

CURRICULUM VITAE

David Paul Nystrom

EDUCATION:

Ph.D. University of California, Davis, 1992. Research Fields: New Testament, Roman Social History; Major Field: The Ancient World, Rome; Teaching Field: Renaissance and Reformation, Early Modern Europe. Director of Research: Professor Lincoln D. Hurst.

M.Div. Fuller Theological Seminary, 1986.

B.A. University of California, Davis, 1981, History.

HONORS AND DISTINCTIONS:

Zenos Hawkinson Award for Teaching Excellence and Campus Leadership, North Park University, 1994.

Outstanding Graduate Student Award, University of California, Davis, 1990.

Departmental Citation in History, University of California, Davis, 1981.

Phi Beta Kappa, University of California, Davis, 1981.

ORDINATION:

The Evangelical Covenant Church, June 23, 1989.

ACADEMIC POSITIONS:

Western Seminary, William Jessup University 2024-present.

- With the closure of the Sacramento Campus of Western Seminary, by responsibilities changed. I now teach for Western Seminary at its San Jose

campus and online. I have also begun teaching for William Jessup University in adjunct capacity.

Western Seminary 2016-2024

- Professor in Residence, Sacramento Campus. In this capacity I was the chief instructor in degrees involving ministry and theology. After a decade in academic administration I had the opportunity to return to the classroom while returning to northern California to be near family.

Biola University 2010 – 2015.

- Provost and Senior Vice President. In this capacity I was the chief academic officer for the institution. I gave leadership to an academic division comprising six schools (Theology, Education, Business, Intercultural Studies, Psychology, Arts and Sciences) with undergraduate and graduate components serving more than 6,000 students with 6 deans, 2 Vice Provosts, 3 Associate Provosts, 270 full-time faculty, 200 adjuncts, and a multi-million dollar operating budget exclusive of personnel expenses (salary, benefits). Pursuant to my responsibilities I: sought to fortify the academic culture (raised the bar in terms of academic rigor in the areas of faculty hiring, promotion and tenure); enriched the academic environment by creating and/or developing academic centers in strategic areas (diversity/cross-cultural engagement, Christian thought, the arts); aimed to position Biola at the center of culturally engaged evangelicalism (open discussions of important matters such as the Bible and gender roles, LGBT issues; the Christian and political discourse); forged new institutional relationships (the LA Theology conference in concert with Fuller Theological Seminary, encouraged faculty to join mainstream academic organizations); and worked to diversify the student body and improve student success through an understanding of the entire ecology of the student experience. In addition, I initiated a review of the General Education curriculum, oversaw a remodel of our assessment processes, and strengthened our systems of faculty development from point of hire to tenure.

William Jessup University, 2006-2010.

- Vice President for Academic Affairs. In this capacity I was the chief academic officer for the institution, overseeing a traditional undergraduate program, an adult degree completion program, and online educational offerings. Upon arrival

I was charged with helping the university grow into a Christian liberal arts university. To this end I: lead the administrative council in the development of a strategic plan for the university; worked with the faculty to fashion an academic plan; worked with the associate dean and faculty to create an assessment plan for educational effectiveness, instituting a pattern of regular department review; empowered faculty toward greater self-governance in developing a new governance structure; developed leadership within the faculty by providing mentoring and a program of in service training; empowered staff within the academic division, promoting decision making at the lowest levels; mentored staff by including them in all personnel events and all appropriate decision making bodies within university governance structures; improved the integration of curricular and co-curricular programs, emphasizing that WJU is an organism rather than an ecosystem; and began the development of graduate programs congruent to the mission of WJU.

North Park Theological Seminary, 2004-2006.

- Professor of Biblical Literature. I taught classes on Jesus, the Gospels, Paul, James, early Christian history and the ancient world.

North Park University, 1992-2004

- Professor of Biblical and Theological Studies, North Park University, 1999-2004; Associate Professor of Biblical and Theological Studies, North Park University, 1995-1999; Assistant Professor of Theology and History, North Park University, 1992-1995. At North Park University I taught classes in New Testament, Old Testament, ancient history, church history, and western civilization. I won the outstanding teaching award at the close of my second year.
- Chair, Biblical and Theological Studies, North Park University, 1993-2001, 2003-2004. I was asked by the department to assume the position of chair beginning my second year. I led the department through a major reorganization, including curricular review and modification and faculty enhancement.
- Director, the Institute for Christian Studies, North Park University, 1992-1999. The Institute for Christian Studies was established better to connect the university to its sponsoring denomination, the Evangelical Covenant Church. As director I worked on initiatives both internal and external. Internally we created a year-long orientation program for new faculty, familiarizing them with the idea and mission of a Christian university and with the Evangelical Covenant Church. We also developed an inter-disciplinary minor aimed at helping students learn to think Biblically, Christianly and critically about faith, culture, society and the interplay between them. Externally we created a Masters level program in theology to serve the needs of Christian educators and others within the Evangelical Covenant Church. We also created a Christian education series on video (now DVD) on Jesus and the Gospels.

