

MICHAEL W. PAHL

CURRICULUM VITAE

EDUCATION

Ph.D., University of Birmingham, Birmingham, U.K., 2008

Dissertation: “Discerning the ‘Word of the Lord’: ἐν λόγῳ κυρίου in 1 Thessalonians 4:15”

Advisors: Mark Goodacre and David Parker

Examiners: David Wenham and Philip Burton

Areas: Gospels, Jesus, Paul

Special interests: tradition criticism, genre criticism, narrative criticism/theology, biblical theology/ies

M.Div., Prairie Graduate School, Calgary, Alberta, Canada, 1998

Other: B.R.E., Prairie College, Three Hills, Alberta, Canada, 1995

Undergraduate studies in Honours English, University of Victoria, Victoria, B.C., Canada

Undergraduate studies in Humanities, Sciences, Music, University of Lethbridge, Lethbridge, Alberta, Canada

A.Mus. in Violin Performance, Conservatory Canada, Canada

PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYMENT

Morden Mennonite Church, Morden, Manitoba, Canada, 2013–

Lead Pastor

Cedarville University, Cedarville, Ohio, U.S.A., 2011–2013

Associate Professor of Theological Studies

Lendrum Mennonite Church, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, 2009–2011

Pastor

The King’s University, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, 2009

Sessional Instructor

Ambrose Seminary, Calgary, Alberta, Canada, 2009

Sessional Instructor

Prairie College, Three Hills, Alberta, Canada, 1998–2008

Assistant/Associate Professor of New Testament, 1998–2008

Bible and Theology Department Chair, 2000–2008

Birmingham Christian College, Birmingham, U.K., 2005

Visiting Fellow and Tutor

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Graduate

I have taught “Introduction to the New Testament” at the graduate level at Ambrose Seminary in Calgary, Alberta. I have also served as external examiner for a master’s thesis at St. Stephen’s College at the University of Alberta.

Undergraduate

I have taught a variety of courses in biblical studies and theology at all undergraduate levels in five colleges and universities in three different countries: “Introduction to the Old Testament,” “Issues in Old Testament Studies,” “Introduction to the New Testament,” “Jesus and the Gospels,” “Paul and His Letters,” “New Testament Exegesis” (various specific NT writings), “New Testament Theology,” “Issues in New Testament Studies,” “New Testament Greek Syntax,” “Introduction to Christian Theology,” and “Christian Theology” (various specific doctrines).

Continuing Education

I have taught continuing education courses through the Xplore program at Canadian Mennonite University over the past four years: “The Gospel of Mark,” “First Corinthians,” “Ephesians,” and “Jesus through the Lens of History.”

Church-Based Christian Education

I have taught a variety of Bible studies, baptismal preparation classes, doctrinal surveys, practical ministry seminars, and more over eight years of full-time pastoral ministry and a further fifteen years of lay ministry.

PUBLICATIONS

Authored Books

- 2011 *The Beginning and the End: Rereading Genesis’s Stories and Revelation’s Visions*. Eugene, Ore.: Cascade.
- 2010 *From Resurrection to New Creation: A First Journey in Christian Theology*. Eugene, Ore.: Cascade.
- 2009 *Discerning the ‘Word of the Lord’: The ‘Word of the Lord’ in 1 Thessalonians 4:15*. Library of New Testament Studies 389. London: T&T Clark.

Edited Volumes

- 2012 *Issues in Luke-Acts: Selected Essays*. Edited with Sean A. Adams. Gorgias Handbooks 26. Piscataway, N.J.: Gorgias.
- 2010 *The Sacred Text: Excavating the Texts, Exploring the Interpretations, and Engaging the Theologies of the Christian Scriptures*. Edited with Michael F. Bird. Gorgias Précis Portfolios 7. Piscataway, N.J.: Gorgias.

Refereed Journal Articles

- 2008 “Expanded Interfluentiality: A Review of Part III: Paul Anderson’s Theory of Gospel Inter-Relationships.” *Journal of Greco-Roman Christianity and Judaism* 5: 135–144.
- 2006 “The ‘Gospel’ and the ‘Word’: Exploring Some Early Christian Patterns.” *Journal for the Study of the New Testament* 29, no. 2: 211–227.
- 2006 “Is Jesus Lost? Evangelicals and the Search for the Historical Jesus.” *Themelios* 31, no. 2: 6–19.

