

DAVID EMILIO BRIONES

EDUCATION

Ph.D., New Testament, Durham University, UK

2008 to 2011

- Thesis: “Paul’s Financial Policy: A Socio-Theological Approach”
- Supervisors: Professor John M.G. Barclay (Primary); Dr. Stephen C. Barton (Secondary); Professor Francis B. Watson (Secondary)
- External/Internal Examiners: N.T. Wright (St. Andrews University); Lutz Doering (Durham University)

Masters of Theology and Religion, Durham University, UK

2007 to 2008

- Thesis: “The Earnest Appeal for Mutuality in 2 Corinthians 1:3-11: An Exegetical and Social-Scientific Approach”
- Supervisor: Professor John M.G. Barclay

M.Div., Talbot School of Theology, Biola University, CA

2004 to 2007

- Major: Pastoral and General Ministries
- Emphasis: NT Greek Exegesis

B.A., Biblical Studies, Life Pacific College, CA

2002 to 2004

- Major: Biblical Studies
- Emphasis: Biblical Languages

LANGUAGES STUDIED

- Classical Greek, Koine Greek, Hebrew, Latin, and Theological German

TEACHING & ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE

Teaching

- Associate Professor of New Testament at Westminster Theological Seminary, Philadelphia, PA (2019-Present)
 - NT011aa – Greek I
 - NT012aa – Greek II
 - NT013aa – Greek III
 - NT111 – New Testament Introduction II (Canon, Textual Criticism, NT Background)
 - NT223 – Acts and Paul
 - NT303 – Colossians and Philemon
 - NT664/964 – Pauline Theology of Grace in Philemon
- Assistant Professor of New Testament (2014-2019) and Dean of Students (2014-16) at Reformation Bible College, Sanford, FL
 - BIB101 – Biblical Hermeneutics

- BG201 – Biblical Greek I
 - BG202 – Biblical Greek II
 - GRE201 – Classical Greek I
 - GRE252 – Classical Greek II
 - GRE303 – Greek Exegesis of Mark
 - GRE354 – Greek Exegesis of Philippians and Philemon
 - GRE303 – Greek Exegesis of Romans 1-4
 - GRE354 – Greek Exegesis of Romans 5-8
 - GRE354 – Greek Exegesis of Philemon
 - BIB305 – The Gospels and Acts
 - BIB356 – Pauline Epistles I: Romans
 - BIB407 – Pauline Epistles II: Corinthians – Philemon
 - BIB458 – Hebrews to Revelation
 - BTH152 – NT Biblical Theology
 - BTH201 – Theology of Paul
 - HIS410 – Intertestamental Period
 - HIS404 – The Greco-Roman World
 - COR101 – Communication (Research and Writing Section)
- Adjunct Professor at Puritan Reformed Theological Seminary, Grand Rapids, MI (2018-Present)
 - BS932: NT Interpretation: Issues in the Pauline Epistles
 - A PhD Course on Paul’s Theology of Grace
- Adjunct Professor at Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, Jacksonville, FL (2014-15, 2017-18)
 - GL501 – Biblical Greek I
 - GL502 – Biblical Greek II
- Assistant Professor of Biblical Studies at Sterling College, KS (2012-2013)
 - TM 103 – Introduction to the New Testament
 - TM 203 – Biblical Hebrew I-II
 - TM 272 – Jesus and the Gospels
 - TM 277 – Pauline Literature
 - TM 330-34 – Biblical Greek I-IV
 - TM 499 – Senior Thesis
 - TM 286 – Research Methods
 - TM 266 – Basic Christian Doctrine (Online)
 - TM 107 – Cross-Cultural Studies (Online)
 - TM 405 – History of Philosophy and Christian Thought (Online)
- Adjunct professor of Biblical Studies at Biola University, La Mirada, CA (2011-2012)
 - BBST 311 – Biblical Backgrounds
 - BBST 430 – Advanced Study: Second Corinthians
 - BBST 301 – Biblical Studies Research Seminar
- Adjunct professor of Biblical Studies at Azusa Pacific University, Azusa, CA (2011-2012)
 - UBBL 230 - Introduction to Biblical Interpretation: Luke-Acts
- Seminar Teacher at Durham University, UK (2009-2011)
 - Introduction to the New Testament
 - Theology of Paul and John

