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Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION

Princeton Theological Seminary	Ph.D., Old Testament	2007
Reformed Theological Seminary	M.Div., Biblical Studies	2001
University of Mississippi	B.A., English	1999

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Covenant College	Professor of Biblical Studies	2016-present
	Associate Professor of Biblical Studies	2010-2016
	Assistant Professor of Biblical Studies	2006-2010
	Adjunct Professor of Biblical Studies	2005
Princeton Theological Seminary	Instructor in Old Testament	2004-2005
	Teaching Fellow in Old Testament	2002-2003
	Teaching Assistant in Biblical Hebrew	2001-2002

EDITORIAL POSITIONS

- Hebrew Bible/Old Testament Editor, *Illuminations* commentary series on the Old and New Testaments and Broader Canonical Literature. Published by Wm. B. Eerdmans, 2013-present. Volumes edited to date: *Job 1-21*, by Choon Leong Seow (2013; winner of 2015 Biblical Archaeology Society award for best book in Hebrew Bible); *Jonah*, by Amy Erickson.
- Editorial Board, *Bulletin for Biblical Research*.

HONORS AND AWARDS

Alexander von Humboldt Fellowship for Experienced Researchers 2014, 2018

- University of Göttingen
- Project: "The Role of the Wisdom Psalms in the Theology of the First Davidic Psalter"
- Supervisor: Hermann Spieckermann

MEMBERSHIPS IN PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES

Society of Biblical Literature; Institute for Biblical Research

AREAS OF RESEARCH

Israelite wisdom literature; Psalms; ancient Hebrew poetry; ancient Near Eastern world

PUBLICATIONS & CURRENT PROJECTS

Monographs

Jones, S. C. (2009): *Rumors of Wisdom: Job 28 as Poetry*. Beihefte zur Zeitschrift für die alttestamentliche Wissenschaft 398. Berlin and New York: De Gruyter. pp. xx + 293.
Reviews: James Crenshaw in *CBQ* 72/3 (2010): 569-70; Katharine Dell in *JSOT* 34/5 (2010): 117; Manfred Oeming in *ZAW* 122/2 (2010): 312-313; August Konkel in *JHS* 11 (2011): online; Michael Fox in *JAOS* 131/2 (2011): 309-311; Ed Greenstein in *RBL* 07/22/2012: online; Alviero Niccacci in *Bib* 93/1 (2012): 116-19.

Commentaries

1. Jones, S. C., *Job: A Commentary*. Old Testament Library. Westminster John Knox.
Manuscript due: 2030. (ca. 300,000 words)

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

8. Jones, S. C. (2016): "Psalm 1 and the Hermeneutics of Torah." *Biblica* 97/4: 537-551.
7. Jones, S. C. (2014): "Solomon's Table Talk: Martin Luther on the Authorship of Ecclesiastes." *Scandinavian Journal of the Old Testament* 28/1: 81-90.
6. Jones, S. C. (2014): "The Values and Limits of Qohelet's Sub-Celestial Economy." *Vetus Testamentum* 64/1: 21-33.
5. Jones, S. C. (2013): "Corporeal Discourse in the Book of Job." *Journal of Biblical Literature* 132/4: 845-63.
4. Jones, S. C. (2013): "Job 28 and Modern Theories of Knowledge." *Theology Today* 69/4: 486-96.
3. Jones, S. C. (2011): "Lions, Serpents, and Lion-Serpents in Job 28:8 and Beyond." *Journal of Biblical Literature* 130/4: 663-686.

2. Jones, S. C. (2006): "Qohelet's Courtly Wisdom: Ecclesiastes 8:1-9." *Catholic Biblical Quarterly* 68/2: 211-28.
1. Jones, S. C. (2003): "Wisdom's Pedagogy: A Comparison of Proverbs vii and 4Q184." *Vetus Testamentum* 53/1: 65-80.

