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MSU University Award for Research, 1998.

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MSU College of Humanities and Public Affairs Award for Service, 1997.

MSU Faculty Development Grant, Capstone Course, summer 1996.

MSU Foundation Faculty Achievement Award for Outstanding Scholarship, 1993.

MSU Faculty Research Grant, December 1, 1989-December 1, 1990.

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Junior Scholar Research Award, Southwest Commission on Religious Studies, March 11, 1988.

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*Judges and Ruth* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2004).

*A Brief History of Ancient Israel* (Louisville, KY: Westminster/John Knox, 2002).

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- "M. Nissinen, *Prophets and Prophecy in the Ancient Near East*," *JAOS* 123/4 (2004), 890-91.
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- "P. McNutt, *Reconstructing the Society of Ancient Israel*," *RBL* (2004): on-line review: <http://www.bookreviews.org/BookDetail.asp?TitleId=262> .
- "J. McLaughlin, *The marzēah in the Prophetic Literature*," *Studies in Religion* 32/2 (2002), 234-235.
- "D. Schmidt, *How the Temple Thinks*," *RBL* (2002), <http://www.bookreviews.org/BookDetail.asp?TitleId=1650>
- "L.L. Grabbe and R.D. Haak, eds. *'Every City Shall Be Forsaken' Urbanism and Prophecy in Ancient Israel and the Near East*," *CBQ* 64 (2002), 403-404.
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- "W.S. Morrow, *Scribing the Center: Organization and Redaction in Deuteronomy 14:1--17:13*," *Biblica* 78/2 (1997), 268-270.
- "G. Brin, *Studies in Biblical Law*," *JAOS* 117/1 (1997), 155.
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- "L. Grabbe, *Priests, Prophets, Diviners, Sages: A Socio-Historical Study of Religious Specialists in Ancient Israel*," *RSR* 22/3 (1996), 234-35.
- "James VanderKam, *The Dead Sea Scrolls Today*," *Journal of Biblical Literature* 115/1 (1996), 132-134.
- "Christiana Van Houten, *The Alien in Israelite Law*," *JAOS* 115/4 (1995), 722-24.
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- "Baruch Halpern and D.W. Hobson, eds., *Law, Politics and Society in the Ancient Mediterranean World*," *Journal of the American Oriental Society* 114/4 (1994), 661-662.
- "M.D. Carroll R., *Contexts for Amos: Prophetic Poetics in Latin American Perspective*," *Catholic Biblical Quarterly* 56 (1994), 540-541.
- "C. Pressler, *The View of Women Found in the Deuteronomistic Family Laws*," *Religious Studies Review* 20 (1994), 328.
- "John J. Pilch and Bruce J. Malina, *Biblical Social Values and Their Meaning*," *RSR* 20/3 (1994), 206.
- "J. Finnegan, *The Archaeology of the New Testament*," *BTB* 24 (1994), 145.
- "C.M. Carmichael, *The Origins of Biblical Law*," *Int* 48 (1994), 84.
- "O. Bar-Yosef and A. Khazanov, eds. *Pastoralism in the Levant, Archaeological Materials in Anthropological Perspective*," *BA* 56/4 (1993), 222.
- "D.A. Dorsey, *The Roads and Highways of Ancient Israel*," *CBQ* 55 (1993), 331-32.
- "J.A. Emerton, ed. *Studies in the Pentateuch*," *CBQ* 55 (1993), 413-14.
- "L.H. Schiffman, *From Text to Tradition: A History of Second Temple and Rabbinic Judaism*," *Shofar* 11/1 (1992), 154-55.
- "E.A. Knauf, *Ismael: Untersuchungen zur geschichte Palastinas und Nordarabiens im 1. Jahrtausend V. Chr.*," *CBQ* 54 (1992), 327-328.
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- "John R. Bartlett, *Edom and the Edomites*," *CBQ* 53 (1991), 658-59.
- "Shimon Dar, *Landscape and Pattern: An Archaeological Survey of Samaria 800 B.C.E. - 636 C.E.*," *RSR* 17 (1991), 347.
- "J. Rogerson and P. Davies, *The Old Testament World*," *RSR* 17 (1991), 345.
- "Donald Schley, *Shiloh, A Biblical City in History and Tradition*," *CBQ* 53 (1991), 120-121.
- "Sa-Moon Kang, *Divine War in the Old Testament and in the Ancient Near East*," *SHOFAR* 8/2 (1990), 93-94.
- "J.H. Walton, *Ancient Israelite Literature in its Cultural Context, A Survey of Parallels between Biblical and Ancient Near Eastern Texts*," *BA* 53/3 (1990), 176.
- "Ronald S. Hendel, *The Epic of the Patriarch, The Jacob Cycle and the Narrative Traditions of Canaan and Israel*," *JAOS* 110 (1990), 345.
- "B. Halpern, *The First Historians: The Hebrew Bible and History*," *BA* 52/2-3 (1989), 152.
- "S. Daley, *Mari and Karana: Two Old Babylonian Cities*," *JNES* 47 (1988), 214-215.
- "O. Roault, *L'archive de Puzurum*," *JAOS* 107/4 (1987), 791-792.
- "P. Rossi, *The Dark Abyss of Time, The History of the Earth and the History of Nations from Hooke to Vico*," *RSR* 12/1 (1986), 77.
- "E. Noort, *Untersuchungen zum Gottesbescheid in Mari*," *RSR* 6 (April, 1980), 24.
- "A. Marzal, *Gleanings from the Wisdom of Mari*," *JNES* 38 (1979), 54-56.