Fuller Theological Seminary, 1997-2010.

- I served as an adjunct professor for Fuller Theological Seminary, teaching in Northern California. For Fuller I have taught the basic NT intro classes as well as classes on the Gospel of John; Jesus and the Kingdom of God; Pauline Theology; Women, the Bible and the Church; and Paul, Community and Leadership. My course and faculty evaluations consistently were 4.7 to 4.9 out of 5.0.

The University of California, Davis, 1987-1992

- Associate In History, 1990-1992. In this capacity I taught my own classes in the field of ancient history. I won the all university graduate student teaching award in 1990.
- Associate In Religious Studies, 1990-1992. In this capacity I taught Introduction to the New Testament.
- Teaching Assistant in History, 1987-1990.
- Teaching Assistant in Religious Studies, 1987-1990.

MINISTRY POSITIONS:

Theologian in Residence, The Pacific Southwest Conference of the Evangelical Covenant Church, 2004-2010.

- In 2004 my family moved back to California to be closer to parents and our extended family. I served the Pacific Southwest Conference on a contract basis in a number of ways, including preaching, teaching and mentoring pastors.

Ex-officio member, Council of Administrators, The Evangelical Covenant Church of America, 1999-2004.

- In 1999 I was asked by Glenn Palmberg, President of the Evangelical Covenant Church, to join the denominational Council of Administrators as an *ex-officio* member. In this capacity I was involved in all discussions of this, the chief administrative body of the denomination, and was an *ex-officio* member of the Executive Board of the denomination. I was part of the writing team that undertook the task of updating *Covenant Affirmations*.

Dean of the Chapel (Interim), North Park University, 1998-1999.

- I agreed to serve as the interim chaplain for this year, and was chair of the search committee for the full-time position.

University Pastor, University Covenant Church, Davis, California, 1987-1992.

Minister to Students, Peninsula Covenant Church, Redwood City, California, 1986-1987.

Resident in Ministry, Peninsula Covenant Church, Redwood City, California, 1981-1984.

DISSERTATION:

Not Many Wise, Powerful, or Noble: The Sociology of Primitive Christianity.
Supervisor: Professor Lincoln D. Hurst.

PUBLICATIONS:

Books and Monographs:

A Youth Worker's Commentary on James, Grand Rapids, Zondervan. 2013. Co-authored with Les Christie.

A Youth Worker's Commentary on John, Volume Two, Grand Rapids, Zondervan, 2012. Co-authored with Les Christie.

A Youth Worker's Commentary on John, Volume One, Grand Rapids, Zondervan. 2011. Co-authored with Les Christie.

Covenant Affirmations, Chicago, Covenant Publications, 2005. Member of the writing team.

- The Evangelical Covenant Church is a non-creedal denomination. This document serves as our statement of faith. While the document as a whole is the work of many, I was asked to write four of the sections that comprise the document.

The History of Christianity: An Introduction, San Francisco, McGraw-Hill, 2004. Co-authored with Bradley P. Nystrom.

Called and Gifted, Chicago, Covenant Publications, 2004. Sharon Cairns Mann, principal author, David P. Nystrom, secondary author.

- This is the latest statement by the Evangelical Covenant Church on the issue of Women in ministry. I contributed the sections on the New Testament evidence.

James: A Commentary, NIV Application Commentary, Grand Rapids, Zondervan, 1997.

Articles:

"We have No King But Caesar: Roman Imperial Ideology and the Imperial Cult," Scot McKnight and Joseph B. Modica (eds.), *Jesus is Lord, Caesar is Not*, Dowers Grove, Inter-Varsity Press. 2013.

James the Greater," *Holy People of the World: A Cross-Cultural Encyclopedia*, ed. Phyllis Jestice, ABC-CLIO, Oxford & Santa Barbara, 2004.