Essays in Edited Volumes

6. Jones, S. C. (forthcoming): "Conceptions of Nature, Culture, and Agriculture in Gilgamesh and Job," in *Conceptions of Nature in Ancient Eastern and Mediterranean Literature and Iconography: Methodological Considerations*. Edited by Izaak de Hulster and Dalit Rom-Shiloni. DNI Bible Supplements 3. Bloomsbury T&T Clark.
5. Jones, S. C. (2023): "Job" (introductory essay) in *The SBL Study Bible*, eds. Steven L. McKenzie, Kristin De Troyer, and F. Scott Spencer. New York: HarperOne, 732-737.
4. Jones, S. C. (2021): "Job," in *The Oxford Handbook of Wisdom and the Bible*. Edited by Will Kynes. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 533-550.
3. Jones, S. C. (2020): "Who Can Narrate El's Wonders? The Reception of Psalm 19 in Ben Sira and the Qumran Hodayot," in *Fromme und Frevler. Studien zu Psalmen und Weisheit. Festschrift für Hermann Spieckermann zum 70. Geburtstag*. Edited by C. Körting and R. G. Kratz. FAT I. Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, 31-40.
2. Jones, S. C. (2019): "Psalm 37 and the Devotionalization of Instruction in the Post-Exilic Period," in *Prayers and the Construction of Israelite Identity*. Edited by Susanne Gillmayr-Bucher and Maria Häusl. AIL 35. Atlanta, GA: Society of Biblical Literature, 167-188.
1. Jones, S. C. (2019): "The Proverbial Rhetoric of Job 28," in *Reading Proverbs Intertextually*. Edited by Katharine Dell and Will Kynes. LHBOTS 629. London: T&T Clark Bloomsbury, 77-88.

Edited Volumes

Jones, S. C., and C. R. Yoder, eds. (2018): "*When the Morning Stars Sang*": *Essays in Honor of Choon Leong Seow on the Occasion of his Sixty-Fifth Birthday*. Beihefte zur Zeitschrift für die alttestamentliche Wissenschaft 500. Berlin and New York: De Gruyter.

Reviews: Françoise Mies in *NRTh* 140/4 (2018): 656-57; Wilfred G. E. Watson in *Folia Orientalia* 55 (2018): 447-449; Anselm Hagedorn in *ZAW* 130/3 (2018): 510-511; Anne Stewart in *JTS* 70/2 (2019): 757-759; John Jarick in *JSOT* 43/5 (2019).

Online essays

2. Jones, S. C. (2024): "Knowledge, Wisdom, and Fearing God" *byFaith* magazine. Online: www.byfaithonline.com. First published August 13, 2024.
1. Jones, S. C. (2022): "A Proverb in a Collection is Dead?" *The Washington Institute for Faith, Vocation & Culture*. Online: <https://washingtoninst.org/a-proverb-in-a-collection-is-dead/>. First published June 16, 2022.

Podcasts

4. "What Can We Learn from the Book of Joshua?" *Pillar and Ground* (Brian Salter). May 27, 2024.
3. "Why Should I Care About the Ten Commandments?" *Pillar and Ground* (Brian Salter). February 7, 2023.
2. "Why is Deuteronomy Still Relevant?" *Pillar and Ground* (Brian Salter). June 26, 2022.
1. "Job 28 (The Wisdom Poem)" *The Two Testaments* (Will Kynes and Rony Kozman). January 12, 2022.

