

Matthew A. Thomas

Education

Certificate, Online Teaching and Learning, 2014

California State University, East Bay (CSUEB): Hayward, California USA

Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.), Religion (Hebrew Bible), 2006

Claremont Graduate University (CGU): Claremont, California USA

Dissertation: *These are the Generations: Identity, Promise, and the toledot Formula*

Committee: Tammi J. Schneider (chair), Marvin A. Sweeney, Kristin De Troyer

Master of Arts (M.A.), Religion, 2003

Claremont Graduate University (CGU): Claremont, California USA

Master of Divinity (M.Div.), concentration in Biblical Studies, 1996

United Theological Seminary (UTS): Dayton, Ohio USA

Bachelor of Arts (B.A.), Religious Studies, Minor: Sociology, 1992

Hiram College: Hiram, Ohio USA

Magna Cum Laude; Departmental Honors

Academic Interests and Research

Areas: Hebrew Language

Pentateuch

Pedagogy

Topics: Nature of Biblical Covenant(s)

Pedagogy in Hebrew and Biblical Studies

Eisegeses and the Expansion of Interpretive Communities

Qualifying Examinations: The Pentateuch; History and Literature of the Ancient Near East; Form

Critical Methodology; The Nature of P

Teaching Experience

Affiliate Associate Professor of Old Testament, 2015-present

Affiliate Assistant Professor of Old Testament, 2014-2015

Adjunct Assistant Professor of Hebrew and Old Testament, 2009-2014

Fuller Theological Seminary School of Theology (FTS): Pasadena, California

- Designing and teaching Old Testament and Hebrew courses for face to face and online delivery

Senior Adjunct Faculty, 2017-present

Adjunct Faculty, 2007-2017

Azusa Pacific University (APU): Azusa, California

- Teaching courses in the Undergraduate Biblical and Religious Studies Department, face to face and online

Associate Lecturer in Biblical Studies, 2004-2007

International Baptist Theological Seminary (IBTS) / University of Wales (UW): Prague, Czech Republic

- Validated by UW for supervisory teams for M.Phil. and Ph.D. students; 2006-2007
- Validated by UW to offer Masters in Theology courses and act as Internal Examiner for student essays; 2005-2007
- Teaching Masters/Magister and undergraduate level students from over 10 European, Middle Eastern, and Asian countries at IBTS
- Advising Ph.D. students; supervising M.Phil. theses
- Evaluating student essays and theses in Old and New Testament and theology

Lecturer, 2002-2003

Disciples Seminary Foundation (DSF): Claremont, California

- Designed and taught courses in Certificate in Ministries Studies Program, face to face and hybrid (online & face to face)

Lecturer, 2000

Disciples Center for Education, Ecumenism, and Ministry: San Diego, California

Teaching Assistant, Hebrew, 1996

United Theological Seminary: Dayton, Ohio

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Courses Taught

Masters level

BI500: Interpretive Practices (face to face [f2f] and online) (Fuller)

IS502: Practices of Community (online) (Fuller)

LG500: Hebrew Tools for Biblical Interpretation (f2f and online) (Fuller)

- Developed course for Fuller

LG502: Beginning Biblical Hebrew (intensive and 2 quarter [A/B] - f2f and online) (Fuller)

- Developed fully online LG502A/B sequence

OT500: Old Testament Introduction (f2f and online) (Fuller)

OT500: Writings as an Introduction to the Old Testament (online) (Fuller)

OT501: Pentateuch (f2f and online) (Fuller)

OT506/527: Old Testament Exegesis: 1 & 2 Samuel, Hebrew (f2f) (Fuller)

OT517/567: Genesis (English Text) (online) (Fuller)

Old Testament Hebrew Texts (IBTS)

Themes in Biblical Theology (IBTS) – Assisted in designing the course

Hebrew Language I and II (UTS) – teaching assistant

Undergraduate level

UBBL 310: 1 and 2 Samuel (f2f and online) (APU)

UBBL 100: Introduction to Biblical Literature: Exodus/Deuteronomy (f2f and online) (APU)

Freshman Writing Seminar: Religious Themes in Science Fiction (f2f) (APU)

Old Testament Survey (f2f) (IBTS)

Introduction to the Old Testament (f2f) (DSF) - intensive

Introduction to Hebrew Scriptures (hybrid) (DSF)

Introduction to the Wisdom Literature (f2f workshop) (DSF)

Other Employment and Experience

Pastor, Ramona Avenue Christian Church (Disciples of Christ): La Verne, California; 2012-present

Research Associate, IBTS: Prague, Czech Republic; 2003-2004

Assistant Pastor, Upland Christian Church (Disciples of Christ): Upland, California; 1996-2003

Field Archaeologist, Tel Harassim Excavation Project: Kibbutz Kfar Menachem, Israel; 1997

