

CURRICULUM VITAE

ROBERT WALTER WALL

The Paul T. Walls Professor of Scripture and Wesleyan Studies
Seattle Pacific University
Seattle, Washington 98119
email: rwall@spu.edu
Office: (206) 281-2167
FAX: (206) 281-2771

PERSONAL

Birth: 21 October 1947, Seattle, Washington

Family:

Carla Michel (nee: Mierendorf) Wall (married, 15 August 1969)
Zachary Robert Wall (25 February 1974)
Bartholomew Edwin Wall (5 December 1975 - Good Friday, 1978)
Cara Michel Wall (14 June 1978)
Andrew Harold Wall (24 December 1979)
Benjamin Daniel Wall (28 August 1981)

Education:

B. A. (English and Math), Valparaiso University, 1969. Named Stephen Sommerfield Scholar.
Th. M. (Systematic Theology), Dallas Theological Seminary, 1973. Named Lorain Chafer Scholar. Thesis: *The Militant Church in the Theology of Jürgen Moltmann* (Dallas: Dallas Theological Seminary, 1973). Available on microfilm.
Th. D. (Biblical Theology), Dallas Theological Seminary, 1979. Dissertation: *The Nature of Obedience in the Ethics of Paul* (Dallas: Dallas Theological Seminary, 1979). Available on microfilm.
Post-graduate studies in Wesleyan Studies, Perkins School of Theology at Southern Methodist University, 1974-75.

Faculty Awards/Grants:

- Burlington Northern Foundation Faculty Award for Scholarship, Seattle Pacific University, 1986 and 1992; (nominee, 1988, 1989).
- Faculty Research Grants from Seattle Pacific University: 1978, 1980, 1983, 1985, 1986, 1987, 1988, 1989, 1991, 1992, 1996, 1997, 2001-02. Additional grants for curriculum development in inter-disciplinary fields, inc. designing and writing core courses for General Honors program, new courses in graduate Religious studies and ethics, 1980-81, 1985-86, 1986-87, 1987-88, 1988-89, 1996-97. Grant from the Glenmede Trust/Pew Foundation to investigate/integrate ethical dimensions of/into the General Education curriculum; campus coordinator of program, 1989-90.
- Sabbaticals awarded by SPU: 1985 (Ecumenical Institute-St. John's), 1992, 2000-01 (Tyndale House, Cambridge), 2010.

- Participant: "Bible and Theology Project," 1992–94 (Lilly); "Consultation for Teaching Bible in the 21st Century" — Wabash Center, 1998–2000 (Lilly). Co-leader (with Les Steele) for consultation grant, Wabash Center (Lilly): "Learning Bible at Seattle Pacific University," 1999-2000.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Church

- Elder, Free Methodist Church of North America, Pacific Northwest Conference, 1983-present; chairperson of the Board of Social Action (Pacific Northwest Conference, 1983-85).
- Interim Senior Pastor, The Tolt Congregational (UCC) Church (Carnation, Washington), 1981-82
- Senior Pastor, The Village Church (Dallas, Texas), 1976-78
- Associate Pastor, First United Methodist Church (Carrollton, Texas), 1973-76
- Minister to the Youth, Oak Cliff United Methodist Church (Dallas, Texas), 1972-73
- Board of Directors, Church Council of Greater Seattle, 1998–2002
- Extensive ecumenical ministry in teaching, preaching, and retreating for churches of various denominations, 1978-present

Academy

- Professor of the Christian Scriptures, Seattle Pacific University (Seattle, Washington), 1987-present; Associate Professor, 1982-87; Assistant Professor, 1978-82; awarded tenure in 1984. Chair of Scripture faculty, 2000-2009; Co-Dean, School of Theology, 2001-2003, 2006-07.
- Visiting Professor of the New Testament, Fuller Theological Seminary (Seattle extension), 1982-1992. Instructor, Biblical and Theological Studies, Biblical Hebrew, English, Dallas Bible College (Dallas, Texas), 1976-78.
- Resident, Institute for Ecumenical and Cultural Research, St. John's University and Abbey (Collegeville, Minnesota), 1985.
- Book Review Editor, *Christian Scholar's Review*, 1988-1993. Editorial Board, 1988-present. Guest Editor, *Christian Scholar's Review* 4 (1999), special issue on "Jesus."
- Editorial Board, *Journal for the Study of the New Testament Supplements* (Sheffield), 1996-2004.
- Editorial Board, *Library of New Testament Studies* (T&T Clark), 2005-present.
- Member, *Studiorum Novi Testamenti Societas*, elected to membership in 1992; co-chair, "Catholic Epistles and Apostolic Traditions" seminar, 2000-2005.
- Member, Society of Biblical Literature, 1978-present; chair, "Hebrews, General and Pastoral Epistles, Apocalypse Section" 1984-90; Sectional Advisory Council, 1984-96.
- Member, Catholic Biblical Association, 1989-present
- Member, Wesleyan Theological Society, 1983-present. Vice-president (2008-10); President (2010-2011).
- Member, Oxford Institute for Methodist Studies, 1989-present
- Member, World Methodist Council, admitted to membership in 1996-present.

