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EDUCATION

University of Wales, Trinity Saint David (Formerly University of Wales, Lampeter), Department of Theology & Religious Studies, Lampeter, United Kingdom (Oct 2003 – Oct 2006)

- PhD in New Testament awarded in April 2007.
- Thesis: "The Sufferings of Christ are Abundant in Us (2 Cor 1:5a): A Narrative Dynamics Investigation of Paul's Sufferings in 2 Corinthians." Thesis submitted in Nov 2006, viva voce held in March 2007.
- Supervisors: Dr William S. Campbell and Dr Rollin G. Grams.
- Examiners: Dr David G. Horrell and Dr Paul Middleton.
- No amendments or corrections required except for minor typographical errors.

Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, South Hamilton, Massachusetts, United States of America (Sept 1998 – May 2000)

- MA in New Testament (Summa Cum Laude), 2000.

ICI University, Irving, Texas, USA (Jan 1992 – Jan 1998)

- BA (Bible/Theology) through part-time distance learning, 1998.

Universiti Teknologi Malaysia, Skudai, Johor, Malaysia (July 1986 – May 1991)

- B Surveying (Property Management) 2nd Class Upper Honours, 1991.

WORKING EXPERIENCE

Jan 2007 – Present (Jan 2013 – Dec 2014 as Adjunct Lecturer)

Lecturer in New Testament Studies

Director of Postgraduate Studies

Director of Centre for Bible Engagement

Dean, Kuala Lumpur Centre

Seminari Theoloji Malaysia (Malaysia Theological Seminary), Seremban

- **Lecturer in New Testament Studies:** Subjects taught include New Testament Survey/Introduction, Exegesis of Mark, Exegesis of Acts, Exegesis of Romans, Exegesis of 1 Corinthians, Parables of Jesus, Pauline Theology, Exegetical Methods, Advanced Hermeneutics, Pauline Theology, and New Testament Theology; postgraduate supervision at Master of Theology (by research) and Doctor of Theology levels; and external Master of Theology and PhD examinations; serving or served in numerous committees

including Academic Affairs Committee, Library Committee, Doctoral Studies Committee, and Special Task Force for Seminary Development.

- **Director of Postgraduate Studies:** Academic administrative responsibilities and oversight for all postgraduate programmes including curriculum design and review leading to successful accreditation of the programme by Association for Theological Education in South-East Asia (ATESEA), promotion for all postgraduate programmes, and chairing of examination committee for postgraduate programmes.
- **Director of Centre for Bible Engagement:** Responsible for establishing and heading the newly established Centre for Bible Engagement, an interdisciplinary centre focusing on research, publication, postgraduate supervision, setting up a new biblical studies room showcasing archaeological replicas and pictorial exhibits related to biblical studies, organising seminars aimed at academic and popular levels, and leading study tours to Israel, Greece and Turkey.
- **Dean, Seminari Theoloji Malaysia–Kuala Lumpur Centre:** Responsible for setting up the seminary’s extension centre located in Kuala Lumpur city centre, providing leadership and oversight of all academic programmes and public events at the centre, and implementation of all online and hybrid courses.

Jan 2013 – December 2017

Asia Graduate School of Theology Alliance

Committee Member of the Biblical Studies Programme

Jan 2007 – Dec 2014 (Jan 2013 – Dec 2014 full time)

Pastor and Director of Christian Education

Petaling Jaya Evangelical Free Church, Malaysia

Joint appointment with Seminari Theoloji Malaysia

Nov – Dec 2010

Visiting Scholar

Centre for the Study of Bible and Mission, Redcliffe College

Gloucester, United Kingdom

Aug 2000 – May 2003

Executive Secretary

Graduates’ Christian Fellowship, Petaling Jaya

Feb 1994 – Aug 1998

Assistant Manager – Marketing Research

Assistant Manager – Real Estate and Property

Tan & Tan Developments Bhd, Kuala Lumpur, one of the largest property developers listed on Bursa Malaysia, the Malaysian Stock Exchange.

May 1991 – Sept 1993

Valuation Executive

KGV-Lambert Smith Hampton, Johor Bahru.

Jan 2001 – present

Adjunct Lecturer

Bible College Malaysia; Malaysia Bible Seminary; Malaysia Baptist Theological Seminary; Biblical Graduate School of Theology, Singapore; and Myanmar Evangelical Graduate School of Theology, Myanmar.

ACADEMIC INTERESTS

Paul and Pauline Literature, especially the Corinthian Letters
Social Identity Formation and Early Christianity
Rituals and Identity Formation in Early Christianity
Paul and Acts
Parables of Jesus
Gospel of Mark
Mission in the New Testament

PUBLICATIONS

Books Authored

Following Jesus: An Illustrated Guide to the Places of the Holy Land According to the Gospel of Mark. Seminari Theoloji Malaysia Series 14. Singapore: Armour Publishing, 2019.

