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## CONTACT INFORMATION

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## EDUCATION

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| 1985 | Ph.D. Duke University, New Testament Studies<br>(thesis, "Adam in Major Authors of Early Judaism") |
| 1980 | M.A. Cambridge University (scholar of Christ's college)  |
| 1978 | B.A. Wheaton College (with high honors)  |

## ACADEMIC GRANTS AND AWARDS

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| 2022         | Alexander von Humboldt Fellowship resumption<br>Westfälische Wilhelms-Universität Münster  |
| 2020         | <i>Christianity Today</i> Award of Merit for <i>A Boundless God: The Spirit according to the Old Testament</i> (Baker Academic Publishers)                       |
| 2020         | Sam Taylor Award, for manuscript research on the Greek <i>Life of Adam and Eve</i>   |
| 2018-19      | Alexander von Humboldt Fellowship resumption<br>Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München   |
| 2018         | Visiting Fellow, Oxford Brookes University   |
| 2018         | Sam Taylor Award, for research at the Oxford Centre for Hebrew and Jewish Studies  |
| 2008 (-2013) | TransCoop Grant, Alexander von Humboldt Foundation (with Professor Jörg Frey, Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München): "The Historical Roots of the Holy Spirit" |

- 2008 (-2013) Shohet Scholars Grant, International Catacomb Society (with Professor Jörg Frey, Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München): "The Historical Roots of the Holy Spirit"
- 2010 Director, Lilly Fellows Program Summer Seminar, "Christianity and Gender" (with Priscilla Pope-Levison, Professor of Theology and Assistant Director of Women's Studies, Seattle Pacific University)
- 2008 Louisville Institute Summer Stipend: "For Snake-handlers and Sacramentalists: An Essential Introduction to the Holy Spirit"
- 2005-06 Alexander von Humboldt Fellowship resumption  
Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München
- 2000-01 National Humanities Center Residential Fellow: A Commentary on the Greek *Life of Adam and Eve*
- 1993-94 Alexander von Humboldt Fellow, Eberhard-Karls-Universität Tübingen: research on *The Spirit in First Century Judaism* (Brill, 1997)
- 1992 NEH Summer Seminar for College Teachers: The Greek Encounter with Judaism in the Hellenistic Era (Louis Feldman, director)
- 1985-86 Rotary Foundation Graduate

2020







*Judaism and Christianity*. Edited by A. Y. Collins, J. Collins, and P. de Villiers. Walter de Gruyter, 129-54.

- 2018 "The Spirit in Israel's Story: An Antidote to Solipsistic Spirituality," in *The Usefulness of Scripture: Essays in Honor of Robert W. Wall*. Edited by D. Castelo, S. Koenig, and D. Nienhuis. The Pennsylvania State University Press, 135-53.
- 2016 "The Bible and Family Values," in *The Bible and Political Debate: What Does It Really Say?* Edited by F. Flannery and R. Werline. Bloomsbury, 19-31.
- 2016 "The Spirit in Its Second Temple Context. An Exegetical Analysis of the Pneumatology of N. T. Wright," in *Paul and the Faithfulness of God*





## ARTICLES IN DICTIONARIES, ENCYCLOPEDIAS AND COMPANIONS

[2024] "Greek Life of Adam and Eve," in *T&T Clark Handbook of Hellenistic Judaism*. Edited by M. Dohnt and S. Adams. T&T Clark.

[2024] "Life of Adam and Eve," In *Blackwell Companion to the Old Testament Apocrypha and Pseudepigrapha*. Edited by R.

- 2000 "Adam and Eve, Literature concerning," in *Dictionary of New Testament Backgrounds*. Edited by C. Evans and S. Porter. Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press: 1-6.
- 1994 "Creation, new creation," in *Dictionary of Paul*. Edited by G. F. Hawthorne and R. P. Martin. Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity: 189-90. Reprinted in *The IVP Dictionary of the New Testament*. Edited by D. Reid. Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press (2004) 249-51.
- 1992 "Adam and Eve, Life of," in *Anchor Bible Dictionary*. Edited by D. N. Freedman. Garden City: Doubleday: 1.64-66.
- 1992 "Liberation Hermeneutics," in *Dictionary of Jesus and the Gospels*. Edited by J. B. Green, S. McKnight, and I. H. Marshall. Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity: 464-69.

#### ONLINE SCHOLARLY CONTRIBUTIONS

- "Holy Spirit," for *Encyclopedia of the Bible and Theology* (Oxford University Press)
- "Holy Spirit," for *Encyclopedia of the Bible and Ethics* (Oxford University Press)
- "Holy Spirit," for *Oxford Bibliography online*, with Volker Rabens (Oxford University Press)

#### EDITORIAL POSITIONS

- 2019- Editorial board, Oxford Bible Commentary Series
- 2016-22 Editorial board, General Board of Higher Education and Ministry monograph series
- 2014- Editorial board, *Pneuma* (journal)
- 2007- Advisory board, *Henoch: Studies in Judaism and Christianity from Second Temple to Late Antiquity*
- 2005- Founding general editor, *Ekstasis: Religious Experience from Antiquity to the Middle Ages*. Monograph series, Walter de Gruyter Publishers.  
Editorial board:
- 1999- Editorial Board, *Journal for the Study of the Pseudepigrapha and Related Literature*
- 1992-1997 Contributing reviewer, *Old Testament Abstracts*



