

B. J. Oropeza – CV

B. J. Oropeza (Ph.D., University of Durham, England) is Professor of Biblical Studies at Azusa Pacific University (Azusa, California) and an internationally published author whose many works include, *Exploring Second Corinthians* (SBL Press), *Exploring Intertextuality* (Cascade), and articles in the *Oxford Encyclopedia of Biblical Interpretation*, the *Oxford Encyclopedia of Bible and Theology*, and studies and translations in the *Common English Bible* and the *Wesleyan Study Bible*. He is founder of the Intertextuality in the New Testament Section of the Society of Biblical Literature and on the editorial board of the Rhetoric of Religious Antiquity series (SBL Press), which specializes in the sociorhetorical approach to biblical interpretation. Oropeza's interests include New Testament, Pauline studies, sociorhetorical analytic, and Intertextual studies.

Education

Ph.D., 1998, New Testament Theology: University of Durham, Durham, England (James D. G. Dunn, Loren T. Stuckenbruck — Supervisors).

M.A.Th., 1993, Fuller Theological Seminary, Pasadena, CA.

M.A., 1991, Simon Greenleaf School of Law, Anaheim, CA (now Trinity Law School, Santa Ana, CA)

B.A., 1989, Northern California Bible College, San Jose/Pleasanton, CA.

Positions Held

Professor of Biblical and Religious Studies, Azusa Pacific University (2003 – present)

Visiting Professor in Theology, Hope University, Burundi, Africa (Summer, 2009)

Assistant Professor in Religious Studies, George Fox University, Newberg, Oregon (1998–99 [Full-Time Visiting Professor]; 1999 – 2001[Adjunct Professor])

Certified Instructor, Business Computer Training Institute, Beaverton, Oregon (2001 – 2002)

Research Editor, Victory Outreach International, San Dimas, California (1998)

Research Associate, Christian Research Institute, Irvine, California (1990 – 1995)

Instructor, Victory Outreach International School of Ministry (VOSOM), La Puente, California (1989-1995, 1998); London, England (1996-97); Amsterdam, Holland (1996-97); Portland, Oregon (1999)

Writings/ Publications

Published Books

- ✓ *1 Corinthians*. New Covenant Commentary series. Michael Bird and Craig Keener, eds. Eugene: Cascade, 2017 forthcoming.
- ✓ *Exploring Intertextuality: Diverse Strategies for the New Testament Interpretation of Texts*. B. J. Oropeza and Steve Moyise eds. Eugene: Cascade, 2016.
- ✓ *Exploring Second Corinthians: Death and Life, Hardship and Rivalry*. Socio-Rhetorical Exploration Commentary. Rhetoric of Religious Antiquity 3. Vernon Robbins, David Gowler, and Duane Watson, eds. Atlanta: Society of Biblical Literature, 2016.
- ✓ *Churches under Siege of Persecution and Assimilation: Apostasy in the New Testament Communities*. Volume 3: The General Epistles and Revelation. Eugene: Cascade Books, 2012.
- ✓ *Jews, Gentiles, and the Opponents of Paul: Apostasy in the New Testament Communities*. Volume 2: The Pauline Letters. Eugene: Cascade Books, 2012.
- ✓ *In the Footsteps of Judas and Other Defectors: Apostasy in the New Testament Communities*. Volume 1: Gospels, Acts, and Johannine Letters. Eugene: Cascade Books, 2011.
- ✓ *Jesus and Paul: Global Perspectives in Honor of James D. G. Dunn, A Festschrift for His 70th Birthday* (with C. K. Robertson and Douglas C. Mohrman). Forewords by N. T. Wright and Richard B. Hays. Library of New Testament Studies 414. London: T. & T. Clark, 2009.
- ✓ *Paul and Apostasy: Eschatology, Perseverance, and Falling Away in the Corinthian Congregation*. 2nd printing. Eugene: Wipf & Stock, 2007.
- ✓ *The Gospel According to Superheroes: Religion and Popular Culture*. Foreword by Stan Lee. New York: Peter Lang Publishers, 2005. Second Edition, 2006. Third Printing, 2008.
- ✓ *Paul and Apostasy: Eschatology, Perseverance, and Falling Away in the Corinthian Congregation*. Tübingen: J. C. B. Mohr (Paul Siebeck), Wissenschaftliche Untersuchungen zum Neuen Testament; 2. Reihe. 115. Herausgegeben von Martin Hengel und Otfried Hofius. Tübingen, Germany: J. C. B. Mohr (Paul Siebeck), 2000.