Translations and Editions

3. Jones, S. C., transl. (2022): Dietrich Bonhoeffer, "Who am I?" (Translation of original poem, "Wer bin ich?") in Kelly M. Kapic, *You're Only Human: How Your Limits Reflect God's Design and Why That's Good News*. Grand Rapids: Brazos Press. Pages 87-89.
2. Kurtz, P. M. and S. C. Jones, transl. (2018): Hermann Spieckermann, "What is the Place of Wisdom and Torah in the Psalter?" in *"When the Morning Stars Sang": Essays in Honor of Choon Leong Seow on the Occasion of his Sixty-Fifth Birthday*. Edited by Scott C. Jones and Christine Roy Yoder. BZAW 500. Berlin and New York: De Gruyter.
1. Jones, S. C., transl. (2015): "Job the Nazi Warrior." *Marginalia Review of Books*. This is an introduction, edited text, and translation of Kurt Eggers' *Das Spiel von Job dem Deutschen. Ein Mysterium* (Berlin-Südende: Volkschaft Verlag für Buch-Bühne und Film, 1933). Available online: <http://marginalia.lareviewofbooks.org/job-nazi-warrior-scott-c-jones/> (First published online April 3, 2015).

Contributions to Encyclopedias and Dictionaries

7. Jones, S. C. (2015): "Hallelujah (Hebrew Bible/Old Testament)." Col. 41 in *The Encyclopedia of the Bible and its Reception, Volume 11: Halah — Hizquni*. Edited by H.-J. Klauck et al. Berlin and New York: De Gruyter.
6. Jones, S. C. (2013): "East Wind." Cols. 205-206 in *The Encyclopedia of the Bible and its Reception, Volume 7: Dress — Essene Gate*. Edited by H.-J. Klauck et al. Berlin and New York: De Gruyter.
5. Jones, S. C. (2013): "Dialogue (Hebrew Bible/Old Testament)." Cols. 731-732 in *The Encyclopedia of the Bible and its Reception, Volume 6: Dabbesheth — Dreams and Dream Interpretation*. Edited by H.-J. Klauck et al. Berlin and New York: De Gruyter.
4. Jones, S. C. (2012): "Coral." Col. 762 in *The Encyclopedia of the Bible and its Reception, Volume 5: Charisma — Czaczkes*. Edited by H.-J. Klauck et al. Berlin and New York: De Gruyter.
3. Jones, S. C. (2011): "Bahurim" (col. 345); "Bamoth-Baal" (cols. 411-412); "Bedad" (col. 733); "Bedan" (col. 733); "Beer (Place)" (col. 751); "Beera" (col. 751); "Beer-Elm" (col. 752); "Beeroth-Bene-Jaakan" (col. 756); "Ben-Hail" (col. 849); "Besodeiah" (cols. 934-935); "Bigthan" (cols. 1193-1194); "Bigvai" (col. 1194) in *The Encyclopedia of the Bible and its Reception, Volume 3: Athena — Birkat ha-Minim*. Edited by H.-J. Klauck et al. Berlin and New York: De Gruyter.
2. Jones, S. C. (2009): "Arel, Arelite." in *The Encyclopedia of the Bible and its Reception, Volume 2: Anim-Atheism*. Edited by H.-J. Klauck et al. Berlin and New York: Walter De Gruyter.
1. Jones, S. C. (2009): "Moabite Stone." Pages 126-28 in Volume 4 of *The New Interpreter's Dictionary of the Bible*. 5 vols. Ed. K. D. Sakenfeld et al. Nashville: Abingdon.

Book reviews

19. Jones, S. C. (2023): review of Markus Witte, *Das Buch Hiob* (Altes Testament Deutsch), *Bulletin for Biblical Research* 33/3: 356-358.
18. Jones, S. C. (2020): review of Patricia Vesely, *Friendship and Virtue Ethics in the Book of Job*, *Catholic Biblical Quarterly* 82/2: 311-312.
17. Jones, S. C. (2019): review of Simon Chi-Chung Cheung, *Wisdom Intoned*, *Review of Biblical Literature* 05/2019: https://www.bookreviews.org/pdf/11016_12246.pdf.
16. Jones, S. C. (2016): review of Samuel E. Balentine, *Have You Considered My Servant Job?*, *Theology Today* 73/3: 288-290.