PUBLICATIONS

Forthcoming Manuscripts (under contract)

The Pastoral Epistles (with Richard B. Steele, Two Horizons Commentary; eds. Joel Green and Max Turner, Grand Rapids: Eerdmans), in preparation (projected date of completion: 2010).

The Catholic Epistles: An Introduction (with D. R. Nienhuis, Eerdmans), in preparation (projected date of completion: 2011).

"James" for *The New Interpreter's Bible Commentary* (Beverly Gaventa and David Peterson, eds., Nashville: Abingdon Press), forthcoming in 2010.

Selections on "exegetical perspective" on lections from Romans in *Feasting on the Word* (D. L. Bartlett and Barbara Brown Taylor, eds., Louisville: Westminster/John Knox), forthcoming in 2010.

"A Canonical Approach to the Unity of Acts and Luke's Gospel" in *Rethinking the Reception and Unity of Luke-Acts* (A. Gregory and K. Rowe, eds. University of South Carolina Press), forthcoming in 2010.

"Modern History of the New Testament Canon" in *EBR* (Berlin: de Gruyter), in press.

Translation team (1-2 Timothy, Titus) for *Common English Bible Version* (Nashville: Abingdon Press), in press.

"The Canonical Approach" in *Six Approaches to Biblical Hermeneutics* (S. E. Porter, ed., InterVarsity Press), in preparation.

Manuscripts Published

(2010)

"Wesley as Biblical Interpreter" in *Cambridge Companion to John Wesley* (R. L. Maddox and J. E. Vickers, eds., Cambridge: University Press), 113-28.

(2009)

The Catholic Epistles and Apostolic Traditions (R. W. Wall and K-W Niebuhr, eds., Waco, TX: Baylor University Press, 2009).

Wesley Study Bible, NT Editor; Introduction and study notes for 1-2 Timothy and Titus (Nashville: Abingdon Press, 2009).

"The Wisdom of James," *Christian Reflection* (Winter, 2009), pp. 27-37.

"The 'Rule of Faith' and Biblical Hermeneutics," *Catalyst* 36/1 (November, 2009) 1-3.

Exegetical studies of "Acts 9:1-20" (pp. 403-07; Third Sunday of Easter), "Acts 9:36-43" (pp. 427-31; Fourth Sunday of Easter), and "Acts 11:1-18" (pp. 451-55; Fifth Sunday of Easter) in *Feasting on the Word, Year C, Volume 2* (D. J. Bartlett and B. B. Taylor, eds. Westminster/John Knox, 2009).

(2008)

"A Theological Morphology of the Bible: A Prescription for 'Spiritually Disabled' Students," in *Immersed in the Life of God: The Healing Resources of Christian Faith* (P. Gavriluk, D. Koskela, J. Vickers, eds. Eerdmans, 2008), pp. 41-62.

"Acts of the Apostles" (Introduction and study notes), in *The Discipleship Study Bible* (Louisville: Westminster/John Knox Press, 2008), pp. 1869-1923.

"Christ in/and the OT," *Journal of Theological Interpretation* 2/1 (Spring, 2008), pp. 1-22.

(2007)

"Reading Paul with Acts: The Canonical Shaping of a Holy Church," in *Holiness and Ecclesiology in the New Testament* (K. E. Brower and A. Johnson, eds., Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2007), pp. 129-147

"Intra-Biblical Interpretation," in *Dictionary of Biblical Criticism and Interpretation* (S. E. Porter, ed. London: Routledge, 2007), pp. 167-69.

"The Jerusalem Council (Acts 15:1-21) in Canonical Context," in *From Biblical Criticism to Biblical Faith* (W. H. Brackney and C. E. Evans, eds. Atlanta: Mercer University Press, 2007), pp. 93-101.

"The Bible as Canon," in *The Multi-faceted Bible* (R. W. Wall, ed. Seattle Pacific University, 2007).

