices: International Leaders Identify Critical Issues Facing the Church* (co-authored with Larisa Levicheva; ed. Joy Bray; Indianapolis: Wesleyan Publishing House, 2008).

Papers

“Lost in Translation: The Formative and Theological Challenges and Opportunities of Using AI in Bible Translation.” With Larisa Levicheva. Seed Company Consultation. Dallas, TX. February 18-20, 2020.

“What is 1 Peter?” Panel Discussion. With Dennis R. Edwards, Troy Martin, Eric Mason, Tom Shepherd, and Duane F. Watson. The 2020 Midwest Region Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature. St Mary’s College, Notre Dame, IN. February 7, 2020.

“Shaping Prophetic Voices for the Public Sphere.” Lumen Research Institute Symposium on Public Intellectuals and The Common Good: Opportunities for Evangelical Scholars. Sagamore Institute, Indianapolis, IN. September 27, 2019.

“A Biblical Response to the Sacred/Secular Divide in Theological Education.” Caribbean Evangelical Theological Association, Biennial Consultation. Georgetown: Guyana, September 10, 2019.

“Their story, Our Story: The use of Exodus imagery in the Prophets and Dead Sea Scrolls and its appropriation in 1 Peter.” Kingswood University, New Brunswick, Canada. March 22, 2017.

“The Background and Implications of the Language of New Birth in 1 Peter.” Annual Meeting of the Midwest Region of the Society of Biblical Literature. St. Mary’s College, University of Notre Dame; South Bend, IN. February 10-12, 2017.

“Daughters of Huldah, Sons of the Queen?: Response to T. L. Birge, “A Closer Look at Huldah: Biblical Precedent for Female Tempered-Radicals.” Graduate Students Research Seminar. The Wesleyan World Headquarters, Fishers, IN. September 16-17, 2016.

“The Background and Implications of the Language of New Birth in 1 Peter.” Annual Meeting of the Wesleyan Theological Society. Point Loma Nazarene University, San Diego, CA. March 11-12, 2016.

“The Language and Experience of New Birth in Cultural Contexts.” Panel Discussion. Annual Meeting of the Wesleyan Theological Society. Point Loma Nazarene University, San Diego, CA. March 11-12, 2016.

“Reading the Law from the Margins.” Principium Faculty Lecture Series, Indiana Wesleyan University. February 1, 2016.

“Integrity: A Core Biblical and Theological Value.” Caribbean Evangelical Theological Association Biennial Consultation, *Integrity in Theological Education in the Caribbean*. Cap-Haïtien, Haiti. March 17, 2015.

“Holiness and Community in James and 1 Peter.” Annual Meeting of the Wesleyan Theological Society. Mount Vernon Nazarene University; Mount Vernon, OH. March 6-7, 2015.

“Their story, Our Story: The use of Exodus imagery in the Prophets and Dead Sea Scrolls and its appropriation in 1 Peter.” *Institute for Biblical Research*, ‘Relationship Between Old Testament and New Testament’ Section. The Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature. Baltimore, MD; November 2013.

“Taking Aim: Looking Back and Looking Forward.” Response to Ben Witherington, “Did the Canon Misfire? The Story of how the NT was assembled.” Passages: Colorado Springs Speakers Series; Green Scholars Initiative. Colorado Springs, CO; July 30, 2013.

“From Eden to Jerusalem: Toward a Wesleyan Perspective on Spiritual Transformation,” A Doctrinal Symposium on Human Nature, Board of General Superintendents Initiative, The Wesleyan Church, June 2010.

Seminars and Lectures

“To Be Holy: Living to Please God.” Hemlock Inn Retreats. Bryson City, NC. August 20-24, 2019.

“La Sainteté, la Sanctification, et le Salut.” Sommet National des Pasteurs Wesleyens (National Wesleyan Pastors’ Summit). Port-au-Prince, Haiti. November 1-3, 2016.

“L’Aspect Communautaire de la Sainteté.” HAWENEM. Anderson, SC. August 7, 2015.

“Les Caractéristiques Distinctives de l’Église Wesleyenne Arminienne.” Northern District of the Wesleyan Church of Haiti. Fauché, Port Margot, Haïti. July 23-25, 2015.

“Les Caractéristiques Distinctives de l’Église Wesleyenne Arminienne.” Northern District of the Wesleyan Church of Haiti. Cap-Haïtien, Haïti. March 14, 2015.

“Slavery and the Bible.” Green Scholars Initiative Lecture Series. Yale University, New Haven, CT. October 31, 2014.

