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Curriculum Vitae

The Catholic University of America
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EDUCATION

2003 The Catholic University of America, Washington D.C. Ph.D. Biblical Studies.
2001 The Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C., M.A. Biblical Studies.
1994 Saint John's College, Annapolis, MD, B. A. Liberal Arts.
For description of Great Books Program, see www.sjc.edu

Research Languages: French, German, Spanish, Biblical Hebrew, Classical and
Biblical Greek, Akkadian, Ugaritic, Aramaic, Syriac

EMPLOYMENT EXPERIENCE

2015- Associate Professor of Old Testament, *The Catholic University of America*

2008-2014 Assistant Professor of Old Testament, **The Catholic University of America**

2004-2008 Assistant Professor of Theology, **Barry University**

2004 Teaching Fellow, **The Catholic University of America**

2002-2004 Part-time faculty, **Mount St. Mary's College and Seminary**

PUBLICATIONS

Books

House of Weeping: The Motif of Tears in Hebrew and Akkadian Prayer. Society of Biblical Literature, Ancient Near East Monographs. Atlanta, GA: Society of Biblical Literature, 2019. Available as pdf at https://www.sbl-site.org/publications/books_anemonographs.aspx

Infant Weeping in Akkadian, Hebrew, and Greek Literature. Critical Studies in the Hebrew Bible 8. Winona Lake, IN: Eisenbrauns, 2016.

The Story within a Story in Biblical Hebrew Narrative. Catholic Biblical Quarterly Monograph Series. Washington, DC: CBA, 2008.

Articles

“Cooperative and Uncooperative Breeders in Ancient Hebrew and Greek Literature. Pp. 35-58 in *Children in the Biblical and the Ancient World: Comparative and Historical Methods in Reading Ancient Children*. Ed. Shawn W. Flynn. Studies in the History of the Ancient Near East.; London: Routledge, 2019.

“Understanding Grief and Reading the Bible.” Pp. 117-38 in *Mixed Feelings and Vexed Passions in Biblical Literature: Emotions of Divine and Human Figures in Interdisciplinary Perspective*.” Ed. Scott Spencer. Resources for Biblical Studies 90; Atlanta, GA: Society of Biblical Literature, 2017.

“Weeping in Recognition Scenes in Genesis and the Odyssey.” *The Catholic Biblical Quarterly* 77 (2015) 613-33.

“Ancient Prayers and the Psychology of Religion: Deities as Parental Figures.” *Journal of Biblical Literature* 134 (2015) 681-700.

“The Tears of God in the Book of Jeremiah,” *Biblica* 94 (2013) 24-46.

“The Value of Lament.” In *May You Prosper the Work of His Hands*. Eds. Edward L. Greenstein et al.; Winona Lake, IN: Eisenbrauns, in press. (Michael O’Connor memorial volume)

“Weeping in the Psalms.” *Vetus Testamentum*, 62 (2013) 36-46.

“Daughter Zion and Weeping in Lamentations 1–2.” *Journal for the Study of the Old Testament* 28 (2013) 217-37.

“Faith and Resilience: King David’s Reaction to the Death of Bathsheba’s Firstborn.” *The Catholic Biblical Quarterly* 73 (2011) 691-707.

“‘David Comforted Bathsheba’: Gender and Parental Bereavement.” In *Seitenblicke: Literische und historische Studien zu Nebenfiguren im zweiten Samuelbuch*. Ed. Walter Dietrich; Orbis Biblicus et Orientalis 249; Göttingen: Vandenhoeck and Ruprecht, 2011. Pp. 238-255.

“David, Jether, and Child Soldiers.” *Journal for the Study of the Old Testament* 36 (2011) 185-97.

“You Have Shed Much Blood and Waged Great Wars’: Killing, Bloodguilt and Combat Stress.” *Journal for Religion, Disability and Health* 12 (2008) 236-50.

“Teaching Creation: A Modular Approach.” *The Journal for Teaching Theology and Religion* 10 (2007) 231-234.

“Evaluating King David: Old Problems and Recent Scholarship,” *The Catholic Biblical Quarterly* 68 (2006) 191-210.