- ✓ *Ninety-Nine Answers to Questions about Angels, Demons, and Spiritual Warfare*. Eastbourne, United Kingdom: Kingsway Publications/ Downers Grove, Illinois: InterVarsity Press, 1997 (Translated also in Portuguese, Croatian, Indonesian, and Vietnamese). Second Edition: Kindle Books: Amazon.com, 2012.
- ✓ *A Time To Laugh: The Holy Laughter Phenomenon Examined*. Peabody, Massachusetts: Hendrickson, 1995. Kindle Books Edition: Amazon.com, 2013.
- ✓ *Ninety-Nine Reasons Why No One Knows When Christ Will Return*. Downers Grove, Illinois: InterVarsity Press, 1994. (Translated also in Korean, Greek, and Arabic). Second Edition. Kindle Books: Amazon.com, 2012.

Current Publication Assignments:

- *New Studies in Textual Interplay*. Craig Evans, B. J. Oropeza, and Paul Sloan, eds. LNTS / SSEJC 20. London: Bloomsbury
- *Exploring Romans*. Sociorhetorical Exploration Commentary. Rhetoric of Religious Antiquity. Vernon Robbins, David Gowler, and Duane Watson, eds. SREC series; Atlanta: Journal of Biblical Literature.

Published Articles and Scripture Translations

- ✓ “New Covenant Knowledge in an Earthenware Jar: Intertextual Reconfigurations of Jeremiah in 2 Corinthians 1:21–22, 3:2–11, and 4:7.” *Bulletin for Biblical Research*, 2017-18, forthcoming.
- ✓ “In the Footsteps of Judas and Other Defectors. Apostasy in the Gospels, Acts, and Johannine Writings.” *Zeitschrift für Neues Testament* 41 (2017), forthcoming.
- ✓ “Pauline Theology.” In *Global Wesleyan Dictionary of Biblical Theology*. Edited by Richard Branson. Kansas City: Beacon Hill Press, forthcoming
- ✓ “The Dead Sea Scrolls Fragment of Deuteronomy 8:2–5.” (With Tim Findley). In *New Fragments from the Dead Sea Scrolls*. Edited by James H. Charlesworth and William Yarchin. Tübingen: Mohr-Siebeck, forthcoming.
- ✓ “Ancient Text Traditions and References to Deuteronomy 8:2–5.” (With Tim Findley and William Yarchin). In *New Fragments from the Dead Sea Scrolls*. Edited by James H. Charlesworth and William Yarchin. Tübingen: Mohr-Siebeck, forthcoming.

- ✓ “Apostasy.” In *T&T Clark Companion to Second Temple Judaism*. Edited by Loren T. Stuckenbruck and Daniel M. Gurtner. London: T. & T. Clark, forthcoming.
- ✓ “Meat.” In *Encyclopedia of the Bible and Its Reception*. Edited by Christine Helmer, Steven McKenzie, Thomas Römer, Jens Schröter, *et al.* Göttingen: De Gruyter, forthcoming.
- ✓ “Apostasy.” Volume 1 in *The Oxford Encyclopedia of Bible and Theology*. Samuel E. Balentine, editor-in-chief. New York/Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2015.
- ✓ “The Expectation of Grace: Paul on Benefaction and the Corinthians’ Ingratitude (2 Cor 6:1).” *Bulletin for Biblical Research* 24.2 (2014): 61–80.
- ✓ “Intertextuality.” Volume 1, pages 453–63 in *The Oxford Encyclopedia of Biblical Interpretation*. Steven L. McKenzie, editor-in-chief. New York: Oxford University Press, 2013.
- ✓ “2 Corinthians.” (with Ann Jervis). Consulting Translator in *The Common English Bible* (CEB). Pages 304–18 (2010 edition); 187–95 (2011 edition). Edited by David L. Petersen and Joel B. Green. Nashville: Common English Bible, New Testament 2010/ complete Common English Bible + Apocrypha, 2011.
- ✓ “The Warning Passages in Hebrews: Revised Theologies and New Methods of Interpretation.” *Currents in Biblical Research* 10 (2011): 1–21.
- ✓ “Judas’ Death and Final Destiny in the Gospels and Earliest Christian Writings.” *Neotestamentica* 44(2) (2010): 342–62.
- ✓ “Tobit.” *A Greek-English Interlinear Translation of the Septuagint*. Edited by Michael Heiser, David A. DeSilva. Seattle: Logos Software/Libronix, 2010.
- ✓ “Running in Vain, but Not as an Athlete (Galatians 2:2): The Impact of Habakkuk 2:2–4 on Paul’s Apostolic Commission.” Pages 139–50 in *Jesus and Paul: Global Perspectives in Honor of James D. G. Dunn, a Festschrift for His 70th Birthday*. Edited by B. J. Oropeza, C.K. Robertson, Douglas C. Mohrman. Library of New Testament Studies. London: T.&T. Clark, 2009.
- ✓ “Galatians.” Commentary notes on pages 1423–30 in *The Wesleyan Study Bible*. Joel Green, editor. Nashville: Abingdon Press, 2009.
- ✓ “Paul and Theodicy: Intertextual Thoughts on God’s Justice and Faithfulness to Israel in Romans 9–11.” *New Testament Studies* 53 (2007): 57–80.

