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Stephen Tong Chair of Reformed Theology
 Dean of Biblical and Theological Studies
 Associate Professor of Old Testament and Biblical Languages
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Education:

The Catholic University of America, Department of Semitic and Egyptian Languages and Literatures; *PhD*, 2016

Dissertation: "The Biblical Hebrew Transitivity Alternation in Cognitive Linguistic Perspective"

Edward M. Cook, advisor

The Catholic University of America, *MA*, 2010

Semitic and Egyptian Languages and Literatures

Westminster Seminary California; *MDiv*, 2005

Grove City College; *BA*, 2002

English

Professional Experience:*Teaching and Research:*

Westminster Theological Seminary (Glenside, PA)

Stephen Tong Chair of Reformed Theology, 2022-present

Associate Professor of Old Testament and Biblical Languages, 2022-present

Assistant Professor of Old Testament and Biblical Languages, 2019-2022

Assistant Professor of Old Testament, 2017-2019

Adjunct Professor of Old Testament, 2014-2017

J. Alan Groves Center for Advanced Biblical Research

Senior Research Fellow, 2017-present

Reformed Theological Seminary (Washington, D.C. campus)

Guest Faculty, Visiting Lecturer in Biblical Languages, 2012-2016

Reformed Theological Seminary (Atlanta campus)

Guest Faculty, Old Testament, 2015

The Catholic University of America (Washington, D.C.)

Teaching Fellow, Department of Semitic and Egyptian Languages and Literatures, 2010-2012

Ecclesiastical:

Wallace Presbyterian Church (PCA), College Park, MD

Associate Pastor, 2012-2017

Assistant Pastor, 2008-2012

Valley Presbyterian Church (PCA), North Hills, CA

Assistant Pastor, 2005-2008

Teaching Elder in Potomac Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church in America, 2008-present

Ordained as Teaching Elder in Pacific Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church in America, 2006

Publications

Books

(With Paul R. House), *The Minor Prophets: Seek the Lord and Live*. Preaching the Word. Wheaton, IL: Crossway, (forthcoming).

The Biblical Hebrew Transitivity Alternation in Cognitive Linguistic Perspective. AKM 114. Wiesbaden: Harrassowitz Verlag, 2018.

Haggai, Zechariah, Malachi: A 12-Week Study. Knowing the Bible Series. Wheaton, IL: Crossway, 2018.

Edited Volumes

Commentary on Isaiah, Johannes Oecolampadius, translated by Jonathan Rockey. Grand Rapids: Reformation Heritage Books, (under contract).

(editor, with Andrew Gross and Andrew Litke) *Mallephana Rabba: Aramaic Studies in Honor of Edward M. Cook*, Piscataway, NJ: Gorgias Press, 2023.

(editor, with Todd Rester) *Faith in the Time of Plague*, Philadelphia: Westminster Seminary Press, 2021.

Senior Editor, *Westminster Hebrew Morphology*, 4.22. Glenside, PA: J. Alan Groves Center for Advanced Biblical Research, 2020.

Contributions to Edited Volumes

‘Constructions,’ in *Cognitive Linguistics for Biblical Studies: An Introduction*, edited by Elizabeth Carrier, et al. SBL Press, (under contract).

‘When Time is Not Money – A Cognitive Linguistic Approach to זמן in Daniel 2.8,’ Pages 115-137 in *Mallephana Rabba: Aramaic Studies in Honor of Edward M. Cook*, edited by Stephen Coleman, Andrew Gross, and Andrew Litke. Piscataway, NJ: Gorgias, 2023.

“The Folly, Mystery, and Absurdity of Sin in the Wisdom Literature,” Pages 293-322 in *Ruined Sinners to Reclaim: Sin and Depravity in Historical, Biblical, Theological, and Pastoral Perspective*, edited by David Gibson and Jonathan Gibson. Wheaton, IL: Crossway, 2024.

“*Christianity and Liberalism and Biblical Prophecy*,” Pages 248-52 in *Christianity and Liberalism (Legacy Edition)* by J. Gresham Machen. Philadelphia: Westminster Seminary Press, 2019.

Articles (academic)

“‘Hear, My Son, and Dwell Secure!’: A Rhetorical Analysis of Proverbs 1:8-33,” *Verbum Christi*: (2023): 133-148.

“Reading Jonah Backwards: Reconsidering a Prophet’s Repentance,” *Unio Cum Christo* 5.1 (2019): 155-171.

“The Psalmic Oral Formula Revisited: A Cognitive-Performative Approach,” *Biblical Interpretation* 27.2 (2019): 186-207.

Reviews

Review of *Preaching Christ from the Psalms: Foundations for Expository Sermons in the Christian Year*, by Sidney Greidanus, *Bulletin for Biblical Research* 28.2 (2018): 298-301.

Review of *Haggai and Zechariah 1-8: A Handbook on the Hebrew Text*, by Max Roglund, *Bulletin for Biblical Research* 27.4, (2017): 567-69.

Review of *The Compilational History of the Megilloth: Canon, Contoured Intertextuality, and Meaning in the Writings*, by Timothy J. Stone, *Bulletin for Biblical Research* 25.2, (2015): 251-52.

Review of *Grammatical Concepts 101 for Biblical Hebrew*, by Gary A. Long, *Bulletin for Biblical Research* 24.3, (2014): 398-400.

Review of *Righteousness in the Book of Proverbs*, by Sun Myung Lyu, *Westminster Theological Journal* 75.2, (2013): 375-78.

Review of *The Rhetoric of Remembrance*, by Jerry Hwang, *Bulletin for Biblical Research* 23.2, (2013): 265-66.

Articles (Popular)

“The Testing of Abraham,” *Tabletalk* (August 2023): 8-10.

