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Curriculum Vita

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I. EDUCATION

- 1974-81 University of Chicago, Ph.D., August, 1981
1972-74 University of Chicago, M.A., June, 1974
(New Testament & Early Christian Literature)
- 1969-71 Pepperdine University, M.A., June, 1971
(Early Christianity; Ancient Judaism)
- 1968 University of Texas at Austin
(Intensive Summer: 2 years modern Hebrew)
- 1963-66 Abilene Christian University, B.A., May 1966
(Majors: Greek & History/Bible)

II. PROFESSIONAL TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 1989—present University of North Carolina at Charlotte, NC
Assistant Professor, 1989-92
Associate Professor, 1992-1997
Promotion to Full Professor: Spring, 1998
Chair of Department of Religious Studies (2004-2014)
- (Christian Origins; Bible; Ancient Judaism)
- 1985-89 College of William and Mary, Williamsburg, VA
Visiting Assistant Professor
(Christian Origins; Bible)
- 1979-85 University of Notre Dame, South Bend, IN
Instructor, 1979-81
Assistant Professor, 1981-85
(Christianity and Judaism in Antiquity)

- 1968-70 Ambassador College, Pasadena, CA
Lecturer: New Testament Greek and Biblical Hebrew
- 1967-68 Edgewood High School, San Antonio, TX
(German, French, & English to Minority Students)

Teaching areas

Christian Origins, Ancient Judaism, Apocalyptic and Messianic movements in late 2nd Temple times, Dead Sea Scrolls, archaeology in Roman Palestine (100 BCE-135 CE)

Internet Scholarship

“TaborBlog” (<http://jamestabor.com>) is consistently rated in the Top Ten of the prestigious “Top 50 Biblioblogs” with over 2.5 million “page views” since 2006.

“The Jewish Roman World of Jesus,” archives a extensive collection of *primary* sources related to Ancient Judaism and Early Christianity and has had over 5 million “page views” since its 1989 inception. <http://clas-pages.uncc.edu/james-tabor/>

Regular blogger in Religion in the *Huffington Post*: <http://www.huffingtonpost.com/james-d-tabor/> and Bible History Daily: <http://www.biblicalarchaeology.org/biblehistorydaily/>

III. PUBLICATIONS AND RESEARCH

A. Books/Monographs

Paul and Jesus: How Paul Transformed the Gospel of Jesus. (New York: Simon & Schuster, 2012)

Media coverage and initial reviews: <http://paulandjesus.com>

The Jesus Discovery: The New Archaeological Find That Reveals the Birth of Christianity, with Simcha Jacobovici. (New York: Simon & Schuster, 2012)

CNN, “Nightline” and cover story on *Eretz* magazine. “These newly discovered findings, revealed by a sophisticated robotic camera exploration, are extremely important for early Jewish-Christian archaeology.” Peter Lampe, Professor of New Testament Studies, University of Heidelberg. The book was the subject of a one month special forum (March 2012) on the American Schools of Oriental Research web site and was featured in a special session at the March 2013 ASOR Southeast Regional meeting.

Media coverage and reviews: <http://jesusdiscoverybook.com>

The Jesus Dynasty: A New Historical Investigation of Jesus, His Royal Family, and the Birth of Christianity (New York: Simon & Schuster, April 2006. Published in twenty languages.

New York Times Best Seller, Major media coverage including cover of *USNews&WorldReport*, ABC-TV Good Morning America, 20/20, Nightline. National and international book tour; Extensive media coverage and reviews: <http://jesusdynasty.com>

Why Waco: Cults and the Battle for Religious Freedom in America, co-authored with Eugene Gallagher (Berkeley: University of California Press, 1995), paperback edition published in April, 1997.

Malcom Gladwell, in his featured piece in the *New Yorker* (March 31, 2014) credited Tabor and his colleague Philip Arnold, as singularly pursuing a course of action in the 1993 Waco/David Koresh tragedy that well might have resulted in a peaceful outcome.