- ✓ “What is Sex? Singles and Erotic Boundaries.” Pages 27–63 in *Religion and Sexuality: Conflicts and Controversies*. C. K. Robertson, ed. New York: Peter Lang, 2006.
- ✓ “Superhero Myth and the Restoration of Paradise.” Introduction in pages 1–24 in *The Gospel According to Superheroes: Religion and Popular Culture*. New York: Peter Lang Publishers, 2005.
- ✓ “‘Behold! The Hero Has Become Like One of Us’: The Perfectly Imperfect Spider-Man.” Pages 127–143 in *The Gospel According to Superheroes: Religion and Popular Culture*. New York: Peter Lang Publishers, 2005.
- ✓ “The God-Man Revisited: Christology through the Blank Eyes of the Silver Surfer.” Pages 155–69 in *The Gospel According to Superheroes: Religion and Popular Culture*. New York: Peter Lang Publishers, 2005.
- ✓ “Christianity Goes Hollywood/ *The Da Vinci Code* and Its Success in Popular Culture” (with Cynndie Hoff and Diane Glycer). *APU Life* 18.4 (Winter 2005), 10–13.
- ✓ “Practical Theology: A Bridge across the Divide?” (With Paul Schrier) in *Christian College, Christian Calling*. Steve Wickens and Paul Schrier, eds. Walnut Creek, Calif.: Altamira, 2005.
- ✓ “Wine and the Lord’s Supper in the Gospels, Paul, and Today.” In *Religion and Alcohol: Sobering Thoughts*. C. K. Robertson, ed. New York: Peter Lang, 2004.
- ✓ “Answers to Questions about Angels, Demons, and Spiritual Warfare: Knowing the Biblical Reality Behind Some Spiritual Phenomena.” *FaithWalk Magazine* 3/1 (2003), 37-41.
- ✓ “The Toronto Blessing and the Future of Revivalism.” In *Religion as Entertainment*. C. K. Robertson, ed. New York: Peter Lang, 2002. 137-150.
- ✓ “Echoes of Isaiah in the Rhetoric of Paul: New Exodus, Wisdom, and the Humility of the Cross in Utopian-Apocalyptic Expectations.” In *The Intertexture of Apocalyptic Discourse*. Vernon Robbins and Duane Watson, eds. Society of Biblical Literature Symposium Series. Atlanta: Scholars Press/Leiden: E. J. Brill. 2002. 87-113.
- ✓ “Apostasy in the Wilderness: Paul’s Message to the Corinthians in a State of Eschatological Liminality.” *Journal for the Study of the New Testament* 75 (1999), 69-86.
- ✓ “Laying to Rest the Midrash: Paul’s Message on Meat Sacrificed to Idols in Light of the Deuteronomic Tradition.” *Biblica* 79 (1998), 57-68.

