

## Curriculum Vitae

**Stephen J. Patterson, Ph.D.**  
**George H. Atkinson Professor of Religious and Ethical Studies**  
**Willamette University**

### Education

Ph.D.	The Claremont Graduate School New Testament	1988
M.A.	The Claremont Graduate School New Testament	1988
M.T.S.	Harvard University Scripture and Interpretation	1983
B.A.	Yankton College Religion and Philosophy	1981

### Academic Positions

George H. Atkinson Professor of Religious and Ethical Studies  
Willamette University  
2010-Present

Professor of New Testament  
Eden Theological Seminary, St. Louis  
1988-2010

Visiting Professor of New Testament  
Peki Seminary, Peki, Ghana, West Africa  
Winter, 2009

Visiting Professor of New Testament  
United Theological College, Bangalore, India  
Summer, 2004

Lecturer in New Testament  
Claremont Graduate School/School of Theology at Claremont  
1986

Lecturer in Theology  
Loyola-Marymount University  
1985-86

### Grants and Awards

Lawrence Cress Award for Excellence in Faculty Scholarship, Willamette University, 2016  
Center for Religion, Law, and Democracy Research Grant, Willamette University, 2015  
Center for Ancient Studies and Archaeology Research Grant, Willamette University, 2014  
Hewlett Grant, Willamette University 2013, 2014  
Fulbright Fellowship, Karls-Ruprecht Universität Heidelberg, 1986-87  
Graduate Fellowship, Claremont Graduate School, 1983-85  
Pfeiffer Fellowship, Harvard Divinity School, 1983

### Professional Affiliations and Activities

The Society of Biblical Literature

2014-Present: SBL Annual Meeting Program Committee  
 Fellow, *Studiosum Novi Testamenti Societas*  
 Former Chair, The Jesus Seminar on Christian Origins  
 Former Contributing Editor, The Bible Review  
 Former Editorial Board, The Journal of Biblical Literature  
 Former Editorial Board, Review of Biblical Literature

### **Service to Community**

Witness for Peace  
 The Sanctuary Movement  
 Board of Directors, United Church Neighborhood Houses, St. Louis (Chair)  
 Board of Directors, United Church of Office for Church and Society (Executive Committee)  
 Board of Directors, Justice and Witness Ministries of the United Church of Christ  
 Board of Directors, North Willamette Valley Habitat for Humanity  
 The NAACP, Salem Chapter

### **Publications**

#### **Books:**

- A Q-Thomas Reader.* (with Marvin Meyer, John Kloppenborg, and Michael Steinhauser) Sonoma: Polebridge, 1990.
- The Gospel of Thomas and Jesus.* Sonoma: Polebridge, 1993.
- The Search for Jesus: Modern Scholarship Looks at the Gospels.* (with Marcus Borg and John Dominic Crossan; edited by Herschel Shanks) Smithsonian Seminars. Washington, D. C.: Biblical Archaeology Society, 1994.
- The God of Jesus: The Historical Jesus and the Search for Meaning.* Philadelphia: Trinity, 1998.  
 Italian: *Il Dio di Gesù. Il Gesù storico e la ricerca del significato.* Theologica 3. Torino: Claudiana, 2005.
- The Fifth Gospel.* (with James M. Robinson and Hans-Gebhard Bethge) Philadelphia: Trinity, 1998; revised: London: T. & T. Clark, 2011.
- The Apocalyptic Jesus: A Debate.* (with Dale C. Allison, Marcus J. Borg, John Dominic Crossan, edited by Robert J. Miller) Santa Rosa: Polebridge, 2001.
- Beyond the Passion: Rethinking the Death and Life of Jesus.* Minneapolis: Fortress, 2004.
- The Gospel of Thomas and Christian Origins: Essays on the Fifth Gospel.* Nag Hammadi and Manichaean Studies 84. Leiden: Brill, 2013.
- The Lost Way: How Two Forgotten Gospel are Rewriting the Story of Christian Origins.* San Francisco: HarperOne, 2014.
- The Forgotten Creed.* Oxford and New York: Oxford, 2018.

#### **Current Projects:**

*The Gospel of Thomas: A Commentary.* In preparation, Fortress (Hermeneia).

**Selected Essays, Articles, and Reviews:**

"A Note on an Argive Relief of Selene." *Harvard Theological Review* 78 (1985) 439-443.

