

Curriculum Vitae

MATTHEW R. SCHLIMM

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EDUCATION

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

Graduate Program in Religion, Duke University (December 2008)
 Major: Old Testament/Hebrew Bible
 Minors: Christian Theology (Wesleyan Studies) & Communication (Rhetorical Criticism)
 Dissertation Title: "From Fratricide to Forgiveness: The Ethics of Anger in Genesis"
 Dissertation Committee: J. Crenshaw (Chair), E. Davis, A. Portier-Young, R. Maddox, R. Cox

MASTER OF DIVINITY, *Summa Cum Laude*

The Divinity School, Duke University (December 2001)

BACHELOR OF ARTS, *Summa Cum Laude*

Asbury College, now Asbury University (August 1998)
 Major: Biblical Studies

WORK EXPERIENCE

UNIVERSITY OF DUBUQUE

Professor of Old Testament (2017–present)
 Associate Professor of Old Testament (2015–2017)
 Assistant Professor of Old Testament (2009–2014)
 Instructor (2008)

DUKE UNIVERSITY

Ph.D. Student (2003–2008)
 Instructor, Preceptor, Teaching Assistant, Writing Tutor (2002–2005)
 Ministry Coordinator, Duke Youth Academy for Christian Formation (2003–2008)

PASTORAL MINISTRY

Ordained Elder to Word, Sacrament, Order, Service, United Methodist Church (2005–present)
 Associate Pastor, Cross Winds United Methodist Church, Minneapolis, Minnesota (2002–2003)
 Student Pastor, Tabernacle United Methodist Church of Greensboro, North Carolina (2001); Urban Ministries of Durham, North Carolina (2000)
 Interim Supply Pastor, Three Oaks United Methodist Church, Three Oaks, Michigan (1999); Townline United Methodist Church, Bloomington, Michigan (1998); Breedsville United Methodist Church, Breedsville, Michigan (1998)

PUBLICATIONS: BOOKS

Genesis: A Translation and Commentary [working title]. The Bible in God's World. Eds. Lissa Wray Beale, M. Daniel Carroll R., Scot McKnight, and Nijay Gupta. Eugene, OR: Cascade. Estimated completion date: 2024.

70 Hebrew Words Every Christian Should Know. Nashville: Abingdon, 2018.

Reviewed in: *Catalyst* (Joel B. Green); *United Methodist News* (Sam Hodges); *Bulletin of Biblical Research* (Amy N. Allan); *Bible Today* (John R. Barker). Listed as best-seller in *Christian Century* (5/22/2019).

This Strange and Sacred Scripture: Wrestling with the Old Testament and Its Oddities. Grand Rapids: Baker Academic, 2015.

Reviewed in: *Christian Century* (Jacqueline Lapsley); *Journal for the Study of the Old Testament* (J-P Hsiao); *Interpretation* (Mark E. Biddle); *Revue Biblique* (Martin Staszak); *Perspectives in Religious Studies* (Barry Jones); *Review and Expositor* (Terry W. Eddinger); *Word and World* (Jeffrey G. Audirsch); *Theological Studies* (Michael R. Simone); *Presbyterian Outlook* (Roy Howard); *Christianity Today* (Matt Reynolds); *Seedbed* (Guy Williams); *Biblical Theology Bulletin* (Christopher M. Jones); *Bulletin for Biblical Research* (Lael Caesar); *Journal of the Evangelical Theological Society* (Walter E. Brown); *Brave Daily* (Mike Reynolds); *Choice Connect: A Publication of the Association of College and Research Libraries* (H. M. Szpek); *The Washington BookReview* (TWBR Team); *Bible Study Magazine* (Jon Jordan); *Themelios* (Matthew Newkirk); *Books at a Glance* (Joshua Centanni); *Panorama of a Book Saint* (Conrade Yap); Saint Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church Channel on *YouTube* (Greg Pickens); *Duke Today* (Genesis Jackson); *Calvin Theological Journal* (Tyler J. Patty). Listed as best-seller in *Christian Century* (10/14/2015).

Co-editor (with Joel B. Green, Seung Ai Yang, Mark J. Boda, Mignon R. Jacobs, and Marti J. Steussy). *CEB Study Bible*. Nashville: Common English Bible, 2013.

From Fratricide to Forgiveness: The Language and Ethics of Anger in Genesis. Siphrut: Literature and Theology of the Hebrew Scriptures. Edited by Stephen Chapman, Tremper Longman III, and Nathan MacDonald. Winona Lake, Ind.: Eisenbrauns (Imprint of Penn State University Press), 2011.