Metaphors and Social Identity Formation in Paul's Letters to the Corinthians. Eugene: Pickwick, 2017.

Jesus the Storyteller: Hearing the Parables Afresh Today. Seminari Theoloji Malaysia Series 9. Singapore: Armour Publishing, 2015.

"The Sufferings of Christ are Abundant in Us" (2 Cor 1:5): A Narrative Dynamics Investigation of Paul's Sufferings in 2 Corinthians. Library of New Testament Studies Monograph Series No 399. London/New York: T & T Clark, 2009.

Book Edited

Sermons on the Psalms: A Special Publication Celebrating the 40th Anniversary of Seminari Theoloji Malaysia. Edited by Lim Kar Yong, Peter H. W, Lau, and Elaine Goh Wei Fun. Singapore: Armour Publishing/ Seminari Theoloji Malaysia, 2018.

Chapters in Books/Articles in Journals

"For All of You are One in Christ Jesus (Gal 3:28): Paul's Vision for Inclusivity or Diversity?" in Elaine Wei Fun Goh, Kah-Jin Jeffrey Kuan, Jonathan Y. Tan & Amos Yong, eds., *From Malaysia to the Ends of the Earth: Southeast Asian and Diasporic Contributions to Biblical and Theological Studies.* Claremont, CA: Claremont Press, forthcoming in 2021.

"The New Testament and the Socio-Cultural and Religious Realities of the Asian Contexts," in Johnson Thomaskutty, ed., *Asian Introduction to the New Testament.* Minneapolis, MN: Fortress Press, forthcoming in 2021.

- "2 Corinthians," in J. Brian Tucker & Aaron Kuecker, eds., *T&T Clark Social Identity Commentary on the New Testament*. London: T&T Clark, 2020. Pp. 327-354.
- "A Theology of Suffering and Mission for the Asian Church," in Stephen T. Pardue and Timoteo Gener, eds. *Asian Christian Theology: Evangelical Perspectives*. Carlisle: Langham Publishing, 2019. Pp. 181-198.
- "The Fellowship of Christ's Sufferings" (Phil 3:10): Politics, Sufferings, and Social Identity Formation in Philippians," in Siu Fung Wu, ed. *Suffering in Paul: Perspectives and Implications*. Eugene: Pickwick, 2018. Pp. 127-151.
- "The Divine Courtroom (Psalm 50)," in Lim Kar Yong, Peter H. W. Lau, and Elaine Goh Wei Fun, eds., *Sermons on the Psalms: A Special Publication Celebrating the 40th Anniversary of Seminari Theoloji Malaysia*. Singapore: Armour Publishing/Seminari Theoloji Malaysia, 2018. Pp. 15-24
- "Paul the Economist? Economic Principles in Pauline Literature with the Jerusalem Collection as a Test Case," *Evangelical Review of Theology* 41 (2017):19-31.
- "Reading Romans 13:1-7 in a Multi-Faith Context: Some Reflections from Malaysia," in Leow Theng Huat, ed., *What Young Asian Theologians Are Thinking*. CSCA Christianity in Southeast Asia Series 7. Singapore: Trinity Theological College, 2014. Pp. 37-47.
- "'If Anyone is in Christ, New Creation: The Old has Gone, the New has Come' (2 Cor 5:17): New Creation and Temporal Comparison in Social Identity Formation in 2 Corinthians," in J. Brian Tucker and Coleman A. Baker, eds., *T & T Clark Handbook to Social Identity and the New Testament*. London: T & T Clark, 2014. Pp. 289-310.
- "Folly and Fools in the New Testament," in Dale C. Allison, Jr., Christine Helmer, Jens Schröter, Thomas Chr. Römer, Choon-Leong Seow, Barry Dov Walfish, and Eric Ziolkowski, eds., *Encyclopedia of the Bible and Its Reception*, Vol 9. Berlin: Walter de Gruyter, 2014. Pp. 354-55.
- "Living as Christians under Civil Law: The New Testament Letters, Law, and Politics," co-authored with David M. Smolin in Robert F. Cochran Jr. & David VanDrunen, eds., *Law and the Bible: Justice, Mercy and Legal Institutions*. Downers Grove: IVP Academic, 2013. Pp. 208-238.
- "Generosity from Pauline Perspective: Insights from Paul's Letters to the Corinthians," *Special Edition on Contagious Generosity, Evangelical Review of Theology* 37 (2013): 20-30.
- "The Agape Meal: A Sacramental Model for Ministry drawn from Romans 13:8," co-authored with Ezra Kok in K. K. Yeo, ed., *From Rome to Beijing: Symposia on Robert Jewett's Commentary on Romans*. Lincoln: Kairos Studies, 2013. Pp.447-454.
- "Rethinking How We Teach the Bible in Church," co-authored with Tee Meng Yew. *Church and Society in Asia Today* 16/2 (2013): 111-121.