(2006)

Called to be Church: The Book of Acts for a New Day (with Anthony B. Robinson, Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2006)

"Canonical Criticism" (1:563-64) and "Catholic Epistles" (1:573-74) in *The New Interpreter's Dictionary of the Bible* (K. D. Sakenfeld, ed., Nashville: Abingdon Press, 2006).

(2004)

"Toward a Wesleyan Hermeneutic of Scripture" (39-55) and "Facilitating Scripture's Future Role Among Wesleyans" (107-122), in *Reading the Bible in Wesleyan Ways: Some Constructive Proposals* (B. Callen & R. Thompson, eds., Kansas City: Beacon Hill, 2004).

"Teaching 1 Peter in Canonical Context," *Word & World* 24 (Fall, 2004) 368-377.

"The Pastoral Epistles," in *Bible Backgrounds Commentary* (C. A. Evans, ed., Colorado Springs, Co: Victor, 2004), 2:635-688.

"1 Timothy 2:9-15 Reconsidered (again!)," *BBR* 14.1 (Spring, 2004) 81-103.

Women with a Passion for Ministry: A Catechism (with Shannon Smythe, Seattle Pacific University, 2004).

"Toward a Unifying Theology of the Catholic Epistles: A Canonical Approach," in *Catholic Epistles and the Tradition* (BETL 176, J. Schlosser, ed., Leuven: Peeters), 43-71.

"The Function of the Pastoral Letters within the Pauline Canon of the New Testament: A Canonical Approach," in *The Pauline Canon* (S. E. Porter, ed., Leiden: Brill, 2004) 27-44.

(2003)

"Response to Thomas/Alexander, 'And the Signs are Following' (Mk 16.9-20)," *Journal for Pentecostal Theology* 11/2 (2003) 171-83.

(2002)

The Acts of the Apostles [pp. 3-370] and "The Epistolary Literature of the NT" [pp. 373-410], (NIB 10, L. E. Keck, ed., Nashville: Abingdon Press, 2002). (Note: Both the "Introduction" to the NIB commentary on Acts and the "Epistolary Literature" essay have now been reprinted in *The New Interpreter's Bible New Testament Survey* [Abingdon, 2006].)

"The Significance of a Canonical Perspective of the Church's Scriptures," in *The Canon Debate* (L. M. McDonald and J. A. Sanders, eds., Peabody, MA: Hendrickson: 2002), pp. 528-40.

(2001)

"The Canonical Function of Second Peter," *Biblical Interpretation* 9/1 (2001) 64-81.

"The Intertextuality of Scripture: The Example of Rahab (James 2:25)," in *The Bible at Qumran: Text, Shape, and Interpretation* (P.W. Flint, ed., Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2001), 217-226.

"Canonical Approach: NT," in *Religion in Geschichte und Gegenwart*, vol 1 (Tübingen: J.C.B. Mohr).
Selections on 1-2 Timothy, Titus, in *The Lectionary Commentary. The Second Readings: Acts and the Epistles* (Eerdmans).

(2000)

"The Function of Habakkuk 1:5 in the Book of Acts," *Bulletin for Biblical Research* 10/2 (2000) 247-58.

"Intertextuality, Biblical," in *Dictionary of the New Testament Background* (eds. C. A. Evans, S. E. Porter, D. G. Reid. Downers Grove: InterVarsity Press, 2000), 541-51.

(1999)

"The Rule of Faith in Theological Hermeneutics" (88-107) and "Canonical Context and Canonical Conversations" (165-182), in *Between Two Horizons: Spanning New Testament Studies and Systematic Theology* (J. B. Green and M. Turner, eds., Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1999).

"Power and Purity in the Acts of the Apostles," *WTJ* 34 (1999) 64-82. [Reprinted in *Pneuma* 21 (1999) 215-31.]

(1998)

"The Future of Wesleyan Biblical Studies," *WTJ* 33 (1998) 101-115.

"Israel and the Gentile Mission According to Acts and Paul: A Canonical Approach," in *Witness to the Gospel: The Theology of the Book of Acts* (ed. I. Howard Marshall and D. Peterson, Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1998), 437-58

"The Canonical Approach to Biblical Interpretation," in *Catalyst* 24 (1998) 3-5.

(1997)

Community of the Wise: The Letter of James. The New Testament in Context. (Valley Forge, Pa.: Trinity Press, 1997). (Reviewed)

"The Perfect Law of Liberty (James 1:25)," in *The Quest for Context and Meaning: Studies in Biblical Intertextuality in Honor of James A. Sanders* (ed. C. A. Evans and S. Talmon, Leiden: Brill, 1997), pp. 475-497.

