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Education

2014	Middlesex University/London School of Theology London, United Kingdom	Doctor of Philosophy (Old Testament Studies)
2005	Asbury Theological Seminary Wilmore, Kentucky	Master of Theology in World Missions & Evangelism
2002	Asbury Theological Seminary Wilmore, Kentucky	Master of Divinity (Old Testament/Biblical Languages)
1999	Vladimir State University Vladimir, Russia	Bachelor of Education in Teaching English & German

Other Qualifications & Awards

2004	Ordained minister of the Wesleyan Church of Russia
2002	Dennis Kinlaw Award for Excellence in Old Testament Studies: Asbury Theological Seminary
2000	Elected to the International Honor Society of Theta Phi
2000	Elected to HBP, the National Honor Society of Students of Hebrew Language and Culture

Academic Appointments

Wesley Seminary Indian Wesleyan University Marion, IN, USA	Associate Professor of Biblical Studies (July 2019 –)
Wesley Seminary Indian Wesleyan University Marion, IN, USA	Assistant Professor of Bible and Christian Ministry (March 2016 – June 2019)
Indiana Wesleyan University Marion, IN, USA	Adjunct Faculty (2011 – 2016)
Caribbean Wesleyan College Savanna-la-Mar, Jamaica	Lecturer in Old Testament, Biblical Languages, and Missions/Biblical Studies Faculty (2005 –2011)
Vladimir Wesleyan Evangelical Bible College Vladimir, Russia	Biblical Studies Faculty (1997-1999, 2002-2004)

Publications

Review of Iain Provan. *Seeking What Is Right: The Old Testament and the Good Life*. Waco, TX: Baylor University Press, 2020. *Themelios* 47.2. The Gospel Coalition (2022).
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“Exodus 3:1-15.” Pages 9–11 in *Illustrated Bible Life*. Kansas City, MO; Foundry Publishing (Fall 2022).

“Exodus 5:1-9, 22 – 6:8.” Pages 13–15 in *Illustrated Bible Life*. Kansas City, MO; Foundry Publishing (Fall 2022).

“Exodus 16:1-18.” Pages 21–23 in *Illustrated Bible Life*. Kansas City, MO; Foundry Publishing (Fall 2022).

“Exodus 20:1–17 and Romans 13:8–10.” *Illustrated Bible Life*. Kansas City, MO; Foundry Publishing (Fall 2022).

“Exodus 40:1–16, 34–38.” Pages 29-31 in *Illustrated Bible Life*. Kansas City, MO; Foundry Publishing (Fall 2022).

- Review of Douglas Estes, ed. *The Tree of Life*. Themes in Biblical Narrative: Jewish and Christian Traditions Series 27. Leiden: Brill, 2020. *Bulletin for Biblical Research* 31.4 (2021):533-35.
- “Matthew 1:18-25.” Pages 13-15 in *Illustrated Bible Life*. Kansas City, MO; Foundry Publishing (Winter 2021-2022).
- “Matthew 2:1-12.” Pages 17-19 in *Illustrated Bible Life*. Kansas City, MO; Foundry Publishing. (Winter 2021-2022).
- “Matthew 11:1-15.” Pages 9-11 in *Illustrated Bible Life*. Kansas City, MO; Foundry Publishing. (Winter 2021-2022).
- “Jeremiah 23:1-8.” Pages 5-7 in *Illustrated Bible Life*. Kansas City, MO; Foundry Publishing. (Winter 2021-2022).
- Review of Bruce K. Waltke and James M. Houston. *The Psalms as Christian Praise: A Historical Commentary*. Eerdmans, 2019. *Bulletin for Biblical Research* 30.4 (2020):597-99.
- “Psalm 23.” Pages 37-39 in *Illustrated Bible Life*. Kansas City, MO; Foundry Publishing, (2021).
- “Ecclesiastes 3:1–22.” Pages 29-31 in *Illustrated Bible Life*. Kansas City, MO; Foundry Publishing, (2021).
- “Ecclesiastes 6:1–12.” Pages 33-35 in *Illustrated Bible Life*. Kansas City, MO; Foundry Publishing, (2021).
- “Words for Love in the Bible.” Pages 12-13 in *Illustrated Bible Life*. Kansas City, MO; Foundry Publishing, (2020).
- “Poor/Poverty.” Pages 310-313 in *Global Wesleyan Dictionary of Biblical Theology*. Kansas City, MO; Foundry Publishing, 2020.
- “Temptation/Test.” Pages 381-383 in *Global Wesleyan Dictionary of Biblical Theology*. Kansas City, MO; Foundry Publishing, 2020.
- “Commentary on Ecclesiastes.” Pages 358-370 in *The Wesley One-Volume Commentary on the Bible*, Robert Branson, ed. Nashville: Abingdon Press, 2020.
- “Heroes and Heroines.” Part 2 of *Inexplicable: How Christianity Spread to the Ends of the Earth*. Directed by Jim Hannon, performance by Larisa Levicheva, The State of Faith 2020, TBN, 2020. <https://watch.tbn.org/videos/hd-dhi0002>
- "Lost in Translation: The formative and theological challenges and opportunities of using AI in Bible translation" (with Abson P. Joseph). In *Faithfully Rendering God's Word: Artificial*

