

Sean Fitzgerald Winter: Research, Publications and Academic Engagement: 2017

Research Interests

- The Pauline letters and Pauline theology, with special reference to Philippians and 2 Corinthians.
- Social Relationships in Early Christianity, with special reference to the Greco-Roman context and philosophical discussion of *φιλία*.
- Hermeneutical Theory and Practice: exploring the theological and missiological dimensions of biblical interpretation, *wirkungsgeschichte*, and contemporary use of biblical texts, especially within the Baptist tradition.
- The life and theology of Dietrich Bonhoeffer: focussing especially on Bonhoeffer's understanding of the Bible and biblical interpretation.

Publications

Books

Philippians and Philemon: A Commentary (Reading the New Testament; Macon GA: Smyth & Helwys, under contract for 2017).

Philippians and Friendship, monograph in preparation for the end of 2016 and destined for the Library of New Testament Studies, published by Bloomsbury.

Good News in the Gospels: A Study Guide (Didcot: Baptist Union of Great Britain, 1996).

Edited Books

Winter, Sean F., (ed.), *"Immense, Unfathomed, Unconfined": The Grace of God in Creation, Church and Community* (Melbourne: Uniting Academic, 2013).

Peer-Reviewed Articles / Book Chapters

In preparation

'Paul's Ethics and Paul's Experience: Law and Love in Galatians', in preparation for volume of collected essays on Justice and Mercy, Law and Love in Biblical Ethics, due September 2016.

'Suffering, Salvation, and Solidarity in 2 Corinthians 1:1–11', in preparation for volume of collected essays on Suffering the Pauline Letters, due January 2017.

'Eschatology and Exertion in Philippians' (due March 2017).

'God Revealed and Hidden: Barth's Exegesis of Romans 11:33–36', in preparation for *Römerbrief* Centenary commemorative volume (2017)

25 Years of Historical Jesus Studies (1991–2016), in preparation as review article for *Pacifica*.

'Translocal Ministry in the New Testament', forthcoming for volume of essays on *Episkopê*, edited by Paul Goodliff and Roger Standing (due September 2017)

'Listening for the Word of God', in preparation for *Festschrift* (due December 2017)

'Patience in the New Testament', in preparation for special issue of *Mennonite Quarterly Review*, due June 2018.

Published

"Friendship Traditions in the New Testament: An Overview." *Pacifica* 29 (2016): 192–204.

"Journey and Rest: Hebrews, Pilgrimage, and the Work of Theological Education", *Pacifica* 28 (2015), 192–207.