“American Crusade: Religious Roots of the War on Terror.” *Barry Law Review* 7 (2006) 65-108.

“Revisiting Karl Barth’s Exegesis of 1 Kings 13.” *Biblical Interpretation* 10 (2002) 360-83.

Works in Progress

Cambridge Companion to the Psalms: invited essay on the Psalms and their ancient Near Eastern context for the
Future of Catholic Biblical Scholarship: invited essay for symposium and publication

Popular Publications

“1 Samuel” in *New Jerome Biblical Commentary*, forthcoming

“2 Samuel” in *Paulist Biblical Commentary* (Paulist Press, 2019).

“Infant Weeping and Infant Abandonment,” Sinai and Synapses blog post:
<http://sinaiansynapses.org/multimedia-archive/infant-weeping-infant-abandonment/>

“Why is Western Parenting WEIRD?,” Sinai and Synapses blog post:
<http://sinaiansynapses.org/multimedia-archive/western-parenting-weird/>

“How Priests, Rabbis, and Ministers Can Bring Science into Their Theology,” Sinai and Synapses blog post:
<http://sinaiansynapses.org/multimedia-archive/how-priests-rabbis-and-ministers-can-bring-science-into-their-theology/>

“Magical Cures for Crying Infants,” *Biblical Archeology Review* (March 2016) 24-25.

“The Former Prophets,” *The Bible Today* 51 (2013) 205-211.

Section introduction for the Historical Books and book introductions for Joshua, Judges, Ruth, 1–2 Samuel, and 1–2 Kings in *Saint Mary’s Press College Study Bible: New American Bible* (Saint Mary’s Press, 2007).

ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS

- "The Natural World in Hebrew and Akkadian Prophecy," paper presented at the Society for Biblical Literature, San Diego, CA, November 2019.
- "The Role of the Natural World in the Divine-Human Relationship in Isaiah 1-39," paper presented at the Catholic Biblical Association Annual Meeting, Walsh University, North Canton, OH, July 2019.
- "Human Hubris, the Natural World, and the Wrath of God in Isaiah 13-27," paper presented at the Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, Denver, CO, November 17-21, 2018.
- "Slavery and Infanticide: The Abandonment of Moses and Ishmael," paper presented at the Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, Denver, CO, November 17-21, 2018.
- "The Motif of Weeping in Hebrew and Akkadian Prayers" paper presented at the Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, Boston, MA, November 17-21, 2017.
- "Prayer as Emotion Regulation: Ancient Prayer in Psychological Perspective" paper presented at the Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, Boston, MA, November 17-21, 2017.
- "Teaching Intimate Partner Violence in Hosea 1-3" paper presented at the Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, San Antonio, TX, November 19-22, 2016.
- "The Rape of Tamar in Psychological Perspective" paper presented at the Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, San Antonio, TX, November 19-22, 2016.
- "Infant Abandonment Stories in Hebrew and Greek" paper presented at the Catholic Biblical Association Annual Meeting, Santa Clara University, San Jose, CA, August 6-9, 2016.
- "Ignoring Infant Cries: Religious and Medical Influence on Infant Neglect" paper presented at the Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA, November 2015.
- "Deities as Mothers and Fathers: Evolutionary Psychology and the Study of Ancient Texts" paper presented at the Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA, November 2015.
- "Weeping in Hebrew and Akkadian Prayers" paper presented at the Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA, November 2014.
- "Ancient Prayers and the Psychology of Religion: Deities as Parental Figures" paper presented at the Catholic Biblical Association Annual Meeting, Providence College, Providence, RI, July 2014.
- "Hearing the Children's' Cries: Weeping and Suffering Infants in the Hebrew Bible" paper presented at the Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, Baltimore, MD, November, 2013.
- "Deities as Parental Figures in the Psalms and Akkadian Prayers" paper presented at the National Association of Professors of Hebrew Annual Meeting, New York, NY. June 2013.