"Fire and Dissension: Ipsissima Vox Jesu in Q 12:49, 51-53?" *Forum* 5 (1989) 121-139.

(With Clayton Jefford) "A Note on Didache 12.2a (Coptic)." *The Second Century* 7 (1989-90) 65-75.

(With Helmut Koester) "The Gospel of Thomas." *Bible Review* 6,2 (1990) 28-39. Reprinted: Harvey Minkoff, ed., *The Best of Bible Review*. Washington, D. C.: The Biblical Archaeology Society, 1994. I:89-107.

"The Gospel of Thomas and the Historical Jesus: *Retrospectus* and *Prospectus*," pp. 614-636 in David J. Lull, ed., *Society of Biblical Literature 1990 Seminar Papers*. Atlanta: Scholars Press, 1990.

"James M. Robinson: A Biography." Pp. xxi-xxiv in James E. Goehring, Charles W. Hedrick, Jack T. Sanders, with Hans Dieter Betz, eds. *Gnosticism & the Early Christian World: in Honor of James M. Robinson*. Forum Fascicles 2. Sonoma: Polebridge Press, 1990.

"Bridging the Gulf Between Bible Scholarship and Religious Faith." *Bible Review* 6,6 (1990) 16, 44.

"Sources, Redaction, and Tendenz in the Acts of Peter and the Twelve Apostles (NH VI, 1)." *Vigiliae Christianae* 45 (1991) 1-17.

"Paul and the Jesus Tradition: It Is Time for Another Look." *Harvard Theological Review* 84 (1991) 23-41.

In Robert Miller, ed. *The Complete Gospels: Scholars Version*. Sonoma: Polebridge Press, 1992:

"The Gospel of Thomas" (with Marvin Meyer)

"The Secret Gospel of Mark" (with Helmut Koester)

"Orphan Sayings"

In David Noel Freedman, ed. *The Anchor Bible Dictionary*. Garden City: Doubleday, 1992:

"Apocryphal Gospels"

"Harmonies of the Gospels"

"Logia"

"New Testament Apocrypha"

"The Gospel of Thomas and the Synoptic Tradition: A *Forschungsbericht* and Critique." *Forum* 8,1-2 (1992) 45-97.

Review: *Das Thomasevangelium: Einleitung, Kommentar, und Systematik*, by Michael Fieger. *Journal of Biblical Literature* 111 (1992) 361-63.

"Q--The Lost Gospel." *Bible Review* 9,5 (1993) 34-41, 61-62.

"Wisdom in Q and Thomas." Pp. 187-221 in Bernard Brandon Scott and Leo G. Perdue, eds. *In Search of Wisdom: Essays in Honor of John G. Gammie*. Westminster/John Knox Press, 1993.

"Exegesis, Mark 4:21-43: Gospel for the Fourth Sunday after Pentecost." *No Other Foundation* 14,2 (Winter 1993-94) 42-46.

"Why the Historical Jesus?" *The Living Pulpit* 3,1 (1994) 20-21.

"Yes, Virginia, There is a Q." *Bible Review* 11,5 (1995) 39-40.