#### **Publications in Press:**

#### **Articles:**

- "The West's Rediscovery of the Holy Land," in Mark Elliott, et al, eds. *The Bible in Archaeology and History* (Waco, TX: Baylor University Press, 2017).
- "Family, Children, Inheritance," in *Behind the Scenes of the Old Testament: Cultural, Social, and Historical Contexts of Ancient Israel*, eds. Jonathan S. Greer, John W. Hilber, & John H. Walton (Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Academic, 2017).

#### **Work In Preparation:**

#### **Books:**

*Exploring the History of Bronze Age and Iron Age Israel (1300-587BCE)*. Oxford: Oxford U. Press, 2018.

#### **Articles:**

"Tracing a Conversation: Jesus, the Blind Beggar, and the Pharisees in John 9,"



**Reviews:**

Brit Karger, “*Leben in der amurritischen Welt*,” *JAOS* (2016).  
 Thomas Romer, “*The Invention of God*,” *Religion* (2016).

**PROFESSIONAL SERVICE:****Editor and Abstractor:**

Editorial Board member, SBL Ancient Israel and its Literature Book Series, 2008-2015  
 Editor, SBL Symposium Book Series, 2006-2008  
 Editor, ASOR Book Series, 1996-2001  
 Editor, *ASOR NEWSLETTER*, 1991-96  
 Co-editor, *ASOR NEWSLETTER*, 1990-91  
 Abstractor, *Old Testament Abstracts*, 1992-

**National Offices:**

Chair, ASOR Committee for the Annual Meeting and Program, 1998-2000  
 Convener, Conference of Regional Secretaries, SBL, 1991-97  
 Secretary, Conference of SBL Regional Secretaries, SBL, 1990-91  
 Section Chair: Social Sciences and the Interpretation of the Hebrew Scriptures, SBL annual meeting, 1994-96.  
 Secretary: Old Testament Law Group, SBL annual meeting, 1987-1999  
 Acting Section Chair: Old Testament Law Group, SBL annual meeting, 1992-93  
 ASOR Program Committee, 1994-97  
 ASOR Agenda Committee, 1997-99 (Chair, 1997-99)