- “The Weeping Prophet: Tears in the Book of Jeremiah” paper presented at the Catholic Biblical Association Annual Meeting, South Bend, IN. July, 2012.
- “Complications of Catholic Participation in Ecumenical Bible Translation: The Possible NRSV Revision” paper presented at the Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA. November, 2011.
- “My Eyes Flow with Tears’: The Function of Weeping in Lamentation” paper presented at the Catholic Biblical Association Annual Meeting, Worcester, MA. August 2011.
- “Too Young to Kill: Jether, David, and Child Soldiers” paper presented at the Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA. November, 2009.
- “Comforting Bathsheba” invited paper presented at symposium “Seitenblicke: Nebenfiguren im zweiten Samuelbuch,” Universität Bern, September, 2009.
- “Does Lamentations Help? Paradoxes of Emotional Expression” paper presented at the Catholic Biblical Association Annual Meeting, Omaha, NE. August, 2009.
- “The Bible on the Battlefield” paper presented at Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA. November, 2007.
- “Did King David Read Machiavelli?” paper presented at Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA. November, 2007.
- “King David and the Death of Bathsheba’s Firstborn” paper presented at Catholic Biblical Association Annual Meeting, Santa Clara, CA. August, 2007.
- “‘The Battle Hymn of the Republic’: The Kingdom of God in American Politics” paper presented at Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, Washington, DC. November, 2006.
- “Do Biblical Characters Develop?” presented at Catholic Biblical Association annual meeting at Loyola University Chicago, August 2006.
- Response to Gloria Schaab, “Creative Suffering of the Triune God,” at Catholic Theological Society of America annual meeting in San Antonio, Theology and Natural Sciences section. June 2006.
- “American Crusade: Religious Roots of the War on Terror,” paper presented at “God and War: A Symposium” presented by Barry University Dwayne O. Andreas School of Law Orlando, Fl. March 31. 2006.
- “Teaching Creation as a Case Study” paper presented at the Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA. November 19, 2005.
- “Evaluating King David: Messiah or Murderer?” paper presented at the Catholic Biblical Association Mid-Atlantic Regional Meeting, Mount Saint Mary’s College, February 18, 2004.
- “Biblical Historiography, Poetics, and the *Mise-en-abyme*,” paper presented in the Biblical Studies Lecture Series, Catholic University. October 22, 2003.

“1 Kings 13 and the History of the Divided Monarchy,” paper presented at the Society of Biblical Literature Mid-Atlantic Regional Meeting, Baltimore, MD. March 15, 2002.

“The Song of the Vineyard: An Exegesis of Isaiah 5:1-7,” paper presented at the Catholic Biblical Association Mid-Atlantic Regional Meeting, Georgetown University. January 20, 1999.

OTHER PRESENTATIONS

“Getting Mentored and Mentoring.” Presentation for Graduate Student Workshop, Center for Academic Success, January 2014.

“(Mis)adventures in Teaching.” Presentation for STRS Teaching and Learning program, November 2013.

“Violence against women in the Old Testament.” Keynote address at Mount Saint Mary’s University SPARC (Scholarship, Performance, Art, Research and Creativity) Festival, April 2010.

“How to Prevent Plagiarism.” Presentation and discussions within Teaching and Learning Program, STRS, February 2011.

Presentation on online learning to faculty of School of Theology and Religious Studies, with Rev. Mark Morozovich. February 2011

“We Have Ways of Making You Talk: Fostering Discussion.” Presentation and discussion within Teaching and Learning Program, STRS, February 2010.

Graduate Proseminar in STRS on how and why to locate and use contemporary sources in theological disciplines. Fall semester 2009-present.

“The Paper: From Alpha to Omega.” Presentation and discussion within Teaching and Learning Program. March 2009.

Led a workshop on “Interpreting Relationships and Crises through the Lens of Religion and Spirituality” as part of the 2008 Annual Professional Social Work Conference (on Feb. 15) with Phyllis Scott at Barry University, Miami Shores, FL.

Served on panel for “Open Forum: The DaVinci Code” at Barry University on May 25, 2006.

“The Spirituality of the Psalms.” Keynote address at the Cenacle Spiritual Life Center as part of the founder’s day celebration, Lantana, FL, September 24, 2005.