Administrative Experience

- On the editorial board of *Reformed Theological Review* (June 2021-present)

HONORS & AWARDS

- Nominated by Dr. Michelle Lee-Barnewall (Biola University) and accepted by the Institute for Biblical Research to present a paper in the “Emerging Scholarship on the New Testament” group (Nov. 16th, 2012)
- Invited by Professor David du Toit (University of Munich, Germany) to present a paper before Theology faculty and postgrads at their weekly New Testament Colloquium (June 10th, 2011)
- Awarded a Durham University Travel Grant to present at the University of Munich, Germany (May 2011)
- The Van Mildert Scholarship, Durham University (2009)
- Elected to *Kappa Tau Epsilon*, Talbot Scholastic Honor Society (2007)
- Dean’s List, Life Pacific College (2003)

MINISTRY EXPERIENCE

- Ordained in the OPC by the Southern Presbytery (2019)
- Licensed to preach in the OPC by the Southern Presbytery (2018)
- Pulpit Supply and Sunday School Teacher at Reformation OPC in Oveido, FL (2016-Present)
- Regular Chapel Speaker at Reformation Bible College’s Chapel, Sanford, FL (2014-Present)
- Regularly counseled college students and was involved with disciplinary processes as Dean of Students at RBC (2014-2016)
- Pulpit Supply, Teaching, and Elder-in-Training, Immanuel Presbyterian Church, Deland, FL (2014-2016) - transferred membership to Reformation OPC in Oviedo, FL
- Conference Speaker for ReformaDos Ministries in Puerto Rico (Sept. 27th, 2014)
- Pulpit Supply and Teaching, Sterling Reformed Presbyterian, Sterling, KS (2012-2013)
- Pulpit Supply and Teaching, Christ Church Durham, England, UK (2008-Present)
- Retreat Speaker for Durham University’s Christian Union, Durham, England, UK (Jan. 7-9, 2009)
- Theology Support Group for Undergrad Christians studying Theology at a Secular University (2008-09)
- College Pastor, Chino Valley Community Church, Chino Hills, CA (2005-2007)

SCHOLARLY PUBLICATIONS

Books/Commentaries

- *Philemon* (ed. Michael Allen and Scott R. Swain; International Theological Commentary; London: T&T Clark – under contract).
- *Sharing God’s Grace: A Theology of Friendship* (in process)
- *Philippians* (Reformed Exegetical Theological Commentary; Crossway, forthcoming)
- *2 Corinthians* (Evangelical Exegetical Commentary; Lexham Press – under contract)
- *God, Grace, and One Another in Christ* (in process).
- *Paul’s Financial Policy: A Socio-Theological Approach* (LNTS 494; London: T&T Clark, 2013).

Edited Volumes

- *Paul and the Giants of Philosophy: The Apostle in His Greco-Roman Context* (ed. Joseph R. Dodson and David E. Briones; Downers Grove, IL: IVP Academic, 2019).
- *Paul and Seneca in Dialogue* (ed. Joseph R. Dodson and David E. Briones; Ancient Philosophy & Religion 2; Leiden: Brill, 2017).

Scholarly Articles

- “Fellow Workers with God and One Another: Toward a Pauline Theology of Mission,” *Catholic Biblical Quarterly* 81 (April 2019): 277-301.
- “Paul’s Intentional ‘Thankless Thanks’ in Philippians 4.10-20,” *Journal for the Study of the New Testament* 34 (2011): 47-69.
- “Mutual Brokers of Grace: A Study in 2 Corinthians 1.3-11,” *New Testament Studies* 56 (2010): 536-56.