15. Jones, S. C. (2016): review of Eva Jain, *Psalmen oder Psalter?*, *Dead Sea Discoveries* 23/2: 247-248.
14. Jones, S. C. (2014): review of Tremper Longman, *Job*, *Scottish Journal of Theology* 67/4: 486-87.
13. Jones, S. C. (2013): review of Mark Sneed, *The Politics of Pessimism in Ecclesiastes*, *Catholic Biblical Quarterly* 75: 781-82.
12. Jones, S. C. (2013): review of Antonio Negri, *The Labor of Job*, *Journal of Theological Studies* 64/1: 201-203.
11. Jones, S. C. (2013): review of Friedhelm Hartenstein and Bernd Janowski, *Psalmen* (BKAT XV/1, first fascicle), *Journal of Hebrew Scriptures* 13: online.
10. Jones, S. C. (2012): review of Takayoshi Oshima, *Babylonian Prayers to Marduk*, *Journal of Hebrew Scriptures* 12: online.
9. Jones, S. C. (2012): review of Erich Zenger, ed., *The Composition of the Book of Psalms*, *Catholic Biblical Quarterly* 74/1: 200-201.
8. Jones, S. C. (2011): review of Stuart Weeks, *An Introduction to the Study of Wisdom Literature*, *Journal of Hebrew Scriptures* 11: online.
7. Jones, S. C. (2011): review of Sam Janse, "You are my Son": *The Reception History of Psalm 2 in Early Judaism and the Early Church*, *Journal of Hebrew Scriptures* 11: online.
6. Jones, S. C. (2011): review of Jo Ann Hackett, *A Basic Introduction to Biblical Hebrew (with CD)*, *Biblical Theology Bulletin* 41/3: 175.
5. Jones, S. C. (2011): review of Daniel E. Fleming and Sara J. Milstein, *The Buried Foundation of the Gilgamesh Epic: The Akkadian Huwawa Narrative*, *Journal of Hebrew Scriptures* 11: online.
4. Jones, S. C. (2011): review of Timothy Jay Johnson, *Now My Eye Sees You: Unveiling an Apocalyptic Job*, *Review of Biblical Literature* 02/2011: online.
3. Jones, S. C. (2010): review of Douglas J. Green, "I Undertook Great Works": *The Ideology of Domestic Achievements in West Semitic Royal Inscriptions*, *Journal of Hebrew Scriptures* 10: online.
2. Jones, S. C. (2009): review of Tremper Longman III and Peter Enns, eds., *Dictionary of the Old Testament: Wisdom, Poetry & Writings*, *Catholic Biblical Quarterly* 71/4: 875-876.
1. Jones, S. C. (2008): review of Samuel E. Balentine, *Job*, *Koinonia* 19: 80-83.

ACADEMIC PAPERS

Papers at Professional Societies

11. Jones, S. C. (2021): participant in panel review for Ed Greenstein's *Job: A New Translation* (Yale University Press, 2019) in Wisdom in Israelite and Cognate Traditions / Philology in Hebrew Studies joint session, presented at the Society of Biblical Literature annual meeting, San Antonio, CA, Nov 22.
10. Jones, S. C. (2019): "Response: Conceptions of Nature in Literature and Iconography: Methodological Considerations," in Nature Imagery and Conceptions of Nature in the Bible / Ancient Near Eastern Iconography and the Bible section, presented at the Society of Biblical Literature annual meeting, San Diego, CA, Nov 23.
9. Jones, S. C. (2017): "The Ideal Sage as Allegory: Sapiential Pedagogy in the Qumran Hodayot, Ben Sira, and the Book of Psalms," presented at the European Association of Biblical Studies/International Society of Biblical Literature annual meeting, Berlin, Germany, August 11.
8. Jones, S. C. (2016): "Words or No Words?: The Reception of Psalm 19:4-5 in Early Judaism," presented at the Society of Biblical Literature annual meeting, San Antonio, TX, November 22.
7. Jones, S. C. (2015): "Re-Considering the Contribution of Psalm 37 to a Post-Exilic Theology of the Poor," presented at the European Association of Biblical Studies annual meeting, Cordoba, Spain, July 13.
6. Jones, S. C. (2013): "The Transformation of Torah in Psalm 1 and its Reception History," presented at the Society of Biblical Literature annual meeting, Baltimore, MD, November 23.
5. Jones, S. C. (2012): "Qohelet and the Economy of Time," presented at the Society of Biblical Literature annual meeting, Chicago, IL, November 17.
4. Jones, S. C. (2012): "Power, Honor, and the Discourse of Bodies in the Book of Job," presented at the Society of Biblical Literature Southeastern regional meeting, Atlanta, GA, March 3.
3. Jones, S. C. (2008): "Job 28 as *Mashal*," presented at the Society of Biblical Literature annual meeting, Boston, MA, November 24.
2. Jones, S. C. (2007): "Job 28 and the Deeds of Ancient Mesopotamian Kings," presented at the Society of Biblical Literature annual meeting, San Diego, CA, November 18.
1. Jones, S. C. (2003): "Visionaries, Kings, and the Rhetoric of Retribution in Ecclesiastes 8:1-9," presented at the Society of Biblical Literature annual meeting, Atlanta, GA.