"Canonical Criticism," in *A Handbook to the Exegesis of the New Testament* (S. E. Porter, ed., Leiden: Brill, 1997), pp. 291-312.

"James, The Letter of," in *Dictionary of the Later New Testament & Its Developments*, (eds. R. P. Martin & P. H. Davids, Downers Grove: InterVarsity Press, 1997), pp. 545-561.

(1995)

"The Pauline Authorship of the Pastoral Epistles: Response to S. E. Porter," *Bulletin of Biblical Research* 5 (1995) 125-128

"Toward a Wesleyan Hermeneutic of Scripture," *Wesleyan Theological Journal* 30/2 (1995) 50-67.

"Reading the New Testament in Canonical Context," in *Hearing the New Testament: Strategies for Interpretation* (ed. J. B. Green, Grand Rapids: Eerdmans), pp. 370-93.

Review of Mark Schwehn, *Exiles from Eden: Religion and the Academic Vocation in America*, in *Christian Scholars' Review* 24 (1995), pp. 316-18.

(1994)

"Planting Churches or Sowing Seeds?" *Light and Life* (December, 1994), p. 17.
Review of R. D. Davis, *The Heavenly Court Judgment of Revelation 4-5*, in *Critical Review of Books in Religion - 1993* (Atlanta: Scholars Press, 1994), pp. 217-19.

(1993)

Commentary on Colossians/Philemon, IVP New Testament Commentary (Downers Grove, Ill.: InterVarsity Press). (Reviewed)

"Hebrews and the General Epistles," in *Anti-Semitism and Early Christianity: Issues of Faith and Polemic* (with William L. Lane; eds. C. A. Evans and D. A. Hagner; Minneapolis: Fortress Press), pp. 166-98.

(1992)

The New Testament as Canon: A Reader in Canonical Criticism, *Journal for the Study of the New Testament Supplements* 76 (with E. E. Lemcio; Sheffield: Academic Press). (Reviewed)

"Antinomianism," in *Anchor Bible Dictionary*, 6 vols. (Garden City, NJ: Doubleday), 1:263-264.

"Community (NT)" in *Anchor Bible Dictionary*, 6 vols. (Garden City, NJ: Doubleday), 1:1103-1110.

"Conscience," in *Anchor Bible Dictionary*, 6 vols. (Garden City, NJ: Doubleday), 1:1128-1130.

"Divorce," in *Anchor Bible Dictionary*, 6 vols. (Garden City, NJ: Doubleday), 2:217-219.

(1991)

Commentary on Revelation, (New International Biblical Commentary, Peabody, Mass.: Hendrickson). (Reviewed)

"Successors to 'the Twelve' According to Acts 12:1-17," *Catholic Biblical Quarterly* 53 (1991) 628-43.

(1990)

"James as Apocalyptic Paraenesis," *Restoration Quarterly* 32 (1990) 11-22.

"The Embourgeoisement of the Free Methodist Ethos: A Content-Analysis of the *Free Methodist Discipline's* Idea of the 'Christian Life'," *Wesleyan Theological Journal* 25 (1990) 117-29.

"The New Testament Use of the Old Testament," in *Mercer Dictionary of the Bible*, (Macon, GA.: Mercer University Press, 1990), pp. 614-16.

Review of John Barton, *People of the Book?*, in *Christian Scholars' Review* 20 (1990): 188-90.

(1989)

"Martha and Mary (Luke 10.38-42) in the Context of a Christian Deuteronomy," *Journal for the Study of the New Testament* 35 (1989) 19-35.

Review of Bruce M. Metzger, *The Canon of the New Testament*, in *Theology Today* 45 (1989) 496-97.

Review of James D.G. Dunn and James P. Mackey, *New Testament Theology in Dialogue*, in *The Christian Ministry* 20/2 (1989) 43-44.

Review of Lee Martin McDonald, *The Formation of the Biblical Christian Canon*, in *Theology Today* 46 (1989) 248.

Review of Wolfgang Schrage, *The Ethics of the New Testament*, in *The Critical Review of Books in Religion* (ed. by B. R. Gaventa; Atlanta: Scholars Press, 1989), 241-44.

(1988)

"Social Justice" in *Church in Response to Human Need*, (eds. Vinay Samuel and Christopher Sugden, Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1988), 109-127.