Chapters/Essays in Edited Volumes

- “The Circularity of Grace: Romans 11:36 in Retrospect and Prospect,” in *Beyond Paul and the Gift: Essays in Honor of John M.G. Barclay* (Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans, 2021).
- “Strings Attached: Paul and Seneca on the Modern Myth of the Pure Gift,” in *Paul and the Giants of Philosophy* (IVP Academic, 2019)
- “Why Can’t We Be Friends?: Paul and Aristotle on Friendship,” in *Paul and the Giants of Philosophy* (IVP Academic, 2019)
- “Introduction,” in *Paul and the Giants of Philosophy* (IVP Academic, 2019)
- “Discipleship in 1 and 2 Thessalonians,” in *Following Jesus Christ: The New Testament Message of Discipleship for Today* (Kregel Academic, 2019)
- “Paul and Aristotle on Friendship,” in *Paul and the Greco-Roman Philosophical Tradition* (T&T Clark, 2016)
- “Introduction” (co-written with Joseph R. Dodson), in *Paul and Seneca in Dialogue* (Leiden: Brill, 2017)
- “Paul and Seneca on the Self-Gift,” in *Paul and Seneca in Dialogue* (Leiden: Brill, 2017)
- “Tobit and Romans 15:14-33: Jewish Almsgiving and the Collection,” in *Reading Romans in Context* (Zondervan, 2015)

Dictionary Entries

- “Financial Support,” in *Dictionary of Paul and His Letters* (2nd Edition; IVP Academic, forthcoming)
- “Friendship,” in *Dictionary of Paul and His Letters* (2nd Edition; IVP Academic, forthcoming)
- “Blessing,” in *The Dictionary of the Bible in Western Culture: A Handbook for Students*, eds. Mary Ann Beavis and Michael Gilmour (Sheffield, UK: Sheffield Phoenix Press, 2012)

Book Reviews

- *Both Judge and Justifier*. By James B. Prothro (*Westminster Theological Journal*)
- *Paul: A Biography*. By N.T. Wright (*TableTalk Online*)
- *A Spiritual Economy: Gift Exchange in the Letters of Paul of Tarsus*. By Thomas R. Blanton, IV (*Review of Biblical Literature*)
- *One True Life: The Stoics and Early Christians as Rival Traditions*. By C. Kavin Rowe (*Journal of the Evangelical Theological Society*)
- *Paul & Money: A Biblical and Theological Analysis of the Apostle’s Teachings and Practices*. By Verlyn D. Verbrugge & Keith R. Krell (*Westminster Theological Journal*)
- *Paul’s Koinonia with the Philippians: A Socio-historical Investigation of a Pauline Economic Partnership*. By Julien Ogereau (*Review of Biblical Literature*)
- *Philemon in Perspective: Interpreting a Pauline Letter*. Edited by D. Francois Tolmie (*Themelios*)

- *Wages of Cross-Bearing and Debt of Sin: The Economy of Heaven in Matthew's Gospel*. By Nathan Eubank (*Journal of the Evangelical Theological Society*)
- *Power, Service, Humility: A New Testament Ethic*. By Reinhard Feldmeier (*Review of Biblical Literature*)
- *Paul and Patronage: The Dynamics of Power in 1 Corinthians*. By Joshua Rice (*Journal of the Evangelical Theological Society*)
- *Jesus' Parable of the Rich Fool: Luke 12:13-34 among Ancient Conversations on Death and Possessions*. By Matthew Rindge (*Journal of the Evangelical Theological Society*)
- *An End to Enmity: Paul and the "Wrongdoer" of Second Corinthians*. By L.L. Welborn (*Themelios*)
- *Is Paul Also among the Prophets? An Examination of the Relationship between Paul and the Old Testament Prophetic Tradition in 2 Corinthians*. By Jeffrey W. Aernie (*Themelios*)
- *The Life and Theology of Paul*. By Guy Prentiss Waters (*TableTalk Online*)
- *The Blackwell Companion to Paul*. Edited by Stephen Westerholm (*Religious Studies Review*)
- *Remember the Poor: Paul, Poverty, and the Greco-Roman World*. By Bruce W. Longenecker (*Religious Studies Review*)
- *A Handbook of New Testament Exegesis*. By Craig L. Blomberg with Jennifer Foutz Markley (*Religious Studies Review*)
- *Paul's Letter to the Philippians: A Socio-Rhetorical Commentary*. By Ben Witherington III (*Religious Studies Review*)
- *Remembered for Good: A Jewish Benefaction System in Ancient Palestine*. By Susan Sorek (*Religious Studies Review*)
- *The Letter to the Philippians*. By G. Walter Hansen (*Religious Studies Review*)
- *Paul as Missionary: Identity, Activity, Theology, and Practice*. Edited by Trevor J. Burke and Brian S. Rosner (*Religious Studies Review*)
- *Scripture's Doctrine and Theology's Bible: How the New Testament Shapes Christian Dogmatics*. Edited by Markus Bockmuehl and Alan J. Torrance (*Religious Studies Review*)
- *The Offering of the Gentiles*. By David Downs (*Religious Studies Review*)
- *A Workbook for Intermediate Greek: Grammar, Exegesis, and Commentary on 1-3 John*. By Herbert W. Bateman IV (*Theological Book Review*)
- *Engaging Economics: New Testament Scenarios and Early Christian Reception*. Edited by Bruce Longenecker and Kelly Liebengood (*Theological Book Review*)
- *I am Bonhoeffer: A Credible Life: A Novel*. By Paul Barz (*Religious Studies Review*)
- *Paul, Grace and Freedom: Essays in Honour of John K. Riches*. Edited by Middleton, Paddison, Wenell (*Religious Studies Review*)
- *Paul and the Dynamics of Power: Communication and Interaction in the Early Christ-Movement*. By Kathy Ehrensperger (*Religious Studies Review*)
- *Paul and Conflict Resolution: An Exegetical Study of Paul's Apostolic Paradigm in 1 Corinthians 9*. By Robinson Butarbutar (*Religious Studies Review*)
- *The Consolations of Theology*. Edited by Brian Rosner (*Religious Studies Review*)
- *Resourcing New Testament Studies: Literary, Historical, and Theological Essays in Honor of David L. Dungan*. Edited by Allan J. McNicol and David B. Peabody (*Religious Studies Review*)

