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### **I. EDUCATION**

#### **Ph. D. (Theology)**

University of Birmingham, United Kingdom (Jan 1997—June 2005).

**THESIS TITLE:** *Nature and dynamics of Evangelical-Sandinista relations in revolutionary Nicaragua.* **SUPERVISORS:** **Denys Turner** (Norris-Hulse Professor of Divinity, University of Cambridge, now at Yale) and **Hugh McLeod** (Professor of Church History, formerly President of the Ecclesiastical History Society). **EXAMINERS:** **David Martin** (Emeritus Professor of Sociology, London School of Economics) and **Antoni Kapcia** (Professor of Latin American History, University of Nottingham).

#### **M. A. (History and Politics with European Studies)**

University of Wolverhampton, United Kingdom (Sept 1994—June 1996).

#### **B. Ed. (Hispanic Studies)**

University of Wolverhampton (Sept 1991—June 1994).

#### **Diploma (Biblical Studies and Practical Theology)**

Birmingham Christian College (now Birmingham Christian College), United Kingdom (Sept 1986—June 1988).

### **II. PUBLICATIONS** (see also VI. CURRENT PROJECTS AND RESEARCH)

#### **BOOKS**

*Sons of Abraham: The Politics of Christian Faith in the Holy Land.* Milton Keynes: Paternoster (forthcoming 2011).

*Pentecostal Power: Expressions, Faith and Politics of Latin American Pentecostalism.* Global Pentecostal and Charismatic Studies. Leiden and Boston: Brill (forthcoming 2010). Edited volume. By invitation.

*The Jews, Modern Israel and the New Supersessionism: Resources for Christians.* Lampeter: King's Divinity Press, May 2009. ISBN-13: 978-0956200600. Edited volume. (See below for further details.)

*Revolution, Revival and Religious Conflict in Sandinista Nicaragua*. Religion in the Americas series (vol. 6). Leiden and Boston: Brill Academic, 2007. ISBN-13: 978-90 04 15645 6.

### **JOURNAL ARTICLES**

'Pentecostal Presence, Power and Politics in Latin America' in *Journal of Beliefs and Values* 30.3 (forthcoming December 2009), 219-229. By invitation.

'Biblical Theology and the Modern State of Israel' in *Evangelical Review of Society and Politics* 3.1 (2009), 51-65.

'Revolutionaries and Revivalists: Pentecostal Eschatology, Politics and the Nicaraguan Revolution' in *Pneuma: The Journal of the Society for Pentecostal Studies* 30.1 (Spring 2008), 55-82.

'The De-Privatisation of Evangelicalism and the Public Square' in *Evangelical Review of Society and Politics* 1.1 (2007), 1-20.

### **BOOK REVIEWS IN SCHOLARLY JOURNALS**

Nigel Oakley, *Engaging Politics? The Tensions of Christian Political Involvement* (Milton Keynes: Paternoster, 2006) in *Evangelical Review of Society and Politics* 3.2 (forthcoming 2009).

Theron Corse, *Protestants, Revolution, and the Cuba-US Bond* (University Press of Florida, 2007) in *Bulletin of Latin American Research* 28.4 (2009), 561-2.

D. Christopher Spinks, *The Bible and the Crisis of Meaning: Debates on the Theological Interpretation of Scripture* (London: Continuum, 2007) in *Evangelical Quarterly* (forthcoming 2009).

Christopher J. H. Wright, *The Mission of God: Unlocking the Bible's Grand Narrative* (InterVarsity Press, 2006) in *Mission Studies: Journal of the International Association for Mission Studies* 26.1 (2009), 131-2.

David W. Torrance and George Taylor, *Israel, God's Servant* (Paternoster, 2007) in *Evangelical Review of Society and Politics* 2.1 (2008), 66-8.

William Kay, *Apostolic Networks in Britain: New Ways of Being Church* (Paternoster, 2007) in *Pneuma: Journal of the Society for Pentecostal Studies* 30.2 (2008), 361-2.

Gary Burge, *Whose Land? Whose Promise? What Christians Are Not Being Told About Israel and the Palestinians* (Pilgrim, 2003) in *Evangelical Review of Society and Politics* 1.2 (2007), 62-4.

Stephen Sizer, *Christian Zionism: Road-map to Armageddon?* (IVP, 2004) in *Pneuma: Journal of the Society for Pentecostal Studies* 30.1 (2008), 172-3.

