

# Curriculum Vitae

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## 1. Education

- Ph.D. University of Pretoria, S. Africa, 2015  
Field of Study: New Testament  
Dissertation: *Gods, Kings and Benefactors: Resisting the Ruling Power in Early Judaism and Paul's Polemic against Iconic Spectacle in Acts 17:16-32*  
Committee: Dr. Gert Steyn (University of Pretoria)  
Dr. David Moessner (Texas Christian University)  
Dr. Jeremy Punt (University of Stellenbosch)
- A.M.R.S. University of Chicago Divinity School, 2013, *magna cum laude*  
Field of Study: New Testament  
Thesis: *Hellenistic Judaism and the Idolatry of Ruler Worship*  
Adviser: Dr. Hans-Josef Klauck
- M. Arts Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, 2009, *cum laude*  
Field of Study: New Testament  
Thesis: *Luke's Sermon on the Plain and the Restoration of Israel: Luke 6:12-20 as Prolegomenon*  
Adviser: Dr. Robert Yarbrough
- B. Arts Whitworth University, 2004, *cum laude*  
Field of Study: Religion, minors in Philosophy, Greek & Hebrew  
Adviser: Dr. James Edwards

## 2. Awards and Honors

- Dunning Distinguished Faculty Lecturer for Excellence in Teaching and Scholarship, St. Mary's Ecumenical Institute (2015-16; 2017-18)  
Full-Tuition Doctoral Bursary, University of Pretoria (2012-2014)  
Theologian in Residence Fellowship, University of Chicago Divinity School (2009-2010)

Congregational Fellowship, The Fund for Theological Education (grant matched by the Mennonite Church USA), University of Chicago Divinity School (2009-2010)  
Shepherd Scholarship, ESTARL, University of Chicago Divinity School (2009-2010)  
Norman Perrin Travel Award, University of Chicago (2010)  
Dean's Scholarship, Trinity Evangelical Divinity School (2007-2008)  
Leadership Scholarship, Trinity Evangelical Divinity School (2007-2008)  
Zondervan Greek Scholar's Award for "Recognition of Outstanding Achievement in the Area of Greek Studies," Whitworth University (2004)  
Young Life Leadership Scholarship, Whitworth University (2003-2004)

### **3. Selected Teaching Experience**

Professor of Biblical Studies (part-time), St. Mary's Seminary and University, Baltimore, MD

- Luke-Acts – Fall, 2016
- Luke-Acts – Fall, 2017

Professor of Biblical Studies (part-time), St. Mary's Ecumenical Institute, Baltimore, MD

- Introduction to Greek I and II – Fall, 2013 – Spring, 2014; Fall, 2015 – Spring, 2016
- Orientation to Biblical Studies – Fall, 2014; Spring, 2015; Summer, 2015; Fall, 2015; Fall, 2016; Fall 2017
- The Literature and Theology of the New Testament, Spring, 2016; Spring 2017; Spring 2018

Adjunct Lecturer in New Testament, Northern Seminary, Lombard, IL

- Jesus and the Gospels (online – instruction and course shell design), Winter, 2014
- Paul's Letters and Acts (online – instruction and course shell design), Spring, 2014
- Paul's Letters and Acts (online – instruction and course shell design), Fall, 2014
- Jesus and the Gospels (online – instruction and course shell design), Winter, 2015
- Letters to the Early Churches (online – instruction and course shell design), Spring, 2015

Adjunct Lecturer in Biblical & Theological Studies, North Park University, Chicago, IL

- Seven sections of Introduction to the Bible, Fall 2011-Spring 2013

Adjunct Lecturer in New Testament, North Park Theological Seminary, Chicago, IL

- New Testament Greek Exegesis, Fall, 2011
- Greek Exegesis of Philippians, Summer, 2012
- Introduction to New Testament Greek I and II (online) – Fall, 2013; Spring 2014
- Introduction to New Testament Greek I and II (online) – Fall, 2015; Spring, 2016
- Introduction to New Testament Greek I and II (online) – Fall, 2016; Spring, 2017

Instructor, Vocational School – Niños de las Naciones, Dominican Republic (2006)

- Introduction to the New Testament

Instructor, Children of the Nations, Sierra Leone W. Africa (2006)

- Introduction to the Kingdom of God

### **4. Selected Academic Experience**

Associate Editor for New Testament, *Currents in Biblical Research* (2015-present)

Research Associate, Department of New Testament, University of Pretoria (2015-Present)  
Affiliate Research Scholar, Meyerhoff Center of Jewish Studies, The University of Maryland (2016-17)

Theologian in Residence, University of Chicago's "Border Crossing Project" (2009-2010)  
Project Title: "Empowering the Weak: Christian Navigation of Urban Violence"

## 5. Academic Memberships

Society of Biblical Literature (2009-present)

New Testament Society of Southern Africa (2011-present)

Anabaptist-Mennonite Scholars Network (2010-present)

## 6. Books Published

Strait, D.J., *Hidden Criticism of the Angry Tyrant in Early Judaism and the Acts of the Apostles* (Lexington/Fortress Press Academic, 2018).

## 7. Articles and Book Chapters

Strait, D.J. "The Gospel of Luke," in *The Face of New Testament Studies: Revised Edition*. Edited by Scot McKnight and Nijay Gupta. (Baker Academic, 2018).

Strait, D.J. "Hidden Polemic and Discursive Resistance: the Search for Hidden Transcripts and Figured Speech in New Testament Studies," *Currents in Biblical Research* (2019).

Strait, D.J. "The Wisdom of Solomon, Ruler Cults and Paul's Polemic Against Idols in the Areopagus Speech," *Journal of Biblical Literature* (2017).