Reviewed in: *Journal for the Study of the Old Testament* (R. Briggs); *Catholic Biblical Quarterly* (Wilma Ann Bailey); *Bulletin for Biblical Research* (Joseph R. Kelly); *Journal of Semitic Studies* (R. W. L. Moberly); *Zeitschrift für die alttestamentliche Wissenschaft* (Jan Christian Gertz); *Theologische Literaturzeitung* (John E. Anderson); *Review of Biblical Literature* (Phillip Sherman); *Biblica* (D. Scaiola); *Journal of Theological Studies* (Joel Kaminsky); *Journal of Hebrew Scriptures* (Dustin J. Boreland); *Religious Studies Review* (Penelope Barter).

JOURNAL ARTICLES

"The Paradoxes of Fear in the Hebrew Bible." *Svensk Exegetisk Årsbok* 84 (2019): 25–50.

"Jealousy or Furnace Remelting? A Response to Nissim Amzallag." *Journal of Biblical Literature* 136 (2017): 513–28 (lead article).

"Wrestling with Marduk: Old Testament Parallels and Prevenient Grace." *Wesleyan Theological Journal* 48, no. 2 (2013): 181–192.

"At Sin's Entryway (Gen 4,7): A Reply to C. L. Crouch." *Zeitschrift für die Alttestamentliche Wissenschaft* 124, no. 3 (2012): 409–415.

"The Necessity of Permanent Criticism: A Postcolonial Critique of Ridley Scott's *Kingdom of Heaven*." *Journal of Media and Religion* 9 (2010): 129–149 (lead article).

JOURNAL ARTICLES (continued)

- “Dissertation Summary: ‘From Fratricide to Forgiveness: The Ethics of Anger in Genesis.’” *Tyndale Bulletin* 61 (2010): 157–159.
- “Different Perspectives on Divine Pathos: An Examination of Hermeneutics in Biblical Theology.” *The Catholic Biblical Quarterly* 69.4 (Oct. 2007): 673–694.
- “Defending the Old Testament’s Worth: John Wesley’s Reaction to the Rebirth of Marcionism.” *The Wesleyan Theological Journal* 42.2 (2007): 28–51.
- “Biblical Studies and Rhetorical Criticism: Bridging the Divide between the Hebrew Bible and Communication.” *Review of Communication* 7.3 (2007): 244–275.
- “Teaching the Hebrew Bible amid the Current Human Rights Crisis: The Pedagogical Opportunities Presented by Amos 1:3–2:3.” *SBL Forum* 4.1 (2006). <http://sbl-site.org/publications/article.aspx?articleId=478>.
- “The Puzzle of Perfection: Growth in John Wesley’s Doctrine of Perfection.” *The Wesleyan Theological Journal* 38.2 (2003): 124–142.

COMMENTARIES & RELATED WORKS

See Genesis commentary above under “Publications: Books.”

- “Commentary on Numbers.” *Wesley One Volume Commentary on the Bible*. Nashville: Abingdon, in press.
- Commentaries on 2 Kings 5:1–14, Isaiah 66:10–14, Amos 7:7–17, Deuteronomy 30:9–14; Amos 8:1–12; Genesis 18:1–10a (Proper 9–11) in *Connections: A Lectionary Commentary for Preaching and Worship*. Year C, Volume 3: Season after Pentecost. Edited by Joel B. Green et al. Louisville: Westminster John Knox, 2019. Pages 125–27, 144–45, 162–64.
- Introductions for Genesis, Numbers, Ruth, Esther, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Lamentations, Ezekiel, Amos, Obadiah, Jonah, Habakkuk, Haggai. In *CEB Student Bible*. Nashville: Common English Bible, 2015.
- “Living by the Word.” Lectionary Commentaries on Nov. 30, 2014 and Dec. 7, 2014. *The Christian Century*. Nov. 26, 2014. Pages 20–21.