Pierre Grelot, *The Language of Symbolism: Biblical Theology, Semantics, and Exegesis* (Hendrickson, 2006) in *Evangelical Quarterly* 80.1 (2008), 74-6.

Daniel Wallace and M. Sawyer, *Who's Afraid of the Holy Spirit? An Investigation into the Ministry of the Spirit of God Today* (Biblical Studies Press, 2005) in *Pneuma: Journal of the Society for Pentecostal Studies* 29.1 (2007), 162-3.

Timothy Steigenga, *The Politics of the Spirit: The Political Implications of Pentecostalized Religion in Costa Rica and Guatemala* (Lexington, 2001) in *Pneuma: Journal of the Society for Pentecostal Studies* 28.2 (2006), 374-6.

Craig Bartholomew et al, *Out of Egypt: Biblical Theology and Biblical Interpretation*, Scripture and Hermeneutics Series. Vol 5 (Paternoster, Zondervan, 2004) in *Evangelical Quarterly* 78.3 (2006), 274-6.

Currently also reviewing Mark Kinzer, *Post-Missionary Messianic Judaism: Redefining Christian Engagement with the Jewish People* (Brazos Press, 2005) for *Mission Studies: Journal of the International Association for Mission Studies*.

### **OTHER BOOKS REVIEWED**

Dan Cohn-Sherbok, *The Politics of Apocalypse: The History and Influence of Christian Zionism* (Oneworld, 2006) in *The Pneuma Review* 12.1 (2009), 51-3.

Gary Burge, *Whose Land? Whose Promise? What Christians Are Not Being Told About Israel and the Palestinians* (Pilgrim, 2003) in *The Pneuma Review* 11.3 (2008), 69-71.

Arnold Blumberg, *Zion Before Zionism, 1838-1880* (Jerusalem: Devora, 2007). King's Evangelical Divinity School website.

Stephen Sizer, *Christian Zionism: Road-map to Armageddon?* (IVP, 2004) in *The Pneuma Review* 11.2 (2008), 79-83.

Donald K. McKim, ed. *Dictionary of Major Biblical Interpreters* (IVP, 2007). InterVarsity Press website ([www.ivpbooks.com](http://www.ivpbooks.com)), 2008.

Clark Pinnock et al, *The Openness of God: A Biblical Challenge to the Traditional Understanding of God* (IVP, 1994). King's Evangelical Divinity School website (2006).

Currently also reviewing C. Lutz and R. Smith, *Christians and a Land Called Holy: How We Can Foster Justice, Peace, and Hope* (Fortress, 2006) for *The Pneuma Review*.

## **OTHER PUBLICATIONS AND SHORT OR POPULAR ARTICLES**

'Postmodernism and Evangelical Hermeneutics: Challenge or Opportunity?' in *Pneuma Review* (forthcoming Winter 2009).

'Glorifying God While Keeping Secret Believers Safe', *Pneuma Informer* (Jan 2009).

'Theology for World-Changing'. Review article of Ondina E. Gonzalez and Justo L. Gonzalez, *Christianity in Latin America: A History* (Cambridge University Press, 2008) and Mario Aguilar, *The History and Politics of Latin American Theology* Vol 3 (London: SCM, 2008) in *Church Times* 7605 (26 Dec 2008).

'Concerning Timothy Steigenga's Review of Revolution, Revival, and Religious Conflict' in *Pneuma: The Journal of the Society for Pentecostal Studies* 30.2 (2008), 371-2.

'Preferential Option for the Poor' (review article of Mario Aguilar's *The History and Politics of Latin American Theology*. Vols 1 and 2. SCM, 2007, 2008) in *Church Times* 7577 (6 June 2008).

*Pentecostalism and Politics in Latin America*. Lampeter: University of Wales, 2007. D. Min. and M.A. study guide. 48 pp.

Various popular and short articles exploring areas of theological and Christian interest, published in magazines, bulletins, pamphlets, and online.

## **III. REVIEWS OF MY WORK**

### ***(Revolution, Revival and Religious Conflict in Sandinista Nicaragua)***

*Mission Studies: Journal of the International Association for Mission Studies* 26.1 (2009), 135-6 by Stephen M. Vantassel, University of Nebraska and King's Evangelical Divinity School.

*Journal of the European Pentecostal Theological Association* (forthcoming, 2009), by William K. Kay, Director of the Centre for Pentecostal and Charismatic Studies, Bangor University.