BOOK REVIEWS

C. L. Crouch, *An Introduction to the Study of Jeremiah* (T & T Clark; London, 2016). *The Catholic Biblical Quarterly*, in press.

Arbel, V. Daphna, Paul C. Burns, J. R. C. Cousland, Richard Menkis, and Dietmar Neufeld, eds. *Not Sparing the Child: Human Sacrifice in the Ancient World and Beyond: Studies in Honor of Professor Paul G. Mosca*. London: T & T Clark, 2016). *Journal of Eastern Mediterranean Archaeology and Heritage Studies*, in press

- Keith Bodner, *An Ark on the Nile: The Beginning of the Book of Exodus* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2016). *The Catholic Biblical Quarterly*, in press.
- Colleen M. Conway, *Sex and Slaughter in the Tent of Jael: A Cultural History of a Biblical Story* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2017). *Horizons* 44 (2017) 504-4.
- Andrew Knapp, *Royal Apologetic in the Ancient Near East* (Atlanta, GA: Society of Biblical Literature, 2015). *The Catholic Biblical Quarterly* 79 (2017) 325-27.
- Robert Barron, *2 Samuel* (Brazos Theological Commentary on the Bible; Grand Rapids, MI: Brazos, 2015). *Horizons* 43 (2016) 177-78.
- Mark S. Smith, *Poetic Heroes: Literary Commemorations of Warriors and Warrior Culture in the Early Biblical World* (Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans, 2014). *Catholic Biblical Quarterly* 77 (2015) 744-46.
- Diegi Pérez Gondar, *Caín, Abel, y la sangre de los justos: Gn 4,1-16 y su recepción en la iglesia primitiva* (Colección Teológica 131; Pamplona: Universidad de Vavara, 2014). *Catholic Biblical Quarterly* 77 (2015) 743-44.
- Jacob L. Wright, *David, King of Israel, and Caleb in Biblical Memory* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2014). *The Catholic Biblical Quarterly* 77 (2015) 357-58.
- A. R> Pete Diamond and Louis Stuhlman, *Jeremiah (Dis)placed: New Directions in Writing/Reading Jeremiah* (T & T Clark, 2011). *The Catholic Biblical Quarterly* 75 (2013) 387-88.
- David M. Carr, *The Formation of the Hebrew Bible: A New Reconstruction* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2011). *Hebrew Studies* 53 (2012) 373-75.
- R. B. Salters, *A Critical and Exegetical Commentary on Lamentations* (ICC; London/New York: Clark, 2010). *The Catholic Biblical Quarterly* 74 (2012) 356-58.
- Sara M. Koenig, *Isn't This Bathsheba?: A Study in Characterization*. Princeton Theological Monograph Series 177; Eugene, OR: Pickwick, 2011. *The Catholic Biblical Quarterly*, in press.
- Martin Karrer, Siegfried Kreuzer and Marcus Sigismund (eds.), *Von der Septuaginta zum Neuen Testament: Textgeschichtliche Erörterungen*. Arbeiten zur neutestamentlichen Textforschung 43; Berlin/New York: de Gruyter, 2010. *The Catholic Biblical Quarterly* in press.
- Sherri Brown, *Gift upon Gift: Covenant through Word in the Gospel of John*. Princeton Theological Monograph Series 144; Eugene, OR: Pickwick, 2010. *The Catholic Biblical Quarterly* 74 (2012) 810-11.
- Marti J. Steussy, *Samuel and His God*. Studies on Personalities of the Old Testament; Columbia: University of South Carolina Press, 2010. *The Catholic Biblical Quarterly* 73 (2011) 845-46.
- Adina Moshavi, *Word Order in the Biblical Hebrew Finite Clause: A Syntactic and Pragmatic Analysis of Preposing*. Linguistic Studies in Ancient West Semitic 4; Winona Lake, IN: Eisenbrauns, 2010. *The Catholic Biblical Quarterly* 73 (2011) 835-36.