- "Obedient to Death: Revisiting the Rhetorical Function of Philippians 2:6–11", *Australian Biblical Review* 63 (2015), 1–13.
- 'Present-ing the Word': The Use and Abuse of Bonhoeffer on the Bible', *The Bonhoeffer Legacy: Australasian Journal of Bonhoeffer Studies* 2.2 (2014), 19–35.
- 'Paul's Attitudes to the Gentiles', in David C. Sim and James S. McLaren (eds.), *Attitudes to Gentiles in Ancient Judaism and Early Christianity* (Library of New Testament Studies 499; London: Bloomsbury, 2013), 139–153.
- 'Bonhoeffer and Biblical Interpretation: The Early Years', *The Bonhoeffer Legacy: Australasian Journal of Bonhoeffer Studies* 1 (2013), 1–15.
- 'Re-enacting Grace: χάρις in 2 Corinthians 8-9', in Sean Winter (ed.), *"Immense, Unfathomed, Unconfined": The Grace of God in Creation, Church and Community* (Melbourne: Uniting Academic, 2013), 51–62.
- 'Word and World: Dietrich Bonhoeffer and Biblical Interpretation', *Pacifica* 25 (2012), 137–150.
- "A Daring Synagogue Sermon?": Paul's Preaching in 2 Corinthians 3.7–18', in William J. Lyons and Isabella Sandwell (eds.), *Delivering the Word: Preaching and Exegesis in the Western Christian Tradition* (Bibleworld; London: Equinox, 2011), 24–44.
- 'Reading with Friends: Persuasive Testimony in Baptist Interpretative Communities', in Simon P. Woodman and Helen Dare (eds.), *The 'Plainly Revealed' Word of God: Baptist Hermeneutics in Theory and Practice* (Macon GA: Mercer University Press, 2011), 253–270.
- Winter, Sean F. and Haymes, Brian, 'Friendship: Find Fellow Travellers', in James R. Krabill and Stuart Murray (eds.), *Forming Christian Habits in Post-Christendom: The Legacy of Alan and Eleanor Kreider* (Harrisonsburg VA: Herald, 2011), 117–124.
- 'Ambassadors for Christ' (2 Corinthians 5.20: Ministry in the New Creation', in Anthony R. Cross and Ruth Gouldbourne (eds.), *Questions of Identity: Studies in Honour of Brian Haymes* (Centre for Baptist History and Heritage Studies 6; Oxford: Regent's Park College, 2011), 34–49.
- "The Rhetorical Function of John's Portrayal of the Jewish Law" in Peter Oakes and Michael Tait (eds.), *Torah in the New Testament* (LNTS 401; London/ New York: T & T Clark International, 2009), 82–95.
- 'Ambiguous Genitives, Pauline Baptism and Roman *Insulae*: Resources from Romans to Support *Pushing the Boundaries of Unity*', in Anthony R. Cross and Philip E. Thompson (eds.), *Baptist Sacramentalism 2* (Studies in Baptist History and Thought 25; Milton Keynes: Paternoster, 2008), 77-91.
- 'More Light and Truth?': *Biblical Interpretation in Covenantal Perspective* (The Whitley Lecture 2007; Oxford: Whitley Publications, 2007).
- "Review Article of Paul S. Fiddes, *Tracks and Traces: Baptist Identity in Church and Theology*", *BQ* 41 (2005)
- "Translocal Ministry: New Testament Perspectives", in *Translocal Ministry: "Equipping the Churches for Mission": Essays on Translocal Ministry among Baptists: Biblical, Theological and Historical Perspectives and their Application to Church Life and Mission Today* (Didcot: Baptist Union of Great Britain, 2004), 14-23
- "Source, Guide and Goal!: The Persuasive Function of a Pauline Doxology (Romans 11.33-36), in *Bible History and Ministry: Essays for L. G. Champion on his 90th Birthday* (Bristol: Bristol Baptist College, 1997), 9-26
- "Michael Sattler and the Schleithem Articles: A Study in the First Anabaptist Confession of Faith", *Baptist Quarterly* 34 (1991), 52-66

Church Engagement

"Learning Patience", *Crosslight* (May 2017): <http://crosslight.org.au/2017/05/21/learning->