Chaplain, Miami Valley Council, Boy Scouts of America: Dayton, Ohio; 1996

Research Assistant, United Theological Seminary, Dayton, Ohio; 1995

- Thomas B. Dozeman and Kathleen Farmer

Associate Pastor, Beardshear United Methodist Church: Dayton, Ohio; 1993-1995

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Guest Attendant, St. Vincent Hotel (homeless shelter): Dayton, Ohio; 1992-1993
Study abroad from Hiram College: Turkey, biblical archaeological sites and economy; 1990

Grants, Scholarships, and Awards

Society of Biblical Literature – Pacific Coast Region Student Essay Award in Hebrew Bible:
“Variations in the Toledot Formula in Genesis”; 2002
Claremont Graduate University Institutional Fellowship; 1997, 1998
Dorot Foundation Travel Grant; 1997
Robert E. and Mary E. Cramer Award for Academic Achievement; 1995
Division of Higher Education of the Christian Church (DOC) Scholarship; 1992, 1997, 1998
Rowley Scholarship, Center for Leadership & Ministry, Division of Homeland Ministries of the
Christian Church (Disciples of Christ); 1994-1996
United Theological Seminary Full Tuition Scholarship; 1992
Phi Beta Kappa; inducted 1992
Eagle Scout, Boy Scouts of America; awarded 1988

Institutional Service

Member, Board of Trustees Academic Committee, IBTS; 2005-2007
Member, Examination Board, IBTS / UW; 2005-2007
Member, Committee on Religious Activities for the Claremont Colleges; 2000-2003
Founding Member, CGU Religion Student Council; 2000-2002
Member, Claremont Graduate Council on Religion; 2000-2002

- advisory body to the CGU School of Religion and Claremont School of Theology

Chair, Spiritual Life Committee, UTS Community Council; 1994-1996
Member, UTS Faculty Search Committee; 1995

Memberships and Associations

Member, National Association of Professors of Hebrew (NAPH); 2011-present
Member, Society of Biblical Literature (NAPH); 1997-present
Ordained Minister, Christian Church (Disciples of Christ); 2001

Languages

Hebrew (Biblical): Researching, reading, and teaching ability

Greek (Koine and Attic): Research language

Aramaic (Biblical and Targumic): Research language

Akkadian: Research language

Czech: Pre-Intermediate reading and speaking ability

English: Native language

French: Research language

German: Research language

Publications

“Genealogy” in the *Encyclopedia of the Bible and Its Reception*. Edited by Hans-Josef Klauck, Bernard McGinn, Choon-Leong Seow, Hermann Spieckermann, Barry Dov Walfish, and Eric J. Ziolkowski. Volume 9. Berlin: de Gruyter, 2014.

Review of Anthony R. Petterson, *Behold Your King: The Hope for the House of David in The Book of Zechariah*. Library of Hebrew Bible/Old Testament Studies 513. *Religious Studies Review*, 39, 3 (2013): 171.

These are the Generations: Identity, Covenant, and the toledot Formula. Library of Hebrew Bible/Old Testament Studies 551. New York: Continuum / T & T Clark, 2011.

This is a well-produced, well-researched volume, in the great tradition of the JSOTSup series. It gives careful attention to a feature of Genesis and the Pentateuch that has received more use than rigorous analysis in the past. Thomas’s work deserves the attention of everyone working on the book of Genesis.

Mark McEntire, review of Matthew A. Thomas, *These Are the Generations: Identity, Covenant, and the 'toledot' Formula*, *Review of Biblical Literature* [<http://www.bookreviews.org>] (2011).

“Ball,” “Barber,” “Bethulia” in the *Encyclopedia of the Bible and Its Reception*. Edited by Hans-Josef Klauck, Bernard McGinn, Choon-Leong Seow, Hermann Spieckermann, Barry Dov Walfish, and Eric J. Ziolkowski. Volume 3. Berlin: de Gruyter, 2011.

“Levitical Job Descriptions and Authority.” Pages 153-168 in *Ethical Thinking at the Crossroads of European Reasoning: Proceedings of the 3rd Annual Theological Symposium of the International Postgraduate Theological Fellowship*. Edited by Parush R. Parushev, Ovidiu Creangă, and Brian Brock. IBTS Occasional Publications 7. Prague: International Baptist Theological Seminary, 2007.

“These are the Generations: Identity, Promise, and the toledot Formula.” Ph.D. diss., Claremont Graduate University, 2006.

“Hosea: Wooing to Heal.” Browsing the Bible series. *DisciplesWorld* 5, 3 (Apr. 2006): 23.

Review of Jacob Milgrom, *Leviticus 17-22: A New Translation With Introduction And Commentary*. The Anchor Bible 3A. *Religious Studies Review*, 29 (2003): 367.

Review of D. A. Dorsey, *Literary Structure of the Old Testament: A Commentary on Genesis - Malachi*. *Religious Studies Review* 27 (2001): 279.

