

Michael E. Fuller, Ph.D.
Associate Professor of Early Judaism and Biblical Studies
Lee University (Cleveland, TN)

Academic Position(s):

Lee University (School of Religion/Dept. of Theology)
January 2000–Present
Position: Associate Professor of Early Judaism and Biblical Studies
w/tenure (from 2006).

Education

University of Durham, Durham, England
Ph.D. (2005): Early Judaism and the New Testament
Dissertation: “The Tradition of Restoration: An Examination of the
Motifs of Israel’s Re-gathering and the Fate of the Nations in Early
Jewish Literature and Luke-Acts”
Ph.D. supervisor: Dr. Loren T. Stuckenbruck
Examination Committee: Drs. John Barclay (internal examiner)
Steven Walton, London School of Theology (external examiner)

Marquette University, Milwaukee, WI
Graduate Studies (1994-1996)
Concentration: Early Christianity/New Testament

Princeton Theological Seminary, Princeton, NJ
M.Div. (1994)
Concentration: Early Judaism/New Testament
Thesis: Paul’s Use of the Law in Romans 9:30-10:1-4
Supervisor: Professor J. Christiaan Beker

Lee University, Cleveland, TN
B.A. (1989): Major Intercultural Studies; Minor Religion
Magna Cum Laude

Administrative Experience

Director of Graduate Programs in Biblical and Theological Studies (2005-2008)

Professional Appointments in the Academy

Section head (w/ Michelle Tooley) of History of Judaism Section (American Academy
of Religion/Society of Biblical Literature, Southeastern Regional. 2011-present.

Research and Publications

Book(s)

The Restoration of Israel: Israel's Re-Gathering and the Fate of the Nations in Early Jewish Literature and Luke-Acts. Beihefte zur Zeitschrift für die neutestamentliche Wissenschaft und die Kunde der älteren Kirche 138. Berlin: Walter de Gruyter, 2006.

Peer Reviewed by:

Eugene Boring, *Review of Biblical Literature* (June 2007)

Charles Talbert, *Catholic Biblical Quarterly* (July 2007)

Thomas E. Phillips, *Religious Studies Review* (Sept 2008)

Michael Bird, *Journal for the Study of the NT* (Summ 2008)

Brad Crow, *Expository Times* (Dec 2008)

Sean Freyne, *Journal for the Study of Judaism* (V.40 2009)

Articles, Reviews and Translations

“The Davidic Messiah in Early Jewish Literature.” In *The Spirit and the Mind*. Edited by Terry Cross and Emerson B. Powery. Lanham, Md.: University Press, 2000.

“Greek-English Translation of The Book of Baruch.” In *The Common English Bible*. Nashville: Abingdon Press, 2011.

“Greek-English Translation of The Epistle of Jeremiah.” In *The Common English Bible*. Nashville: Abingdom Press, 2011.

“Isaiah 40:3 and Luke’s Understanding of the Wilderness of John the Baptist.” In *Biblical Interpretation in Early Christian Gospels: Volume 3: The Gospel of Luke*. Studies in Scripture in Early Judaism and Christianity. Library of New Testament Studies 376. Edited by Thomas Hatina. London: T&T Clark International, 2010.

Review of John Collins, *Apocalypticism and the Dead Sea Scrolls*, in *The Journal of Dead Sea Discoveries*, Spring 2000.

“Translation and Introduction to the Jewish Documents of the Sibylline Oracles: Books 3-5.” In *Introduction to Early Jewish Literature: Translation and Summary*. Edited by Archie Wright and Ron Hermes. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2012 (forthcoming).

Conference Presentations

“Turning the Other Cheeking: Teaching on Violence and War in a Christian Liberal University in the South.” Society of Biblical Literature/American Academy of Religion, Southeastern Regional, March 2011 (forthcoming).

The Accommodation of Jewish Eschatological Ideas by Diaspora Jews within Greco-Roman Contexts” Society of Biblical Literature/American Academy of Religion, Southeastern Regional, March 2011.

“Divine Intervention and Israel’s (*‘History’* of) Passivity in Josephus and Other Early Jewish Writings.” Society of Biblical Literature/American Academy of Religion, Southeastern Regional, March 2010.

“The Occurrence and Revision of Early Jewish Traditions of Restoration in Luke-Acts.” Society of Biblical Literature/American Academy of Religion, Southeastern Regional, March 2008).

“The Tradition of Restoration in Luke-Acts.” Southeastern Regional Section of the American Academy of Religion and Society of Biblical Literature, Atlanta, GA, March 2002.