**Regional Offices:**

President, SBL, Southwest Commission on Religious Studies, 2008-2009  
 Vice-President, SBL, Southwest Commission on Religious Studies, 2006-2008  
 Hebrew Bible Section Chair, Southwest Commission on Religious Studies, 2000-2001  
 Hebrew Bible Section Chair, Central States SBL, 2000-2002  
 ASOR Section Chair, Central States SBL, 2003-  
 Regional Secretary, Central States SBL/AAR/ASOR, 1990-97  
 President, Southwest Commission on Religious Studies, 1992-93  
 Vice-President, Southwest Commission on Religious Studies, 1991-92  
 President: ASOR section, Southwest Commission on Religious Studies, 1990-92, 1999-2000  
 Vice-President: ASOR section, Southwest Commission on Religious Studies, 1988-89, 1996-1998  
 Secretary: ASOR section, Southwest Commission on Religious Studies, 1992-96  
 Section Chair: Old Testament Section, Central States regional meeting of SBL, April 10-11, 1988  
 Acting Treasurer: Central States SBL/AAR/ASOR, 1986-89  
 Convener, Greater Springfield Professors of Hebrew Bible, 1987-1989

**Committee Assignments:****State-Wide Committees:**

Funding for Results Committee on Teaching and Learning 1996-97

**University Committees:**

IT Council, 2014-2016  
 Executive Budget Committee, 2011-  
 Academic Leadership Council, 2008-

HLC Steering Committee, 2004-2012  
 Task Force on Transfer Students, 2009-2011  
 Academic Personnel Review Commission, 2007  
 Sponsored Research Committee, 2004-2005  
 Content Management System Task Force, 2004-2008  
 Recruitment and Marketing Committee, 2001-2009  
 NCATE Steering Committee, 2002-2004  
 Faculty Workload Committee, 1999-2002 (Chair, 2001-2002)  
 Faculty Senate, 1998-2001  
 Funding for Results Committee, 1997-99  
 Gender Studies Committee, 1996-98, 2001-2009  
 Faculty Senate Academic Relations Committee, 1997-99  
 Faculty Development Coordination Committee 1996-97  
 Committee on General Education & Inter-Collegiate Programs 1995-98 (Chair, 1995-97)  
 Committee on General Education Faculty Development 1995-99 (Chair, 1995-97)  
 Committee on Inter-Collegiate Programs 1992-94 (Chair, 1993-94)  
 Faculty/Student Judicial Commission, 1989-91  
 University Library Committee, 1989-90, 2006-2008  
 Ad Hoc Committee on Intercollegiate Athletics (Chair, 1988-89)  
 Faculty Concerns Committee 1988-89  
 Faculty Relations Committee 1984-1988  
 Fringe Benefit Committee 1984-1990, (Chair, 1987-90)  
 General Education Committee 1985-1986  
 University Athletic Committee 1987-88  
 Student Orientation Faculty 1988-92, 1995-2001

**College Committees:**

Scholastic Appeals Committee 2001-2009  
 Recruitment and Retention 1998-2009  
 Awards Committee 2002-2008  
 Library Committee 1985-91, 1995-2005  
 College Council 1991-94  
 Awards Committee 1997-98

**Departmental Committees:**

Religious Studies:  
 Scholarship 1991-95  
 Professional Standards (Chair, 1991-92, 94-95) 1991-2000  
 Library Committee 1985-91, 1995-2000  
 Graduate Committee 2001-2005

**PAPERS PRESENTED:**

“Surveying Marriage and Family Customs in Ancient Mesopotamia,” Annual Meeting, Evangelical Theological Society, Atlanta, GA, November 18, 2015.  
 “Is it *Herem* or is it Hospitality in the Story of Rahab,” Southwest Commission on Religious Studies, SBL-Hebrew Bible, Dallas, TX, March 14, 2015.  
 “Using Social Science Models to Open up the World of Ancient Israel,” Central States SBL/ASOR, St. Louis, MO, March 16, 2014.  
 “Remembering Egypt,” Central States SBL/ASOR, St. Louis, MO, March 17, 2014.  
 “Implications of Napoleon’s invasions of Egypt and Palestine on Near Eastern Archaeology,” Central States SBL/ASOR, St. Louis, MO, March 18, 2013.

