

ROBERT D. BERGEN

EMPLOYMENT

- 2008- Present **Associate Dean of Academic Administration**
Hannibal-LaGrange University, Hannibal, Missouri
- 1986- Present **Distinguished Professor of Old Testament** (current title since 2014)
Hannibal-LaGrange University, Hannibal, Missouri
- Fall 2016 **Visiting Professor of Old Testament**
Canadian Southern Baptist Seminary & College, Cochrane, Alberta
- July 2003 **Visiting Professor of Old Testament Interpretation**
1998,1992 Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky

EDUCATION

- Ph.D.** Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Ft. Worth, TX. 1986.
Dissertation Title: “Varieties and Functions of Hebrew Waw-Plus-
Subject-Plus-Perfect Sentence Constructions in the Narrative
Framework of the Pentateuch”
- M.Div.** Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Ft. Worth, TX. 1980
- B.A.** Hardin-Simmons University, Abilene, TX. 1976
Majors: Bible, English

PUBLICATIONS

Generally Available Books

- 2009 *1, 2 Samuel*. Holman Old Testament Commentary. Nashville: B & H
Publishing Group. Author of Introduction, 2 Samuel.
- 1998 *I, II Samuel*. Shepherd's Notes. Nashville: Broadman & Holman.
- 1996 *1, 2 Samuel*. New American Commentary. Nashville: Broadman &
Holman.
- 1994 *Biblical Hebrew and Discourse Linguistics*. Dallas. SIL Publications.
(Editor and Contributor)

Bible Translation Projects

- 1998-2002 **Christian Standard Bible/Holman Christian Standard Bible (1
Samuel, Exodus)**. Holman Bible Publishers.
- 1998-99 **Tyndale's New Living Translation--Revision (Exodus)**. Tyndale
Publishers.

1989-90 **New Living Translation (Exodus)**. Tyndale Publishers.

Study Bible Projects

2011 **Holman Christian Study Bible (Introduction and Footnotes for Genesis)**. Holman Bible Publishers.

2007 **Apologetics Study Bible (Footnotes for Exodus, 1-2 Samuel)**. Holman Bible Publishers.

1981 **NIV Old Testament Concordance Project (Jeremiah 1-3)**, Zondervan Publishing House.

Privately Printed Books & Manuals

1989 *Tables and Graphs of Bergen Values for Hebrew Narrative*. Vol.1: The Pentateuch. HLG Center for the Study of Technology in Ministry.

1984 *Introduction to Theological French*. Privately printed.
Rev.1987

1982 *Discourse Criticism*. Privately printed.

1981 *Introduction to Akkadian*. Privately printed.

1981 *Notes on Classical Hebrew: A Structural Approach*. Privately printed.

1979 *Dictionary of Ugaritic*. Privately printed.

1978 *Introduction to Theological German*. Privately Printed.
Rev.1979

Chapters and Articles in Books

2013 "Discourse Linguistics: (i) Biblical Hebrew." In *Encyclopedia of Hebrew Language and Linguistics*. Brill.

2012 "Word Distribution as an Indicator of Authorial Intention: A Study of Genesis 1:1-2:3." In *Do Historical Matters Matter to Faith?*. Edited by James K. Hoffmeier and Dennis R. Magary. Wheaton, Ill.: Crossway. Pp. 201-15.

2011 "Leprosy." In *The Baker Illustrated Bible Handbook*. Grand Rapids: Baker.

2003 "Authorial Intent and the Spoken Word: A Discourse-critical Analysis of Speech Acts in Accounts of Israel's United Monarchy." In *Giving the Sense: Understanding and Using Old Testament Historical Texts*. Edited by David M. Howard Jr. and Michael Grisanti. Grand Rapids: Kregel. Pp. 360-79.

- 1994 "Evil Spirits and Eccentric Grammar: A Study of the Relationship between Grammar and Meaning in Hebrew Narrative." In *Biblical Hebrew and Discourse Linguistics*. Dallas: SIL Press, 1994. Pp. 320-35.
- 1993 "Preaching Old Testament Law." In *Reclaiming the Prophetic Mantle*. Edited by George Klein. Nashville: Broadman Press. Pp. 51-69.
- 1992 "Cities of the Conquest," "Cycle of the Judges," "Neighbors of Israel." In *Holman Bible Handbook*. Nashville: Broadman Press.

Bible Study Publications

- 2016 "Joshua, Judges, Ruth" (Lessons on Judges, Ruth). *Explore the Bible Adult Commentary*, Winter 2016-2017.
- 2015 "Minor Prophets" (Introduction, lessons on Nahum, Zephaniah, Zechariah). *Explore the Bible Commentary*, 8:3.
- 2014 "Proverbs, Song of Songs." *Explore the Bible Adult Commentary*, 7:3.
- 2014 *Deuteronomy: A Challenge to a New Generation*. January Bible Study 2015 Leader Guide. Nashville: LifeWay.
- 2012 "Hosea, Amos, Jonah." *Explore the Bible Adult Commentary*, 6:2. Nashville: LifeWay.
- 2012 "Joshua, Judges, Ruth." *Explore the Bible Adult Commentary*, 5:4. Nashville: LifeWay.
- 2009 "Psalms." *Explore the Bible Adult Commentary*, 3:1. Nashville: LifeWay.
- 2002 *Family Bible Study: Adult Learner, KJV*, Winter Quarterly. Nashville: LifeWay.