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- with Robyn Whitaker, "Trump and Christian Faith: How Do We Respond?", Faith Seeking Understanding Column *The Melbourne Anglican* (March 2017), also in *Crosslight* (February 2017): <http://crosslight.org.au/2017/02/03/trump-respect-resistance/>
- "Unscrambling Jesus", *Crosslight* (2015), (<http://crosslight.org.au/2015/06/21/unscrambling-jesus/>)
- "From Temple to Table", *Crosslight* (2014), (<http://crosslight.org.au/2014/07/06/from-temple-to-table/>)
- "The True Revolution", *Crosslight* (2013), (<http://crosslight.org.au/2013/10/06/the-true-revolution/>)
- "A University for You", *Crosslight* 226 (2012), 13
- "Telling the Good Friday Story", *Crosslight* 220 (2012), 14
- "Credo: Son of the Father?", *Cross Purposes: A Forum for Theological Dialogue* 26 (2011), 11–14 (http://cp.unitingchurch.org.au/CP26_screen.pdf)
- "Bible Study: Romans 10:14–21", *Conversations: An E-Journal from the Uniting Church* 3/3 (2009)
- "The Integration of Theology and Ministry in Theological Education: Some Reflections", *Conversations: An E-Journal from the Uniting Church* 3/2 (2009)
- "A Sermon to Celebrate the 40th Anniversary of the United Faculty of Theology", *Conversations: An E-Journal from the Uniting Church* 3/2 (2009)
- Bible Notes for Revised Common Lectionary Year A: *ROOTS: Worship* (Issue 35: May/June 2008)
- "Curricula and Teaching Methods", in Louise Kretzschmar (ed.), *Southern African Baptist Theological Educator's Conference: 24-27 June 2003* (Johannesburg: Baptist Convention College, 2004), 126-134
- "Staff Development", in Louise Kretzschmar (ed.), *Southern African Baptist Theological Educator's Conference: 24-27 June 2003* (Johannesburg: Baptist Convention College, 2004), 140-145
- "Images of Jesus: Review Article of Markus Bockmuehl (ed.), *The Cambridge Companion to Jesus*", *Journal of the College of Preachers* 115 (2003)
- "Bible Notes." In *ROOTS: Worship*, 2003.
- "John's Gospel and Mark's Gospel: A Commentary Guide", *The Baptist Ministers' Journal* 281 (2003), 18-24
- "Preaching from Matthew", *The Baptist Minister's Journal* 276 (2001), 15-20
- "Preaching from Luke's Gospel", *The Baptist Minister's Journal* 272 (2000), 6-10
- "Preaching on Romans Today", *Preaching Today: The Periodical for Baptist Preachers and Lay Pastors* 43 (2000), 3-9

Public Engagement

- "Sanctuary for Asylum Seekers is an Offer with Ancient Pedigree", *The Conversation*, February 5th 2016 (<https://theconversation.com/sanctuary-for-asylum-seekers-is-an-offer-with-ancient-pedigree-54234>)
- "The Gospel of Jesus' Wife Can't Be Taken as Gospel", *The Conversation*, October 14th, 2015 (<https://theconversation.com/the-gospel-of-jesus-wife-cant-be-taken-as-gospel-47356>)
- "Getting the Gist of the 'Historical' Jesus: The Jesus Seminar 30 Years On", *The Conversation*, July 24th 2015 (<https://theconversation.com/getting-the-gist-of-a-historical->

[jesus-the-jesus-seminar-30-years-on-44465](https://www.theconversation.com/pauls-apocalypse-gave-us-heaven-and-hell-several-times-over-40836))

“Paul’s Apocalypse Gave Us Heaven and Hell: Several Times Over”, *The Conversation*, May 19th 2015 (<https://theconversation.com/pauls-apocalypse-gave-us-heaven-and-hell-several-times-over-40836>)

Reviews

Reviews published in *Journal of Theological Studies*; *Expository Times*; *Journal for the Study of the New Testament Booklist*; *Pacifica*; *Australian Biblical Review*.