- ✓ “Situational Immorality: Paul's 'Vice Lists' at Corinth.” *The Expository Times* (Oct. 1998), 9-10.
- ✓ “Enter the Dragon? Wrestling with the Martial Arts Phenomenon.” (with Ron Rhodes and Erwin DeCastro), *Christian Research Journal* 16 (Fall 1993), 24-34.
- ✓ “Wrestling with the Martial Arts Phenomenon – Part Two.” (with Ron Rhodes and Erwin DeCastro), *Christian Research Journal* 16 (Winter 1994), 24-31.
- ✓ “One More End-Time Scare Ends With a Whimper.” *Christian Research Journal* 15 (Winter, 1993), 6, 43.
- ✓ “The Teachings of Arnold Murray and the Shepherd’s Chapel.” Christians Research Institute Paper, 1991.
- ✓ “Should a Christian Practice the Martial Arts?” *Christian Research Newsletter* (Jan. 1991), 1. CRI Statement DM065.

Interviews, Expertise Shared, Endorsements, Other Publications, Papers Online, Miscellaneous

- ✓ Interviewee, in M. Spurlock & J. Chilnick (Executive producers) & J. Mensch (Co-executive producer), *Superheroes decoded*. New York: The History Channel, A&E Television Networks. Aired first on April 30/May 1, 2017.
- ✓ “Churches Under Siege of Persecution and Assimilation: A Synopsis of Apostasy in the General Epistles and Revelation.” Paper posted on <https://azusa.academia.edu/BjOropeza>. 2017.
- ✓ “Jews, Gentiles, and the Opponents of Paul: A Synopsis of Apostasy in the Pauline and Deutero-Pauline Letters.” Paper posted on <https://azusa.academia.edu/BjOropeza>. 2017.
- ✓ “When Will the Cessation of Speaking in Tongues and Revelational Gifts Take Place (1 Cor 13:8–10)? A Reply to Recent Views.” Paper posted on <https://azusa.academia.edu/BjOropeza>. 2017.
- ✓ Endorsement: Back cover of Don Garlington, *A Commentary on the Greek Text of Second Corinthians*. Eugene: Cascade Books, 2016.
- ✓ “Saved with a Loss of Reward Only? Another Look at 1 Corinthians 3:10–17.” Paper posted on <https://azusa.academia.edu/BjOropeza>. 2016.
- ✓ “The Situation(s) in Hebrews and Hebrews 2:1–18. Warnings of Apostasy in Hebrews, pt. 1.” Paper posted on <https://azusa.academia.edu/BjOropeza>. 2016.
- ✓ “Whose 'Flesh' and Whose 'Spirit' will be Saved on the Day of the Lord? Revisiting 1 Corinthians 5:5.” Paper posted on <https://azusa.academia.edu/BjOropeza>. 2016.
- ✓ “Rereading the Structure of the Epistle of James in view of Job: Cycles of Wisdom, Suffering, and Poverty.” Paper posted on <https://azusa.academia.edu/BjOropeza>. 2016.