Intelligence, Cultural Bias and the Future of Faithful Bible Translation. Kindle Edition.
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Review of Mark W. Hamilton. *A Theological Introduction to the Old Testament*. Jericho: Oxford University Press, 2018. *Bulletin for Biblical Research* 29.3 (2019): 401-403.

“Isaiah’s Images of the New World: Isaiah 60:1-9.” Pages 18–22 in *Illustrated Bible Life*. Kansas City, MO; Foundry Publishing, 2019.

“Hospitality in the Biblical World.” Pages 18–9 in *Illustrated Bible Life*. Kansas City, MO; Foundry Publishing, 2020.

Review of Brad E. Kelle. *Telling the Old Testament Story: God’s Mission and God’s People*. Nashville, TN: Abingdon, 2017. *Bulletin for Biblical Research* 28.3 (2018): 447-49.

Review of Brent A. Strawn. *The Old Testament Is Dying: A Diagnosis and Recommended Treatment* (Grand Rapids: Baker Academic, 2017), *Bulletin for Biblical Research* 28:2 (2018): 267-69.

“John Wesley: A Christian Hero.” Pages 40-41 in *Illustrated Bible Life* (Kansas City, MO; Foundry Publishing), 2019.

Review of J. Gordon McConville, *Being Human in God’s World: An Old Testament Theology of Humanity* (Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Academic, 2016), *Bulletin for Biblical Research* 28.1 (2018): 97–99.

“Treasured Possession.” Pages 16-17 in *Illustrated Bible Life* (Kansas City, MO; Foundry Publishing Company), 2018.

Review of Michael S. Moore, *What Is This Babbling Trying to Say? Essays on Biblical Interpretation* (Eugene, Oregon: Pickwick Publishing, 2016), *Bulletin for Biblical Research* 27.4 (2017): 544–546.

Review of J. Gordon McConville. *Joshua: Crossing Divides* (T&T Clark Study Guides to the Old Testament. London: Bloomsbury T&T Clark, 2017), *Bulletin for Biblical Research* 27.3 (2017): 389–390.

Review of David A. Lambert, *How Repentance Became Biblical: Judaism, Christianity, and the Interpretation of Scripture* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2015), *Bulletin for Biblical Research* 27.1 (2017): 110–111.

Review of Phillip G. Camp and Tremper Longman III, eds., *Praying with Ancient Israel: Exploring the Theology of Prayer in the Old Testament* (Abilene, TX: Abilene Christian University Press, 2015), *Bulletin for Biblical Research* 26.4 (2016): 574-75.

“*Jeremiah's Call and Yours.*” *Seedbed* (2016): 10/6.

Review of Bill T. Arnold and Bryan E. Beyer, *Encountering the Old Testament: A Christian Survey* (3rd ed., Grand Rapids: Baker Academic, 2015), *Bulletin for Biblical Research* 26.3 (2016): 392-94.

Review of Steven Joe Koskie Jr., *Reading the Way to Heaven: A Wesleyan Theological Hermeneutic of Scripture* (JTISup 8, Winona Lake, IN: Eisenbrauns, 2014), *Bulletin for Biblical Research* 26.3 (2016): 414-16.

Review of Rainer Albertz, Beth Apler Nakhai, Saul M. Olyan, and Rudiger Schmitt, eds., *Family and Household Religion: Toward a Synthesis of Old Testament Studies, Archaeology, Epigraphy, and Cultural Studies* (Winona Lake: Eisenbrauns, 2014), *Bulletin for Biblical Research* 26.1 (2016): 88-90.

Review of Katharine J. Dell, *Interpreting Ecclesiastes: Readers Old and New* (Critical Studies in the Hebrew Bible 3; Winona Lake: Eisenbrauns, 2013), *Bulletin for Biblical Research* 26.1 (2016): 102-104.