- “Looking for Levites in the Book of Judges,” Central States SBL/ASOR, St. Louis, MO, March 18, 2013.
- “Where Have All the Levites Gone,” SBL Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, November 19, 2012.
- “Risk Taking During Siege Warfare (2 Kgs 6:24--7:20),” Mid-America History Conference, Springfield, MO, September 20, 2012.
- “Memory Lingers: Definition and Redefinition of Space in Ancient Israel,” SBL Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA, November 19, 2011.
- “Aspects of Shame in Ancient Near Eastern Law,” SBL-Hebrew Bible Section, Central States SBL/ASOR, St. Louis, MO, March 21, 2011.
- “Shame Defused and Ritual Disrupted: The Cannibal Mothers of 2 Kgs 6:24--7:20,” SBL-Hebrew Bible Section, Southwest Commission on Religious Studies, Dallas, TX, March 5, 2011.
- “Avoiding Shame in Ancient Israel,” invited lecture at conference on “The Shame Factor,” St. Mark’s Methodist Church, Lincoln, NE, October 26, 2010.
- “Shame Imposed By Situation,” Greater Springfield Professors of Bible, Evangel U., Springfield, MO, October 7, 2010.
- “The Use of Gestures as a Non-Verbal, but Telling Form of Communication in Ancient Israel,” ASOR section, Central States SBL/ASOR, St. Louis, MO, March 22, 2010.
- “Linking Space and Dialogue to Enhance Interpretation,” SBL Presidential Address; Southwest Commission on Religious Studies, Dallas, TX, March 8, 2009.
- “Jeremiah, Baruch, and Linked Zones of Communication,” annual meeting, SBL, Boston, MA, November 22, 2008.
- “The Semiotics of History and the Version of History Presented by the Assyrian Kings,” Mid-America History Conference, Springfield, MO, September 26, 2008.
- “A Student Success Plan for Improving Performance in ‘Obstacle Courses,’” Annual Meeting, Council of Colleges of Arts and Sciences, Portland, OR, November 13, 2008.
- “Analyzing Embedded Dialogue in Biblical Narrative: Gen 38 as a Case Study,” Invited Speaker: University of Portland, November 12, 2008.
- “Exploring Aspects of Warfare in Ancient Israel,” ASOR-section, Central States SBL/ASOR, St. Louis, MO, March 31, 2008.
- “Dialogue as a Social Kaleidoscope: Using Positioning Theory in 1 Kings 22,” Hebrew Bible-section, Southwest Commission on Religious Studies, Dallas, TX, March 16, 2008.
- “Back to Bethel: Geographic Reiteration in Biblical Narrative,” ASOR-section, Southwest Commission on Religious Studies, Dallas, TX, March 15, 2008.
- Social and Ethnic Transformation in the Story of Ruth and Boaz,” Biblical Law Section, SBL annual meeting, San Diego, CA, November 17, 2007.
- “Cognition and Conversation as Social Indicators in the Story of Judah and Tamar,” Social Sciences and the Interpretation of the Hebrew Bible section, SBL annual meeting, San Diego, CA, November 18, 2007.
- “Writing a History of Ancient Israel,” ASOR section, Central States SBL/ASOR, St. Louis, MO, March 25, 2007.
- “Conversation and Cognition in the Story of Judah and Tamar,” SBL-Hebrew Bible section, Southwest Commission on Religious Studies, Dallas, TX, March 3, 2007.
- “The Transformation of Social Identity in the Book of Ruth,” ASOR section, Central States SBL/ASOR, St. Louis, MO, April 2-3, 2006.
- “‘It’s All in the Family’: Aspects of Identity in Ancient Israel,” annual meeting, Society of Biblical Literature, Philadelphia, PA, November 19, 2005.
- “Legal Protections and the Realities of War in Ancient Mesopotamia,” annual meeting, Central States SBL/ASOR, St. Louis, MO, April 3, 2005.
- “Leadership in Academic Affairs,” annual meeting, National Conference of Academic Deans, Conway, ARK, July 26, 2004 (co-presenters: Lorene Stone, Cynthia Pemberton, Helen Reid).
- “Thoughts on the Anthropology of Clothing in Ancient Israel,” annual meeting, Central States SBL/ASOR, St. Louis, MO, March 28, 2004.
- “Ruth and Boaz: the Conjunction of Events in Time and Space,” annual meeting, Society of Biblical Literature, Atlanta, GA, November 22, 2003.
- “Civic Responsibility, Public Affairs, and Engaged Citizenship: Combining University Mission with Curricular Planning,” annual meeting, Association of American Colleges & Universities, Seattle, WA, January 23, 2003.

