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- ✓ "Quotes, Allusions, and Echoes: Some Thoughts about What They Mean in Reference to Biblical Scripture." In Point of View Publishing, Inc., ed. Mark Roncace. Online: www.pointofviewpublshing.com, 2019.

✓ Interviewee: Caleb Lindgren and Morgan Lee. "Our Favorite Heresies of 2018: Experts Weight In." *Christianity Today*, 26 Oct. 2018.

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- ✓ "Interpreting "The 'Not beyond What is Written" in 1 Corinthians 4:6: Canon, Citation, Copyist Error, or Children's Saying"? Paper posted on https://azusa.academia.edu/BjOropeza. 2018.
- ✓ "A Synopsis of Apostasy in the Undisputed and Disputed Pauline Epistles. Paper posted on https://azusa.academia.edu/BjOropeza. 2018.
- ✓ "A Synopsis of Apostasy in the General Epistles and Revelation." Paper posted on https://azusa.academia.endu/BjOropeza. 2018.
- ✓ "A Synopsis of Apostasy in the Gospels, Acts, and Johannine Epistles. Paper posted on https://azusa.academia.edu/BjOropeza. 2018.
- ✓ "Is the New Perspective a Fading Fad? B. J. Oropeza Responds." Interview by Paul Moldavan in *Overthinking Christian*. 11/18/2017. online: https://overthinkingchristian.com/2017/11/18/the-new-perspective-a-fading-fad-b-j-oropeza-responds/
- ✓ James R. Harrison and L. L. Welborn, eds., *The First Urban Churches 2: Roman Corinth.* (Review). *Review of Biblical Literature* 11/2017.
- ✓ <u>History Channel</u> 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.
- ✓ 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.
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- ✓ "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 Supeheroes." 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. writer. May 2006. writer. May 2006. writer. May 2006. writer.html writer.html writer.html writer.html writer.html <a
- "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.
- ✓ "The Teachings of Arnold Murray and the Shepherd's Chapel." Christian Research Institute Paper, 1991.
- ✓ Created a number of studies and fact sheets for the Christian Research Institute and Victory Outreach Church International (1990–95; 2002).

Conference Papers, Seminars, Panels, Presidings

- ✓ "An Intertextual Reading of Philippians 2:14-18 with the Pre-Text of Deuteronomy 32: A Response to Mark Baker." Paper presented at the annual Society of Biblical Literature Conference. Institute for Biblical Research. Theme: Early Christian Judaism. San Antonio, Nov. 18, 2023.
- ✓ "The Righteous by Faith Shall Live... *in the Spirit*? Galatians and Salvific Life in the Holy Spirit." Paper presented at the annual Society of Biblical Literature Conference. Scripture and Paul Seminar. Denver, Nov 19, 2022.
- ✓ "1 Thessalonians." Scripture and Paul Seminar. Presiding. Society of Biblical Literature Conference. Denver. Nov. 19, 2022.
- ✓ "Defining and Detecting an Ancient Author's Intertextual Techniques: A Response." SBL conference. Book review session on *Practicing Intertextuality: Ancient Jewish and Greco-Roman Exegetical Techniques*. Paper presented at the SBL annual conference. Intertextuality in the New Testament section. San Antonio, Nov 22, 2021
- ✓ "Galatians, Part 2." Scripture and Paul Seminar. Presiding. Society of Biblical Literature Conference. San Antonio. Nov. 22, 2021.
- "Justification, Forgiveness, Judgment, and Salvation." Discussant at the "Was Paul an Apocalyptic Jew: A Case in Jewish Diversity in the Second Temple Period" virtual conference. Oct. 26. Enoch Seminar: International Scholarship on Second Temple Judaism and Christian, Rabbinic, and Islamic Origins." University of Michigan. Oct 25-27, 2021.
- ✓ "Paul and the Torah in an Apocalyptic Perspective." Discussant at the "Was Paul an Apocalyptic Jew: A Case in Jewish Diversity in the Second Temple Period" virtual conference. Oct. 26. Enoch Seminar: International Scholarship on Second Temple Judaism and Christian, Rabbinic, and Islamic Origins." University of Michigan. Oct 25-27, 2021.
- √ "Reconciliation in 'Light' of Isaiah 8:22–9:6[7]: Confirming Isaianic Influence on Paul's Use of καταλλαγή in 2 Corinthians 5:17–21." Paper presented through the virtual conference held by the Society of Biblical Literature (Scripture and Paul seminar). Nov. 2020.
- "Humor, Testing, and Divine Kinship in Hebrews 12 and Philo's *De Congressu eruditionis gratia*: A Response to Jason Whitlark and Scott Mackie." Paper response presented at the Hebrews/ Intertextuality in the New Testament plenary session. Society of Biblical Literature Conference. San Diego. 24 Nov. 2019.
- ✓ "1 Corinthians 10:1-22 in Light of the Corinthians' Knowledge of Scripture." Paper presented at the Bildung und Religion Symposium on Paulus und Mose: Zur Deutung der Traditionen um Israels Aufenthalt am Sinai in der

Wüste durch den Völkerapostel. Mariaspring (Heimvolkshochschule), hosted by Georg August-Universität, Göttingen, Germany. May 30-June 1, 2019.