- ✓ “Must there be a Superman?” An original film documentary by Sami Jarroush. Consequence of Sound. Interviewed 29, April, 2016.
<http://consequenceofsound.net/video/must-there-be-a-superman-an-original-documentary/>
- ✓ “Jesus as the Hider and Revealer of Spiritual Knowledge: Davidic Sonship and Isiaianic Servant Language in Matthew 11–13.” Paper posted on <https://azusa.academia.edu/BjOropeza>. 2016.
- ✓ “Becoming Seven Times Worse than Before: The Return of the Unclean Spirit in Light of Isaiah 34 (Matt. 12:43–45).” Paper posted on <https://azusa.academia.edu/BjOropeza>. 2016.
- ✓ “Was Satan Once a Beautiful Angel Named Lucifer?” Paper posted on <https://azusa.academia.edu/BjOropeza>. 2016.
- ✓ “Spider Symbolism” (a documentary on spiders, psychological and religious beliefs, and popular culture [i.e., Spider-Man]. ABC Radio interview with Kerry Stewart, Producer of Earshot, with David Rutledge. Features & Documentary Unit ABC RN, Australia. (interviewed 30 June, 2015; aired Oct 29-31, 2015).
- ✓ Lutz Doering. *Ancient Jewish Letters and the Beginnings of Christian Epistolography* (Review). *Review of Biblical Literature*. 6/2015.
- ✓ Raymond F. Collins, *Second Corinthians. Paideia Commentaries on the New Testament*. (Review). *Review of Biblical Literature*. 1/2015. Paul Trebilco, *Self-Designations and Group Identity in the New Testament*. (Review). *Review of Biblical Literature* (10, 2013) [<http://www.bookreviews.org>] (10/2013): 5 pages.
- ✓ L. L. Welborn, *An End to Enmity: Paul and the "Wrongdoer" of Second Corinthians*. *Review of Biblical Literature* (11, 2012): (Review). [<http://www.bookreviews.org>]: 5 pages.
- ✓ Baskin, Janice, J. “Judas’ Death and Final Destiny in Earliest Christian Writings by B. J. Oropeza.” *Research Reporter* (April, 2012), 2.
- ✓ Endorsement: Back cover of Russell W. Dalton, *Marvelous Myths: Marvel Superheroes and Everyday Faith*. Atlanta: Chalice Press, 2011.
- ✓ Joel S. Kaminsky. “Yet I Loved Jacob: Reclaiming the Biblical Concept of Election.” (Review). *Review of Biblical Literature* (2008): 4 pages.
- ✓ “Ancient Rhetoric and Paul’s Apology: The Compositional Unity of 2 Corinthians.” Frederick J. Long. (Review) *Ashland Theological Journal* 39 (2007): 118–120.
- ✓ “Judas and the Choice of Matthias.” Arie Zwiep. (Review). *Biblical Theological Bulletin* 17.2 (2007): 342–44.
- ✓ B. J. Oropeza: Comics, Archetypes, and Superheroes." John Morehead of Theofantastique, writers. 24 Feb. 2007 Online : <http://theofantastique.blogspot.com/2007/02/b-j-oropeza-comics-archetypes-and.html>
- ✓ “Undercurrent Investigates... The Gospel According to Superheroes.” Interview with B. J. Oropeza. Ian Rankin, writer. May 2006. <www.undercurrentcomics.com/ucc-investigates/may06/index.html>.
- ✓ “The Word According to Lee.” Interview with B. J. Oropeza about superheroes and spirituality. Marianne Love – staff writer, *Azusa Herald* 39.12 (Sept. 8, 2005): 1; also in *Glendora Press* and *San Gabriel Valley Tribune*.

- ✓ “2005 Spiritual Themes Panel: San Diego Comic Con International 2005 Report.” *The Ensign Report* 122 (Sept. 2005): 5.
- ✓ “Apostasy in the Wilderness: The Eschatological Warning of Paul to the Corinthian Congregation.” Doctors Dissertation/Thesis. Supervisors: James D. G. Dunn; Loren T. Stuckenbruck. Durham, England: University of Durham, 1998, 234 pp.
- ✓ “An Analysis of Oneness Pentecostal Doctrine.” Masters Thesis. Anaheim/Santa Ana: Simon Greenleaf School of Law (now Trinity Law School), 1991, 280 pp.
- ✓ More than 20 of the longer statements of belief from Victory Outreach ministries were written by me. A few examples are as follows:
 - “Unpardonable Sin or Blasphemy of the Holy Spirit,” 2002. [Online as <http://victoryoutreach.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/03/victory-outreach-beliefs-document.pdf>]
 - “Sanctification and Holiness,” 2002. [Online] <https://secure.victoryoutreach.org/aboutus/beliefs.pdf>
 - “Backsliding and the Security of the Believer,” 2002. [Online] <https://secure.victoryoutreach.org/aboutus/beliefs.pdf>