“οἵτινες καταγγέλλουσιν ὑμῖν ὁδὸν σωτηρίας (Acts 16:17): Is Paul Proclaiming The Way or A Way of Salvation?” *Malaysian Association of Theological Schools Journal* (2010): Pp. 73-86.

“Paul’s Use of Temple Imagery in the Corinthian Correspondence: The Creation of Christian Identity,” in Kathy Ehrensperger and J. Brian Tucker, eds., *Reading Paul in Context: Explorations in Identity Formation, Essays in Honour of William S. Campbell*, Library of New Testament Studies Monograph Series No 428. London/New York: T & T Clark, 2010. Pp. 189-205.

“Is There A Place For Suffering In Mission? Perspectives from Paul’s Sufferings in 2 Corinthians,” in Dr Tan Kang San, ed., *The Soul of Mission: Perspectives on Christian Leadership, Spirituality and Mission in East Asia; Essays in Appreciation of Dr David Gunaratnam*. Petaling Jaya: Pustaka Sufes, 2007. Pp. 64-78.

Book Reviews

The Social Significance of Reconciliation in Paul’s Theology: Narrative Readings in Romans. Library of New Testament Studies 421. By Corneliu Constantineanu. London/New York: T & T Clark, 2010. *Transformation* 31/4 (2014): 304-306.

In the Footsteps of Judas and Other Defectors: The Gospels, Acts, and Johannine Letters. Apostasy in the New Testament Commentaries. Vol. 1. By B. J. Oropeza. Eugene, OR: Cascade Books, 2011. *Evangelical Quarterly* 86/2 (2014): 183-185.

1 & 2 Timothy and Titus. African Bible Commentary Series. By Samuel M. Ngewa. Grand Rapids, Michigan: HippoBooks, 2009. *Transformation* 30/3 (2013): 217-218.

Discovering Jesus in the New Testament. By Keith Warrington. Peabody, Massachusetts: Hendrickson, 2009. *Transformation* 30/4 (2013): 300-301.

Remember the Poor: Paul, Poverty, and the Greco-Roman World. By Bruce W. Longenecker. Grand Rapids, Michigan: Eerdmans, 2010. *Evangelical Review of Theology* 37 (2013): 88-89.

Paul Unbound: Other Perspectives on the Apostle. Edited by Mark D. Given. Peabody: Hendrickson, 2010. *Evangelical Quarterly* 85/1 (2013): 83-84.

Great Commission Companies: The Emerging Role of Business in Missions. By Steve Rundle & Tom Seffen. Downers Grove: Inter-Varsity Press, 2003. *Mission Studies* 22/1 (2005): 164-66.

The Church in Mission: Universal Mandate and Local Concerns. Edited by Thomas Malipurathu & L. Stanislaus. Gujarat: Gujarat Sahitya Prakash, 2002. *Mission Studies* 21/2 (2004): 317-18.

Cruciformity: Paul’s Narrative Spirituality of the Cross. By Michael J. Gorman. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2003. *Journal of Beliefs and Values* 25/1 (2004): 114-16.

Current Writing/Research Projects

Reading 1 Corinthians After Supersessionism. New Testament after Supersessionism Series, to be published by Cascade, an imprint of Wipf & Stock Publishers. Date targeted: 2023.

Space, Anti-Imperial Rhetoric and Identity Formation in Philippians. A major monograph incorporating critical geography and social identity formation theories in reading Philippians. Date targeted: 2021.

PAPERS, LECTURES AND PRESENTATIONS (SELECTED)

“The Fellowship of Christ’s Sufferings” (Phil 3:10): Politics, Sufferings, and Social Identity Formation in Philippians.” Paper presented at the *Paul and Pauline Literature Section, Society of Biblical Literature International Meeting, Helsinki, Finland, July 30-August 3, 2018*.

“Paul the Economist? Economic Principles in Pauline Literature with the Jerusalem Collection as a Test Case.” Paper presented at the *Paul and Pauline Literature Section, Society of Biblical Literature International Meeting, Berlin, Germany, August 7-11, 2017*.

“You are the Body of Christ” (1 Cor 12:27): Metaphor and Social Identity Formation.” Paper presented at the *Paul and Pauline Literature Section, Society of Biblical Literature International Meeting, Seoul, South Korea, July 3 - 7, 2016*.

“Paul’s ‘Remembering the Poor’ as Rituals in the Corinthian Letters.” Paper presented at the *3rd Biblical Studies Seminar: Bible and Wealth and Poverty, Seminari Theoloji Malaysia, Seremban, March 7, 2016*.