“Christ in the Old Testament,” Concise Theology Series, *thegospelcoalition.org* (September 2020).

“The Eternal Priest: Psalm 110,” *Tabletalk* (December 2018): 20-22.

Academic Service

Steering Committee, Cognitive Linguistics in Biblical Interpretation unit, SBL (2024-present)
 Editor-in-chief, *Unio cum Christo: International Journal of Reformed Theology and Life* (Vandenhoeck & Ruprecht), 2024-present
 Dean of Biblical and Theological Studies, 2021-present
 Co-chair, Self-Study Committee for accreditation, Association of Theological Schools (2020-present)
 Co-chair, Self-Study Committee for accreditation, Middle States Commission on Higher Education (2020-present)
 Associate Academic Dean, 2019-2021
 Historical and Theological Studies Field Committee, chair 2020-present (co-chair 2020-22)
 Hermeneutics and Biblical Studies Field Committee, chair 2019-present
 Co-Editor, *Westminster Theological Journal*, 2018-present
 Editorial Board, *Unio Cum Christo*, 2020-2024

Ecclesiastical Service

Potomac Presbytery (PCA), 2008-current
 Candidates and Credentials Committee, 2014-2017; chair, 2015-2017
 Program Committee, 2013-2015
 Christian Education Committee, 2008-2013

Pacific Presbytery (PCA), 2006-2008
 Candidates and Credentials Committee, 2006-2008

Lectures and Conferences

‘Old Testament Biblical Theology,’ International Reformed Evangelical Seminary, Jakarta, October 16-19, 2023. [Intensive Course]

‘Where Shall Wisdom be Found?’ The Theme of the Book of Job in its Redemptive Historical Context,’ Inaugural Lecture for the Stephen Tong Chair of Reformed Theology, Westminster Theological Seminary, September 6, 2023.

‘Applying Old Testament Narratives’ Café Pastores e Presbíteros for Sinodo do Maranhão, São Luís, Brazil, August 12, 2023.

‘Wisdom from Above: Seeing Christ in the Wisdom Literature,’ Teologia Para Todos, Igreja Presbiteriana do Renascença, São Luís, Brazil, August 11-13, 2023.

‘When Time is Not Money – A Cognitive Linguistic Approach to עֲדָנָא in Daniel 2.8,’ The Groves Center Lectures in Biblical Studies, Westminster Theological Seminary, Glenside, PA, October 29, 2021.

‘Faith in the Time of Plague,’ Book Launch Panel Discussion with Jonathan Gibson and Todd Rester, The Afterward Live, podcast, Westminster Theological Seminary, Glenside, PA, October 18, 2021.

‘Intimations of Orality in the Hebrew Psalter,’ Early Text Cultures Reading Group, Oxford University, Oxford, January 28, 2021.

‘Wisdom from Above: Seeing Christ in the Wisdom Literature,’ Seminary on Saturday, Covenant Presbyterian Church, Nashville, TN, November 2, 2019.

‘Christ Our Wisdom: Learning to Live Well in a Broken World,’ Annual Spring Retreat, Calvary Presbyterian Church, Glenside, PA, May 24-26, 2019.

‘Old Testament Biblical Theology,’ International Reformed Evangelical Seminary, Jakarta, April 1-4, 2019. [Intensive Course]

‘Reading Jonah Backwards: Reconsidering a Prophet’s Repentance,’ Public Lecture, International Reformed Evangelical Seminary, Jakarta, March 31, 2019.

‘Preaching from Old Testament Narrative,’ Open Lecture Series, Westminster Theological Seminary, Glenside, PA, October 29, 2018.

‘Sing a New Song: A Woman’s Guide to the Psalms,’ Book Launch Panel Discussion with Lydia Brownback and William Edgar, Westminster Theological Seminary, Glenside, PA, November 3, 2017.

‘Wisdom Takes Her Stand: A Rhetorical Analysis of Proverbs 1:8-33,’ Public Lecture, Westminster Theological Seminary, Philadelphia, May 3, 2017.

‘Christ Our Wisdom: Learning to Live Well in a Broken World,’ Spring Conference on Theology, Reformed Presbyterian Church of Bowie, Bowie, MD, March 31-April 2, 2017.

‘Finding Focus in a Distracting World,’ Parents Lecture Series, St. Jerome Academy, Hyattsville, MD, May 14, 2015.

‘Is the Bible Reliable?,’ Cru, George Mason University, Fairfax, VA February 19, 2015.

‘Is the Bible Reliable?,’ Cru, University of Maryland, College Park, MD March 13, 2014.

‘Pilgrims in the Wilderness: Lessons from the Book of Numbers,’ MTW National Missionaries Conference, Chengdu, China, September 27-29, 2013.

'Christians in the Capital: A Reformed Perspective,' Reformed University Fellowship Summer Lecture Series, Washington D.C., 2009.

Awards and Honors

Full Scholarship for MA/PhD awarded by Department of Semitic and Egyptian Languages and Literatures. The Catholic University of America, 2008-2011
 Samuel and Ann Van Til Scholarship for best paper in Theology, Westminster Seminary California, 2004
 Thelma Baltz Morrow Scholarship, Grove City College, 2001
 Presidential Scholars Award, Grove City College, 2001
 Betty Chrisman Scholarship, Grove City College, 2001

Language Proficiency

Ancient

Hebrew (Inscriptional, Classical, Qumran, Rabbinic)
 Aramaic (Imperial, Biblical, Targumic, Jewish Babylonian, Jewish Palestinian)
 Syriac
 Biblical Greek
 Akkadian
 Ugaritic

Modern

German (Research)
 French (Research)

Professional Societies

Society of Biblical Literature
 National Association for Professors of Hebrew
 The Catholic Biblical Association of America
 Institute for Biblical Research

References

(available upon request)