Additional Media Coverage: cover review in the Sunday *New York Times Book Review*; Serialized in *Harper's Magazine*, June, 1995; included on *New York Times* 1995 "Best List" (November 3, 1995 *NYTBR*) lengthy reviews have appeared in *Lingua Franca*, *Choice*, *New York Times Book Review*, *The Washington Post*, *The Los Angeles Times*, *The Boston Globe*, *Kirbus*, *The New York Review of Books*, *The Dallas Morning News*, *The Christian Science Monitor*, *First Things*, *Christianity Today* and *Religious Studies News (AAR/SBL)*; the book was also reviewed in approximately 38 newspaper chains worldwide.

Reviews:

David Edwin Harrell, *The Journal of American History*, Vol. 83, No. 1 (Jun., 1996), pp. 301-302.

Charles H. Lippy, *Journal of American Studies*, Vol. 33, No. 1, Women in America (Apr., 1999), p. 138.

Nancy T. Ammerman, *The Review of Politics*, Vol. 61, No. 4, Christianity and Politics: Millennial Issue I (Autumn, 1999), pp. 755-758.

Roland J. Campiche, *Archives de sciences sociales des religions*, 42e Année, No. 100 (Oct. - Dec., 1997), pp. 140-142.

M. Kelley, *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*, Vol. 34, No. 4 (Dec., 1995), pp. 523-524.

Catherine Wessinger, *Nova Religio: The Journal of Alternative and Emergent Religions*, Vol. 1, No. 1 (October 1997), pp. 122-138.

A Noble Death: Suicide and Martyrdom Among Ancient Jews and Christians, co-authored with Arthur Droge (San Francisco and New York: HarperCollins, 1992).

Reviews:

Feature length, five page review by James T. Clemons in *Christian Century*, (April 7, 1993)

Frederick W. Norris, *Church History*, Vol. 62, No. 4 (Dec., 1993), pp. 544-545

David P. Efroymson, *Journal of the American Academy of Religion*, Vol. 61, No. 3 (Autumn, 1993), pp. 594-596

L. Michael White, *Journal of Biblical Literature*, Vol. 113, No. 2 (Summer, 1994), pp. 358-360

Paula Fredriksen, *The Journal of Religion*, Vol. 73, No. 4 (Oct., 1993), pp. 638-639

Bible Review (August, 1994)

Things Unutterable: Paul's Ascent to Paradise in its Greco-Roman, Judaic, and early Christian Contexts, Studies in Judaism (Lanham, MD: University Press of America, 1986). A refereed academic series edited by Jacob Neusner, Brown University, published in hardcover and paper.

Included in the *Journal of Religion* list of important works on Paul from 1970-88, *JR* 68 (1988): 186-190

Reviews:

Peter Schäfer, *Numen*, Vol. 36, Fasc. 2 (Dec., 1989), pp. 283-286.

Arthur J. Droge, *The Journal of Religion*, Vol. 68, No. 3 (Jul., 1988), pp. 451-453.

Jorunn Jacobsen Buckley, *History of Religions*, Vol. 27, No. 2 (Nov., 1987), p. 225.

Victor Paul Furnish, *Journal of Biblical Literature*, Vol. 107, No. 3 (Sep., 1988), pp. 555-558.

Thomas Finn, *Catholic Biblical Quarterly*, 50 no 1 January 1988, pp. 149-150

Robin Scroggs, *Union Seminary Quarterly Review*, 42 no 4 1988, pp. 69-70.

B. Chapters in Books

"John the Baptizer: More Than a Prophet," in Rollston Christopher, ed. *Enemies and Friends of the State: Ancient Prophecy in Context*, Winona Lake: Eisenbrauns, 2017 (forthcoming).

“The Talpiot ‘Jesus’ Tomb: A Historical Analysis.” In *The Tomb of Jesus and His Family? Exploring Ancient Jewish Tombs Near Jerusalem’s Walls: The Fourth Princeton Symposium on Judaism and Christian Origins*, eds., James H. Charlesworth and Arthur C. Boulet. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2013, pp. 247-266.

“Apocalypse at Waco,” in *Sociology of Religion: A Reader*, 2nd ed., eds. Susanne C. Monahan, William A. Mircola, and Michael O. Emerson (Pearson Education, 2011), pp.