“Earthly Stories with Heavenly Meaning?: Rethinking the Parables of Jesus.” Lecture delivered at the *Official Launch of Jesus the Storyteller: Hearing the Parables Afresh, Centre for Theological Education by Extension, Seminari Theoloji Malaysia, Luther Centre, Petaling Jaya, Malaysia, May 30, 2015*.

“Space, Politics, and Social Identity Formation in Philippians.” Paper presented at the *2014 International Congress of Ethnic Chinese Biblical Scholars, Divinity School of Chung Chi, Chinese University of Hong Kong, August 18-20, 2014*.

“Spaces of Identity: Real and Imagined Spaces and Social Identity Formation in Philippians.” Paper presented at the *Paul and Pauline Literature Section, Society of Biblical Literature International Meeting, Vienna, July 6-10, 2014*.

“Space and Social Identity Formation in light of Paul’s Anti-Imperial Rhetoric with Philippians as a Test Case.” Paper presented at the *Inaugural Biblical Studies Seminar: Politics in the Bible, Seminari Theoloji Malaysia, Seremban, March 10, 2014*.

- “Paul’s ‘Remembering the Poor’ as Ritual in the Corinthian Letters.” Paper presented at the *Seminar on Reading Paul’s Letters in Context: Theological and Social-Scientific Approaches, Studiorum Novi Testamenti Societas, Perth, July 21-24, 2013.*
- “Paul’s Use of Temple Imagery in the Corinthian Correspondence and the Formation of Christian Identity: A Contextual Reading from the Perspectives of A Chinese Malaysian.” Paper presented at the *Contextual Interpretation of the Bible (Hebrew Bible/Old Testament and New Testament) Section, Society of Biblical Literature International Meeting, London, July 4-8, 2011.*
- “Is There A Place For Suffering In Mission? Perspectives from Paul’s Sufferings in 2 Corinthians and the Malaysian Experience.” Lecture delivered at the *Postgraduate Seminar, Redcliffe College, Gloucester, November 23, 2010.*
- “Reading Romans 13:1-7 with Multiple Lenses: Some Reflections from A Multi-Faith Context with Malaysia as A Test Case.” Paper presented at the *Paul and Pauline Literature Section, Society of Biblical Literature International Meeting, Rome, June 30-July 4, 2009.*
- “A Chinese Cultural Reading of the Quotation of Genesis 2:24 in the Household Codes of Ephesians: A Message to the Parents?” Paper presented at the *Paul and Pauline Literature Section, Society of Biblical Literature International Meeting, Auckland, July 6-11, 2008.*
- “A Response to Robert Jewett’s Paper: The Agape Meal; A Sacramental Model for Ministry Drawn from Romans 13:8.” Paper presented at the *Symposium on Romans: The Relevance of Hermeneia Commentary on Romans for Malaysian Culture and Theology, Sabah Theological Seminary, April 14-15, 2008.*
- “Was Jesus Political? A New Testament Perspective.” Paper presented at the *Inaugural Dialogue of Oriental Hearts and Mind Study Institute, Petaling Jaya, September 15, 2007.*
- “The Corinth that St Paul Saw.” Lecture delivered for the *MA in Biblical Interpretation Module, Department of Theology & Religious Studies, University of Wales, Lampeter, March 26-29, 2007.*
- “The Corinth that St Paul Saw: The Impact of the City on the Corinthian Letters.” Special Public Lecture delivered at Seminari Theoloji Malaysia, Seremban, Malaysia. February, 2007.
- “The Function of Paul’s Citation of Isaiah 49:8 (2 Corinthians 6:2) in Light of His Apostolic Sufferings in 2 Corinthians.” Paper presented at the *Paul and Pauline Literature Section, Society of Biblical Literature International Meeting, Edinburgh, July 2-6, 2006.*
- “‘The Sufferings of Christ are Abundant for Us’ (2 Cor 1:5a): Paul’s Suffering in 2 Corinthians.” Paper presented at the *Paul and Pauline Literature Section, Society of Biblical Literature International Meeting, Singapore, June 29-July 1, 2005.*

**PROFESSIONAL
MEMBERSHIPS**

Royal Institution of Surveyors Malaysia

- Member since 1996.

Board of Valuers, Appraisers and Estate Agents, Malaysia

- Registered Valuer (Registration No: V-417) since 1995.
- Registered Estate Agent (Registration No: E-1256) since 1995.

Society of Biblical Literature

- Member since 2005.
- International Cooperation Initiative (ICI) Liaison for Malaysia, 2010 – present.
- Chair of Paul and Pauline Literature Section for International Meeting, 2016 – present.

**ECCLESIASTICAL
INVOLVEMENTS**

Member of Board of Trustees (2017 – present)

Bible Society of Malaysia

Member of Board of Trustees (2015 – present)

World Vision Malaysia

Member of Executive Council (2010 – 2017)

Fellowship of Evangelical Students, Malaysia

Ordained Priest

Anglican Diocese of West Malaysia