“A Holiness that Matters: Preaching and Teaching Holiness in the 21st Century and Beyond.” The Stream Theological Symposium, *Applied Ministry in the South Pacific Today*. Auckland, New Zealand, August 7-9, 2014.

“Expanding to Global Markets – IWU: A Global Christian University.” IWU Graduate Faculty Retreat, Wabash, IN; April 28, 2014.

“Qualitative Research: Constructing a Cogent Argument.” Research Seminar, Indiana Wesleyan University, March 18, 2014.

“Méthode d’Étude Biblique Inductive.” Seminar on the Inductive Bible Study Method. Ministère Pour la Guérison des Nations: Namur, Belgium. November 25-28, 2013.

“The Infiltration of Superstitious Practices and Beliefs in the Church and their Impact on Christian Life.” Celebration of the Fifth Anniversary of Télé Louange: Haitian Christian Television Network. Boston, MA; June 8, 2013.

“Living a Holy Life in an Unholy Society.” Interview with Télé Louange, Haitian Christian Television Network. Boston, MA; July 2012.

“Not at Home: Lessons for Living from James and Peter.” Chambers Family Camp, Chambers, NY; July 1-8, 2012.

“Pedagogies for Diverse Learning Communities.” Indiana Wesleyan Faculty Panel, 2012 CCCU New Faculty Institute, Marion, IN; June 7, 2012.

“Practical Holiness, Powerful Witness” (with Larisa Levicheva), Fifth Wesleyan National Convention, The Wesleyan Holiness Church in Jamaica, December 28-31, 2009.

Thesis Supervision & Examination

- 2020 External Examiner for Gerard Bernard, “The Messiah as Creator in the Fourth Gospel: The Influence of Isaiah’s Creation Theology.” Doctor of Philosophy thesis supervised at South African Theological Seminary, Johannesburg, South Africa.
- 2011 External Examiner for Louise Karsney Onen Ongeya, “The Existence of a Jewish Remnant as Evidence of God’s Redemption Plan for Israel.” Master of Theology thesis supervised at South African Theological Seminary, Johannesburg, South Africa.

Selected Sermons

“Running on Empty, Longing for Bread.” 1 Kings 17 and Mark 7. Wesley Seminary. September 20, 2021.

“Life Beyond the SWAG.” 1 Peter 2:4-10. Asbury University. September 10, 2021.
<https://www.asbury.edu/podcasts/87074/>

“Transformed.” A three sermon series. Clay City, IN. Wabash Family Camp. July 23-25, 2021.

“Following Jesus through the Gospel of Matthew.” Love Chapel Hill, Chapel Hill, NC. January 17, 2021. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2m5dkc9fs6k>

“Invasion of Privacy: Where Hospitality meets Holiness” – Genesis 18:1-16; Luke 24:13-33. Kingswood University, Sussex, NB, Canada. September 24, 2019.

“What is Truth?” – John 18. Chapel Auditorium, Indiana Wesleyan University. March 25, 2019.

“Do you Desire to Become Whole?” – John 5. Chapel Auditorium, Indiana Wesleyan University. October 15, 2018.

“To Be Present, and Not Be Seen: Joseph and the Nativity Story” – Matthew 1-2. SAGE MINISTRIES, College Wesleyan Church, Marion, IN. December 4, 2016.

“The will to Obey” – Luke 22:39-46. Chapel Auditorium, Indiana Wesleyan University. October 5, 2016.

“Souvenirs d’Enfance” – 1 Peter 1:3-9; 2:1-3; Luke 18:15-17; Hosea 11:1-11. Église Wesleyenne d’Haïti, Rue 23 I, Cap-Haïtien, Haïti. March 15, 2015.

“Memories of Childhood” – 1 Peter 1:3-9; 2:1-3; Luke 18:15-17; Hosea 11:1-11. Solas Wesleyan Holiness Church, Westmoreland, Jamaica. December 7, 2014.

“Memories of Childhood” – 1 Peter 1:3-9; 2:1-3; Luke 18:15-17; Hosea 11:1-11. Chapel Auditorium, Indiana Wesleyan University. November 10, 2014.

“Sing the Silence” – Psalm 67. East City Wesleyan Church; Auckland, New Zealand. August 10, 2014.

“There and Back Again” – Ruth. SAGE MINISTRIES, College Wesleyan Church, Marion, IN. September 8, 2013.

“Regardez au-delà de ce que vous voyez” – Esaïe 6:18. Tabernacle Voix de l’Evangile, Boston, MA. June 9, 2013.

“Look beyond what you see!” – Isaiah 6:1-8. FLAME, College Wesleyan Church, Marion, IN. May 16, 2013.