Review of Kristine Garroway, *Children in the Ancient Near Eastern Household* (Explorations in Ancient Near Eastern Civilizations 3. Winona Lake, IN: Eisenbrauns, 2014), *Bulletin for Biblical Research* 25.3 (2015): 388-90.

Review of William P. Brown, *Wisdom's Wonder: Character, Creation, and Crisis in the Bible's Wisdom Literature* (Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans, 2014), *Bulletin for Biblical Research* 25.1 (2015): 101-102.

Review of Eugen J. Pentiu, *The Old Testament in Eastern Orthodox Tradition* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2014), *Bulletin for Biblical Research* 24.3 (2014): 393-394.

Review of Samuel Wells and George Summer, *Esther and Daniel* (Brazos Theological Commentary on the Bible; Grand Rapids: Brazos, 2013), *Bulletin for Biblical Research* 24.2 (2014): 260-262.

Review of Reinhard Achenbach, Rainer Albertz, and Jakob Wöhrle, eds., *The Foreigner and the Law: Perspectives from the Hebrew Bible and the Ancient Near East* (Wiesbaden: Harrassowitz Verlag, 2011), *Bulletin for Biblical Research* 23.4 (2013): 589-591.

Review of Caryn A. Reeder, *The Enemy in the Household: Family Violence in Deuteronomy and Beyond* (Grand Rapids: Baker Academic, 2012), *Bulletin for Biblical Research* 23.1 (2013): 100-101.

Review of Stuart Weeks, *Ecclesiastes and Skepticism* (Library of Hebrew Bible/Old Testament Studies 541. New York: T&T Clark, 2012), *Ancient and Early Christian Studies* (May 2013).

Review of Peter Enns, *Ecclesiastes* (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2011), *Bulletin for Biblical Research* 22.3 (2012): 426-27.

“Russian Salvation: From Jokes to Jesus.” *Missiology: An International Review* 38.3 (2010): 335-347.

“Theology of Missions.” Pages 67-77 in *Global Voices: International Leaders Identify Critical Issues Facing the Church* (with Abson Joseph). Edited by Joy Bray. Indianapolis: Wesleyan Publishing House, 2008.

FORTHCOMING:

Review of Douglas S. Earl, *Reading Old Testament Narrative as Christian Scripture*. JTIS 17. Winona Lake: Eisenbrauns, 2017. *Bulletin for Biblical Research* (2021).

“Wisdom Psalms.” *Illustrated Bible Life* (Kansas City, MO; Foundry Publishing, 2021).

“Genres and Types of the Akkadian Literature.” *Basics of Akkadian: A Grammar, Workbook, and Glossary* (Zondervan Language Basics Series), Gordon P. Hugenberger and Nancy Erickson. (Zondervan Academic Publishers, 2022).

Review of Brent A. Strawn, *Lies My Preacher Told Me: An Honest Look at the Old Testament*. (Louisville, KY: Westminster John Knox Press, 2021). *Themelios* 47.3 (The Gospel Coalition, 2022).

Ecclesiastes. *New Cambridge Bible Commentary*. (Cambridge, UK: Cambridge University Press, 2024).

Podcasts:

- Drury, John. n. d. “Psalm 50 with Larisa Levicheva – Fresh Text 187.” Podcast audio. *Fresh Text*. August 1, 2022.
- Drury, John. n. d. “Psalm 42 with Larisa Levicheva – Fresh Text 181.” Podcast audio. *Fresh Text*. June 14, 2022.
- Drury, John. n. d. “Psalm 36 with Larisa Levicheva – Fresh Text 159.” Podcast audio. *Fresh Text*. January 10, 2022.
- Drury, John. n. d. “Isaiah 12 with Larisa Levicheva – Fresh Text 154.” Podcast audio. *Fresh Text*. December 6, 2021.