"Wifely Submission in the Context of Ephesians," *Christian Scholars Review*, 17 (1988) 272-85.

"The Acts of the Apostles in the Context of the New Testament Canon," *Biblical Theology Bulletin*, 18 (1988) 15-23.

"Prayer," *Light and Life* (January, 1988), 18-20.

(1987)

"'The Finger of God': Deuteronomy 9:10 and Luke 11:20," *New Testament Studies* 33 (1987) 144-50.

"Peter, 'Son' of Jonah: The Conversion of Cornelius in the Context of Canon," *Journal for the Study of the New Testament* 29 (1987) 79-90.

"Law and Gospel, Church and Canon," *Wesleyan Theological Journal* 22 (1987) 38-70.

"Ecumenicity and Ecclesiology: The Promise of the Multiple Letter Canon," *Christian Scholars Review* 16 (1987) 336-54.

"A Response to James Davison Hunter's *Evangelicalism: The Coming Generation*," *Seattle Pacific University Review* 6 (1987) 44-55.

Review of Raymond F. Collins, *Christian Morality: Biblical Foundations*, in *Theological Students Fellowship Bulletin* (May-June, 1987) 32.

(1986)

"The Problem of the Multiple Letter Canon of the New Testament," *Horizons in Biblical Theology* 8 (1986) 1-31.

"The Canon and Christian Preaching," *The Christian Ministry*, 17 (Sept, 1986) 13-17.

Review of Redmond Mullin, *The Wealth of Christians*, in *The International Bulletin of Missionary Research* 10.2 (1986) 90-1.

Review of Stephen Mott, *Jesus and Social Ethics*, in *Theological Students Fellowship Bulletin* (March-April, 1986) 24-25.

Editor, *Resources for the Church: Self-Esteem* (Seattle: Pacific Northwest Conference of the Free Methodist Church, 1986)

(1985)

Commentary on Romans, (Seattle: Seattle Pacific University, 1985).

"Eschatologies of the Peace Movement," *Biblical Theology Bulletin* XV.1 (1985): 3-11.

"The Preacher: Sage and Prophet," *Kardia: a Journal of Wesleyan Thought* 1 (1985): 25-32.

Review of Robin Scroggs, *The New Testament and Homosexuality*, in *Theological Students Fellowship Bulletin* (May-June, 1985) 25-6.

Review of Allen Verhey, *The Great Reversal: Ethics and the New Testament*, in *Theology Today* 42 (1985) 125-28.

Review of Philip S. Keane, *Christian Ethics & Imagination*, in *Theology Today* 42 (1985) 401-04.

(1984)

"Acceptance," in *The Beacon Dictionary of Theology* (Kansas City: Beacon Hill Press, 1984), 26.

"Gospel," in *The Beacon Dictionary of Theology* (Kansas City: Beacon Hill Press, 1984), 239.

"Hierarchalism," in *The Beacon Dictionary of Theology* (Kansas City: Beacon Hill Press, 1984), 255.

"Mystery," in *The Beacon Dictionary of Theology* (Kansas City: Beacon Hill Press, 1984), 353.

Editor, *Resources for the Church: the Family* (Seattle: Pacific Northwest Conference of the Free Methodist Church, 1984)

(1983)

"New Testament Ethics," in *Ethics: Wesleyan Theological Perspectives*, (eds. Lane Scott and Leon Hynson, Anderson, Ind.: Warner Press, 1983), 31-74.

"Biblical Foundations of Social Justice and Human Liberation," in *The Church in Response to Human Need*, (ed. Tom Sine, Monrovia: MARC, 1983), 343-372.

"Introduction: New Testament Ethics," *Horizons in Biblical Theology* 5 (1983) 49-94.

"The Problem of Observed Pain: A Study of C.S. Lewis on Suffering," *Journal of the Evangelical Theological Society* 26 (1983) 443-51.

"What's Up in '83?," *Light and Life* 116 (January, 1983) 7-8.

"The Liberated Legalist," *Christian Century* 100 (September 28, 1983) 848-49.

Review of Michael Novak, *Toward a Theology of Corporation*, in *Professional and Business Ethics Journal*, 1.4 (1983) 75-78.

(1982)

Review of D.A. Hagner and M.J. Harris, eds., *Pauline Studies: Studies in Honor of F.F. Bruce on his 70th Birthday*, in *Christian Scholars Review* 11 (1982) 166-67.

(1981)

"Glorification in the Pauline Letters," in *Soteriology: Wesleyan Theological Perspectives*, (eds R.L. Shelton and J.E. Hartley, Anderson, Ind: Warner Press, 1981), 155-68.