“A Father like no other” – 1 Peter 1. Ricketts River Wesleyan Holiness Church, Westmoreland, Jamaica. May 5, 2013.

“What the mirror tells” – James 1:19-27. Cox Deeper Life Series. Chapel Auditorium, Indiana Wesleyan University, Marion, IN. March 22, 2013.

“To be, but not to belong: Rooted in the Word, Engaged in the World, An Incarnational Mandate” – John 17:11-19. International Council for Evangelical Theological Education Consultation. Nairobi, Kenya. October 19, 2012.

Editorial

Christian Scholars Review – Christ Animating Blog (2020 -)

Faith and Flourishing (2022 -)

Caribbean Journal of Evangelical Theology (2009 – 2022)

Professional Activities

Memberships

- Caribbean Evangelical Theological Association
- Institute for Biblical Research
- International Council for Evangelical Theological Education
- Society of Biblical Literature
- Wesleyan Theological Society

Offices

- Member of the Accreditation Commission, Caribbean Evangelical Theological Association (2009 –)
- Member, Board of the Governors of the Francis Asbury Society (2016 –)
- Member, Higher Learning Commission Peer Corps (2016 –)
- Member at Large, Executive Committee, Caribbean Evangelical Theological Association (2009 – 2022)
- Chair, Theological Commission, Caribbean Evangelical Theological Association (2009 – 2022)

Service at Indiana Wesleyan University

- Chair, Assessment Committee, College of Arts and Sciences (2016 – 2018)
- Member, Intercultural Advisory Council, College of Arts and Sciences (2015 – 2017)
- Member, Global Studies Committee, College of Arts and Sciences (2015 – 2017)
- Assessment Fellow; School of Theology and Ministry (2012 – 2017)
- Member, Curriculum Committee, School of Theology and Ministry (2013 – 2016)
- Member , Marketing Committee; School of Theology and Ministry (2012 – 2016)
- Member, Assessment Committee; College of Arts and Sciences (2012 – 2016)
- Interim Member, Academic Affairs Council (Fall Semester 2014)
- Interim Member, University Assessment Council (2013 – 2014)
- Member, John Wesley Honors College Committee (2012 – 2013)
- Member at Large, University Global Initiative Council (2011 – 2015)

Local Church & District Appointments

Savanna-la-Mar Wesleyan Holiness Church, Jamaica: Youth Pastor (2000–2001)

L’Eglise Wesleyenne d’Haiti du Limbé, Haiti: Temporary Pastor (May–September 2000)

Member of the Judicial Board, Northern District of the Wesleyan Church of Haiti (1995-1996)

Other Ministry & Community Involvements

The Francis Asbury Society
2016 –

Member, Executive Board of Directors

The DecAid Project
2011 – 2019

Member, Executive Board of Directors

Asbury Theological Seminary
Office Community Life

Chapel Intern: Intercultural Assistant
(Worship Design, Spiritual Formation of Students,

2004 – 2005	Interculturalization of Worship)
World Hope International 1998 – 2003	Translation of materials from English to French for Teacher Training Seminars Interpret during Teaching Sessions Teach on Leadership and Contextualization
Campus Crusade for Christ 1996 – 1997	Translate materials for evangelism, team training, and seminars from English to French Interpret during teaching sessions Team Coordinator, showings of the Jesus Film
Youth With a Mission September 1996 – March 1997	Discipleship Training School Mission work in the Dominican Republic

Teaching Experience

Graduate (M.Div., M.A.) (Classroom & Online Instruction)

Christian Proclamation
 Concise Greek
 Elementary Greek I
 Exegesis: Acts of the Apostles
 Hermeneutics for Ministry
 Intercultural Biblical Hermeneutics
 Introduction to Biblical Studies: Inductive Bible Study
 Introduction to Biblical Studies: New Testament
 Introduction to Theology
 Mark (Inductive Bible Study)
 Mark for Ministry
 New Testament Introduction
 The Bible as Christian Scripture

Undergraduate (Dipl. Th., A.A., B.A.) (Classroom Instruction)

Advanced Greek
 Advanced Topics in Biblical Studies: Luke-Acts
 Advanced Topics in Biblical Studies: Pauline Letters
 Apocalyptic Literature
 Child Evangelism
 Contemporary Theological Trends
 Johannine Literature
 General Epistles
 Inductive Bible Study

Introduction to Biblical Hermeneutics
Introduction to Homiletics I & II
Introduction to Music and Worship
Introduction to Theology I & II
Life and Teachings of Jesus
New Testament Exegesis: 1 Peter
New Testament Exegesis: Romans
New Testament Greek I & II
New Testament Survey
Old Testament Introduction
Theology of John Wesley