- "Didache 11-13: The Legacy of Radical Itinerancy in Early Christianity." Pp. 313-29 in Clayton N. Jefford, ed. *The Didache in Context: Essays on Its Text, History, and Transmission*. Leiden: E. J. Brill, 1995.
- "The End of Apocalypse: Rethinking the Eschatological Jesus." *Theology Today* 52,1 (1995) 29-48.
- "Exegesis, Matthew 28:16-20: Gospel for Trinity Sunday." *No Other Foundation* 16,2 (Winter 1995-96) 5-12.
- "Shall We Teach What Jesus Taught?" *Prism* 11 (1996) 40-57.
- "The Church and Public Education: Insights from the New Testament." *New Conversations* 17, 2 (1996) 3-8.
- "Exegesis, John 1:43-51: Gospel for the Second Sunday after Epiphany." *No Other Foundation* 17,1 (Summer 1996) 23-30.
- "Exegesis, 1 Corinthians 13:1-13." *No Other Foundation* 18,1 (Summer, 1997) 45-57.
- Review: *Jesus the Messianic Herald of Salvation* by Edward P. Meadors. *Journal of Biblical Literature* 116 (1997) 138-41.
- "Why Did Christians Say: 'God Raised Jesus from the Dead'? 1 Corinthians 15 and the Origins of the Resurrection Tradition in Earliest Christianity." *Forum* 10,3-4 (1994 [actual 1998]) 135-60.
- "The Historical Jesus and the Search for God." *Hervormde Teologiese Studies* 54 (1998) 476-504.
- Review: *Elijah in Upper Egypt: The Apocalypse of Elijah and Egyptian Christianity* by David Frankfurter. *Journal for the Study of the Pseudepigrapha* 17 (1998) 118-20.
- Review: *The Historical Jesus* by John Dominic Crossan. *Religious Studies News* (Scholar's Bookshelf) 13/3 (September, 1998) p. 17.
- Review: *Q and the History of Early Christianity: Studies on Q* by C.M. Tuckett. *Journal of Biblical Literature* 117 (1998) 744-46.
- "Askesis and the Early Jesus Tradition." Pp. 49-69 in L. Vaage and V. Wimbush, eds. *Asceticism and the New Testament*. London: Routledge, 1999.
- "An Empire for Children." *New Conversations* 19,2: Building a World Fit for Children (Spring/Summer, 1999) 6-9.
- Review: *The Signs of a Prophet* by Morna D. Hooker. *Interpretation* 52,2 (1999) 200.
- Review: *Jesus and the Logic of History* by Paul Barnett. *Theology Today* 56,1 (1999) 155.
- "Pensive Provocation: Preaching the Anti-Wisdom of Jesus." *The Living Pulpit* 9,3 (2000) 10-11.
- "Now Playing: The Gospel of Thomas." *Bible Review* 16,6 (December, 2000) 38-41, 51-52.
- "History and Theology: A Reflection on the Work of the Jesus Seminar." *Forum* (n.s.) 3,2 (Fall, 2000) 357-79.
- Review: *Jesus the Millenarian Prophet* by Dale Allison. *Journal of Biblical Literature* 119 (2000) 357-60.

“Consider Yourself Dead: On the Martyrological Understanding of Jesus’ Death.” Pp. 161-87 in R. W. Funk, ed. *The Once and Future Faith*. Santa Rosa: Polebridge, 2001.

“The Prologue to the Fourth Gospel And the World of Speculative Jewish Theology.” Pp. 323-332 in R. Fortna and T. Thatcher, eds. *Jesus in the Johannine Tradition*. Louisville: WJKP, 2001.

Review: *Who is Jesus? History in Perfect Tense* by Leander Keck. *Journal of Religion* 81 (2001) 632-33.

Review: *The Religion of the Earliest Churches* by Gerd Theissen. *Journal of the American Academy of Religion* 69 (2001) 513-516.

Review: *Will the Real Jesus Please Stand Up?: A Debate between William Lane Craig and John Dominic Crossan*, Paul Copan, ed. *Review of Biblical Literature* [<http://www.bookreviews.org>] (2001).

“The Dark Shadow of the Cross (a review of James Carroll’s *Constantine’s Sword*.)” *Bible Review* 18,4 (August 2002) 46-48.

Review: *Whoever Hears You Hears Me* by J. Draper and R. Horsley. *Journal of Religion and Society* 4 (2002).

“The Dark Side of Pilate.” *Bible Review* 19,6 (2003) 32-37, 47-48.

Review: *The Resurrection of the Son of God* by N. T. Wright. *Journal of Religion* 84 (2004) 636-37.

Review: *Beyond Belief* by Elaine Pagels. *Bible Review* 20,2 (2004) 38-42.

“A Passion Play on Film (a review of Mel Gibson’s *The Passion of the Christ*.)” *Bible Review* 20,3 (2004) 41-44.

“Pilate in the Dock...For the Prosecution (a dialogue with Paul Maier).” *Bible Review* 20,3 (2004) 30-32.

Review: Render to God: New Testament Understandings of the Divine by J. Neyrey. *Catholic Biblical Quarterly* 67 (2005) 533-34.

“The Gospel of Thomas and Historical Jesus Research,” pp. 663-84 in L. Painchaud et P.-H. Poirier, eds., *Coptica, Gnostica, et Manichaica. Mélanges offerts à Wolf-Peter Funk à l’occasion de son 60<sup>e</sup> anniversaire*. BCNH, section “Études,” 7 (Québec: Laval/Louvain-Paris: Éditions Peeters, 2006).

“The Gospel of Thomas and Christian Beginnings,” pp. 1-18 in Jon Asgierrsson, et al., eds., *The Gospel of Thomas in Recent Study* (NHMS 59; Brill: Leiden, 2006).