ACADEMIC ESSAYS & LONGER ENCYCLOPEDIA ENTRIES

- “Theologies in the Book of Isaiah.” *Cambridge Companion to Isaiah*. Edited by Christopher B. Hays. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, forthcoming.
- “Creation and Its Complication: Ethics of Genesis.” *Cambridge Companion to the Hebrew Bible and Ethics*. Edited by C. L. Crouch. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, in press.
- “The Central Role of Emotions in Biblical Theology, Biblical Ethics, and Popular Conceptions of the Bible.” Pages 43–59 in *Mixed Feelings and Vexed Passions in Biblical Literature: Emotions of Divine and Human Figures in Interdisciplinary Perspective*. Edited by Scott Spencer. Atlanta: SBL, 2017.
- “Biblical Ethics (Old Testament).” Pages 274–280 in *The Oxford Encyclopedia of the Bible and Theology*. Edited by Samuel E. Balentine. New York: Oxford, 2015.
- “Emotion, Embodiment, and Ethics: Engaging Anger in Genesis.” Pages 146–158 in *Bodies, Embodiment and Theology of the Hebrew Bible*. Edited by Tamar Kamionkowski and Wonil Kim. Library of Hebrew Bible/Old Testament Studies 465. New York: T & T Clark, 2010.

SHORTER ENCYCLOPEDIA ENTRIES

Assisted the revision of: Eric M. Meyers and John W. Rogerson. "Bibliographical and Biographical Essay." Pages 316–325 in "Part One: The Old Testament World" of *The Cambridge Companion to the Bible*. Edited by Bruce Chilton. Revised Edition. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2007.

"Bread of the Presence." Pages 4:446–447 in *The Encyclopedia of the Bible and Its Reception (EBR)*. Edited by Hans-Josef Klauck. Berlin: Walter de Gruyter Publishing House, 2012.

"Perfection" and "Prisoners of War." In *The Dictionary of Scripture and Ethics (DSE)*. Edited by Joel Green. Grand Rapids, Michigan: Baker Academic, 2011.

BOOK REVIEWS

Review of *Old Testament Ethics: A Guided Tour*, by John Goldingay. *Bulletin for Biblical Research*. Forthcoming.

Review of *Bible and Ethics in the Christian Life: A New Conversation*, by Bruce C. Birch, Jacqueline E. Lapsley, Cynthia Moe-Lobeda, and Larry L. Rasmussen. *Interpretation*. Forthcoming.

Review of *The Old Testament Is Dying: A Diagnosis and Recommended Treatment*, by Brent A. Strawn. *Catholic Biblical Quarterly* 80 (2018): 521-23.

Review of *Divine Anger in the Hebrew Bible*, by Deena E. Grant. *Journal of Hebrew Scriptures* 15 (2015). http://www.jhsonline.org/reviews/reviews_new/review743.htm.

Review of *Spiritual Emotions: A Psychology of Christian Virtues*, by Robert C. Roberts. *Edification: The Interdisciplinary Journal of the Society for Christian Psychology* 4 (2010): 79–80.

Review of *Inspiration and Incarnation: Evangelicals and the Problem of the Old Testament*, by Peter Enns. *Scottish Journal of Theology* 62 (2009): 240–242.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS & ONLINE RESOURCES

Quoted in Jennifer Bendery. "Christian Leaders to Jeff Sessions: The Bible Does Not Justify Separating Families." *Huffington Post*. June 15, 2018. https://www.huffingtonpost.com/entry/jeff-sessions-trump-immigration-family-separation-border_us_5b23ff24e4b0783ae128f90d

"Fantasy Football and Friendship: The Company We Keep Online." *Character and... Social Media* 1 (2015): 26–50. <http://digitalud.dbq.edu/ojs/index.php/character/article/view/3/3>

"Matthew R. Schlimm – This Strange and Sacred Scripture." *On Script: Conversations on Current Biblical Scholarship*. <http://onscript.study/podcast/matthew-r-schlimm-this-strange-and-sacred-scripture/>

"Conversation about Guns with Pacifist Scholar, Dr. Matthew Schlimm." *Faith and Firearms Project*. <https://youtu.be/iCkbg7bCDys>

"Are We Preachers or Prophets?" *Preaching Today. Christianity Today*. <http://www.preachingtoday.com/skills/2015/october/are-we-preachers-or-prophets.html>

"R-Rated: Preaching Disturbing Stories." *Preaching Today. Christianity Today*. <http://www.preachingtoday.com/skills/2015/august/preaching-disturbing-stories.html>

"Learning from a Distance." *The Christian Century*, March 20, 2013, page 6.

"Currents in Old Testament Theology." *Catalyst: Contemporary Evangelical Perspectives for United Methodist Seminarians* 37, no. 3 (Mar. 1, 2011): 1, 4–6. <http://www.catalystresources.org/currents-in-old-testament-theology/>.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS & ONLINE RESOURCES (Continued)

“Emotions and Faith: The Perplexing Relationship between What We Feel and What We Believe.” *@This Point: Theological Investigations in Church and Culture* 6, no. 1 (2011).