Strait, D.J. "Another King Named Jesus? The Acts of the Apostles and the Roman Imperial Cult(s)," in *Jesus is Lord, Caesar is Not! Evaluating Empire in New Testament Studies*, eds. Scot McKnight and Joseph Modica (IVP Academic, 2013).

Strait, D.J. "Parable of the Rich Fool," in *The Dictionary of the Bible and Western Culture*, eds. M. Gilmour and M.A. Beavis (Sheffield Phoenix Press, 2012).

Strait, D.J. "Trials and Tribulations," in *The Dictionary of the Bible and Western Culture*, eds. M. Gilmour and M.A. Beavis (Sheffield Phoenix Press, 2012).

Strait, D.J. Review of Michael Bird, *Are You the One Who is To Come? The Historical Jesus and the Messianic Question* (Grand Rapids: Baker, 2009) in *Stone Campbell Journal* 14.1 (2011): 133-35.

Strait, D.J. Review of Graham H. Twelftree, *People of the Spirit: Exploring Luke's View of the Church* (Grand Rapids: Baker, 2009) in *Stone Campbell Journal* 14.1 (2011): 142-44.

## 8. Popular Level Writing

Strait, D.J. "(Dis)arming the Disciples: Jesus's View on Sword Control in Luke 22."  
<http://www.patheos.com/blogs/jesuscreed/2012/12/31/disarming-the-disciples-by-drew-strait/>

Strait, D.J. Review of Anthea Portier-Young, *Apocalypse Against Empire: Theologies of Resistance in Early Judaism*. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2011.  
<http://www.patheos.com/blogs/jesuscreed/2012/06/02/saturday-book-review-anthea-portier-young/>

Strait, D.J. Review of Joshua W. Jipp, *Christ is King: Paul's Royal Ideology*. Minneapolis: Fortress, 2015.  
<http://www.patheos.com/blogs/jesuscreed/2016/04/20/joshua-jipp-a-review/>

## **9. Presentations** (\*denotes invited talk)

Strait, D.J. (2016) "Countering the Cosmology of Empire: The Law of the King, Imperial Apotheosis and the Ascension of Jesus in Acts 1:9-11." Book of Acts, National Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, San Antonio, TX.

\*Strait, D.J. (2015) "The Critique of Iconic Spectacle in Hellenistic Judaism and Paul's Speech on the Areopagus." Acts 17 and Contextual Issues Conference, University of Pretoria, South Africa.

Strait, D.J. (2014) "Of Gods and Kings: Early Judaism, Ruler Cults and Paul's Polemic Against Sebasmata in Acts 17:23." Emerging Scholarship on the New Testament Group, Institute of Biblical Research, National Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, San Diego, California.

Strait, D.J. (2013) "Gold, Silver and Stone What? Hellenistic Aniconism and the Idolatry of Ruler Cult(s) in the Wisdom of Solomon and Acts 17:29." Formation of Luke-Acts Group, National Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, Baltimore, Maryland.

\*Strait, D.J. (2013) "Pseudo-Solomon's Polemic Against Imperial Cult Media and Paul's Speech on the Areopagus." Early Christian Studies Workshop, University of Chicago Divinity School, Chicago, IL.

Strait, D.J. (2013) "What Does Africa Have To Do With Athens? The Rosetta Stone and the Roman Imperial Cult(s) in the Greek East." New Testament and Early Christianity Colloquium, University of Pretoria, South Africa.

Strait, D.J. (2013) "Lady Wisdom's Advice to Ruler Cult: An Evaluation of Pseudo-Solomon's Literary Paragon of the Ideal Ruler." Apocrypha and Cognate Literature Group, Midwest Region of the Society of Biblical Literature, Olivet Nazarene University, Bourbonnais, Illinois.

Strait, D.J. (2011) "The Rhetoric of Empire in the Apocrypha and Pseudepigrapha." New Testament and Early Christianity Colloquium, University of Pretoria, South Africa.

Strait, D.J. (2010) "Luke's Sermon on the Plain and the Restoration of Israel: Luke 6:12-20 as Prolegomenon." Midwest Region of the Society of Biblical Literature, Valparaiso University, Valparaiso IN.

## **10. Ministry Experience**

Elder, Peace Fellowship Church, Washington D.C. (2015-present)

Interim Pastor of Community Formation, Living Water Community Church, Mennonite Church USA (2009-2012)

Board Member, Krochet Kids International (KKI), (2008-2010)

Exodus World Service, Refugee Resettlement, Chicago, IL (volunteer, 2006-2012)

Full-Time Missionary, Children of the Nations (COTN), Dominican Republic (2004-2006)

Young Life Leader and Student Staff Member, Whitworth University (2001-2004)

Summer Assistant Pastor, Lidgerwood Presbyterian Church, Whitworth Institute of Ministry (2003)

## **11. Languages**

Spoken: English, Spanish

Read only: Attic Greek, Koiné Greek, Hebrew, German, some French, some Latin

## **12. Primary Research and Teaching Interests**

Luke-Acts

Speeches of Acts—Early Christian Preaching

Early Judaism

Resistance Literature

Political Theology

Religions of Rome

Synoptic Gospels

Early Jewish and Christian Apocalyptic Literature

Race and Ethnicity in the Old and New Testaments

The Mission of God in the Old and New Testaments

## **13. References**

Dr. Michael Gorman, Raymond E. Brown Professor of Biblical Studies, 5400 Roland Ave, 2120 Baltimore, MD. Email: MGorman@stmarys.edu

Dr. Scot McKnight, Professor of New Testament, Northern Seminary, 660 E Butterfield Road, Lombard, Illinois 60148. Email: scotandkris@gmail.com

Dr. David Moessner, A.A. Bradford Chair in the Religion Department, 2855 S. University Drive, Fort Worth, TX 76129. Email: d.moessner@tcu.edu