- ✓ "Justification through Faith in Christ or Christ's Faithfulness? Updating the πίστις Χριστοῦ in Light of Paul's Use of Scripture." Paper presented at the Pacific Coast Society of Biblical Literature Conference. Fullerton (Hope International), 10 March 2019.
- ✓ "Paul's Use of Deutero-Isaiah in Romans 2:24 and in the Gospel of Romans 1." Paper presented at the Society of Biblical Literature Conference. Scripture in Paul seminar. Denver. 18 Nov. 2018.
- ✓ "Is there Justice in God's Righteousness? Revisiting Romans 1:16-17." Sabbatical Luncheon Presentation, Azusa Pacific University, March, 2018.
- ✓ "Paul's Use of Scripture in Romans." Scripture and Paul seminar. Presiding. Society of Biblical Literature Conference. Boston. Nov. 18, 2017.
- ✓ "Paul's Christological Use of Scripture in Romans." Scripture and Paul seminar. Panelist. Society of Biblical Literature Conference. Boston. Nov. 18, 2017.
- ✓ "A New Reformation? A Look at the New Perspective on Paul the Apostle." Paper presented at the conference in conjunction with the Western Regional Conference on Faith and History: Reformation Reverberations: Consequences and Challenges of Change. Azusa, CA. Oct. 13, 2017.
- ✓ "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 presented at the Society of Biblical Literature Conference. Systematic Transformation and Interweaving of Scripture in 1 Corinthians seminar. San Antonio. Nov. 19, 2016.
- ✓ "Book Review: *Exploring Intertextuality*." Respondent to my book publication with the same name at the Society of Biblical Literature Conference. Intertextuality in the New Testament section. San Antonio. 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. Chicago. 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. Society of Biblical Literature Conference. Chicago. 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-theologichen Seminars/Institut zur Erforshung 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 in the New Testament Consultation. Society of Biblical Literature National Conference. Boston, 2008.
- ✓ "Exploring the Pauline Letters." Presiding. Intertextuality in 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 and Apostasy in the Wilderness in 1 Corinthians 10:1-13." Paper presented at the Durham University New Testament seminar. Durham, UK. Fall, 1997.
- ✓ "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.

Education

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

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

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

B.A., 1989, Northern California Bible College, Pleasanton, CA.

Position

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

Previous Positions

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])

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)

Academic Courses

- ✓ Romans and Galatians
- ✓ <u>Life and Teachings of Jesus</u>
- ✓ Paul the Pastor and Theologian*
- ✓ Romans*
- ✓ 1 Corinthians**
- ✓ <u>Luke-Acts</u>
- ✓ Thessalonian and Corinthian Correspondence
- ✓ New Testament Methods*
- ✓ Textual Criticism (New Testament)***
- ✓ New Testament Foundations of Worship*
- ✓ Johannine Literature
- ✓ Pastoral and Prison Epistles
- ✓ Book of Revelation
- ✓ General Epistles

- ✓ 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++

<u>Underline</u> = Also taught as an asynchronous online course

- * = Taught at Graduate Level
- ** = Taught as an Independent Study Course; Ph.D. Level
- *** = Taught as an Independent Study Course; Undergraduate level
- += Taught at Hope University Africa (Bujumbura, Burundi)
- ++ = Taught as Victory Outreach School of Ministry Courses: Amsterdam (Netherlands); London (England); Portland, Oregon; La Puente, California.

Doctoral Supervisor and/or External Examiner for Ph.D. theses:

Current and ongoing:

St. Andrews University, Scotland/Trinity College (Bristol, England)

Previous:

Southern Baptist Theological Seminary (Louisville, KY)

University of Divinity (Kew Victoria)