- "Encounters in Significant Space: Ruth and Boaz," annual meeting, Southwest Commission on Religious Studies, SBL Section, Dallas, TX, March 15, 2003.
- "Conceptions of Space and the Israelite Symbolic Universe," annual meeting, Southwest Commission on Religious Studies, ASOR Section, Dallas, TX, March 17, 2001; annual meeting, Central States SBL, Hebrew Bible Section, Kansas City, MO, April 1, 2001; annual meeting SBL, Denver, CO, November 2001.
- "Refocus on Excellence in Faculty Development: Strategic Restructuring at SMSU," annual meeting, AAHE, Tampa, FL, February 4, 2001. (Kathy Pulley-co-presenter)
- "Treading the Wine Press: Actual and Metaphorical Viticulture in the Ancient Near East," Annual Meeting, ASOR, Nashville, November 16, 2000.
- "Traversing the Social Landscape: The Value of the Social Scientific Approach to the Bible," Annual Meeting, College Theology Society, Philadelphia, June 3, 2000. – Plenary Speaker
- "Gift-Giving as a Power Strategy in the Hebrew Bible," annual meeting, Central States ASOR/SBL, Hebrew Bible section, Kansas City, MO, April 2, 2000.
- "Ancient Viticulture and Isaiah's 'Song of the Vineyard'," annual meeting, Southwest Commission on Religious Studies, ASOR section, Dallas, TX, March 4, 2000.
- "Metaphorical and Actual Aspects of Viticulture in the Ancient Near East," annual meeting, Central States ASOR/SBL, ASOR section, St. Louis, MO, March 20, 1999.
- "The Centrality of the Capstone Course to a Liberal Education: The Cost of Quality Education," annual meeting, Association of American Colleges and Universities, San Francisco, CA, January 29, 1999.
- "The Headaches of Administration: Mari Tribal Groups and Royal Policy," annual meeting, Southwest Commission on Religious Studies, ASOR section, Dallas, TX, March 14, 1998.
- "Gender and Law in Honor-Related Situations," annual meeting Upper Midwest SBL/AAR, Hebrew Bible Section, St. Paul, MN, April 4, 1997.
- "Text or Context: The Use of Introductory Textbooks in the Classroom," annual meeting, SBL, New Orleans, LA, November 24, 1996.
- "Historical Geography: a Tool in the Arsenal of the Archaeologist," annual meeting Southwest Commission on Religious Studies, ASOR section, Dallas, TX, March 17, 1996.
- "Amnon and Tamar: The Honorable Choice," annual meeting Midwest SBL/AOS, Chicago, IL, February 12, 1996.
- "The Social Context of Law During the Second Temple Period," annual meeting, SBL, Philadelphia, PA, November 18, 1995.
- "Caesarea Philippi (Baniyas): Opening Up an Ancient City," annual meeting, Central States SBL/ASOR, Tulsa, OK, April 3, 1995.
- "The 1994 Field Season at Baniyas," annual meeting, Southwest Commission on Religious Studies, ASOR session, Dallas, Texas, March 11, 1995.
- "Female Voices: The Use of 'Shaming-Speech' and Other Strategies in Honor-Threatening Situations," annual meeting, SBL, Chicago, IL, November 20, 1994.
- "The Use of Ancient Near Eastern Parallels in the Teaching of an Introductory Course in Hebrew Bible: Wisdom Literature," annual meeting, CBA, Univ of San Diego, August 14, 1994.
- "A Report on the 1993 Season of Excavation at Baniyas," annual Central States SBL/ASOR, St. Louis, MO, April 11, 1994.
- "Female Voices: Upholding the Honor of the Household," annual Southwest Commission on Religious Studies, SBL session, Dallas, TX, March 18, 1994.
- "The Anthropology of Clothing in the Joseph Narrative," annual SBL, Washington, DC, November 20-22, 1993.
- "The Use of Ancient Near Eastern Parallels in the Teaching of an Introductory Course in Hebrew Bible: Joshua and Judges," annual meeting, CBA, Atchinson, KS, August 15-17, 1993.
- "Clothes Make the Person: an Anthropology of Clothing in the Hebrew Bible," Central States SBL Regional meeting, Kansas City, MO, March 28-29, 1993.
- "The Role of the Priest in Ancient Israel," annual meeting, Southwest Commission on Religious Studies, Dallas, TX, March 12, 1993.
- "Jeremiah's Indictment of the Monarch of Judah," national meeting, SBL, San Francisco, CA, November 22, 1992.
- "The Use of Extra-Biblical Parallels in the Study of Exodus," annual meeting, CBA, Catholic U. of America, Washington, DC, August 16, 1992.