“Ancient Jewish and Early Christian Millennialism,” In *Oxford Handbook of Millennialism*, ed., Cathy Wessinger. New York: Oxford University Press, 2011, pp. 252-266.

“Death as Life and Life as Death: Revisiting Rohde,” in *Reading Religions in the Ancient World*, essays presented to Robert McQueen Grant on his 90th Birthday, eds. David E. Aune and Robin Darling Young (Supplements to Novum Testamentum 125; Leiden: E. J. Brill: 2007): 27-38.

“Are You the One? The Textual Dynamics of Messianic Self-Identity,” in *Knowing the End from the Beginning: The Prophetic, the Apocalyptic, and their Relationships*, edited by Lester L. Grabbe and Robert D. Haak, *Journal for the Study of the Pseudepigrapha Supplement* (Sheffield: Sheffield Academic Press, 2004), pp. 180-191.

“Apocalyptic Schemes and Dreams: How An Ancient Jewish Vision of the Future Came to Dominate the Modern World,” in *The End of Days?: Millennialism from the Hebrew Bible to the Present*, edited by Leonard J. Greenspoon and Ronald A. Simkins (Omaha: Creighton University Press, 2003), pp. 49-61.

“Apocalypse at Waco,” in *Sociology of Religion: A Reader*, edited by Susanne Monahan, William Mirola, and Michael Emerson, (Prentice Hall, 2001), pp. 297-303.

“Waco and Religious Freedom in America,” in *Writing from Sources*, edited by Brenda Spatt (St. Martin’s Press, 1998)

“Patterns of the End: Textual Weaving from Qumran to Waco,” in *Toward the Millennium: Messianic Expectations from the Bible to Waco*, edited by Peter Schaeffer and Mark Cohen, (Leiden: E. J. Brill, 1998), pp. 409-430.

“David Koresh and the FBI’s Religious Intolerance,” in *The Tree of Liberty: A Documentary History of Rebellion and Political Crime in America*, edited by Nicholas Kittrie and Eldon Wedlock, Jr., 2nd edition, (Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press, 1998).

“4Q521 ‘On Resurrection’ and the Synoptic Gospel Tradition: A Preliminary Study,” with Michael Wise, in *Qumran Questions*, ed. James Charlesworth (Sheffield: Sheffield Academic Press, 1995), pp. 151-163. [Previously published in the *Journal for the Study of the Pseudepigrapha*]

“Religious Discourse and Failed Negotiations: The Dynamics of Biblical Apocalypticism,” in *Armageddon in Waco: Critical Perspectives on the Branch Davidian Conflict*, ed. Stuart Wright (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1995), pp. 263-281.

“The Waco Tragedy: An Autobiographical Account of One Attempt to Avert Disaster,” in *From the Ashes: Making Sense of Waco*, ed. James R. Lewis (Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield, 1994), pp. 13-22.

“What the Bible Really Says About the Future,” in *What the Bible Really Says*, edited by Morton Smith and Joseph Hoffmann (Buffalo: Prometheus Books, 1989 (Harper & Row paperback, 1990), pp. 33-51.

“Resurrection and Immortality: Paul and Poimandres,” in *Christian Teachings: Studies in Honor of Lemoine G. Lewis*, edited by Everett Ferguson (Abilene, TX: Abilene Christian University Press, 1981), pp. 72-91.

C. Articles

“The Tombs at Talpiot: Overview of *The Jesus Discovery*,” [cited March 2013]
<http://www.bibleinterp.com/articles/2013/tab378024.shtml>

“A Preliminary Report of an Exploration of a Sealed 1st Century Tomb in East Talpiot, Jerusalem,” [cited February 2012] <http://www.bibleinterp.com/articles/tab368028.shtml>

“The Meyers/Magness Talpiot Tomb Statement: Some Observations,” SBL Forum , n.p. [cited Jan 2008]. Online: <http://sbl-site.org/Article.aspx?ArticleID=749>

“The Gospel of Mark: Priority Does Not Mean Primacy,” [cited November 2009]
<http://www.bibleinterp.com/opeds/markjohn357910.shtml>

“Standing in the Shadow of Schweitzer: What Can We Say About an Apocalyptic Jesus?” *The Review of the Committee for the Scientific Examination of Religion* 2:1 (2007): 8-10

“Two Burials of Jesus of Nazareth and The Talpiot Yeshua Tomb,” SBL Forum , n.p. [cited March 2007]. Online: <http://sbl-site.org/Article.aspx?ArticleID=651>

“Testing a Hypothesis,” Forum on the Talpiot “Jesus” Family Tomb, *Near Eastern Archaeology* 69:3-4 (2006): 132-136.