Invited Papers

9. Jones, S. C. (2018): "Words or No Words?: The Reception of Psalm 19:4-5 in Early Judaism." Doktorandenkolloquium, Theologische Fakultät, Georg-August-Universität Göttingen, June 29.
8. Jones, S. C. (2015): "The Sapiential Theology of Psalm 37." Universität Hamburg, Germany. Symposium in Honor of Prof. Dr. Hermann Spieckermann (Universität Göttingen) on the occasion of his 65th birthday, November 6-7.
7. Jones, S. C. (2014): "Psalm 1 and the Meaning of Torah." Doktorandenkolloquium, Theologische Fakultät, Georg-August-Universität Göttingen, April 25.
6. Jones, S. C. (2014): "Psalm 1 and the Meaning of Torah." Institut für Bibelwissenschaft des Alten und Neuen Testaments, Katholisch-Theologische Fakultät, Katholisch-Theologische Privatuniversität Linz, March 20.
5. Jones, S. C. (2011): "Ecclesiastes: Current Issues and Future Directions." Issues and Methods seminar, Princeton Theological Seminary, December 9.
4. Jones, S. C. (2011): "The Power of God in the Book of Job." Hauptseminar: "Gottes Macht im Psalter." Georg-August-Universität Göttingen, June 14.
3. Jones, S. C. (2010): "The Wisdom of Limits and the Limits of Wisdom: Gilgamesh and Job." Alttestamentliches Forschungsseminar, Universität Zürich, May 6.
2. Jones, S. C. (2010): "The Wisdom of Limits and the Limits of Wisdom: Gilgamesh and Job." Graduiertenkolleg, Georg-August-Universität Göttingen, May 3.
1. Jones, S. C. (2009): "Job 28 as Poetry." Keynote address, Southeast Conference on Christianity and Literature, Lookout Mountain, GA, April 2-4.

COURSES TAUGHT

BIB 111 Pentateuch and Historical Books
BIB 111 Old Testament Introduction
BIB 129/329 Old Testament Prophets
BIB 142 Gospels and Acts
BIB 297 The Book of Job
BIB 327 Psalms

BIB 305 Current Issues in Biblical Studies
BIB 450 Old Testament World
BIB 475 Wisdom Literature
GRE 175-176 Elementary Greek
HEB 191-192 Elementary Hebrew
HEB 200 Intermediate Hebrew Readings

LANGUAGE COMPETENCIES

ancient: Hebrew, Greek, Aramaic (including Syriac), Akkadian, Ugaritic, Hieroglyphic Egyptian, Phoenician and Northwest Semitic dialects

modern: German (speaking, listening, writing, reading), French (reading), some Italian.

REFERENCES

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