Review of John White, *The Golden Cow*, in *The Journal of the Evangelical Theological Society*, 24 (1981) 258-59.

(1980)

"His Coming: Strange and Wonderful," *Light and Life* 113 (December, 1980) 9-13.

Review of Victor P. Furnish, *The Moral Teaching of Paul*, in *The Journal of the Evangelical Theological Society*, 23 (1980) 147.

Review of Peter Richardson, *Paul's Ethic of Freedom*, in *The Journal of the Evangelical Theological Society*, 23 (1980) 175-76.

Paper Presentations to Scholarly Societies

(Note: As an obligation of my endowed professorship, I present the annual Paul T. Walls lecture—typically on a Wesleyan theological interpretation of Scripture. These are generally unpublished lectures but are available upon request or easily found in video/audio format at the university's iTunes page. If you prefer a written text, please email me if interested.)

Paper on "Jesus in the OT," annual meeting of the *Society of Biblical Literature*, November, 2007, San Diego.

Paper and Panel on NIB Commentary on Acts, annual meeting of the *Society of Biblical Literature*, November, 2005, Philadelphia.

"The Priority of James," *Studiorum Novi Testamenti Societas* annual meeting (Barcelona, Spain), August, 2004.

"A Theology of Staying Saved (James 2:22)," annual meeting of the *Society of Biblical Literature*, November, 2003, Atlanta.

"Toward a Unifying Theology of the Catholic Epistles," Colloquium Biblicum Lovaniense, Leuven, July, 2003. Also presented to the *Studiorum Novi Testamenti Societas* annual meeting (Bonn, Germany), August, 2003.

"Acts and James: The Prospect of Intracanonical Readings," *Studiorum Novi Testamenti Societas* annual meeting (Durham, England), August, 2002.

"Worshipping Women and the New Creation (1 Tim 2:9-15)," The 11th Oxford Institute of Methodist Studies (Oxford, England), 2002.

"A Theology of Wealth and Poverty According to the Book of James," *Studiorum Novi Testamenti Societas* annual meeting (Pretoria, South Africa) August, 1999.

"The Function of Hab 1:5 in the Book of Acts," Plenary paper for the Institute for Biblical Research Annual Meeting (Orlando, FL), 1998.

"Power and Purity in the Acts of the Apostles," Wesleyan Theological Society and Society of Pentecostal Studies Joint Meeting (Cleveland, Tenn), 1998.

"The Future of Wesleyan Biblical Studies," Wesleyan Theological Society annual meeting (Mt. Vernon, OH), 1997.

"Spirit, Community and Power in the *Acts of the Apostles*," The 10th Oxford Institute of Methodist Studies (Oxford, England), 1997.

"Toward a Wesleyan Hermeneutics of Scripture," Wesleyan Theological Society annual meeting (Dayton), 1994.

"The Relevance of the Book of Revelation for the Wesleyan Tradition," Wesleyan Theological Society annual meeting (Oklahoma City), 1993.

"'Poor' as a *Leitmotiv* of the New Testament: a canonical critical perspective," The 9th Oxford Institute of Methodist Studies (Oxford, England), 1992.

"God's Relationship with the Nonhuman Order According to the New Testament," The Lilly Foundation's 'Bible and Theology Project' (Chicago), 1992

"The *Embourgeoisement* of the Free Methodist Ethos: A Content-Analysis of the *Free Methodist Discipline's* Idea of the 'Christian Life'," Wesleyan Theological Society annual meeting (Wilmore, KY), 1989

"Law and Gospel, Church and Canon," Wesleyan Theological Society annual meeting (Seattle), 1986

"2 Timothy 3:16 as an Anti-Gnostic Polemic," Society Biblical Literature annual meeting (New York), 1984

"Luke's *s_meron* Logia and the Eschatology of Hebrews 3-4," Society of Biblical Literature annual meeting (Boston), 1983

"Romans 16:17-20a: Occasion and Opponents," Society of Biblical Literature regional meeting, (Seattle), 1983

"James as Apocalyptic Paraenesis," Society of Biblical Literature regional meeting, (Vancouver, Canada) 1981; revised and read at the national meeting of the SBL (San Francisco), 1981

"Matthew 26:61 as a Riddle: Theology and Sociology," Society of Biblical Literature regional meeting, (Portland), 1980

"Wifely Submission and the Ephesian *Haustafel*," Society of Biblical Literature regional meeting, (Seattle), 1979