“Toilets at Qumran, the Essenes, and the Scrolls, New Anthropological Data and Old Theories,” with Joe Zias, Stephanie Harter-Lailheugue, *Revue de Qumran* 22:4 (2006): 631-640.

Noted: “Tales from the Outhouse,” Constance Holden, *Science*, New Series, Vol. 314, No. 5802 (Nov. 17, 2006), p. 1057.

“John the Baptist’s Cave: The Case in Favor,” with Shimon Gibson, *Biblical Archaeology Review* (May/June, 2005): 36-41, 58.

“Jerusalem—Ben Hinnom Valley,” with B.Zissu, S.Gibson, *Hadashot Arkheologiyot* (Jerusalem: Israel Exploration Society, 2000), Vol.111, pp. 70*-72*, Figs.138-139.

“A Failed Utopian Vision,” *Political Geography* 16 (1997): 27-31.

4Q521 ‘On Resurrection’ and the Synoptic Gospel Tradition: A Preliminary Study,” with Michael Wise, *Journal for the Study of the Pseudepigrapha* 10 (1992):149-162 [appeared Fall, 1994].

“Did Waco Set a Dangerous Precedent for Religious and Civil Liberties?” *Practice: Journal of Psychology and Political Economy*, (Fall, 1994):31-36.

“Israel and the Plan of God: Luke’s Theological Understanding of the Future of Israel,” in *Journal of the Radical Reformation* 2 (1993):22-38.

“A Pierced or Piercing Messiah: The Verdict is Still Out on 4Q285,” *Biblical Archaeology Review* 18:6 (1992), pp. 58-59.

“The Signs of the Messiah: Parallels Between a New Dead Sea Scroll Fragment (4Q521) and the Early New Testament Gospel Tradition,” with Michael Wise, *Biblical Archaeology Review* 18:6 (1992), pp. 60-65.

“Reflections on the Hebrew Bible and the New Testament,” with response from Michael Signer, *Journal of Reform Judaism* (Summer, 1990): 35-41.

“Returning to the Divinity: Josephus’s Portrayal of the Disappearances of Enoch, Elijah, and Moses,” *Journal of Biblical Literature* 108 (1989): 225-38.

“Psychologizing Paul: Essay Review of Gerd Theissen’s Psychological Aspects of Pauline Psychology,” *Religious Studies Review* 15 (1989) January: 38-40.

“Paul’s Notion of Many Sons of God in its Hellenistic Contexts,” *Helios* 13 (1986): 87-97.

“The Theology of Redemption in Theophilus of Antioch,” *Restoration Quarterly* 8 (1975): 159-71.

D. Other Publications

1. General Articles

“John the Baptist’s Cave: The Case in Favor,” with Shimon Gibson, *Biblical Archaeology Review* (May/June, 2005): 36-41, 58.

“Why 2K: The Biblical Roots of Millennialism,” *Bible Review* (December, 1999), pp. 16-27, 4445. (Feature article, 6500 words with notes)

“Jerusalem’s Essene Gateway—Where the Community Lived in Jesus’ Time,” cover article, *Biblical Archaeology Review* 23 (May/June 1997): 22-31, 64-66. Edited and reshaped this longer article for author Bargil Pixner into magazine format, including maps, drawings, and photo production.

“Apocalypse at Waco,” *Bible Review* 9:5 (October, 1993): 24-33.

“Branch Davidian Tragedy Could Have Been Avoided,” in *Religious Studies News* (10:3:September 1995): 3 [1995 Statement to House of Representatives Hearings on Waco].

“Firstborn of Many Brothers: A Pauline Notion of Apotheosis,” *Society of Biblical Literature: 1984 Seminar Papers*, ed. Kent Richard (Missoula: Scholars Press, 1984), pp. 295-303.