*Hispanic American Historical Review* 88.3 (2008), 545-6 by Mark A Redinger, Chair, History Department, Montana State University Billings.

*Evangelical Review of Society and Politics* 2.1 (2008), 57-60 by Douglas Petersen, Margaret S. Smith Professor of World Mission and Intercultural Studies, Vanguard University of Southern California.

*Religious Studies Review* 33.4 (2007), 329 by Amos Yong, Professor of Systematic Theology, Regent University, Virginia.

*Exchange* 36.2 (2007), 226-8 by Henri Gooren, Assistant Professor of Anthropology, Oakland University, Michigan.

## **IV. EDITORIAL WORK**

### **EDITORIAL POSITIONS**

Consulting editor, *Global Pentecostal and Charismatic Studies*, Koninklijke Brill NV ([www.brill.nl/default.aspx?partid=227&pid=31303](http://www.brill.nl/default.aspx?partid=227&pid=31303)). 2008—

Founding Editor of the *Evangelical Review of Society and Politics* ([www.evangelicalreview.com](http://www.evangelicalreview.com)). 2006—

### **MANUSCRIPTS REVIEWED**

*Dominion Over Wildlife? An Environmental Theology of Human-Wildlife Relations*, by Stephen M. Vantassel (Eugene, OR: Wipf and Stock, 2009).

'Reflections on Evolution and the Christian Doctrine of Creation' by Stephen Vantassel, in *Emmaus Journal* (pending 2009).

'Should Wildlife Trapping Have a Place in a Christian Environmental Ethic?' by Stephen Vantassel in *Evangelical Review of Society and Politics* 1.2 (2007), 20-41.

'The Nicaraguan Contras: Were they Indios?' by David Stoll, in *Latin American Politics and Society* 47 No. 3 (2005), 145-57.

'A Biblical Assessment of Andrew Linzey's View of Animal Rights' by Stephen Vantassel, in *Emmaus Journal* 12 (2003), pp 177-195.

## **V. CONFERENCE PAPERS, SEMINARS AND BROADCASTS**

*A Christian View of Israel*. Paper delivered at the **Concordis International** consultation *The British Churches and the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict* (Lucy Cavendish College, Cambridge, 19 Sept 2009).

*The Canonical Narrative and Supersessionism*. Conference organised by King's Evangelical Divinity School (Reading, 18 October 2009).

*Sons of Abraham: The Politics of Christian Faith in Israel and the Palestinian Territories*. **Tyndale Fellowship** yearly conference, Cambridge, 10 July 2008.

*Biblical Theology and the Modern State of Israel*. **Tyndale Fellowship** yearly conference, Cambridge, 5 July 2007.

*Revolution vs Revival: Protestant-Sandinista Relations in Revolutionary Nicaragua.* Religion and Politics in Nicaragua seminar, **Centrum IIMO, Utrecht University**, 8 May 2007. Keynote speaker. By invitation.

*A Re-examination of the Biblical View of Homosexuality in Light of the Current Climate.* **Tyndale Fellowship** triennial conference, Nantwich, 5 July 2006.

*The Bible in the 21st Century: Relevant or Extraneous?* **Universities and Colleges Christian Fellowship** event, University of Birmingham, 11 February 2004. By invitation.

*To What Extent Were Sandinista-Pentecostal Relations Shaped by Eschatological Considerations?* **The Whitefield Institute**, Oxford (now Kirby Laing Institute for Christian Ethics, Cambridge), 9 Nov 1999.

*Introduction to Christology.* Six 30-minute talks for Christian Vision's Radio Bible School program for broadcast across Africa. Recorded July - October 1999.

### **OTHER**

Regular speaker at various conferences in the UK, South Africa, Australia and the US.

## **VI. CURRENT PROJECTS AND RESEARCH INTERESTS**

- Co-organiser of a conference to be held at London School of Theology in October 2010 exploring the relationship between the Church and Israel. Will also edit the conference volume.
- Invited to contribute a chapter on the politics and economics of Global Pentecostalism for a proposed new Cambridge volume on Pentecostalism.
- With 1200 copies sold in three months since its launch, currently organising a revision of *The Jews, Modern Israel and the New Supersessionism: Resources for Christians*, with further chapters being added.
- Currently researching the dynamics of Pentecostal-state relations in revolutionary Cuba to accompany my monograph on Protestant-Sandinista relations in revolutionary Nicaragua. Contracted to Brill for their Religion in the Americas series. Scheduled for publication in 2011.
- Interest in Christian religio-political responses to the Middle East, and also relations between Church and state generally, particularly Pentecostal-state relations (especially how Pentecostal theology and hermeneutics are outworked politically, particularly in Latin America).