- "Saul's Rise to Power: 1 Samuel 11," annual meeting, Central States SBL/ASOR, SBL-OT, Springfield, MO, April 6, 1992.
- "The Anthropology of Cloth and the Rules of Evidence: Case Studies from the Hebrew Bible," annual meeting, Southwest Commission on Religious Studies, ASOR, Dallas, TX, March 14, 1992.
- "Amnon and Tamar: a Matter of Honor," national meeting, SBL, Kansas City, MO, November 24, 1991.
- "Using Ancient Near Eastern Texts to Supplement the Old Testament Survey Textbook: Genesis," annual meeting, CBA, Loyola Marymount U., Los Angeles, CA, August 11, 1991.
- "Calling People Names: Labeling Theory and the Hebrew Bible," annual meeting, SBL, Central States Region, St. Louis, MO, April 7, 1991.
- "A Comparison of Old Testament Surveys and History Survey Textbooks," annual meeting, SBL, Central States Region, St. Louis, MO, April 8, 1991.
- "The Use of Labeling in the Hebrew Bible," annual meeting, SBL Southeast Commission on Religion, Atlanta, GA, March 16, 1991.
- "The Use of the Protocol of Hospitality in Genesis 19 and Judges 19," national meeting SBL, New Orleans, LA, November 19, 1990.

