

## CURRICULUM VITAE

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### EDUCATION

#### **Ph.D. Theology** (with distinction)

Trinity Theological Seminary. Newburgh, IN. (1999-2008)

#### Dissertation:

*A Theological, Ethical, and Scientific Evaluation of the Christian Animal Rights Movement's Opposition to Wildlife Trapping*

#### Advisor:

Daniel Liroy, Ph.D.

Senior Academic, South African Theological Seminary

#### **M.A.T.S. Old Testament.** *Summa cum Laude*

Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary. So. Hamilton, MA (1987-1989)

#### **B.A. Biblical Studies and Philosophy.** *Summa cum Laude* and Pike Honors Scholar.

Gordon College. Wenham, MA (1983-1987)

### Additional Graduate Education

Leadership Education – Distance Education-minor in natural resources (M.S)

University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Lincoln, NE. (2008-present; 70% completed)

Master of Ed. classes at Framingham State College,

Framingham, MA (2003-2004)

Andover-Newton Theological School. 3 Th.M. Courses.

Newton Center, MA (1991)

### PUBLICATIONS

#### Books

*Dominion over Wildlife?: An Environmental Theology of Human-wildlife Relations.* Eugene, OR: Wipf & Stock, 2009.

## PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

- Vantassel, S. M. "Pacifism: Some Unresolved Questions." *Evangelical Review of Society and Politics*. 3 (2009):11-21.
- Vantassel, S. M., T. L. Hiller, K. D. J. Powell, and S. E. Hygnstrom. "Using advancements in cable-trapping to overcome barriers to furbearer management in the United States: a commentary." *Journal of Wildlife Management*. 74.5(2010):934-939.
- Julien, T.J., S.M.Vantassel, S.R. Groepper, and S.E. Hygnstrom. Opinion Paper: "Euthanasia Methods in Field Settings for Wildlife Damage Management." *Human-Wildlife Interactions*. In Press.
- Vantassel, S.M. Essay Review: "Why Animal Suffering Shouldn't Trump Environmental Protection." *Perspectives in Biology and Medicine*. 53:3(2010):458-470.
- Vantassel, S.M. "Should Wildlife Trapping Have a Place in a Christian Environmental Ethic?" *Evangelical Review of Society and Politics*. 1.2(2007): 20-41.
- Vantassel, S.M. "Beyond Seeker Friendly." *Journal of the American Society for Church Growth* 18(2007):49-54.
- Vantassel, S.M. "A Biblical Assessment of Andrew Linzey's View of Animal Rights." *Emmaus Journal* 12(2003):177-195.
- Vantassel, S.M. "Celibacy: The Forgotten Gift of the Holy Spirit." *The Journal of Biblical Counseling*. Spring (1994):20-23.
- Vantassel, S.M. "An Overview of the Hermeneutics of Vander Goot." In *Church Divinity 1988*, ed. John H. Morgan, 58-67. (Bristol, IN: Wyndham Hall Press, 1988).

## Other Publications

- Judith Anne Moore, Stephen Cote, Stephen Vantassel, Tim Graeme, and Kevin Andrews. "EMS Stress Training Concept "Kobayashi Maru" Scenarios." *Domain*<sup>3</sup> (2003):1,4-5.
- Vantassel, S.M. "Ministering to Preacher's Kids" *Discipleship Journal* July/August, 1995.
- Vantassel, S.M. "The Benefits of Philosophical Study in Christian Education." *Assemblies of God Educator* 36.2(1991):1-3.