Review of A. R. P. Diamond, K. M. O=Connor, and L. Stulman, *Troubling Jeremiah*. *Religious Studies Review* 27 (2001): 281.

“Bull,” “Quail,” “Serpent” in *Eerdmans Dictionary of the Bible*. Edited by David Noel Freedman, Allen C. Myers, and Astrid B. Beck. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2000.

Review of B. Arnold and B. Beyer, *Encountering the Old Testament: A Christian Survey*. *Religious Studies Review* 26 (2000): 181.

Review of B. Oestreich, *Metaphors and Similes for Yahweh in Hosea 14:2-9(1-8): A Study of Hoseanic Pictorial Language*. *Religious Studies Review* 25 (1999): 409.

Presentations

“Teaching/Learning Biblical Hebrew Online: Challenges and Community.” Paper presented in the National Association for Professors of Hebrew session on “Student-Centered Grammar Instruction in the Introductory Biblical Hebrew Class” Annual meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, San Diego, November 26, 2019.

"Introducing Interpretive Principles through Art & Popular Culture." Paper presented in the Academic Teaching of the Bible session on "Effective Use of Social Media and Internet in Teaching

Biblical Studies" Annual meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, Denver, November 18, 2018.
Slides at <https://bit.ly/2QROpSW>

"Getting Creative with Canvas." Presentation at Faculty Development Day. Azusa Pacific University.
May 15, 2018.

With YouLim Kim, "Faculty Workshop 2018: Bringing Creativity into the Online Classroom."
Presentation in the Faculty Workshop series at Fuller Theological Seminary, Pasadena, CA, January
17, 2018.

Kim, YouLim, producer. "Faculty Show & Tell: Announcements." Faculty Commons Newsletter.
Filmed [October 2017]. YouTube video, 1:25. <https://youtu.be/CC28bU5SPrc>.

"Teaching "Hebrew" in a Classroom of Computers: Considerations of Course Design, Pedagogy,
and Practicalities." Paper presented in the National Association of Professors of Hebrew session on
"Using Bible Software to Understand Biblical Texts". Annual meeting of the Society of Biblical
Literature, San Antonio, November 20, 2016.

"In the Beginning (Genesis 1)." Science & Christianity: Starting Conversations series. La Verne
Heights Presbyterian Church. La Verne, Calif., April 7, 2013.

"David." Workshop series presented at La Verne Heights Presbyterian Church. La Verne, Calif.,
June–July 2010.

"How Can I Know?': Toward a Rethinking of the Purpose of Biblical Covenants." Paper presented at
the Hebrew Bible section of the annual meeting of the Pacific Coast Region of the Society of Biblical
Literature. Tempe, Ariz., March 15, 2010.

"Eve and Shamhat: A Study in Comparative Methodology and Characterization." Paper presented at
the Hebrew Bible section of the annual meeting of the Pacific Coast Region of the Society of Biblical
Literature. Santa Clara, Calif., March 23, 2009.

"Reflections on Genesis 15-18." Workshop series presented at La Verne Heights Presbyterian
Church. La Verne, Calif., January – February 2008.

"The Role of Covenants in Transforming Divine-Human Relationships." Paper presented at the Postgraduate Seminar of International Baptist Theological Seminary, Prague, Czech Republic, February 28, 2007.

"Levitical Job Descriptions and Authority." Paper presented at the 3rd Annual Theological Symposium of the International Postgraduate Theological Fellowship, Prague, Czech Republic, February 16, 2007.

Response to Vladimir Lebedev, "Coping with 'Influencing Factors' in Missions in Light of Scripture." Mission: Basic Issues in the Bible conference, Prague, Czech Republic, Feb. 14, 2007.

Response to Robin Routledge, "Mission and Covenant in the Old Testament" and Malcom Elliot-Hogg, "Pentateuchal Foundations for Mission." Mission: Basic Issues in the Bible conference, Prague, Czech Republic, February 13, 2007.

"Honest to God Good News: A Look at the Psalms" Paper presented at the Bible and the Practice of Prayer conference, Prague, Czech Republic, September 29, 2005.

"Are the Generations of Genesis Trying to Tell Us Something?" Paper presented at the Postgraduate Seminar of International Baptist Theological Seminary, Prague, Czech Republic, January 19, 2005 and The Komensky Institute of Prague, Czech Republic, March 29, 2005.

"Structure and Content in Conflict? Some Examinations in Genesis." Paper presented at the Postgraduate Seminar of International Baptist Theological Seminary, Prague, Czech Republic, March 31, 2004.

"Variations in the toledot Formula in Genesis." Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Pacific Coast Region of the Society of Biblical Literature, March 24, 2002.

"Tel Harassim: Biblical Libnah?" Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Pacific Coast Region of the Society of Biblical Literature, April 16, 2000.