- 2018 Scholarly Outreach Award, Perkins School of Theology for An *Unconventional God: The Spirit according to Jesus* (Baker Academic Publishers)
- 2011 Lilly Serve Grant, Seattle Pacific University
- 2008 Faculty Development Grant, Seattle Pacific University
- 2005 Faculty Development Grant, Seattle Pacific University
- 2003 Faculty Development Grant, Seattle Pacific University, with Owen Ewald, Assistant Professor of Classics
- 1992 Faculty Development Grant, North Park College
- 1992 Outstanding Teacher Award, North Park College

#### CONSULTANT

- 2009 "Lucy's Legacy" Exhibit, Pacific Science Center, Seattle
- 2007 "The Dead Sea Scrolls" Exhibit, Pacific Science Center, Seattle

#### SELECT PRESENTATIONS AND PROFESSIONAL PARTICIPATION

- [2023] Panel discussion of John R. Levison, *Commentary on the Greek Life of Adam and Eve*. Annual Society of Biblical Literature meeting, San Antonio, Texas. Panelists include: Matthias Henze, Rice University; Chontel Syfox, University of Wisconsin-Madison; Karina Hogan, Fordham University; Loren Stuckenbruck, Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München; Rebecca Wollenberg, University of Michigan-Ann Arbor; Robert Cousland, University of British Columbia
- [2023] Frank Spina Endowed Lectureship, Seattle Pacific University
- [2023] Workshop with Guder Scholars and public lecture, University of British Columbia
- [2023] Keynote speaker, with Priscilla Pope-Levison, North Alabama Conference of the United Methodist Church
- 2022 "The Holy Spirit Before Christianity," Descent of the Dove: Knowing and Loving in Spirit and Truth, 2020 Pusey House Theological Conference, Pusey House, Oxford
- 2021 "The Power of the Spirit, the Promise of Skill," Keynote Collins Lecture, Houston Christian University

2020 "The Holy Spirit We Never Knew," Jean and Patrick Henry Seminar,  
Stalcup Lecture Series, Brite Divinity School

2019 "Filled with the Spirit"

- 2011 "Hostility and the Holy Spirit in the Gospel of Mark," National Society of Biblical Literature, San Francisco
- 2011 Response to Amos Yong, *Who is the Holy Spirit: A Walk with the Apostles*, National American Academy of Religion, San Francisco
- 2011 Chair, "Religious Experience," Pseudepigrapha Section, National Society of Biblical Literature, San Francisco
- 2011 Co-director, Symposium on the Historical Roots of the Holy Spirit, with Jörg Frey, Leiden, 2011
- 2011 Response to Karina Martin Hogan, "The Preservation of 4 Ezra in the Vulgate: Thanks to Ambrose, not Jerome," Enoch Seminar, Milan, Italy
- 2011 Grawemeyer Award in Religion, Finalist Selection Committee, with Diane Winston and Steve Haynes
- 2011 Chair, New Testament Session, Pacific Northwest Region Society of Biblical Literature
- 2010 Response to Bogdan Bucur, *Angelomorphic Pneumatology: Clement of*









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2013 "Back to School and Ahead to ...?" *Huffington Post*  
([http://www.huffingtonpost.com/jack-levison/back-to-school-and-ahead-\\_b\\_3839178.html](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/jack-levison/back-to-school-and-ahead-_b_3839178.html))

2013 "The Power of Regularity," *Huffington Post*  
(<http://www.huffingtonpost.com/jack-levison/regular-spiritual->

- 2012 "Hope From the Killing Fields," *Huffington Post*  
([http://www.huffingtonpost.com/jack-levison/hope-from-the-killing-fields\\_b\\_1943941.html](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/jack-levison/hope-from-the-killing-fields_b_1943941.html))
- 2012 "Escape from the Busy Trap," *Huffington Post*  
([http://www.huffingtonpost.com/jack-levison/escape-from-the-busy-trap\\_b\\_1651500.html](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/jack-levison/escape-from-the-busy-trap_b_1651500.html))
- 2012 "A Snake-handler's Lethal Embrace of Religious Ecstasy," *Huffington Post*  
([http://www.huffingtonpost.com/jack-levison/reflections-on-a-snake-handlers-death\\_b\\_1563121.html](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/jack-levison/reflections-on-a-snake-handlers-death_b_1563121.html))
- 2012 "Pentecost for the Rest of Us," *Huffington Post*  
([http://www.huffingtonpost.com/jack-levison/pentecost-for-the-rest-of-us\\_b\\_1540129.html](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/jack-levison/pentecost-for-the-rest-of-us_b_1540129.html))
- 2012 "A Bomb, a Dad, and a Veterans Day Plea," *Huffington Post*  
(<http://www.huffingtonpost.com/jack-levison/a-bomb-a->



T. Engberg-Pedersen, *Cosmology & Self in the Apostle Paul: The Material Spirit* (Oxford: Oxford University, 2010) and G. Buch-Hansen, "It is the Spirit that Gives Life:" A Stoic Understanding of Pneuma in John's Gospel (BZNTW 173; Berlin/New York: Walter de Gruyter, 2010), in *Pneuma: Journal of the Society for Pentecostal Studies* (forthcoming).

C. Tibbs, *Religious Experience of the Pneuma: Communication with the Spirit World in 1 Corinthians 12 and 14* (WUNT 2.230; Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, 2007), in *Catholic Biblical Quarterly* (forthcoming).

H. Najman, D. Runia, and G. Sterling, *Laws Stamped with the Seals of Nature: Law and Nature in Hellenistic Philosophy and Philo of Alexandria* (Studia Philonica Annual) in *Review of Biblical Literature* 2004 (on-line).

T. Stordalen, *Echoes of Eden* in *Review of Biblical Literature* 2001(on-line).

G. Vermes,