<http://www.atthispoint.net/articles/emotions-and-faith-the-perplexing-relationship-between-what-we-feel-and-what-we-believe/217/>.

“Praying the Psalms or, How to Use the Bible to Improve Your Prayer Life.” Pages 18–31 in *Holy Things for Youth Ministry: 13 Practical Sessions*. Edited by Brian Hardesty-Crouch. Cleveland: Pilgrim, 2010.

“Terence Fretheim: Scholarship that Matters to the Church.” *Catalyst: Contemporary Evangelical Perspectives for United Methodist Seminarians* 32, no. 2 (Feb. 1, 2006): 5–6.

“A Double Disappointment.” *Christianity Today* 7 August 2000: page 10.

ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS

- November 2019 Respondent to: Thomas Kazen. “Law and Emotion in Moral Repair: Circumscribing Infringement.” Presentation at the Bible and Emotion Section at the Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, San Diego, Calif.
- February 2019 “The Fear of the Lord and Biblical Ethics.” David Allan Hubbard Old Testament Lecture. Fuller Theological Seminary, Pasadena, California.
- October 2018 “The Paradoxes of Fear in the Hebrew Bible.” Exegetical Day, Stockholm School of Theology, Stockholm, Sweden.
- August 2018 “Finding a Method of Biblical Scholarship Conducive to Renewal: The Normative Value of John Wesley’s Assessment of Nascent Biblical Criticism.” Fourteenth Oxford Institute of Methodist Theological Studies, Pembroke College, Oxford, England.
- November 2017 “Is Deuteronomy the Original Prosperity Gospel?” Presentation at the Theological Interpretation of Scripture Session at the Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, Boston, Mass.
- November 2017 “The Problems with Progressive Revelation: Violence as an Example.” Presentation at the Biblical Ethics Session at the Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, Boston, Mass.
- November 2016 “Jesus Christ among Diego Rivera’s Miners: A Biblical Interpretation of ‘Entering the Mine,’ ‘Exiting the Mine,’ and ‘The Embrace.’” Presentation at the Bible and Visual Art Session at the Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, San Antonio, Texas.
- April 2015 “Upsetting the Religious Establishment: Intertextual Allusion in Jordaens’ *Christ Driving Merchants from the Temple*.” Presentation at the Upper Midwest Regional Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, St. Paul, Minn.
- February 2014 “Imagining Ruth and Ezra’s Conversation.” Presentation at the Midwest Regional Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, Bourbonnais, Ill.
- February 2013 “Emotions in the Bible, God, and Humanity.” Presentation at the 7th Annual Celebration of Faculty and Staff Scholarship and Creativity at the University of Dubuque, Dubuque, Ia.

ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS (continued)

- November 2012 “From Anxiety to Curiosity: Reflections on Teaching Hebrew Online.” Presentation at the National Association of Professors of Hebrew at the Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, Chicago, Ill.
- November 2012 “The Central Role of Emotions in Biblical Theology, Biblical Ethics, and Conceptions of the Bible Itself.” Presentation at the Bible and Emotion Consultation at the Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, Chicago, Ill.
- November 2011 Respondent to: Reviews by Terence Fretheim, Travis Bott, and David Moffitt of *From Fratricide to Forgiveness: The Language and Ethics of Anger in Genesis*. Presentation at the Christian Theological Research Fellowship at the Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, San Francisco, Calif.
- March 2008 “Wrestling with Marduk: The Authority of Scripture, Old Testament Parallels, and Prevenient Grace.” Presentation at the Annual Meeting of the Wesleyan Theological Society at Duke Divinity School, Durham, N.C.
- December 2007 “Ethics, Estrangement, and Emotion: Engaging Anger in Genesis.” Presentation at the Christmas Conference of the John Wesley Fellows at the Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Tex.
- November 2007 “The Primary Conceptual Link between the Old and New Testaments: ‘God Is Human’ as the Bible’s Master Metaphor.” Presentation at the Annual Dempster Scholars Banquet, San Diego, Calif.
- November 2007 “From Fratricide to Forgiveness: The Ethics of Anger in Genesis.” Presentation at the Character Ethics and Biblical Interpretation Group of the Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, San Diego, Calif.
- November 2007 “The Necessity of Newness: Why Isaiah 65:16b–25 Requires a New Creation.” Presentation at the Formation of the Book of Isaiah Group of the Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, San Diego, Calif.
- November 2006 “Does God Suffer as Humanity Suffers? A Linguistic Examination of Evidence in the Hebrew Bible.” Presentation at the Poster Session of the Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, Washington, D.C.
- December 2005 Respondent to: Katie M. Heffelfinger. “The Rise and Fall of Metaphors in Israel’s Testimony to the Ideal Kingship: An Examination of the Theological and Liturgical Possibilities of Psalm 72.” Presentation at the Christmas Conference of the John Wesley Fellows at Duke University, Durham, N.C.
- November 2005 “Finding Fault with the Bible: Walther Eichrodt’s Disembodied God.” Presentation at the Theology of the Hebrew Scriptures Section of the Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, Philadelphia, Penn.
- November 2005 “For Three War Crimes and for Four: Amos 1:3–2:3 and the Current Human Rights Crisis.” Presentation at the Israelite Prophetic Literature Section of the Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, Philadelphia, Penn.

ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS (continued)

- March 2005 “Verifying Divine Regret: 1 Samuel 19:18–24 as Negation of 1 Samuel 10:10–12.” Presentation at the Southeastern Regional Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, Winston-Salem, N.C.
- November 2004 “Divergent Accounts of Divine Affectivity in Recent Old Testament Scholarship.” Presentation at the Israelite Prophetic Literature Section of the Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, San Antonio, Tex.
- April 2004 “Technology Enhancements for Learning Biblical Hebrew.” Presentation at the poster session of the Instructional Technology Showcase, hosted by the Center for Instructional Technology, Duke University, Durham, N.C.

COURSES TAUGHT (at seminary level unless otherwise specified)

- “Old Testament Introduction.”
- “Genesis.”
- “Ruth.”
- “1 Samuel.”
- “Ecclesiastes.”
- “Isaiah.”
- “The Torah.”
- “The Prophets.”
- “Introduction to Biblical Hebrew I & II.”
- “Hebrew Exegesis.”
- “Hebrew Reading” (An intermediate reading course).
- “Biblical Ethics.”
- “The Bible and *New York Times* Bestsellers.”
- “Biblical Art as Visual Exegesis.”
- “New Testament Greek II.”
- “Figuring Out Faithfulness: The Promises and Perils of Popular Culture” (D.Min. Seminar)
- “The Bible and Black Experience” (Undergraduate Course)

HONORS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND AWARDS

- University of Dubuque*: Joseph and Linda Chlapaty Research Chair in Church Renewal (2019–2020, 2012–2013)
- University of Dubuque*: Stewart Grant (2017–2019)
- University of Dubuque*: William L. Lomax Award for Excellence in Teaching and Advising (2018)
- University of Dubuque*: Research Sabbatical (Spring 2016, Spring 2012)
- University of Dubuque*: Chlapaty Fellowship Supervisor (2015)
- University of Dubuque*: Wendt Scholarship Team Member (2013–2014)
- General Board of Higher Education and Ministry of the United Methodist Church*: John Dempster Graduate Fellowship for Ph.D. studies (2007–2008)
- A Foundation for Theological Education*: John Wesley Fellowship for Ph.D. studies (2004–2008)
- Duke University Graduate School*: Full Fellowship for Ph.D. studies (2004–2008); Conference Travel Fellowship (2007)
- Duke Divinity School*: Duke (Full-Tuition) Scholarship for M.Div. studies (1999–2001); American Bible Society Scholarly Achievement Award (2001)
- General Commission on Archives and History of the United Methodist Church*: John H. Ness Award (2001)
- Pittulloch Foundation*: Selected to participate in the Middle East Travel Seminar (METS), an on-location study of Syria, Lebanon, Jordan, Egypt, Israel, the Palestinian West Bank, and Greece led by Dr. Max Miller and Dr. Gerry Mattingly (2001)
- Asbury Theological Seminary*: Beeson (Full-Tuition) Scholarship for M.Div. studies (1998–1999)

HONORS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND AWARDS (continued)

Asbury College: Presidential Scholarship (1995–1998); American Bible Society Scholarly Achievement Award (1998)

Kalamazoo Foundation: Clarence Remyse Scholarship (1995–1998)

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

- The Torah
- Biblical Emotion
- Biblical Ethics
- Biblical Authority
- Biblical Theology
- Rhetorical Criticism and Literary Approaches
- Pacifism and Violence
- Wesleyan Theology and Interpretation