Review: *Thomas: Seeking the Historical Context of the Gospel of Thomas* by Risto Uro. *Journal of Religion* 86 (2006) 112-13.

Review: *Christian Identity in the Jewish and Graeco-Roman World* by Judith Lieu. *Journal of Religion* 86 (2006) 108-9.

“The Parable of the Catch of Fish: A Brief History (On Matthew 13:47-50 and Gospel of Thom 8).” Pp. 363-76 in L. Painchaud et P.-H. Poirier, eds. *L’Évangile selon Thomas et les textes de Nag Hammadi. Traditions et convergences. Actes du colloque tenu à Québec du 29 au 31 mai 2003*. BCNH, section “Études,” 8. Québec: Laval/Louvain-Paris: Éditions Peeters, 2007.

Review: *Biblical Interpretation: History, Context, and Reality* ed. by Christine Helmer. *Catholic Biblical Quarterly* 69 (2007) 859-61.

“Jesus Meets Plato: The Theology of the Gospel of Thomas,” pp. 181-205 in J. Frey, et al., eds. *Das Thomasevangelium, Entstehung – Rezeption – Theologie*. BZNW 157. Berlin: de Gruyter, 2008.

Review: *The Gospel of Thomas and Wisdom* by Stevan Davies. *Catholic Biblical Quarterly* 70 (2008) 142-44.

“Can You Trust a Gospel? A Review of Richard Bauckham’s *Jesus and the Eyewitnesses*,” *Journal for the Study of the Historical Jesus* 6 (2008) 194-210.

“A Rhetorical Gem in a Rhetorical Treasure.” *Biblical Theology Bulletin* 39/2 (2009) 87-94.

Review: *Q: The Earliest Gospel* by John Kloppenborg. *Catholic Biblical Quarterly* 71 (2009) 903-4.

“An Unanswered Question: Apocalyptic Expectation and Jesus’ *Basileia* Proclamation.” *Journal for the Study of the Historical Jesus* 8 (2010) 67-79.

“The Gospel of (Judas) Thomas and the Synoptic Problem.” Pp. 783-808 in P. Foster, et al., eds. *New Studies in the Synoptic Problem (Essays in Honour of Christopher M. Tuckett)*. BETL 239. Leuven: Peeters, 2011.

“The View from Across the Euphrates.” *Harvard Theological Review* 104 (2011) 411-31.

“The Oxyrhynchus Papyri.” *Biblical Archaeology Review* 37/2 (2011) 60-68.

“Apocalypticism or Prophecy and the Problem of Polyvalence: Lessons from the Gospel of Thomas.” *Journal of Biblical Literature* 130 (2011) 795-817.

“Luke, the Gospel of.” Pp. 587-600 in Michael Coogan, ed. *The Oxford Encyclopedia of the Books of the Bible*. New York: Oxford, 2011; also Oxford Biblical Studies On-Line.

“When a Man Lies with a Man as with a Woman.” *The Fourth R* 25/3 (2012) 16-17.

“Platonism and the Apocryphal Origins of Immortality in the Christian Imagination or Why do Christians Have Souls that Go to Heaven?” in Jens Schroeter, ed., *Apocryphal Gospels within the Context of Early Christian Theology*, pp. 447-76. BETL 260. Leuven: Peeters, 2013.

“Is the Christ of Faith also the Jesus of History?” Pp. 447-57 in J. Moreland and C. Meister, eds. *Debating Christian Theism*. Oxford/New York: Oxford University Press, 2013.

“Everything in Parables: On Jesus’ Style.” Pp. 95-117 in R. Stewart, ed. *The Message of Jesus*. Minneapolis: Fortress, 2013.

“Historical Jesus, Quest of.” Pp. 408-17 in Steven L. McKenzie, Gen. Ed. *The Oxford Encyclopedia of Biblical Interpretation*. London and New York: Oxford, 2013.

“David Loves Jonathan.” *The Fourth R* 26/4 (2013) 13-14.

“Saint Paul Hated Sex.” *The Fourth R* 26/6 (2013) 13, 16.

“Sodomy.” *The Fourth R* 26/2 (2013) 9-10.

“Eunuchs for the Kingdom of Heaven.” *The Fourth R* 27/2 (2014) 16-17.