"James the Brother of Jesus," *Holy People of the World: A Cross-Cultural Encyclopedia*, ed. Phyllis Jestice, ABC-CLIO, Oxford & Santa Barbara, 2004.

"John the Baptist," *Holy People of the World: A Cross-Cultural Encyclopedia*, ed. Phyllis Jestice, ABC-CLIO, Oxford & Santa Barbara, 2004.

"John the Evangelist," *Holy People of the World: A Cross-Cultural Encyclopedia*, ed. Phyllis Jestice, ABC-CLIO, Oxford & Santa Barbara, 2004.

"Martha," *Holy People of the World: A Cross-Cultural Encyclopedia*, ed. Phyllis Jestice, ABC-CLIO, Oxford & Santa Barbara, 2004.

"Mary," *Holy People of the World: A Cross-Cultural Encyclopedia*, ed. Phyllis Jestice, ABC-CLIO, Oxford & Santa Barbara, 2004.

"Paul," *Holy People of the World: A Cross-Cultural Encyclopedia*, ed. Phyllis Jestice, ABC-CLIO, Oxford & Santa Barbara, 2004.

"Thomas," *Holy People of the World: A Cross-Cultural Encyclopedia*, ed. Phyllis Jestice, ABC-CLIO, Oxford & Santa Barbara, 2004.

"Josephus," *The Dictionary of the Later New Testament and its Developments*, eds. Ralph P. Martin and Peter H. Davids, IVP, 1997.

"Where Is It Written And Do We Care?" *The Covenant Companion*, December, 1995.

"The Covenant Commission on Christian Action," *The Covenant Quarterly*, February, 1987.

Selected Reviews:

Review of *James*, by Dan G. McCartney, *Journal of the Evangelical Theological Society*, vol. 54, March 2011.

Review of *Flavius Josephus, Translation and Commentary*. Vol. 10: *Against Apion*, by John M.G. Barclay, *Journal of the Evangelical Theological Society*, vol.51, March 2008.

Review of *Jesus and the Rise of Christianity* by Paul Barnett, *Journal of Evangelical Theological Studies*, vol. 44, June 2001.

Review of *New Documents Illustrating Early Christianity*, v. 8, ed. S. R. Llewelyn. *Journal of Evangelical Theological Studies*, vol. 43, March 2000.

Review of *The Language and Imagery of the Bible* by G. B. Caird. *The Covenant Quarterly*, August, 1998.

SELECTED CONFERENCE PAPERS:

"Jesus, the Gospels and Discipleship," plenary addresses to the leadership of Crestmont College, the officer training institution for the western region of the Salvation Army, August 5-7, 2015

"Neither Jew nor Greek, Slave nor Free, Male nor Female: Race, Class, Gender and the Gospel," three plenary lectures, the Covenant Midwinter Conference, Chicago, Illinois, February 5-7, 2002.

"Women, Culture and the New Testament," plenary address, Covenant Midwinter Conference, Chicago, Illinois, January 27, 2001.

"The Heart of John's Theology," plenary address, Covenant Midwinter Conference, Chicago, Illinois, January 30, 2000.

"Hebrews, Hermeneutics and Post modernity: A Response to Anthony C. Thistleton," The Symposium on the Theological Interpretation of Scripture, Chicago, Illinois, October 18, 1997.

"The Letter to Pergamum and Contemporary Culture: Where Does Satan Dwell?" The Quadrennial Theological Conference of The International Federation of Free Evangelical Churches, Kusadasi, Turkey, August 23-28, 1996.

"The New Testament View of Signs and Wonders," The Covenant Consultation on the New Testament and the Miraculous, 1986.

SOCIETIES:

Society of Biblical Literature 1991-present.

Institute for Biblical Research (Fellow) 1994-present.

Society for the Promotion of Roman Studies 1994-present.

North American Patristic Society, 2006-present.

Evangelical Theological Society, 2010-present.

COMMUNITY SERVICE:

California State Department of Education, 2005. Member, Curriculum Content Review Panel, responsible to review textbook and related materials submitted for adoption by California Public Schools.

- In early 2005 the California State Department of Education asked me to serve as a Content Review Panel member for its humanities/social science textbook adoption process. I served the department as its expert in the fields of ancient history, Christianity, Judaism, early modern history, Renaissance and Reformation.

Board Chair, Crestmont College, 2020-present.

Board Member, Crestmont College, 2012-present.

Board Chair, The William Carey Heritage Foundation, 2016-present.

Board Member, The William Carey Heritage Foundation, 2013-present.