Conference Papers, Seminars, Panels, Presidings

- ✓ “Clashes with Death, Immortality, and Being in Adam and in Christ: Corinthian Diversity of Beliefs about the Resurrection and Paul’s Response (1 Cor 15).” Paper to be presented at the forthcoming Society of Biblical Literature Conference. Rhetoric of Religious Antiquity. Nov. 19, 2016.
- ✓ “Book Review: *Exploring Intertextuality*.” Respondent to my book publication with the same name at the forthcoming Society of Biblical Literature Conference. Rhetoric of Religious Antiquity. Nov. 20, 2016.
- ✓ “Analytical Seminar on the Sociorhetorical Interpretation of 2 Corinthians 10-13.” Seminar presented at the Society of Biblical Literature Conference. Rhetoric of Religious Antiquity. Nov. 21, 2015.
- ✓ “Tongues, Prophecy, and Paul’s Use of Scripture in 1 Corinthians 14:20-25.” Systematic Transformation and Interweaving of Scripture in 1 Corinthians seminar. Presiding. Nov. 24, 2015.
- ✓ A Covenant Sealed in the Core of a Clay Jar: Intertextual Reconfigurations of Jeremiah in 2 Corinthians.” Paper presentation at the annual Society of Biblical Literature Conference. Intertextuality in the New Testament section. San Diego, Nov. 23, 2014.
- ✓ “Discerning the Company We Keep according to 1 Corinthians 5.” Paper presentation given at the Common Day of Learning. Azusa Pacific University. March 4, 2014.

- ✓ “2 Corinthians 1:12-2:3.” Collegium paper presented at the Rhetoric of Religious Antiquities Seminar. Society of Biblical Literature National Conference. Baltimore. Nov. 21, 2013.
- ✓ “2 Corinthians 1:3-7.” Collegium paper presented at the Rhetoric of Religious Antiquities Seminar. Society of Biblical Literature National Conference. Baltimore. Nov. 22, 2013.
- ✓ “SBL Systematic Transformation and Interweaving of Scripture in 1 Corinthians Seminar.” Panel member participant. Society of Biblical Literature National Conference. Baltimore. Nov. 23, 2013.
- ✓ “The Intertextuality of the Letter to the Hebrews: The Use of Scripture Guided by Contemporary Literary Traditions.” Presiding. Intertextuality in the New Testament Section. Society of Biblical Literature National Conference. Baltimore. Nov. 24, 2013.
- ✓ “Theme: *Book Review: Richard B. Hays and Stefan Alkier, eds., Revelation and the Politics of Apocalyptic Interpretation (Baylor University Press, 2012).*” Presiding. Intertextuality in the New Testament Section. Society of Biblical Literature national conference. Chicago. Nov. 19, 2012.
- ✓ “Rhetography and Rhetorical Force in 2 Corinthians 10:1–12:14,” Collegium paper presented at the Rhetoric of Religious Antiquities Seminar. Society of Biblical Literature National Conference. Chicago. Nov. 16, 2012.
- ✓ “How Superheroes Influence Our Faith.” Lecture presented at the Faith Matters Seminar. Azusa Pacific University. Sept. 27, 2012.
- ✓ “Developing a Research Agenda.” Faculty Panelist. New Faculty Seminar, Azusa Pacific University. August 22, 2012.
- ✓ “Criteria, Methods, and Fusions.” Presiding. Intertextuality in the New Testament Section. Society of Biblical Literature national conference. San Francisco. Nov. 21st, 2011.
- ✓ “Apostasy in New Testament Communities.” Lecture presented at the Sabbatical Luncheon Seminar. Azusa Pacific University. April 27, 2011.
- ✓ “Saved by Benefaction, Judged by Works?” The Paradox of Rejecting Grace in 2 Corinthians.” Paper presented at the Society of Biblical Literature National Conference. Atlanta, November 19-23, 2010.
- ✓ “A Socio-Rhetorical Interpretation to 2 Corinthians 5:11-19.” Paper Presented at the Rhetoric of Religious Antiquities Seminar. Society of Biblical Literature National Conference. Atlanta, November 19-23, 2010.