University of Capetown

University of South Africa

Affiliations, Accomplishments, Awards

- ✓ Editorial member for *New Testament Studies* (academic journal). Term begins 2025 (2024-25 academic year).
- ✓ Editorial member for SBL Press: Emory Studies in Early Christianity/ The Rhetoric of Religious Antiquity publications series. Term: 2015—.
- ✓ Translation contributor: NRSVue, CEB, Lexham Septuagint.
- ✓ Member of the *Studiorum Novi Testamentum Societas* (Society of New Testament Studies); a specialized international society of New Testament scholars who excel in scholarly work and publications.
- ✓ Columnist for *Patheos*, the premier site for engaging with global dialogue regarding religion and spirituality online. Column name: "In Christ." Online: https://www.patheos.com (under Columnists/General Christian headings).
- ✓ Founder and chair of Intertextuality in the New Testament section, which continues to conduct sessions for academic paper presentations held at the Society of Biblical Literature national conferences (term as chair: 2008-2013).
- ✓ Co-chair for the Scripture and Paul seminars, Society of Biblical Literature, (steering committee: 2017-19; co-chair: 2020-22).
- ✓ Steering Committee member for the Rhetoric of Religious Antiquity sessions, Society of Biblical Literature, 2016-20.
- ✓ Steering Committee member for the Systematic Transformation and Interweaving of Scripture in 1 Corinthians Seminar, Society of Biblical Literature, 2011–16.
- ✓ Visiting scholar in residence, Asbury Theological Seminary, Wilmore, Kentucky (2024).
- ✓ Visiting scholar in residence, Princeton Theological Seminary, Princeton, New Jersey (2017).
- ✓ Visiting scholar in residence, University of Tübingen, Germany (2009). Host: Prof. Dr. Michael Theobald, Katholisch-Theologischen Fakultät, Neues Testament. Theologicum and Universität Bibliotheken, and work station at the Institut zur Erforschung des Urchristentums, Dr. T. S. Caulley, Direktor.
- ✓ Consulting scholar for publications for e.g., Oxford University Press, SBL Press, Cambridge University Press, Bloomsbury/ T. & T. Clark, Fortress Academic, *Journal for the Study of the New Testament, Journal for the*

- Study of Paul and His Letters; Religions; Neotestamentica; Acta Universitatis Carolinae Theologica, etc. (2011-present)
- ✓ 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).
- ✓ 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).
- ✓ Recipient of the Established Scholar's Award; Azusa Pacific University (2011–12; 2013–14)
- ✓ Recipient of the CREV award (Center for Research on Ethics and Values Faculty Awards); Azusa Pacific University (Fall, 2006; Fall, 2008; Fall, Spring, 2014-15).
- ✓ Recipient of the Emerging Scholar's Award; Azusa Pacific University (2005–2006).
- ✓ High Performance Christian Writer's Retreat participant, Malibu, CA (hosted by Azusa Pacific University; May/June annually). 2015–2021.
- ✓ Conference entitled, "The Gospel According to Superheroes," inspired by my book, *The Gospel According to Superheroes: Religion and Popular Culture*. November 9, 2013. Hosted by Geoff Boucher and sponsored by Act One: Hollywood Above the Line; Azusa Pacific University; and the Reel Spirituality Institute. Fuller Theological Seminary: Pasadena, California.
- ✓ Local and Conference Ministerial Candidate for the Free Methodist denomination (1999–2007).
- ✓ Ph.D. candidate contributor through the New Testament seminar (University of Durham, England, 1996) to the editing of the manuscript draft, *The Theology of Paul the Apostle* by James D. G. Dunn (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1998).
- ✓ Research Associate for the Christian Research Institute and Research Assistant for the *Christian Research Journal*, 1990–95.
- ✓ Consulting editor to the award-winning bestseller, *Christianity in Crisis* by Hank Hanegraaff (Eugene, OR: Harvest House, 1993).
- ✓ Member of the Society for Biblical Literature (1998–present).
- ✓ Member of Institute for Biblical Research (2017–19).
- ✓ Member of the British New Testament Society (1997–98).
- ✓ Member of Society of Popular Culture (2005).
- ✓ Guest interview speaker for the History Channel (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.
- ✓ Guest interview speaker for the television talk show, *On Main Street* (The Lutheran Hour). Two shows: "Reading the Future" and "The Christmas Angel" (2000).
- ✓ Radio guest for various talk-show programs as a specialist on eschatology and angelology through the Christian Research Institute and author from InterVarsity Press (1992-2000).
- ✓ Durham International Students Union, Graduate Society, representative (1996-98); Graduate Society, Durham University, House Committee Representative for Kepier Court and Kepier House districts (1996-97).

Church Affiliations

Denomination: Free Methodist

Previous Church Affiliations: Catholic, Assemblies of God (Victory Outreach), Anglican, Presbyterian, Four Square

Current church home: Crossline Church (Laguna Hills, CA)

Scholarly Specialties and Interests

Pauline Studies, Romans, Corinthians, Intertextual studies, New and Post-New Perspectives on Paul, Sociorhetorical hermeneutics, Greco-Roman studies, Ancient Jewish and Gentile relations, conversion, apostasy, perseverance

Recommendations

Doktorvater: the late James D. G. Dunn (Durham University, Emeritus)

Doktorvater: Loren T. Stuckenbruck (Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München)

C. K. Robertson (Canon to the Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church)

Vernon K. Robbins (Emory University, Emeritus)

Duane Watson (Malone College, Emeritus)
Paul Anderson (George Fox University)
Donald A. Hagner (Fuller Theological Seminary, Emeritus)

Hobbies/Personal Interests

weight lifting, billiards, stock markets, travel and foreign languages

Blogs/Websites

Patheos columnist for the column, "In Christ": https://www.patheos.com/blogs/inchrist/

Twitter: @bjoropeza1

Academia: https://azusa.academia.edu/BjOropeza

Amazon: https://www.amazon.com/B-J-Oropeza/e/B001K6VWE6?ref=sr_ntt_srch_lnk_1&qid=1637217753&sr=8-1

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