## REVIEWS IN SCHOLARLY JOURNALS

- Killing Tradition: Inside Hunting and Animal Rights Controversies* by Simon J. Bronner. (Louisville, KY: University of Kentucky Press, 2008) pp.304. *Journal of Wildlife Management*. 74(2010):611-612.
- Cruelty: Human Evil and the Human Brain* by Kathleen Taylor (Oxford, Oxford University Press, 2009). pp.vii-337. *Evangelical Quarterly* 82.1 (2010):189-191.
- Encyclopedia of Religion and Nature*. Edited by Bron Taylor. 2 Vols. (New York: Continuum, 2005, 2008). pp.vii-1874. *Markets and Morality* 13.1(2010):222-223.
- Easeful Death: Is There a Case for Assisted Dying?* by Mary Warnock and Elisabeth Macdonald. (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2008). pp.224. *Evangelical Quarterly* 81.2(2009):189-190.
- The Gods of War: Is Religion the Primary Cause of Violent Conflict?* by Meic Pearse (Nottingham, England: Intervarsity Press, 2007). pp.232. *Evangelical Quarterly* 81.1(2009):89-90.

- Exploring Ecological Hermeneutics*. Edited by N. C. Habel and P. Trudinger (Society of Biblical Literature, 2008) pp. 1-200. *Evangelical Review of Society and Politics* (Pending).
- When Enough Is Enough*. Edited by R.J. Berry (Nottingham, England: Apollos, 2007). pp.7-213. *Evangelical Review of Society and Politics*. In Press.
- Revolution, Revival, and Religious Conflict in Sandinista Nicaragua*. Religion in the Americas Series. Vol. 6 by Calvin L. Smith. (Leiden: Brill. 2007). pp.ix+312. *Mission Studies* 26(2009):135-6.
- Engaging Deconstructive Theology* by Ronald T. Michener. (Cornwall: Ashgate, 2007). pp. ix-264. *Evangelical Quarterly* 80.2(2008):166-167.
- Evil and the Justice of God* by N.T. Wright (Downers Grove, IL: IVP, 2006). pp.9-176. *Evangelical Review of Society and Politics* 1.1(2007):86-88.
- Chieftains of the Highland Clans: A History of Israel in the 12th and 11th Centuries B.C.* by Robert D. Miller II. (Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans, 2005). pp.vii+186. *Evangelical Quarterly* 79.2(2007):178-180.
- Reformed Dogmatics, Vol. 2: God and Creation* by Herman Bavinck, General Editor, John Bolt, John Vriend, Translator. (Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Academic, 2004). pp.7-697 *Emmaus Journal* 15.1(2006):135-6.
- Tractatus Logico-Theologicus*, by John Warwick Montgomery. 2nd Rev. (Bonn: Culture and Science Publ. 2003). pp.1-236. *Emmaus Journal* 14.1(2005):118-120.
- Creation out of Nothing: A Biblical, Philosophical, and Scientific Exploration* by Paul Copan and William Lange Craig (Grand Rapids, Mich: Baker Academic, 2004). pp.1-280. *Emmaus Journal* 14.1(2005):120-122.
- Preaching and Teaching the Old Testament* by Walter C. Kaiser (Grand Rapids: Baker, 2003). pp.1-222. *Emmaus Journal* 13.1(2004):166-168.
- C.S. Lewis' Dangerous Idea: In Defense of the Argument from Reason* by Victor Reppert. (Downers Grove, IL: IVP, 2003). pp.7-132. *Emmaus Journal* 12.2(2003):320-321.
- Unapologetic Apologetics: Meeting the Challenges of Theological Studies* by William Dembski and Jay Wesley Richards Editors. (Downers Grove, IL: Intervarsity, 2001). pp.vii-280. *Journal of the Evangelical Theological Society* 46.1(2003):150-152.
- The Right Questions: Truth, Meaning & Public Debate* by Phillip E. Johnson. (Downers Grove, IL: Intervarsity Press, 2002):1-191. *Emmaus Journal* 12.1(2003): 204-205.
- Let the Reader Understand: A Guide to Interpreting and Applying the Bible* by Dan McCartney and Charles Clayton. (Wheaton, Ill: Victor Books, 1994). pp.1-346. *The Journal of Biblical Counseling* 14.1(1995):63-4.
- Making Biblical Decisions* by Franklin E. Payne Jr. (Escondido: Hosanna, 1989). pp.7-178. *Journal of the Evangelical Theological Society* 35.4(1992):560.