“To Be a Jew: Political and Religious Definitions in Israel Today,” lecture presented at the Symposium Religion and Ethnicity,” University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill (March, 1990), published in *Excursus* 4 (1991): 9-10.

“B’nai No’ach: The Reappearance of the God-fearers in Our Time,” *Journal of Ecumenical Studies* 27:3 (Summer, 1990): 672-674.

2. Encyclopedia and Dictionary Entries, Book Reviews

“David Koresh” sv. *Encyclopedia of Religion*, edited by Lindsay Jones (Macmillan, 2005)

“Millennialism in the Ancient World,” in *Encyclopedia of Millennialism and Millennial Movement*, edited by Richard Landes, New York: Routledge, 2000, pp. 17-20.

“End Signs,” in *Encyclopedia of Millennialism and Millennial Movement*, edited by Richard Landes, New York: Routledge, 2000, pp. 137-140.

“Salvation,” in *Encyclopedia of Millennialism and Millennial Movement*, edited by Richard Landes, New York: Routledge, 2000, pp. 369-372.

“Heaven, Ascent to,” in the *Anchor Bible Dictionary* 3:91-94 (New York: Doubleday & Co, 1992).

“Martyr, Martyrdom,” in the *Anchor Bible Dictionary* 4:574-79 (New York: Doubleday & Co, 1992).

Nine articles for the *HarperCollins Dictionary of Religion*, published by HarperSanFrancisco, 1995: Aretalogy; Corpus Hermeticum; Hermes Trismegistos; Hermetism; Paraclete; Poimandres; Ptolemies; Sibylline Oracles; Theurgy.

3. Academic Book Reviews

Kenneth G. C. Newport, *The Branch Davidians of Waco: The History and Beliefs of an Apocalyptic in Nova Religio: The Journal of Alternative and Emergent Religions*, Vol. 11, No. 3 (February 2008), pp. 130-132.

David Seeley, *The Noble Death: Graeco-Roman Martyrology and Paul's Concept of Salvation*, in *Journal of Biblical Literature*, Vol. 111, No. 3 (Autumn, 1992), pp. 544-546.

Paula Fredriksen, *From Jesus to Christ: The Origins of the New Testament Images of Jesus*, in *The Journal of Religion*, Vol. 71, No. 2 (Apr., 1991), pp. 258-259.

Lawrence Shiffman, *From Text to Tradition: A History of Second Temple and Rabbinic Judaism* in *Critical Review of Books in Religion*, 6 1993, pp. 427-429.

Lou H. Silberman, *Orality, Aurality, and Biblical Narrative* in *Journal of Religion*, 72 no 3 July 1992, pp. 425.

Luther H. Martin, *Hellenistic Religions: An Introduction*, in *Critical Review of Books in Religion*, 1991, pp. 275-277.

Sidney Goldstein, *Suicide in Rabbinic Literature* in *Critical Review of Books in Religion*, 1991, pp. 359-360.

Ernest Martin, *Secrets of Golgotha: The Forgotten History of Christ's Crucifixion*, in *Critical Review of Books in Religion*, 1991, p 213-215.

Gerd Theissen, *Psychological Aspects of Pauline Theology* in *Religious Studies Review*, 15 no 1 January 1989, pp. 38-40.

A. H. Armstrong, *Classical Mediterranean Spirituality: Egyptian, Greek, Roman* in *The Journal of Religion*, Vol. 69, No. 1 (Jan., 1989), pp. 100-101.

Roberts Gaventa, *From Darkness to Light: Aspects of Conversion in the New Testament*, in *The Journal of Religion*, Vol. 69, No. 2 (Apr., 1989), pp. 237-238.

Alan F. Segal, *Rebecca's Children: Judaism and Christianity in the Roman World* in *History of Religions*, Vol. 28, No. 2 (Nov., 1988), p. 183.

Hyam Maccoby, *The Mythmaker: Paul and the Invention of Christianity* in *Critical Review of Books in Religion*, 1988, p 232-235.