- Hayim Ben Yosef-Tawil, *An Akkadian Lexical Companion for Biblical Hebrew: Etymological-Semantic and Idiomatic Equivalents with Supplement on Biblical Aramaic*. New York: Ktav, 2009. *The Catholic Biblical Quarterly* 73 (2011) 141-42.
- Dirk J. Human and Gert Jacobus Steyn, *Psalms and Hebrews: Studies in Reception* (Library of Hebrew Bible/Old Testament Studies 527; London: T & T Clark, 2010). *The Catholic Biblical Quarterly* 74 (2012) 632-34.
- Calvin J. Roetzel and Robert L. Foster (eds.). *The Impartial God: Essays in Biblical Studies in Honor of Jouette M. Bassler*. New Testament Monographs 22; Sheffield: Sheffield Phoenix, 2007. *The Catholic Biblical Quarterly* 72 (2010) 200-201.
- Judy Klitsner. *Subversive Sequels in the Bible: How Biblical Stories Mine and Undermine Each Other*. Philadelphia, PA: Jewish Publication Society. In *Women in Judaism* 7 (2010) 7 (2010)
<http://wjudaism.library.utoronto.ca/index.php/wjudaism/article/view/15074/12092>.
- Gary N. Knoppers and Bernard M. Levenson (eds.). *The Pentateuch as Torah: New Models for Understanding Its Promulgation and Acceptance*. Winona Lake, IN: Eisenbrauns, 2007. *Journal of the Hebrew Scriptures* 9 (2009) <http://www.arts.ualberta.ca/JHS/reviews/review355.htm>.
- Thomas Römer, *The So-Called Deuteronomistic History*. Edinburgh: T & T Clark, 2007. *Hebrew Studies* 49 (2008) 344-46.
- John Jarick (ed). *Sacred Conjectures: The Context and Legacy of Robert Lowth and Jean Astruc*. New York: T & T Clark, 2007. In *Journal of the Hebrew Scriptures* 8 (2008)
<http://www.arts.ualberta.ca/JHS/reviews/review297.htm>.
- Patricia M. MacDonald, *God and Violence: Biblical Resources for Living in a Small World*. Herald Press, 2004. In *Horizons* 35 (2008) 144-45.
- Joan E. Cook, *Hear O Heavens and Listen O Earth: An Introduction to the Prophets*. Collegeville, Minn.: Liturgical Press, 2006. Online:
<http://www.catholicbooksreview.org/>
- Dianne Bergan, *Israel's Story, Part One*. Collegeville, Minn.: Liturgical Press, 2006. Jerome T. Walsh *Ahab: The Construction of a King*. Interfaces. Collegeville, Minn.: Liturgical Press, 2006. Online:
<http://www.catholicbooksreview.org/>
- Eckart Otto and Reinhard Achenbach (eds.). *Das Deuteronomium zwischen Pentateuch und Deuteronomischem Geschichtswerk*. Religion und Literatur des Alten und Neuen Testaments 206. Göttingen: Vandenhoeck & Ruprecht, 2004. In *Theological Studies* 67 (2006) 703-704.
- Richard A. Norris, Jr. *The Song of Songs Interpreted by Early Christian and Medieval Commentators*. The Church's Bible; Grand Rapids, Mich.: Eerdmans, 2003. In *Louvain Studies* 30 (2005) 352-54.

- Bruce K. Waltke. *The Book of Proverbs: Chapters 1–15*. The New International Commentary on the Old Testament. Grand Rapids, Mich.: Eerdmans, 2004. In *Louvain Studies* 30 (2005) 350-52.
- Hans Schwartz. *Eschatology*. Grand Rapids, Mich.: Eerdmans, 2000. In *Louvain Studies* 30 (2005) 369-70.
- Martin Kessler and Karel Deurloo, *A Commentary on Genesis: The Book of Beginnings* (New York: Paulist, 2004) for *Review of Biblical Literature*. November 2004. Online:
<http://www.bookreviews.org/bookdetail.asp?TitleId=4198>.
- David Cotter, *Genesis*. Berit Olam; Collegeville, Minn.: Liturgical Press, 2003. In *Hebrew Studies* 44 (2003) 252-54.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Catholic University:

Doctoral Seminars Taught: The Book of Job, Megilloth, 1-2 Samuel, Jeremiah, Isaiah, Textual Criticism of the Old Testament; Spirituality of Psalms

TRS 550: Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religious Studies

Seminary Courses Taught: Psalms, Pentateuch, Apocalyptic Literature

Undergraduate Courses Taught: Introduction to the Old Testament, War and Violence in the Old Testament, Psalms

Barry University:

Graduate Course Taught: Prophetic Literature, Wisdom Literature, Psalms in Worship and Tradition, War and Violence in the Old Testament, The Origins and End of the City of God, Leadership in the Old Testament

Undergraduate Courses Taught: Introduction to the Old Testament, The Old Testament and Its Interpreters, Creation and Apocalypse, Biblical Languages, Theology: Faith, Beliefs, and Traditions, Psalms, Religion and Terrorism

Mount St. Mary's College and Seminary:

Synoptic Gospels, Introduction to Theology

GRANTS AND AWARDS

Sinai and Synapses Fellow, 2015-2017

Teaching Excellence in Early Career, Catholic University, 2014-2015

Science for Seminaries, principle on American Association for the Advancement of Science grant, 2014-2016

Grant-in-Aid, for research assistant in Semitics with Akkadian language skill, spring 2013

Grant-in-Aid, for purchase of Accordance software, spring 2009

AppLE Award with Special Recognition for excellence in teaching, Barry University, 2008

Teaching Fellow, The Catholic University of America, Spring 2004

Johannes Quasten Scholarship, Catholic University, 1997-2000

MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

Society of Biblical Literature

Catholic Biblical Association

SERVICE TO THE UNIVERSITY

Catholic University:

Ph.D. Proposal Committee, STRS, fall 2012-present (chair, 2015-present)

Academic Policy Committee, CUA, 2016-

Teaching Excellence Advisory Committee, CUA, spring-fall 2015

Online Education Advisory Committee, CUA, spring 2015-

Library Committee, STRS, fall 2014- (chair, 2014-15)

Online Education Committee, STRS, fall 2014-present

Technology Committee, CUA, fall 2014-present

Assessment Committee, STRS, fall 2012-2013

Chair, Clinical Biblical Search Committee, STRS, spring 2013

Wabash Center's Graduate Teaching Initiative Program Grant: participated in assessment of graduate teacher-training and visited the Wabash Center for the follow-up conference

Director of Teaching and Learning Program, STRS, fall 2010-fall 2011

B.A. Committee, STRS, 2009-2010

First Year Experience Committee, STRS, 2009-present

First Year Experience Committee, CUA, 2009

Secretary for STRS Faculty Meetings, 2008-2009

M.A. Committee, STRS, 2008-2009

Barry University:

Undergraduate Council, Fall 2007-2008.

Academic Affairs Council, Fall 2007-2008.

Communications and Technology Committee, Fall 2004–Spring 2007.

Taskforce on Copyright Policy, Fall 2004–Spring 2006.

Faculty Advisor, Undergraduate Theology Association, Fall 2006–2008.

SERVICE TO THE DISCIPLINE

Old Testament Book Reviews Editor, *The Catholic Biblical Quarterly*, 2014-2018

Member, Committee on Research and Support, The Catholic Biblical Association, 2015-

Steering Committee, SBL Bible and Emotion Consultation, spring 2013-

Associate Editor, *The Catholic Biblical Quarterly*, 2013-2014

Abstractor for *Old Testament Abstracts*, 2008-present

SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY

USCCB representative at the National Council of Churches of Christ (NCCC) committee on Bible Translation and Use (BTU). Appointed by Archbishop Gregory 2008-present.

Teaching "Foundations of Theology," "Old Testament," and "New Testament" to schoolteachers and catechists for the Archdiocese of Miami certification program. Spring 2005-2008.

Interviewed for Channel 10 (WPLG, ABC affiliate) local news items on the new religious movement "Creciendo en Gracia" July 18, 2007.

Appeared on "Viewpoints" WPBT Channel 2 on End-Time Theology, January 28, 2007.