## Other Book Reviews

- Biblical Israel: A People's History* by Jorge Pixley. (Minneapolis, Mn: Fortress Press, 1992). pp. 5-174. *Paraclete* 28.4(1994):29-31.
- Charismatic Chaos* by John F. Macarthur Jr. (Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 1992). pp.11-308. *Paraclete* 28.1(1994):30-32.

## EDITORIAL WORK

Assistant Editor. *The Evangelical Review of Society and Politics*. ISSN: 1750-2217.

2007-present.

Details available at <http://www.evangelicalreview.com/>.

Pre-Publication Review – *The Axis of Glory* by Dan Lioy. Submitted to Peter Lang. 2009.

Pre-Publication Review – *The Divine Sabotage: An Expository Journey through Ecclesiastes* by Dan Lioy. (Eugene, WA: Wipf and Stock Publishers, 2008): ix-176.

Asst. Editor and Contributor to the *Spectrum*. Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, So. Hamilton, MA. 1988-89.

## **ACADEMIC AWARDS & SOCIETY MEMBERSHIPS**

National Wildlife Control Operators Association “Wildlife Damage Educator of the Year” 2008.

National Omicron-Psi Honor Society, 2008.

Hebrew Award: Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, 1989.

Phi Alpha Chi “Lovers of the Truth of Christ”, Inducted 1987 and 1989.

Biblical Studies Award: Gordon College, 1987.

Society of Biblical Literature (2008-present)

The Wildlife Society (2007-present)

## **ACADEMIC POSITIONS AND TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

### **Theological**

Tutor, Theology at King’s Evangelical Divinity School (formerly Midlands Bible College and Divinity School), Kent, UK (2005-present)

Adjunct Faculty, Christian Leadership College, Lincoln Berean Church, Lincoln, NE. (2006-present).

Adjunct Faculty, Trinity College & Seminary Newburgh, IN. (2002-2008).

Visiting Professor at Midlands Bible Institute, Wolverhampton, England. (Nov. 1993; Feb. 2003).

Temporary Faculty for Berkshire Inst. for Christian Studies, Lenox, MA. (Dec. 1990 and Sept. 1991).

Instructor at Zion Bible Institute, Barrington, R.I. (Fall, 1989).

### **Courses Taught-Theology**

#### **Graduate**

History, Thought and Expressions of Global Evangelicalism. Assisting in delivery (beginning 2009).

Evangelicals, Society and Politics. Joint Tutor (beginning 2009).

#### **Undergraduate**

Introduction to the Bible  
 Exegesis in Practice  
 Lands of the Bible  
 Biblical Exegesis: Theory and Methodology (assistant tutor).  
 Old Testament Survey  
 Pentateuch  
 Deuteronomy  
 New Testament Survey  
 Theology II  
 Bible, Culture and Historical Theology

## **Courses Taught - Natural Resources**

### **Graduate**

Urban Wildlife Damage Management

### **Undergraduate**

Urban Wildlife Damage Management

## **OTHER TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

Massachusetts Certified High School Teacher (2000).

Taught Language Arts and Math.

Tutored students of all ages.

Assisted academically-challenged high school students.

Special Education Teacher, Chapin Alternative Program, Chicopee Public Schools (2003-2004).

Lead Teacher for At-Risk Teens at Children's Study Home which was subcontracted by the Springfield Public School System (Jan, 2001-2003).

## **MINISTERIAL AND CROSS-CULTURAL EXPERIENCE**

Ordained Evangelical Church Alliance (2009).

Elder and Chairman of the Board, for Bethlehem Baptist Church (2004).

Deacon for Bethlehem Baptist Church (2000-2003).

Minister of Pastoral Care at Christian Life Center (Feb1992- Feb 1994).

Student Chaplain: South Shore Hospital 55 Fogg Rd. S. Weymouth, MA 02190.