“Twice More—Thomas and the Synoptics: A Reply to Simon Gathercole, *The Composition of the Gospel of Thomas*, and Mark Goodacre, *Thomas and the Gospels*.” *Journal for the Study of the New Testament* 36 (2014) 251-61.

"The Gospel of Thomas: A Bibliography" in Christopher Matthews, ed., Oxford Bibliographies On-Line.

"Apocryphal Gospels and Historical Jesus Research: A Reassessment." Pp. 173-85 in Tony Burke, ed. *Forbidden Texts on the Western Frontier*. Eugene, OR: Cascade, 2015.

"The Gospel of Thomas and the Quest for the Historical Jesus." Pp. 233-49 in Andrew Gregory and Christopher Tuckett, eds. *The Oxford Handbook of Early Christian Apocrypha*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2015.

"Nascent Christianity in Edessa." Pp. 106-22 in Julye Bidmead and Gail Stearns, eds. *Invest in Your Humanity: Celebrating Marvin Meyer*. Eugene, OR: Pickwick, 2015.

"Punch Thy Neighbor." *Biblical Archaeology Review* 41,3 (2015) 26, 66.

"Motion and Rest: The Platonic Origins of a Mysterious Concept." Pp. 251-60 in William Arnal, et al., eds. *Scribal Practices and Social Structures Among Jesus Adherents: Essays in Honour of John S. Kloppenborg*. BETL 285. Leuven: Peeters, 2016.

"The Baptists of Corinth: Paul, the Partisans of Apollos, and the History of Baptism in Nascent Christianity." Pp. 315-28 in Allan Cadwallader, ed. *Stones, Bones, and the Sacred: Essays from the Colloquia on Material Culture and Ancient Religion in honor of Dennis E. Smith*. Early Christianity and Its Literature 21. Atlanta: Society of Biblical Literature, 2016.

"Scripture, Power, and the Humanist as Agent." *The Abeng: A Journal of Transdisciplinary Criticism* 1,1 (2017) 37-40.

Forthcoming:

"From John to Apollos to Paul: How the Baptism of John Entered the Jesus Movement." In Stanley Porter and Andrew Pitts, eds. *Christian Origins and the Establishment of the Early Jesus Movement*. ECHC 4. Leiden: Brill, 2018.

"'Why Can't a Woman Be More Like a Man?' Making Mary Male and the Gendered World of Antiquity." In Courtney Friesen, ed. *Essays in Honor of Melissa Harl Sellev*. Salem, OR: Polebridge, 2018.

### **Selected Academic Papers and Lectures**

"Q 7:31-35: We Piped and You Did Not Dance, We Wailed and You Did Not Mourn." Pacific States Regional Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, San Francisco (Spring, 1985)

"Sources, Redaction, and Tendenz in the Acts of Peter and the Twelve Apostles (NHC VI, 1)." International Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, Copenhagen (Summer, 1989)

"Fire and Dissension: Ipsissima Vox Jesu in Q 12:49, 51-53?" Jesus Seminar, Toronto (Fall, 1989)

"From John to Jesus: Gospel of Thomas 3 and 113 and the Problem of Christian Origins." Jesus Seminar, Sonoma (Spring, 1990).

"Jesus and Paul: Time for Another Look." Central States Region Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, Columbia, Missouri (Spring, 1990).

"The Gospel of Thomas and the Historical Jesus: Retrospectus and Prospectus." Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, New Orleans (Fall, 1990).