- ✓ “Unpublished Dead Sea Scrolls Fragment of Deuteronomy 8:2–5.” Special Session on the Unpublished Fragments of the Dead Sea Scrolls (Azusa Pacific University; William Yarchin, host). Presented at the Society of Biblical Literature National Conference. Atlanta, November 19-23, 2010.
- ✓ “Salvation as Benefaction: Reciprocity and Gift Rejection in Paul (2 Corinthians 5:10–6:2).” Lecture presented at the annual Beverly Hardcastle Stanford Lecture. Azusa Pacific University, November 4, 2010.
- ✓ “Paul’s Prophetic and Priestly Competency as God’s Messenger of Life and Death (2 Corinthians 2:14–17).” Paper Presented at the Rhetoric of Religious Antiquities Seminar. Ashland, Ohio (June, 2010).
- ✓ “Paul’s Character Defense and Altered Plan to Visit the Corinthians (2 Corinthians 1:12–2:3).” Paper Presented at the Rhetoric of Religious Antiquities Seminar. Ashland, Ohio (June, 2010).
- ✓ “Intertextual Methods: Hearing, Remembering, and Contextualizing Citations and Echoes.” Respondent. Intertextuality and the New Testament Consultation. Society of Biblical Literature National Conference. New Orleans, November, 2009.
- ✓ “Intertextual Combinations and Blendings in Pauline Letters.” Presiding. Intertextuality and the New Testament Consultation. Society of Biblical Literature National Conference. New Orleans, November, 2009.
- ✓ “The Nature of Apostasy and Its Consequences in Emerging Christian Communities.” Paper presented at the University of Tübingen. Theologicum des Evangelisch-theologischen und des Katholisch-theologischen Seminars/Institut zur Erforschung des Urchristentums, Herman Lichtenberger and Thomas Scott Caulley, directors. Tübingen, Germany, October, 2009.
- ✓ “1 Corinthians 15.” Pauline Epistles Session. Presiding. International Society of Biblical Literature conference. Rome, July 1, 2009.
- ✓ “Defeating an Ancient Athletic Runner: The Prophetic Influence of Habakkuk 2:2–4 on Paul’s Apostolic Commission.” Paper presented at the International Society of Biblical Literature conference. Rome, July 4, 2009.
- ✓ “Reconfiguring Houses and Family Households.” Presiding. Intertextuality and the New Testament Consultation. Society of Biblical Literature National Conference. Boston, 2008.

- ✓ “Exploring the Pauline Letters.” Presiding. Intertextuality and the New Testament Consultation. Society of Biblical Literature National Conference. Boston, 2008.
- ✓ “Introduction to Apostasy.” Paper presented at the Center for Religious Ethics and Values seminar. Azusa, California, Nov. 2008.
- ✓ “Apostasy in the New Testament: An Overview.” Paper presented at the Center for Religious Ethics and Values seminar. Azusa, California, Sept. 2008
- ✓ “What Ever Happened to Judas? Apostasy and the End of Judas in the Synoptic Gospels.” Paper presented at the Synoptic Gospels Seminar, Society of Biblical Literature International Conference. Vienna, Austria, July, 2007.
- ✓ “Faith, Art, and Comics” panel member. Mears Center: Sunset Presbyterian Church. May 14, 2007.
- ✓ “Spirituality and Popular Culture: Neo as Messianic Hero of the Matrix.” Feb. 2, 2007. Lecture presented at the Science and Religion Seminar. Azusa Pacific University.
- ✓ “Apostasy in the Pastoral Letters.” Paper presented at the Center for Religious Ethics and Values seminar. Azusa, California, Oct. 2006.
- ✓ “Jesus in Public: A Social-Spatial Analysis of Luke 19:1–10 and Beyond.” Respondent. The 43rd annual Graduate Student Theological Seminar (Free Methodist World Ministries Center); Indianapolis, Sept. 23, 2006.
- ✓ “Comic Books and Spirituality.” Panel discussion with B. J. Oropeza and Craig Thompson. March 1, 2006. Hammer Museum (LAMCA): Masters of American Comics Exhibition, Los Angeles.
- ✓ “Spiritual Values in Comic Books.” Panel discussion with B. J. Oropeza, Buzz Dixon, *et al.* Feb. 26, 2006. New York-Comic Convention, New York.
- ✓ “Narnia: Then and Now.” Panel discussion with B. J. Oropeza, Thom Parham, Leo Partible, and Amy Jacober. Dec. 9, 2005. Azusa Pacific University, Azusa.
- ✓ “The Authority of Scripture.” Word Made Fresh session. Respondent, Society of Biblical Literature annual conference, Philadelphia, Nov. 2005.
- ✓ “The Gospel According to Superheroes.” Seminar given at the U.S. Center for World Mission, Pasadena, CA. Aug., 2005.