Joseph Hopkins, *The Armstrong Empire* in *Restoration Quarterly*, 18 no 3 1975, pp. 185-187

E. Other Academic Projects and Activities

1. Archaeological Projects:

Since coming to UNC Charlotte in 1989: 52 trips to Jerusalem: archaeological projects; tours for VIP donors and supporters; documentary filming; research and writing.

Biblical Archaeology Fund Raising:

Established in 1998. From 2000-2005 raised from private donors \$50,000 for our Suba “John the Baptist” cave excavation; and since 2007 expanded to “Friends of Mount Zion” with over \$250,000 in private donations for the Mt Zion Excavation.

Mt. Zion Excavation, Old City, Jerusalem

Our Mt Zion dig site is southeast of Zion Gate, along the 16th century Turkish Old City Wall along the Ayyubid Gate. Excavations began in full in 2007 and have continued to the present with Dr. Shimon Gibson, visiting Professor of Archaeology at UNC Charlotte, Rafi Lewish, Haifa University, and James D. Tabor, as co-Directors. Excavations are conducted in June-July each year with over 80 participants. This spectacular site contains significant remains of Ottoman, Crusader, Islamic, Byzantine, Roman, and Herodian periods. The late Second Temple remains include intact rooms with ceilings and a second floor, previously unknown in ancient Jerusalem excavations. See digmountzion.uncc.edu for more information.

The East Talpiot Tombs

Co-director with Prof. Rami Arav of the investigation of two tombs in East Talpiot, commonly referred to as the “Garden” tomb and the “Patio” tomb. Israel Antiquities Authority excavation license issued in 2009 and renewed in 2010, 2011, and 2012 under the academic oversight of UNC Charlotte. ERT (Tomography) survey in December 2012 locating a third “ruined” tomb, cistern, and mikveh on the ancient estate identified by Joseph Gat in 1980.

Dead Sea Scrolls Exhibit at Discovery Place in Charlotte

On the organizing committee; consulting with the Israeli Antiquities Authority, one of ten scholars included in the distinguished speaker series as approved by the Israel Antiquities Authority.

Sepphoris, Israel

May 14-June 3, 1999: A UNC-Charlotte team of nine students excavated as part of our ongoing summer program in archaeology. Each of them was provided with a \$1000 stipend from the UNC-Charlotte Biblical Archaeology Fund.

May 11-June 2, 2000: A UNC-Charlotte team of fourteen students excavate as part of our ongoing summer program in archaeology. Each of them was provided with a \$500 stipend from the UNC-Charlotte Biblical Archaeology Fund.

Ein Kerem/Soba Cave Expedition

UNC-Charlotte became the official academic sponsor of the excavation at this newly discovered Cave outside Jerusalem. Shimon Gibson and James Tabor are directors, holding the license for 2000 through 2005, renewed in 2011 from the Israel Antiquities Authority. This site promises to be of great significance, apparently containing the earliest extant Christian artwork ever found in the Holy Land. Two-hour History Channel special aired Easter, 2005.

March 2-14, 2000 A UNC-Charlotte team of seven students began work at this site.

June 3-16, 2000 A UNC-Charlotte team of five students continued to excavate.

May 20-June 3, 2001 UNC-Charlotte associated team of nine continued to excavate

June 15-July 15, 2011, UNC-Charlotte team completed work in main cave and nearby winepresses

The Tomb of the Shroud

In June, 2000 UNC-Charlotte team was fortuitously involved in the discovery and recovery of the only 1st century C.E. burial shroud ever found in Israel/Palestine. C-14, DNA, and other tests are being carried out. Documentary aired on The Learning Channel (A&E) August, 2003.

The Phillips Collection

A collection of Iron Age II ceramics from a tomb outside Jerusalem, officially unveiled January 2001, donated by the Phillips family to UNC-Charlotte, arranged through our Biblical Archaeology Program, to be the core of a teaching collection of artifacts related to the Biblical period. Now on exhibit in the Adkins Library.

The Irwin-Lambdin Collection

A collection of Sumerian and Egyptian antiquities including rare items from King Tut's tomb and some ancient cuneiform tablets donated to the Dept. of Religious Studies, UNC Charlotte by Anne Irwin, August, 2005. To be exhibited in the Adkins Library.