- "Christian Faith and the Quest of the Historical Jesus." Jesus Seminar, Sonoma (Spring, 1991).
- "The Gospel of Thomas and the Historical Jesus." Jesus Seminar, Edmonton, Alberta (Fall, 1991).
- "The End of Eschatology?" Jesus Seminar, Sonoma (Spring, 1992).
- "Q 11:27-28." SBL International Q Seminar Meeting, Claremont (Summer, 1992).
- "Jews, Greeks, and Christians: Why Paul Failed at Antioch." Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, San Francisco (Fall, 1992)
- "Wisdom in Q and Thomas." Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, Washington, D. C. (Fall, 1993)
- "Q 11:27-28 Database." Society of Biblical Literature International Q Seminar Meeting, Rattenbach, Germany (Summer, 1994).
- "The Mystery of the Gospel of Thomas." Keynote Lectures, The Jesus Seminar, Santa Rosa, CA (Fall, 1994).
- "Using Thomas to Reconstruct Q." Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, Chicago (Fall, 1994).
- "Why Did Earliest Christians Say: 'God Has Raised Jesus from the Dead'?" Jesus Seminar (Spring, 1995).
- "The Gospel of Thomas and Christian Origins." Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting/50th Anniversary Commemoration of the Discovery of the Nag Hammadi Library, Philadelphia (Fall, 1995).
- "The Historical Jesus and the Search for God." The Jesus Seminar, Santa Rosa, CA (Spring, 1996).
- "Askesis and the Early Jesus Tradition." Asceticism and the New Testament, University of Toronto Symposium (Fall, 1996).
- "A Primitive Gospel of James?" Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, New Orleans (Fall, 1996).
- "The Real Jesus Seminar (A Response to Luke Timothy Johnson's The Real Jesus)." Central States Region Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, Kansas City (Spring, 1997).
- "Jesus and the Empire of God." The Jesus Seminar, Santa Rosa, CA (Spring, 1997).
- "Rudolf Bultmann and the Historical Jesus." The Jesus Seminar, Santa Rosa, CA (Spring, 1997).
- "Who Are the 'Poor to the World' in James?" Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, Boston, MA (Fall, 1999).
- "Response to Charles Hedrick's When History and Faith Collide." Society of Biblical Literature Regional Meeting, Kansas City, MO (Spring, 2000).
- "The God of Jesus: Talking About God after Jesus." The Jesus Seminar, Santa Rosa, CA (Fall, 2000).
- "Consider Yourself Dead: On the Martyrological Understanding of Jesus' Death." The Jesus Seminar, Rhonert Park, CA (Spring 2001).
- "The Gospel of Thomas and Christian Beginnings." Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, Denver, Colorado (Fall, 2001).



- “The Historical Jesus.” Lecture, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale (Fall, 2002).
- “If You Give a Mouse a Cookie: Historical Jesus Study and the Life of the Church.” The Jesus Seminar, Santa Rosa, CA (Spring, 2003).
- “The Parable of the Net.” Colloque internationale “L’Évangile selon Thomas et les textes de Nag Hammadi. Traditions et convergences, Université Laval, Québec (Spring 2003).
- “The Gospel of Thomas and the Historical Jesus.” Catholic Biblical Association, San Francisco (Summer 2003).
- “The First Question.” Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting (Fall, 2004).
- “Rethinking the Death of Jesus.” Lectures, Charis Ecumenical Center, Concordia College (Spring, 2005).
- “A Tale of Two Parables.” Lecture, a Symposium on the Parables of Jesus, Amherst College (Spring, 2005).
- “Jesus Meets Plato: Middle Platonic Anthropology in the Gospel of Thomas.” Das Thomasevangelium im Kontext der frühchristlichen und spätantiken Literatur- und Religionsgeschichte, Eisenach/Universität Jena (Fall, 2006).
- “The Gospel of (Judas) Thomas and the Synoptic Problem.” The Oxford Conference in the Synoptic Problem, Oxford (Spring, 2008).
- “A Rhetorical Gem in a Rhetorical Treasure: The Origin and Significance of 1 Corinthians 13:4-7.” The Aquinas Institute (Fall, 2008).
- “The Gospel of Thomas: Negotiating Rome?.” Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting (Fall, 2008).
- “Doubting Thomas: Is the Gospel of Thomas an Authentic Witness to Jesus? (A Debate with Craig Evans).” Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary (Spring, 09).
- “Wisdom, Apocalyptic, and Gnostic Polyvalence: Lessons from the Gospel of Thomas.” Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting (Fall, 2009).
- “The View from Across the Euphrates: Gospel of Thomas in Edessa.” The Jesus Seminar, Plenary Address (Spring, 2009).
- “John, Jesus, and the Empire of God.” Society of Biblical Literature Midstates Regional Meeting (Spring, 2009).
- “Everything in Parables: On Jesus’ Style.” The Greer-Heard Point-Counterpoint Forum in Faith and Culture, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary (Winter, 2010).
- “Was Jesus an Apocalyptic Prophet? (a Debate with Dale Allison, Gerd Lüdemann, Robert Miller, and Stephen J. Patterson).” The Jesus Seminar on Christian Origins (Spring, 2010).
- “Platonism and the Apocryphal Origins of Immortality in the Christian Imagination or Why do Christians Have Souls that Go to Heaven?” CBL 2011, Leuven, Belgium (Summer, 2011).
- “Nascent Christianity in Edessa.” Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, San Francisco (Fall, 2011).
- “Motion and Rest: The Platonic Origins of a Mysterious Concept.” Society of Biblical Literature International Meeting, Amsterdam (Summer 2012).