“Israel and the Jews in Luke-Acts: An Examination of the History of Research.” Durham New Testament Seminar, Spring 1999 (Durham, England).

“An Intertextual Analysis of Luke 22:35-38: The Swords and the Lawless.” Upper Midwest Regional Section of American Academy of Religion/Society of Biblical Literature. May 1995

Public and/or Popular Lectures

“Teaching the Book of Revelation in the Church: An Apocalyptic Critique of Nation and Empire.” North Baptist Church, Spring 2010.

“Women in/and the Bible: Bringing to Voice Silenced Women in and outside the Biblical Text(s).” Lecture given to Women’s Roundtable, Lee University, Fall 2007.

“The Importance of the Gospel of Judas for the Study of Early Christianity.” Centennial Lecture Series, Lee University Spring 2006.

“Female Students in Undergraduate Religion Courses in the Bible Belt: A Response to Carol Lakey Hess, *Caretakers of Our Common House: Women’s Development in Communities of Faith.*” Visiting Scholars in Religion, Lee University, February 2002.

Courses Taught/Teaching Experience

Undergraduate courses:

Introductory and First Year Programs

Introduction to the Hebrew Bible (for majors and non-majors)

Annually teach super-section (250+students) of this class for non-majors (5 years)

Introduction to the New Testament (for majors and non-majors)

Annually teach super-section (250+students) of this class for non-majors (5 years)

Freshmen Gateway Seminar (orientation course about religion in a liberal arts university for new students)

Biblical Foundations for Benevolence/Service and Calling

Upper-level courses

The Synoptic Gospels

The Narrative of Luke-Acts

The Book of Revelation

Johannine Literature

Judaism in the Greco-Roman Period

Paul's Letters to the Romans and Galatians

Theology of the New Testament

Theology of the Old Testament

Ancient Hebrew Grammar and Reading (Part 1 and 2)

Elementary Greek (Part 1 and 2)

Advanced 3rd Year Greek (Part 1 and 2)

Graduate courses:

Seminar on Acts and Early Christianity

Biblical Criticism and Contemporary Hermeneutics

Jesus and the Gospels: The Jesus of History and Christ of Faith

The Dead Sea Scrolls

The Jewish Roots of Christianity

Early Jewish and Christian Apocalypticism

Online courses: Have designed and taught the following courses:

Introduction to the New Testament

Synoptic Gospels

Johannine Literature

Ancient Languages Studied

Biblical Hebrew

Aramaic

Syriac

Hellenistic Greek

Ancient Languages Taught

Biblical Hebrew

Elementary and Advanced Hellenistic Greek

Academic Awards, Honors and Appointments in Graduate Programs

University of Durham

Overseas Research Scholarship (Fall 1997-1999)

DeBury Endowed Scholarship (1997-1999)

Marquette University

Full academic scholarship and teaching assistantship in New Testament

Supervisor: Dr. Richard Edwards, 1994–1997

Princeton Theological Seminary

Princeton Seminary Grant (1991-94)

Graduate Assistant on Princeton Dead Sea Scrolls Project

Supervisor: Dr. James H. Charlesworth

Memberships and Involvements in Academic and Professional Societies

Review editor/editorial board for *Journal of Biblical Studies*-online (2000-Present)
(Currently, this site is being revised.)

Society of Biblical Literature (1994-Present)

American Academy of Religion (2008-Present)

University Sponsorships of Student Organizations

Amnesty International Student Branch at Lee University (2002-2007, 2011-present),
Member and Faculty Sponsor

Women's Roundtable for the Advancement of Young Women Students in Religious
Calling and Academic Study (2007-2009)

Koine Greek Club: Reading and Dialogue on the Critical and Faithful Study of
Biblical Literature and Languages (2011-present)

University Committees and Faculty Service

University Curriculum Committee (2010-present)

Graduate Programs in Religion Committee (2005-present)

Critical Thinking and Religion Committee (2005-2007)

Diversity Committee (2000-2003)

Faith and Learning Seminar for Faculty (co-leader) (2005-2007)

Grants Received

\$2500 grant for the study of “Critical Issues in the Relationship of Early Judaism to Incipient Christianity.” (Spring 2009, G.D. Foundation)

\$2500 grant for the study of “Christianity and the Dead Sea Scrolls.” (Fall 2009, G.D. Foundation, Summer 2009)

\$10,000 grant (2010), G.D. Foundation, Anonymous Grant Agency

\$10,000 grant (2011), G.D. Foundation, Anonymous Grant Agency

\$10,000 grant (2012), G.D. Foundation, Anonymous Grant Agency