Masada Cave Skeleton Research

Preliminary research on the Masada Cave 2001 and its remains, excavated by Yadin in 1963, published on the Web, making it available to the academic community and the public at large. Partial results subsequently published in *Biblical Archaeology Review*, November/December, 1998, article by Joseph Zias, "Whose Bones?" pp. 40-45, 64-66. Consulted with editors and author Zias as second reader on this article.

Other Archaeological Projects:

Jordan and Judean Desert Fortress survey, with James Charlesworth, January 1-15, 1997: Qumran, Hyrcania, Masada, Alexandrium, Machaerus, and Iraq El-Amir.

Staff member of archaeological map survey and radar ground scan expedition of the Greek Orthodox property, Mt. Zion, Jerusalem, October 4-14, 1996, directed by James Strange, University of South Florida with license from the Israel Antiquities Authority. Phase II carried out January 3-14, 1998.

Led archaeological survey team to Hidden Mountain site, near Los Lunas, NM, September 14-18, 1996. Examined and photographed ancient inscriptions and petroglyphs, walked over plateau site. Sponsored by the Foundation for Biblical Archaeology, Atlanta, GA.

Participated in archaeological investigations at Qumran, December 26, 1995 through January 10, 1996, directed by Magen Broshi of the Israel Museum, Hanan Eshel of Bar Ilan University and James Strange of the University of South Florida at the Qumran settlement itself. Important ostrakon found by the team.

Participated as co-director of the 3rd Judean Desert Exploration Survey, December 31, 1991-January 19, 1992, with Robert Eisenman, California State University, Long Beach, licensed by the Israel Antiquities Authority.

2. The Transparent English Version

This Bible translation project, edited by James D. Tabor, formerly known as the “Original Bible Project,” is an ongoing effort to produce an academic translation of both the Hebrew Bible and the New Testament. See <http://transparentenglishbible.com> for an overview of the project and translation samples.

3. Media Consultation

Media consultant on various issues, particularly the Dead Sea Scrolls, millennialism, and the Koresh/Waco tragedy, including: Time; Newsweek; USNews&World Report; New York Times; Wall Street Journal; Washington Post; London Guardian; Hearst Newspapers; Dallas Morning News; Waco Herald Tribune; Charlotte Observer; Newsday; AP; UPI; Gannett; Religious News Service; McCleans; Vanity Fair; Jerusalem Report; Jerusalem Post; PBS McNeil-Lehrer Report; ABC Good Morning America, National Public Radio; CNN Morning Show; CNN Larry King Live, CBS Radio; CBS “Touched by an Angel,” ABC Nightline, ABC 20/20, Channel 4 & 5 UK, BBC UK.

Extensive TV documentary filming for PBS:Frontline, The Learning Channel, A&E, The History Channel, Discovery, National Geographic, Smithsonian, BBC, Channel 4 and Channel 5 in the UK. See Internet Movie Data Base for filmography: <http://www.imdb.com/name/nm0846039/>

4. Lectures and Papers

Numerous refereed papers and invited lectures at professional meetings and academic institutions: American Academy of Religion; Society of Biblical Literature, national, regional and International meetings; North American Patristics Society; SCRAM (Study of the Culture and Religion of the Ancient Mediterranean); North Carolina Association of Religious Studies; University of Chicago; Emory University; University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill; University of California at Berkeley and Davis; Connecticut College; College of William and Mary; Appalachian State University; Winthrop College; Monmouth College, Amherst College; Hastings College; LeHigh University; Lynchburg College; Hastings College; Winthrop University; Western Carolina University; Augustana College; Siena College; University of Cincinnati; Illinois Wesleyan University, Tel Aviv University; Creighton University; Virginia Wesleyan College, Florida Southern College; College of Charleston; Rice University; UC Davis; Southwest Trinity University; Emory University; Duke University; University of Nebraska at Omaha; NYU Buffalo; UNC Asheville; Vanderbilt University, Centre College.