Book Chapters

- 2010 “Scripture and Tradition: Seeking a Middle Path.” Pages 63–81 in *The Sacred Text: Excavating the Texts, Exploring the Interpretations, and Engaging the Theologies of the Christian Scriptures*. Edited by Michael F. Bird and Michael W. Pahl. Piscataway, N.J.: Gorgias.

Other Publications

I have published several book reviews in academic journals such as *Review of Biblical Literature*, as well as several publications in denominational or popular periodicals such as *Canadian Mennonite*. I blog semi-regularly at michaelpahl.com.

PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS AND PUBLIC LECTURES

- 2018 “Pastoring between Academy and Pew.” Emerging Perspectives in Ministry, Charleswood United Church, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada, May 9.
- 2015 “Approaching the Bible Together,” “Focusing on the New Testament,” and “Moving Forward: Some Suggested Points of Agreement.” Mennonite Church Manitoba Study Conference on Same-Sex Relationships, Morden, Manitoba, Canada, September 26.
- 2013 “Science and Scripture Have Kissed Each Other: Reading the Bible as Literature.” Thelma Fordham Pruett Conference on the Academy and Religious Faith, University of Dayton, Dayton, Ohio, U.S.A., April 22.
- 2011 “The Gospel Poetics of Universality and Exclusivity: Literary-Theological Reflections on Colossians 1:15–20.” Annual Convention of the Evangelical Theological Society, San Francisco, California, U.S.A., November 17.
- 2011 “Understanding Easter.” onWORD 2011, Taylor Seminary, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, April 5, 12, 26, May 3.
- 2010 “Creating in the Image of God” and “Re-Creating in the Image of God.” Art Retreat 2010, King’s Fold Retreat Centre, Alberta, Canada, July 10.
- 2010 “Paul and Jesus: Friends or Foes?” and “The Origin of Paul’s Gospel: Tradition or Revelation?” St. Paul & Christianity Lectures, The Anglican Parish of Christ Church, Edmonton, Canada, January 24 and 31.
- 2008 “Paul, the Gospel, and Empire.” Annual Convention of the Evangelical Theological Society, Providence, Rhode Island, U.S.A., November 19.
- 2007 “Expanded Interfluentiality: A Review of Paul Anderson’s Theory of Gospel Inter-Relationships.” Pacific Northwest Regional Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, University of Lethbridge, Lethbridge, Alberta, Canada, May 5.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

I served as Chair of the Bible and Theology Department at Prairie College during a time of significant transition for the College. As part of a College-wide shift I guided the Department toward greater academic credibility and a more broadly-based “ecumenical evangelicalism.” By the end of my tenure, through a combination of strategic hiring and faculty development, most of our faculty had terminal degrees and we represented a diversity of Christian traditions and ethnic/cultural backgrounds.

I have also served on a variety of committees in academic and ecclesial contexts. These include committees on academic standards and appeals, faculty searches, program proposals, scholarship nominations, doctrinal statement review, community newcomer integration, community ministerials, public event planning, hospital spiritual care advisory, ecumenical and inter-faith dialogue, and more.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Participation in various seminars related to practical pastoral ministry during my full-time service as pastor, focusing on congregational care, conflict resolution, mental health, dementia care, and more, 2009-11, 2013-18.

Attendance at meetings of the Society of Biblical Literature: regional meetings, 2007; annual meetings, 2002, 2004–2006, 2008, 2012–2013, 2015.

Attendance at “*Dei Verbum* at 50: Toward a Clarification of the Inspiration of Scripture.” Center for Scriptural Exegesis, Philosophy, and Doctrine, University of Dayton, October 25–27, 2012.

Participation in the Atonement and Analytic Theology Study Group. Center of Philosophy and Religion, University of Notre Dame, 2012–2013.

Attendance at “Jesus, Criteria, and the Demise of Authenticity.” University of Dayton and United Theological Seminary, October 4–5, 2012.

Credentialing with the Alberta Conference of Mennonite Brethren Churches, in the Canadian Conference of Mennonite Brethren Churches, 2010. [Honoured by Mennonite Church Manitoba upon my call to Morden Mennonite Church, 2013.]

Study tour of Israel-Palestine, May 3–16, 2008.

Guest participation in “Common Judaism Explored: Second Temple Judaism in Context.” Department of Religious Studies and the Calgary Institute for the Humanities, the University of Calgary, May 16–17, 2005.

Completion of the Instructional Skills Workshop for university instructors in Alberta, May 2001.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Society of Biblical Literature, 2002–

Canadian Society of Biblical Studies, 2003–

Anabaptist-Mennonite Scholars Network, 2012–