“The Gospel of Thomas and the Synoptic Gospels: Reply to Mark Goodacre and Simon Gathercole.” Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, Chicago (Fall 2012).

“Apocryphal Gospels and Historical Jesus Research: A Reassessment.” 2013 York Symposium on Apocryphal Gospels, Toronto (Fall, 2013).

“Jesus and John and Apollos” 2014 Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, San Diego (Fall 2014).

“The Baptists of Corinth” 2015 International Society of Biblical Literature, Buenos Aires (Summer, 2015).

“Honoring Helmut Koester: Koester’s Contributions to the Study of Apocryphal Literature.” Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, San Antonio (Fall 2016).

“From John to Apollos to Paul: How the Baptism of John Entered the Jesus Movement.” Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting; Westar Institute National Meeting, Boston (Fall 2017).

“Why Can’t a Woman Be More Like a Man? (Thomas 114).” Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting; Westar Institute National Meeting, Boston (Fall 2018).

#### **Selected Public Lectures, Addresses and Seminars**

"The Gospel of Thomas Today." Lecture, Toronto School of Theology (Fall 1989).

"Thomas and Q: The Early Christian Sayings Tradition." Lecture, Xavier University, Cincinnati (Fall, 1990).

"Before There Was a Bible: Non-Canonical Writings and the Origins of Christianity." Lecture, University of Indianapolis (Fall, 1991).

"Sources for a Life of Jesus." Lecture, The Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D. C. Smithsonian Seminars: Modern Scholarship Looks at the Gospels (with Marcus Borg and John Dominic Crossan) (Fall, 1993).

"Qumran and Christian Origins." Lecture, American Jewish Committee Interfaith Lecture Series, St. Louis (Spring, 1994).

"Who Was Jesus?" Lecture, Covenant Seminary, St. Louis (Winter, 1994).

"Shall We teach What Jesus Taught?" The Callista Olds Lecture in Biblical Studies, Defiance College (Fall, 1994).

"Jews, Christians, and Jesus." Keynote Lecture, American Jewish Committee Interfaith Lecture Series, St. Louis (Winter, 1995).

"The Origin of the Resurrection Tradition." Lecture, South Florida Theological Center, Miami (Spring, 1995).

"Neither Jew Nor Greek: Paul and the Promise of Diversity." Introductory Address, U. C. C. Office for Church in Society Racism Workshop (Fall, 1995).

"Rethinking Eschatology and Christian Origins." Seminar Presentation, Philadelphia Seminar on Christian Origins, University of Pennsylvania (Fall, 1995).

"The Historical Jesus Today." Lecture, Webster University (Winter, 1996).

"The Historical Jesus and the Search for God." Annual Lectures, Church of the Crossroads, Honolulu, HI (Spring, 1996).

"The Challenge of the Historical Jesus." The Yinger Lectures, Union Congregational Church, U. C. C., Montclair, N.J. (Summer, 1996).

"From Jesus to the Gospel (On the Meaning of Historical Jesus Research)." Keynote Lectures, Annual Theology Symposium, Graceland College (Winter, 1997).

"Jesus: What Did He Say? What Did He Do? Why Does It Matter?" Lecture, Heidelberg College (Spring, 1998).

"The Search for God in Jesus." Jesus Seminar 'On the Road.' Rice University, Houston, TX (Fall, 2000).

"Who's Afraid of the Historical Jesus?" Keynote, Symposium on Modern Scholarship and the Church, Carthage College and Marquette University, Milwaukee, WI (Spring 2001).

"The Historical Jesus and the Search for Meaning." Lecture, The University of Minnesota, Department of Classics and Ancient Near Eastern Studies (Fall, 2001).

"The Bible and Homosexuality in the Life of the Church." Symposium for the Nebraska Conference of the United Church of Christ and Vine Congregational UCC in Lincoln, NE (Fall, 2001).

"The Mystery of the Gospel of Thomas." Symposium at Myers Park Baptist Church, Charlotte, NC (Fall, 2002).

"Jesus and the Wisdom Tradition." JSOR Symposium (with Lloyd Geering) at Wesley Memorial United Church, Edmonton, Alberta (Fall, 2002).

"Jesus and the Apocalypse." (with Bart Ehrman) The Sundet Lectures in New Testament and Christian Studies, University of Minnesota (Fall, 2003).