Faculty of Biblical Archaeology Seminars sponsored by the Biblical Archaeology Society: Guilford College (June, 1990); Chicago (August, 1991); Guilford College (June, 1992); Atlanta (October, 1993); Guilford College (June, 1994); Williamsburg (June, 1995); West Palm Beach (January 1997 & 1998); New Orleans (November, 1996); Portland (July, 1997); Austin (September, 1997);

Oxford, England (August, 1998); Orlando (November, 1998); Guilford College (July, 1999); San Antonio (April, 2000); St. Olaf College (July, 2000); Nashville (November, 2000); Charleston (March, 2001); Guilford College (July, 2001); Austin (September, 2002); Toronto (November, 2002); Scottsdale, AZ (October, 2003); St. Olof College (July, 2004); San Antonio, TX (November, 2004); Ft. Lauderdale, FL (January, 2005); Chicago (September, 2005); Austin, TX (2006), UNC Asheville (2007), St Olaf College (July, 2009), St Olaf College (2015).

Annual Biblical Archaeology Society “Bible and Archaeology Fest” lecturer, meeting in conjunction with the AAR/SBL/ASOR annual meeting since 1997. See <https://travelstudy.bib-arch.org/seminars/19th-annual-bible-and-archaeology-fest>.

Conducted the Biblical Archaeology Society “Seminar at Sea” in January 2013

F. University and Community Service

1. Dept. of Religious Studies

Severed 10 years as Chair of the Department of Religious Studies, 2005-2014

Active service in the normal round of Departmental duties and committees

Coordination of Witherspoon Lecture, 1993, 1998, 2004, 2007, 2009, 25th Anniversary with Jonathan Z. Smith in 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013 and special 30th Anniversary Celebration, March 2014 with Robert Orsi.

Coordinated Blumenthal Lectures, 1991-92; 1992-93

Coordinated Tate Lectures 2008, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014

Coordinated Phillips Lecture series: Shimon Gibson, Albright Institute, Jerusalem, “Mt Zion Excavation”; Joe Zias, Israel Antiquities Authority, “Toilets and Cemetery at Qumran”; Simcha Jacobovici, Associated Producers, Toronto, screening of Holocaust film “Charge of the Rhinos”; Gabriel Barkay, Bar Ilan University, “Oldest Biblical Text Ever Discovered;” Simcha Jacobovici, Associated Producers, Toronto, screening of “Falasha: Exile of the Black Jews of Ethiopia.”

2. College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and University

University Nominee for Max Oliver Gardner Award, 1998

Finalist Nations Bank Excellence in Teaching Award, 1998

- Secretary, Faculty Council; Faculty Executive Committee, 1992-93; 2015-2017
- Chair, College of Arts and Science Council, 1991-92
- College of Arts and Sciences Council Representative, 1990-92; 2016-2017
- Search: Swift Chair of Judaic Studies, 1990-91; 1991-92; 1993-94
- College of Arts and Sciences RP&Tenure Committee Regularly

- Search Committee, Blumenthal Chair of Judaic Studies, 1995-96
- Graduate School Curriculum Committee, Spring, 1998 and Spring 1999
- Committee on General Education, Fall 1999 and Spring 2000; Fall 2001
- SACS Library Evaluation for Religious Studies collection; Fall, 2001
- General Education Task Force on "History and Culture" Spring/Summer 2001
- University Faculty Council, 2004-2005; 2015-2016
- Faculty Information and Technology Services Advisory Committee, 2004-2006
- Search Committees: Chair of English; Chair of Philosophy
- CLAS Task Force on "Work-load Policy"
- CLAS Task Force on "Community-Engaged Scholarship"

3. Community

Lectured to over 450 local community groups since coming to UNC Charlotte in 1989, including churches, synagogues, Chaverahs, Jewish Community Center programs, Senior Scholars, Discovery Place, Lions Kiwanis, and Rotary Clubs, Chamber of Commerce, World Affairs Council, and Sun City lectures.

Featured guest on NPR station WFAE, Mike Collins (<http://wfae.org/programs/charlotte-talks-wfae>) "Charlotte Talks" for seven separate programs since 2003: "The Waco Disaster," "The Jesus Dynasty," "The Original Bible Project," "The Jesus Discovery," "Paul and Jesus," "The Mt Zion Excavation," and "Paul and the 2014 Midterm Elections."