Scholarly Engagement

Major Academic Presentations

- 2017 University of Divinity Research Day, Plenary Presentation: ‘The Effects of the Historical Jesus: Table-Fellowship as Test Case’: 7th June 2017.
- ANZATS Conference, Adelaide: ‘God Revealed and Hidden: Barth’s Exegesis of Romans 11:33–36’, July 9–12, 2017
- Day Conference at Australian Catholic University, *Culture, Ethnicity and Religion in Early Christianity and Early Judaism*: paper entitled ‘Intra Jewish Polemic in Paul and Qumran: A Comparative Investigation’, July 18th 2017.
- 2016 Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, San Antonio, Second Corinthians: Pauline Theology in the Making Seminar: ‘Paul *in loco dei*: Divine Zeal, Marriage Imagery and Apostolic Authority in 2 Corinthians 11:1–6’
- ANZATS Conference, Melbourne: ‘Carrying the Crucified One: Embodied Atonement in 2 Corinthians 4:1–15’
- 2015 Pilgrim Theological College Commencement Lecture, Melbourne: ‘Journey and Rest: Theological Education for Pilgrims’.
- Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, Atlanta, Children in the Biblical World Section: ‘Children, Fathers, Sons and Daughters: Exploring Familial Imagery in 2 Corinthians 6:11–7:4’.
- 2014 Society of Biblical Literature International Meeting, Vienna, Pauline Epistles Section: ‘The Pauline *καὶ ὡν*: With Special Reference to 2 Corinthians’.
- Australian Dietrich Bonhoeffer Conference, Keynote Address: “Present-ing” (*Vergegenwärtigung*) the Word: Dietrich Bonhoeffer and Biblical Interpretation
- Fellowship of Biblical Studies, Melbourne, Presidential Address: “Obedient to Death”: Revisiting the Rhetorical Function of Philippians 2:5–11’.
- Society of Biblical Literature, Annual Meeting, San Diego, Biblical Ethics Section: ‘Paul’s Ethics and Paul’s Experience: Law and Love in Galatians’
- 2013 Society of New Testament Studies Annual Meeting, Perth: *Literaturkritik* and the Pauline Epistles Seminar: ‘Re-framing the Unity Debate: The Rhetorical Situation of Canonical 2 Corinthians’.

Conference: Paul and the Faithfulness of God, Melbourne: 'N. T. Wright on "The People of God Freshly Reworked": A Personal Response'.

2012 Fellowship for Biblical Studies Annual Conference, Melbourne: 'Dung as Idolatry: The Meaning of *skubala* in Philippians 3:8'.

Fellowship for Biblical Studies Meeting, Melbourne: 'The Church Triumphant?: Another Look at 2 Corinthians 2:14–17'

2011 Society of Biblical Literature, International Meeting, London, Use and Influence of the Bible Section: 'The Reception History of the Pauline Epistles: Beyond the Commentary Tradition'.

Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, San Francisco, Pauline Epistles Section: 'The Significance of "the Same": Reassessing Paul's Ethical Exhortations in 1 Corinthians and Philippians'.

Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, San Francisco, Pauline Theology in the Making: Second Corinthians Seminar: Who and What are "Ambassadors for Christ"?: The Identity and Role of Paul's Audience in 2 Corinthians 5.16–21.

2009 Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, New Orleans, Pauline Theology in the Making: Second Corinthians Seminar: 'The Meaning and Function of Paul's 'Comfort' Language in 2 Corinthians'.

2008 Baptist Historical Society Centenary Conference, Prague: "'All Authority has Been Given": Renewing our Vision of the Great Commission'.

British New Testament Conference, Durham, Hermeneutics: Theory and Practice Seminar: 'Interpretative Pluralism in Theological Perspective: The Contribution of Karl Barth'

2007 Appointed as Whitley Lecturer for the year. Lecture presented in 5 locations across the UK: 'More Light and Truth?: Biblical Interpretation in Covenantal Perspective'.

British New Testament Conference, Exeter, Paul Seminar: 'The Rhetorical Identification of Judaism and Gentile Paganism in Paul's Letters'.

2002 Baptist Historical Society Summer School, Manchester: 'Covenant, Fellowship and Friendship: Towards a Baptist Social Ethic'

Editorial Work

2017– Editorial Board of *Pacifica: Australasian Theological Studies*

2016– Editorial Board for the *Baptist Quarterly*, published by Taylor and Francis.

2011–2014 Editor of *Pacifica: Australasian Theological Studies*

Manuscript review for the Library of New Testament Studies; Journal of Theological Studies;

Academic Networks and Societies

Society of Biblical Literature: member (1994–present)

Fellowship of Biblical Studies: member (2009–present); member of Executive (2012–2014);
President (2014).

Centre for Biblical Studies, University of Manchester: Honorary Research Fellow (2008–2009)