- ✓ “Spiritual Themes in Comics.” Panel discussion with BJ Oropeza, Brett Burner, Leo Partible, Sherwin Schwartzrock, Ben Avery, and Buzz Dixon. San Diego Comic-Con International, July 16, 2005.
- ✓ “Who Has Resisted His Will? Paul’s Evasive Reply on Free-Will and Divine Sovereignty (Romans 9–11).” Paper presented at the ANZATS conference; Perth, Australia; July 4–8, 2005.
- ✓ “Who Has Resisted His Will? Paul’s Rhetorical Question and Evasive Reply (Romans 9–11).” Paper presented at the International Society of Biblical Literature conference; Singapore, June 25–30, 2005.
- ✓ “Yearnings for Paradise: The Plight of the Silver Surfer.” Lecture presented at the Holy Men in Tights conference; University of Melbourne, Australia; June 9–12, 2005.
- ✓ “Spider-Man, the Silver Surfer, and Jesus: The interaction between superheroes and religious figure.” Paper presented at the annual Popular Culture Association (PCA) conference; San Antonio. April 10, 2004.
- ✓ “Paul and the Rhetoric of Utopian Apocalypticism.” Paper presented at the annual Society of Biblical Literature Conference; Rhetoric and New Testament section. Boston (Nov.) 1999.
- ✓ “Paul, Liminality, and the Corinthian Congregation.” Paper presented at the annual British New Testament Society conference; University of Leeds, England (Sept.) 1997.
- ✓ “Current Trends in the New Age Movement.” Lecture presented at the West Coast Chinese conference; Scotts Valley, CA.; Dec. 1994.
- ✓ “Biblical Authenticity and Criticism.” Lecture presented at the West Coast Chinese conference, Scotts Valley, CA.; Dec. 1993.

Academic Courses

- ✓ Romans and Galatians
- ✓ Life and Teachings of Jesus
- ✓ Luke-Acts
- ✓ Thessalonian and Corinthian Correspondence
- ✓ Johannine Literature
- ✓ Pastoral and Prison Epistles
- ✓ Book of Revelation
- ✓ General Epistles
- ✓ New Testament Methods*

- ✓ Textual Criticism (New Testament)**
- ✓ New Testament Foundations of Worship*
- ✓ New Testament Literature
- ✓ Old Testament Literature
- ✓ Acts and Pauline Literature
- ✓ Great Moments, Key Persons in Church History
- ✓ Apologetics*+
- ✓ New Testament Theology++
- ✓ Old Testament Theology++
- ✓ Biblical Hermeneutics++
- ✓ Systematic Theology++

Underline = Also taught as an online course

* = Taught on Graduate Level

** = Taught as Independent Study Course

+ = Taught at Hope University Africa (Bujumbura, Burundi)

++ = Taught as Victory Outreach School of Ministry Courses: Amsterdam (Netherlands); London (England); Portland, Oregon; La Puente, California.

Awards, Accomplishments, and Affiliations

- ✓ Appointed Visiting Scholar, Princeton Theological Seminary, Princeton, New Jersey (2017).
- ✓ Member of the editorial board for Emory Studies in Early Christianity/ The Rhetoric of Religious Antiquity publications series. Atlanta: SBL Press. 2015-present.
- ✓ Steering Committee member for the Rhetoric of Religious Antiquity sessions, Society of Biblical Literature, 2016-present.
- ✓ Steering Committee member for the Systematic Transformation and Interweaving of Scripture in 1 Corinthians Seminar, Society of Biblical Literature, 2011–16.
- ✓ Founder and chair of Intertextuality in the New Testament Section, which conducts sessions for academic paper presentations held at the Society of Biblical Literature national conferences, 2008-2013.
- ✓ Participant in the High Performance Christian Writer’s Retreat, Malibu, CA (hosted by Azusa Pacific University; May/June annually, since 2015).
- ✓ Consulting scholar for publications through Oxford University Press (through Steve Wiggins, Associate editor - 2014)

- ✓ Recipient of the Undergraduate Scholarly Achievement Award, 2012–13; Azusa Pacific University (an annual university-wide award with stipend given to one outstanding faculty member).
- ✓ Consulting scholar for the academic journal, *Journal for the Study of Paul and His Letters* (2013)
- ✓ Recipient of the Established Scholar’s Award; Azusa Pacific University (2011–12; 2013–14)
- ✓ Recipient of the Beverly Hardcastle Stanford Fellowship Award, 2009–10; Azusa Pacific University (a competitive award offered to one faculty member annually that allows for one semester off teaching and other faculty duties in order to do scholarly research).
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