

Research, Teaching, Employment et al.

Research

Recent books

- *Jesus in John's Gospel: Structure and Issues in Johannine Christology* (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2017). 542pp

in the area of sexuality

- with Megan K. DeFranza, Wesley Hill and Stephen R. Holmes, *Two Views on Homosexuality, the Bible, and the Church* (Counterpoints: Bible and Theology; ed. Preston Sprinkle; Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2016)
- *Making Sense of Sex: Attitudes towards Sexuality in Early Jewish and Christian Literature* (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2013)
- *The New Testaments on Sexuality* (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2012)
- *Philo, Josephus, and the Testaments on Sexuality: Attitudes towards Sexuality in the Writings of Philo, Josephus, and the Testaments of the Twelve Patriarchs* (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2011)
- *The Pseudepigrapha on Sexuality: Attitudes towards Sexuality in Apocalypses, Testament, Legends, Wisdom, and Related Literature* (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2011)
- *Sexuality in the New Testament* (London: SPCK; Louisville: Westminster John Knox, 2010)
- *The Dead Sea Scrolls on Sexuality: Attitudes Towards Sexuality in Sectarian and Related Literature at Qumran* (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2009)
- *Enoch, Levi, and Jubilees on Sexuality: Attitudes Towards Sexuality in the Early Enoch Literature, the Aramaic Levi Document, and the Book of Jubilees* (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2007)
- *Sexuality and the Jesus Tradition* (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2005)
- *The Septuagint, Sexuality and the New Testament: Case Studies on the Impact of the LXX in Philo and the New Testament* (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2004).

Other recent books include: my study on Jesus' Attitude towards the Law as it is portrayed in the Gospels, which has been published as

- *Jesus' Attitude towards the Law. A Study of the Gospels* (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2002) 578 pp; earlier: *Wissenschaftliche Untersuchungen zum Neuen Testament 2.97*, Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, 1997) x + 563 pp.

I am a member of the International research group *Colloquium Ioanneum*

I am also interested in writing that communicates research to a wider public. Books include:

- *The New Testament with Imagination: A Fresh Approach to its Writings and Themes* (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2007) 978080282746
- *Jesus and the Fundamentalism of his Day. The Gospels, the Bible and Jesus* (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2001; Melbourne: Uniting Education, 1998) 155 pp. ISBN 1 86407 195 8. It uses the research which lies behind my *Jesus' Attitude towards the Law* (above) and explores many of the issues which arise from it in a style more suitable for the general reading public. It is the kind of book which could be useful in discussions on the place of the Bible in the church - always current!
See also my *Dear Kim, This is what I believe: explaining Christian Faith Today* (Melbourne: Uniting Ed, 1993; now in [revised form](#) on this website).
and *The Christmas Stories* (Melbourne: JBCE, 1986) now in [revised and extended form](#) on this website)

More information is available in my list of published [books, articles and book chapters](#).

Teaching

I am currently supervising PhD research in the areas of John's Gospel and Ethics; and The Poor and Lukan Eschatology.

Education and employment

I completed my BA in classics at Auckland University in 1966 and my ministerial education at Trinity Methodist Theological College, Auckland, 1964-1967. In 1968 I completed a BD from Otago University. I was ordained in 1969. I gained the degree Dr theol from the Johannes-Gutenberg University, Mainz, Germany, in 1972 with a dissertation supervised by Professor Dr Ferdinand Hahn, and published in revised form in 1981: *Sohn und Hoherpriester. Eine traditions-geschichtliche Untersuchung zur Christologie des Hebräerbriefes*, WMANT 53 (Neukirchen-Vluyn: Neukirchener Verlag, 1981).

From 1978 to 2005 I was Testament Lecturer with the [Perth Theological Hall](#) of the Uniting Church in Australia and in recent years Principal. Since 1986 I have also been teaching at Murdoch University, and since 1994 was employed by both the Church and the University in complementary fractional appointments. Until 2005 I was Professor of New Testament at Murdoch University and 1998-2003 was Head of the School of Social Inquiry. Until June, 2010 I was an Australian Research Council Professorial Fellow at Murdoch University. I am now Emeritus Professor of Murdoch University and resident in Orange, NSW.

Memberships

I am a member of the

Studiorum Novi Testamenti Societas

- *Catholic Biblical Association of America*
- *Catholic Biblical Association of Australia*
- *Society of Biblical Literature*
- *Australian Society for Classical Studies* and am a
- Fellow of the *Australian Academy of the Humanities* (FAHA)
- holder of an *Australian Centenary Medal* 'for services to Australian society and the humanities in the area of religion'

Editorship

Co-Editor of the *Review of Biblical Literature* 2005-2010

I was Editor of [Colloquium](#) *The Australian and New Theological Review. A Journal of the Australia and New Zealand Society for Theological Studies*, 1996-2005

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