## **VII. ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE AND OTHER EMPLOYMENT**

### **POSTGRADUATE**

Recently commenced doctoral supervision for University of Wales, Lampeter  
Ph.Ds offered in partnership with King's Evangelical Divinity School. 2009—

Planned, developed and secured accreditation for a new M.A. Theology  
programme (focusing on global Evangelicalism) with the University of Wales,  
Lampeter for King's Evangelical Divinity School. 2008—  
Currently M.A. tutor for this programme. 2009—

Distance-learning M.A. Theology tutor (Hermeneutics) with London School of  
Theology/Middlesex University. 2008—

Postgraduate Tutor in Theology, University of Wales, Lampeter. 2007—

Assisted as a postgraduate lecturer in Pentecostal Studies, University of  
Birmingham. Winter 2005.

### **UNDERGRADUATE**

Associate Lecturer of the University of Wales, Lampeter. 2002—

Course Director at King's Evangelical Divinity School (a partner college of the  
University of Wales, Lampeter). 1996--  
Responsible for curriculum development and planning, programme  
administration and coordination, staff recruitment, and promotion of the  
institution and its academic programmes.

Divinity and Religious Studies Examiner, University of Cambridge  
International Examinations and Cambridge Assessment. 1996—2006  
(including Principal Examiner in 2000 and 2004—5, and National Chief  
Examiner and Trainer for Zimbabwe 1999—2001).

Secondary schoolteacher (1993-1997)

## **VIII. COURSES AND SUBJECTS TAUGHT**

### **POSTGRADUATE MODULES**

History, Thought and Expressions of Global Evangelicalism  
Theology of the Poor  
Evangelicalism in Latin America  
Pentecostalism and Politics in Latin America  
History of Global Pentecostalism (contributor)  
Pentecostal/Charismatic Theology in Context (contributor)

### **SUPERVISED UNDERGRADUATE PROJECTS**

- A Theological Appraisal of the Doctrine of Universalism and its Growing Acceptance within Evangelical Circles.
- Meaning of “this generation” in the Olivet Discourse.
- Survey and critique of Dispensationalist hermeneutics supporting a pretribulational rapture
- Reconciling women’s ministry with Paul’s teaching in 1 Timothy 2:8-15.
- Jesus and the Qumran community

### **UNDERGRADUATE MODULES**

Biblical Theology  
 Evangelicalism and the Public Square  
 Case Studies in Hermeneutics: Latin America  
 The Church and Israel  
 Biblical Exegesis: Theory and Methodology (contributor)  
 Exegesis and Bible Polemics  
 Exegesis in Practice  
 History of Hermeneutics  
 Introduction to the Bible  
 The Synoptic Gospels  
 Lands of the Bible (yearly study trip to the Holy Land, which I organise and lead, focusing on how topography, geography, culture and history aid the biblical exegete. Also focuses on the current political situation).

### **OTHER/MISCELLANEOUS**

Bible Survey  
 Bible, Church and Politics  
 Early Church History to AD 325 (assisted)  
 Introduction to Biblical Interpretation  
 Introduction to Christology (for radio broadcasts detailed above)  
 New Testament Greek for Beginners  
 New Testament Survey  
 New Testament Theology

## **IX. PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND AWARDS**

Latin American Studies Association (University of Pittsburgh), 2005—

Tyndale Fellowship (affiliated with Cambridge University), 2005—

Association of Bible College Principals (United Kingdom), 2004—  
 Ph.D. Grantee, Whitefield Institute, Oxford (now Kirby Laing Institute for Christian Ethics), 1998—2000.

## **X. OTHER RELEVANT EXPERIENCE AND INTERESTS**

Spanish speaker. Raised in Spain throughout the 1970s.

Extensive travel/speaking in the U.S., Central America, Europe, Israel, South Africa, Zimbabwe and Australia.

1990–1996: Director of a charity which organised 45 relief trips to Eastern Europe, leading to various U.K. local radio and television appearances and other media appearances.

Tour organiser to several overseas destinations for educational purposes.

Strong Information Technology knowledge and skills, particularly the development of e-study/courseware packs and web content management.