Articles in Journals and Other Publications and Projects

- Forth-coming "Rape, Murder, and Ancient Jewish Law." In *Biblical Illustrator*, Summer 2018.
- 2017 "Serpents: What the Egyptians Believed." In *Biblical Illustrator*, Fall 2017, 81-83.
- 2016 "Hebrew Historical Narrative: Suggestions on How to Use it in Christian Proclamation." In *Journal for Baptist Theology & Ministry*, 13:2. Accessible at http://baptistcenter.net/journals/JBTM_13-2_Fall_2016.pdf#page=19
- 2016 "The Message and Purpose of 1 Samuel." In *Biblical Illustrator*,

- Summer 2016, 14-18.
- 2015 "God's Covenant with Abraham." In *Biblical Illustrator*, Fall 2015.
- 2014 "Trade and Wealth in the Ancient World." In *Biblical Illustrator*, Winter 2014-2015, 67-70.
- 2014 "Strange Women, Adulteresses, and Seducers in the Book of Proverbs." In *Biblical Illustrator*, Spring 2014, 29-32.
- 2012 "The Moral Climate in Hosea's Day." In *Biblical Illustrator*, Winter 2012-13, 62-65.
- 2012 "Sealing the Deal in the Ancient Near East." In *Biblical Illustrator*, Summer 2012, 27-30.
- 2011 "Jeremiah in its Historical Setting." In *Biblical Illustrator*, Summer 2011, 22-26.
- 2010 "The Historical Setting for 1 and 2 Samuel." In *Biblical Illustrator*, Summer 2010, 6-10.
- 2009 "The Heart: A Hebrew Understanding." *Biblical Illustrator*, Fall 2009, 19-23.
- 2008 "Serving in Ancient Israel's Army." *Biblical Illustrator*, Fall 2008, 66-70.
- 2008 "The Proverbs: Their Structure and Form." *Biblical Illustrator*, Summer 2008.
- 2007 "Jerusalem's Fall to the Babylonians." *Biblical Illustrator*, Fall 2007.
- 2006 "Moab." *Biblical Illustrator*, Spring 2006, 54-57.
- 2005 Lesson Writer for 4 Stewardship Sunday School Lessons. Jefferson City, Mo.: Missouri Baptist Convention.
- 2004 "Habakkuk: The Man and His Times." *Biblical Illustrator*, Summer 2004, 9-11.
- 2003 "Potiphar in Egyptian Society." *Biblical Illustrator*, Summer 2003, 49-52.
- 1998 13 Sunday School Lesson commentaries. *Word & Way*.
- 1993 "Calling Forth Yahweh's Curses: Hosea's Judgment of Israel in 8:1-10:15." *Criswell Theological Review* 7 [1993]:39-50.
- 1993 "The Computer as Biblical Exegete: Present Realities and Future Prospects." *Journal of Religious and Theological Information*. 1

- [1993]:69-80.
- 1992 Interviewee for "Ancient Secrets of the Bible." TV/DVD series. Topics: David and Goliath, The Ten Commandments
- 1991 "Bible Exposition: The Cost of Doing Ministry in a Political World." In *Southern Baptist Public Affairs* 2 [Fall/Winter 1991]:9-10.
- 1990 "The Role of Gen. 22:1-19 in the Abraham Cycle: A Computer-Assisted Interpretation." *Criswell Theological Review* 4 [Spring 1990]:313-26.
- 1990 "How to Buy a Printer that Meets Your Ministry's Needs." *Computerizing Your Ministry*. Hannibal, Mo.: Hannibal-LaGrange Center for the Study of Technology in Ministry.
- 1987 "Text as a Guide to Authorial Intention: An Introduction to Discourse Criticism." *Journal of the Evangelical Theological Society* 30 [September 1987]:327-336.

ADDITIONAL POSITIONS HELD

- 1990-1999 **Editorial Board member**, *Journal of Translation and Textlinguistics*
- 1991-92 **Editorial Board member**, *Transactions of the Missouri Academy of Science*
- 1990-91 **Linguistics Section Chairman**, Missouri Academy of Science
- 1990 **General Chairman, "Fulfilling the Vision" H-LG College capital campaign, Faculty/Staff/Administration division**. Base goal: \$50,000; amount pledged, \$116,000
- 1989 **OT Section convener**, Central States Society of Biblical Literature
- 1987-1988 **Faculty Convener**, Hannibal-LaGrange College
- 1985-1987 **Secretary-Treasurer**, Evangelical Theological Society, Southwest Region

HONORS RECEIVED

- 2016 **Appreciation Award**. Presented by Canadian Southern Baptist Seminary & College.
- 2016 **Trustees Award for Excellence in Service**. Presented by the Hannibal-LaGrange University Board of Trustees.
- 2016 Selected as a **Herald-Whig Heroes**

- 1995 **Parkway Distinguished Professor** [for Hannibal-LaGrange College]
- 1995 **Elected to *2,000 Notable American Men*** [3rd edition]
- 1993 **Elected to *Men of Achievement*** [16th edition]
- 1992, 1986 **Elected to *Who's Who in Biblical and Archaeological Studies*** [1st and 2nd edition volumes]
- 1992 **Elected to *Who's Who in Religion*** [4th edition]
- 1984, 1983 **Recipient, Gil Fewell Evangelistic Association Research Grant for Study of the Biblical Text.** \$10,000 total cash award
- 1982, 1975 **Elected to *Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges***
- 1980 **Elected to *Outstanding Young Men of America***
- 1976 **Valedictorian,** Hardin-Simmons University
- 1976 **Recipient, Austin Award,** for Outstanding Student in Bible Department, Hardin-Simmons University
- 1975-76 **President, Texas Rho Chapter of Alpha Chi Honor Society,** Hardin-Simmons University
- 1975-76 **President, Kappa Delta Dappa Ministerial Alliance,** Hardin-Simmons University
- 1975-76 **President, Rangers Service Organization,** Hardin-Simmons University
- 1975-76 **President, Hardin-Simmons Chapter of Sigma Tau Delta National English Honor Society,** Hardin-Simmons University