- Drury, John. n. d. “Ephesians 4:1–16 with Larisa Levicheva – Fresh Text 135.” Podcast audio. *Fresh Text*. July 26, 2021.
- Drury, John. n. d. “1 Corinthians 9:16–23 with Larisa Levicheva – Fresh Text 110.” Podcast audio. *Fresh Text*. February 1, 2021.
- Drury, John. n. d. “Ezekiel 34:11–16, 20–24 – with Larisa Levicheva – Fresh Text 99.” Podcast audio. *Fresh Text*. November 16, 2020.
- Drury, John. n. d. “Exodus 20:1–20 – Round Table Discussion with John Drury, Amanda Drury, Abson Joseph, and Larisa Levicheva – Fresh Text 92.” Podcast audio. *Fresh Text*. September 28, 2020.
- Drury, John. n. d. “Exodus 3:1–15 with Larisa Levicheva – Fresh Text 87.” Podcast audio. *Fresh Text*. August 24, 2020.
- Drury, John. n. d. “Genesis 18:1–15 with Larisa Levicheva – Fresh Text 76.” Podcast audio. *Fresh Text*. June 8, 2020.
- Drury, John. n. d. “Acts 2:22–32 with Larisa Levicheva – Fresh Text 68.” Podcast audio. *Fresh Text*. April 13, 2020.
- Drury, John. n. d. “Isaiah 58:1–12 with Larisa Levicheva – Fresh Text 58.” Podcast audio. *Fresh Text*. February 3, 2020.
- Drury, John. n. d. “Isaiah 49:1 – 7 with Larisa Levicheva – Fresh Text.” Podcast audio. *Fresh Text*. January 13, 2020.
- Perry, Aaron. n. d. “Dr Larisa Levicheva Joseph And Dr. Dan Freemyer: Part 1, Questions About The Old Testament – Wesley Seminary Podcast #60.” Podcast audio. *Wesley Seminary Podcast*. November 29, 2018.
- Perry, Aaron. n. d. “Dr Larisa Levicheva Joseph And Dr. Dan Freemyer: Part 2, Questions About The Old Testament – Wesley Seminary Podcast #60.” Podcast audio. *Wesley Seminary Podcast*. December 5, 2018.

Memberships

- Society of Biblical Literature
- Institute for Biblical Research

- Wesleyan Theological Society
- Caribbean Evangelical Theological Association

Papers Presented

Review of Jione Havea and Peter H. W. Lau, *Reading Ecclesiastes from Asia and Pasifika*.

International Voices in Biblical Studies 10 (SBL Press, 2020) presented at the Asian and Asian American Hermeneutics Section at Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, San Antonio, TX, November 21, 2021.

“Lost in Translation: The formative and theological challenges and opportunities of using AI in Bible translation” (with Abson P. Joseph) presented at Seed Company Research Consultation: The Role of AI in Bible Translation, Dallas, TX, February 18–20, 2020

“Russian Salvation: From Jokes to Jesus,” presented at Union Biblical Seminary, Puneh, India; January 24, 2019.

“Biblical Theology of Missions.” Seminar on Contextualization and Biblical Theology of Missions. The Stream Theological Symposium: Auckland, New Zealand. August 7 – 9, 2014.

“Survey of the Old Testament.” Seminar on the Overview of the Old Testament. Ministère Pour la Guérison des Nations: Namur, Belgium. November 25 – 28, 2013.

“Practical Holiness, Powerful Witness” (with Abson Joseph), Fifth Wesleyan National Convention, The Wesleyan Holiness Church in Jamaica, December 2009 – 2010.

Other Ministry & Community Involvements

College Wesleyan Church LBA Member-at-large
2020-

Circles of Grant County Vice-chair of the Board
Marion, IN
2018-

Asbury Theological Seminary Office of Community Life: Intercultural Assistant
Office of Community Life (Cultural sensitivity and awareness, cultural integration,
2004-2005 Culture Shock workshops, campus-wide international
activities)

World Hope International Teacher Training Seminars in Haiti on Leadership and
2003 Contextualization

Wesleyan Church International Translate materials for evangelism, team training, and

1993-2004

seminars from English to Russian
Interpret during teaching sessions and church services
Lead teaching sessions and seminars in different churches

Teaching Experience

Undergraduate (B.A.) (Classroom Instruction)

New Testament Greek I & II
Old Testament Hebrew I & II
Old Testament Exegesis: The Book of Ecclesiastes
Old Testament Introduction
Old Testament Introduction
Pentateuch
Historical Books
Prophetic Books
Wisdom Literature
Introduction to World Missions
Cross-cultural Communication of Faith
The Book of Revelation
Gospels
Acts
Pauline Epistles
Hebrews and General Epistles
Introduction to Theology I & II
Theology of John Wesley
Old Testament Theology
Speech and Communication

Graduate (MA in Christian Ministry; Master of Divinity) – online and hybrid instruction

Bible as Christian Scripture
Congregational Spiritual Formation
Global Christian History
Research Methodology
Christian Proclamation
Apocalyptic Literature
Greek for Ministry
Hebrew for Ministry
Exegesis of Wisdom Literature
Preaching the Prophets
Torah: Experience of Worship

Personal Information

Family: Married to Abson Joseph; Children – Daniella (2005) and Sophie (2007).

Member of the Indiana Crossroads District serving under appointment at Wesley Seminary at Indiana Wesleyan University and local church member of College Wesleyan Church, Marion, IN.