**Invited Speaker:**

- "Archaeology and the Bible," University of Northern Iowa, Cedar Falls, IA, November 8, 1990.
- "Hospitality Customs and the Inverted World of Genesis 19 and Judges 19," Trinity Evangelical Theological Seminary, Deerfield, IL, October 30, 1990.
- "Hospitality and Hostility in Genesis 19 and Judges 19," New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, October 26, 1990.
- "Calling People Names: the Use of Labeling in the Bible," New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, October 26, 1990.
- "Ethnoarchaeological Examination of Pastoral Nomadism in the Biblical Narratives," Univ of Illinois-Urbana /Champlain, October 11, 1990.
- "A Use of the Protocol of Hospitality in Genesis 19 and Judges 19," annual meeting ASOR, Southwest Commission on Religious Studies, Dallas, TX, March 10, 1990.
- "Hospitality and Hostility in Judges 4: the conflict between Jael and Sisera," annual meeting SBL, Anaheim, CA, November 21, 1989.
- "Hospitality and Hostility in Judges 4," annual meeting ASOR, Southwest Commission on Religious Studies, Dallas, TX, March 10, 1989.
- "The Mari Texts and Enclosed Nomadism," annual meeting, ASOR, Chicago, IL, November 21, 1988.
- "Kings of Israel: A Question of Crime and Punishment," annual meeting, SBL, Chicago, IL, November 21, 1988.
- "The Current State of Anthropological Study and the Old Testament," annual meeting, Central States SBL/AAR/ASOR, Old Testament section, Springfield, Mo., April 11, 1988.
- "Anthropological Insights into Patriarchal Pastoralism," annual meeting, Southwest Commission on Religious Studies, ASOR section, Dallas, TX, March 11, 1988.
- "Transmission of Information and the Messenger System in the Mari Kingdom," annual meeting, Mid- America History Conference, Springfield, Mo., Sept. 26, 1987.
- "The Trap Motif in the Samson Narrative," annual meeting, Central States SBL, Mo. Baptist College, St. Louis, Mo., April 6, 1987.
- "Theophany, Surrender, and Survival," annual meeting, SBL, Atlanta, GA, November 25, 1986.
- "The Use and Misuse of Archaeology in New Bible Atlases," annual meeting, Central States ASOR, University of Mo., Columbia, Mo., April 7, 1986.
- "Legal Significance of Place in the Old Testament," annual meeting, SBL, Anaheim, CA, November 25, 1985.
- "From Gerar to Beer-sheba: The Maintenance of Water Rights in Gen 21 and 26," annual meeting of the upper Midwest region of the American Academy of Religion, Rockford, Ill., April 12, 1985.
- "Theophanic Occurrence in the Old Testament: Threat and Promise," annual meeting, Central States SBL, Kansas City, Mo., March 31, 1985.
- "The Use and Misuse of Archaeology in Bible Handbooks," annual meeting, Central States ASOR, Kansas City, Mo., March

31, 1985.

- "Cuneiform Archives and the Tablets in the Kauffman Museum Collection," Phi Alpha Theta chapter, Bethel College, North Newton, Kansas, February 18, 1985.
- "Jacob the Trickster and Heir of the Covenant: A Literary Interpretation," Conference on Christianity and Literature, Southeastern Regional meeting, Columbia College, Columbia, S.C., April 13, 1984.
- "Crisis Points in Human Culture and the Theories of Thomas Kuhn in *The Structure of Scientific Revolution*" S.C. Committee for the Humanities Scholars' Forum, Clemson U., Clemson, S.C., April 3, 1984.
- "The Symbiotic Relationship Between King and Bureaucracy at Mari," S.C. Historical Association, annual meeting, Lander College, Greenwood, S.C., April 3, 1982.
- "I Have Seen God and Yet I Live," S.C. Academy of Religion, annual meeting, Baptist College, Charleston, S.C., Feb. 21, 1981.
- "Legal Aspects of Military Service in the Old Babylonian Period," American Society of Legal History, annual meeting, Philadelphia, PA., Oct. 24, 1980.
- "Jacob's Struggle for Covenantal Heirship: Conflict as a Literary Motif," S.C. Academy of Religion, annual meeting, U.S.C., Columbia, S.C., Feb. 23, 1980.
- "The Occupational Character of the Biblical Patriarchs," Southeastern Region, SBL, annual meeting, Atlanta, Georgia, March 16, 1979.
- "Abraham's Adaptation to the Promised Land," S.C. Academy of Religion, annual meeting, Clemson U., Clemson, S.C., Feb. 24, 1979.