Rev. Rosemary MacKay. Supv. (Fall, 1991).

Medical Officer for Project Amigo's Trip to Costa Rica, (1987).

Institute for Holy Land Studies in Jerusalem. (June, 1986).

Nursing Home Ministry. Blueberry Hill Nursing Home. Beverly, MA (1986-1987).

## PRESENTATIONS AND CONFERENCES

Recent Raccoon Research. 2009 Nuisance bird and Wildlife Management & Marketplace. National Pest Management Association. November 19, 2009. Indianapolis, IN. Invited Speaker.

Exposing and Framing the Ethical Blind Spot in Wildlife Damage Management Exploited by Animal Protectionists. 15<sup>th</sup> Wildlife Damage Management Conference. May 6, 2009. Saratoga Springs, NY.

New Equipment and Tools for Wildlife Managers. 15<sup>th</sup> Wildlife Damage Management Conference. May 6, 2009. Saratoga Springs, NY.

Web Resources. 15<sup>th</sup> Wildlife Control Technology Seminar. Jan 26, 2009. Indianapolis, IN. 85 people. Invited speaker.

Israel's Right to the Land: A Calvinist Explains. The Jews, Modern Israel and the New Supersessionism: Resources for Christians. Reading, England. Oct 18, 2008.

Conflicted Consumers: How to Use Wildlife Damage to Educate a Confused Public. Pathways to Success: Integrating Human Dimensions into Fish and Wildlife Management Conference and Trainings. Estes Park, CO. Sept 29, 2008.

Ethics of Wildlife Control in Humanized Landscapes: A Response. 23<sup>rd</sup> Vertebrate Pest Conference, San Diego, CA. Mar 20, 2008.

Panelist in Evolution vs. Creation Debate at Wilbraham United Church, Wilbraham, MA. Jan 25, 2004. 7-9 P.M.

Panelist in Ethics of Hunting: A Debate at St. Joseph College in West Hartford, CT. Feb. 29, 2000.

Leader of Evangelical delegation to the Seminarians Interacting plenary meeting "Religious Perspectives on Plenty and Responsibility." Stony Point, NY. April 2-5, 1989.

Participation in Holy Cross-G.C.T.S. Dialogue. Sponsored by the National Conference of Christians and Jews. Oct. 11-13, 1988.

"Role of Women in the Church" at the National Conference of Christians and Jews. Stony Point, N.Y. Mar 6-8, 1988.

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

Ethics: particularly Environmental Ethics  
 Conflict Studies: a Biblically coherent view of war  
 Apologetics-particularly polemics

Applied Theology, particularly the Church's use of the Old Testament

## **OTHER LIFE EXPERIENCES**

Project Coordinator and webmaster of <http://icwdm.org> at University of Nebraska-Lincoln (2004-present)

Tasks: website maintenance and development, public speaking, workshop management, publications (academic, professional, and popular).

Certified Wildlife Control Professional (2001) – National Wildlife Control Operators Association

Academy Certified Professional (2007)– Wildlife Academy.

Vantassel, Stephen, and Tom Olander. *Wildlife Damage Inspection Handbook*. Revised ed. Springfield, MA: Self, 2001. (Presently under revision).

Vantassel, Stephen. *Wildlife Removal Handbook: A Guide to the Capture and Control of Wild Urban Animals*. 2nd ed. revised ed. Springfield, MA: Self, 1999.

Webmaster of [www.wildlifedamagecontrol.com](http://www.wildlifedamagecontrol.com) (1998-2004).

Emergency Medical Technician, licensed in Massachusetts (2001-2004).

Assistant Editor for *Wildlife Control Technology* Magazine (1999-2001).

Founder of Wildlife Removal Service Inc. (1994-1998).

Former NWCO Correspondent for the National Animal Damage Controllers Association

Hospital Orderly, Johnson Memorial Hospital. Stafford Springs, CT. (1990-1991)

## **REFERENCES:**

Available upon request.

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