"The Gospel of Thomas Today." Keynote Lectures, The Foundation for Contemporary Theology, Houston (Fall, 2003).

"From Berlin to Bangalore: Rethinking Certain Chapters in the Quest for the Historical Jesus." Lecture, United Theological College, Bangalore, India (Summer, 2004).

"Rethinking the Death of Jesus." Lectures, Charis Ecumenical Center, Concordia College (Spring, 2005).

"A Tale of Two Parables." Lecture, a Symposium on the Parables of Jesus, Amherst College (Spring, 2005).

"The Parables of Jesus: Images in Word and Sculpture." With Charles McCollough, sculptor. New Jersey Association, United Church of Christ, Annual Meeting (Fall, 2005).

"The Historical Jesus, Then and Now." Lecture, a Symposium on the Historical Jesus Today, Chattanooga State Community College (Fall, 2005).

"Beyond the Passion." Westar Institute Summer Seminar, Asilomar (Summer, 06).

"The Gospel of Thomas Today." Foundation for Contemporary Theology, Kansas City (Fall, 2006).

"The Gospel of Thomas Today." Biblical Archaeology Society Biblefest, Washington, D.C. (Fal, 2006).

- “Rethinking the Death and Life of Jesus.” Foundation for Contemporary Theology, Houston (Spring, 2007).
- “Women and the Origins of Christianity.” Christus Rex Lutheran Center/Philosophy and Religion Department, University of North Dakota – JSOR (Spring, 2007).
- “The Jesus Seminar Mutiny...” The Althea and John A. Schiffman Lecture in Religious Studies, Columbia College (Fall, 2007).
- “Reclaiming the Jesus Movement.” Lecture, Doane College (Winter, 2008).
- “The Gospel of Thomas.” Lecture, Trinity Theological Seminary, Accra, Ghana (Winter, 2009).
- “The Historical Jesus Today.” Lectures, Trinity Theological Seminary, Accra, Ghana (Winter, 2009).
- “Jesus the Sage.” Lecture, Standford University (Spring, 2009).
- “Introducing the Bible Seminar.” Westar Institute Fall Meeting, Berkeley, CA (Fall 2011)
- “Men Who Become Women and Women Who Become Men: Gender-Bending in the Early Church.” Westar Institute Spring Meeting, Salem, OR (March 2012).
- “Sacrificing Jesus: The Surprising Story of an Old Metaphor.” St. Anne’s Guild Annual Lecture, St. Paul’s Episcopal Church, Salem, OR (March 2012)
- “Apocalypse: A Message of Hope?” The Annual Stanley Lectures, St. Peter’s Episcopal Church, St. Louis, MO (April 2012) (with Barbara Rossing).
- “Paul in a Pluralistic Age.” JSOR: Oklahoma City University (April 2012) (with Robert Miller).
- “The Future of Faith.” The Marvin Cain Lectures, Richland, WA (February, 2013).
- “The Lost Way.” Lecture, University of Oregon (March 2015).
- “The Lost Way.” Lecture, Trinity University, San Antonio (October 2015).
- “The Other Bible.” JSOR: Montview Boulevard Presbyterian Church, Denver (November 2015) (with Ruben Dupertuis)
- “Beyond the Euphrates,” and “Jesus Meets Plato.” Keynote Lectures, Universidade Metodista, Sao Paulo, Brazil (May 2016).
- “The Lost Way.” Lectures, University Congregational Church, Seattle (October, 2016).
- “The Lost Gospels.” JSOR: Spring Creek United Church of Christ, Rockford, IL (October, 2016).
- “The Lost Gospels.” JSOR: First Congregational Church, Auburn, CA (November, 2016).
- “The Lost Way.” Digging Deeper, First United Methodist Church, Salem, OR (Feb 2017).
- “The Lost Way.” Westminster Presbyterian Church, Portland, OR (April 2017).
- “The Lost Way.” First Methodist Church, Portland, OR (September 2017).
- “The Reformation at 500.” Westminster Presbyterian Church, Salem OR (October 2017).

“The Lost Gospels.” JSOR: First Congregational Church, Ft. Wayne, IN (October 2017).

“Thomas and the Nag Hammadi Library.” JSOR: First Congregational Church, Lincoln, NE (March 2018).

“The Forgotten Creed.” Westminster Presbyterian Church, Portland, OR (April, 2018).