Popular Articles

- "Philemon and Forgiveness: Reconcilable Differences in Christ," *New Horizons* (forthcoming)
- "The Redemptive-Historical Method," *WTS Magazine* (forthcoming)
- "God Loves Through Human Love: How Grace Breeds Generosity," *Desiring God* (February, 2022)
- "Love the Brotherhood: A Delightful Duty," *WTS Magazine* (forthcoming)
- "Greco-Roman Control of the Jews," *Table Talk* (February, 2022)
- "Dressed in His Righteousness Alone: What is Justification?," *Desiring God* (October, 2021)

- “A Far Greater Imagination,” *WTS Magazine* (forthcoming)
- “Already-Not Yet: How to Live in the Last Days,” *Desiring God* (August, 2020)
<https://www.desiringgod.org/articles/already-not-yet>.
- “The Parable of the Dishonest Steward,” *Table Talk* (February, 2020)
<https://tabletalkmagazine.com/article/2020/02/the-parable-of-the-dishonest-manager/>
- “What is the Apocrypha? Listening to Four Centuries of Silence,” *Desiring God* (October, 2019)
<https://www.desiringgod.org/articles/what-is-the-apocrypha>
- “The Pursuit of Sexual Purity,” *Table Talk* (April 2019)
- “Does Sin Hinder My Prayers?” *Table Talk* (March 2019)
- “Should Protestants Read the Apocrypha?” *Table Talk* (August 2018)
- “A Life Worthy of the Gospel of Christ,” *Table Talk* (August 2018)
- “How Not to Fight Pornography,” *Desiring God* (June, 2018)
- “Hermeneutics: Knowing and Living the Text,” *Table Talk* (June 2018)
 - Republished as “Hermeneutics and the Heart” *Table Talk* (November 2018)
- “Should Christians be Countercultural?” *Table Talk* (April 2018)
- “The Context of the Early Church,” *Table Talk* (October 2017)
- “Suffering Financially before the World,” *Table Talk* (March 2016)
- “The Violent Take It by Force,” *Table Talk* (October 2015)
- “Is Corporate Confession of Sin Enough?” (<http://www.ligonier.org/blog/corporate-confession-sin-enough/>)
- “Does God Own Everything that You Possess?” (<http://www.ligonier.org/blog/god-owns-everything-you-possess/>)

Conference Presentations

- “Paul and General Revelation” (Breakout Session, 2019 RBC Winter Conference)
- “Jesus, the Cross, and Our Only Hope” (Breakout Session, 2018 Always Ready Youth Conference at RBC)
- “Losing Our *Gospel* Virtue” (Breakout Session, 2018 RBC Winter Conference)
- “Can We Trust the Gospels?” (Breakout Session, 2017 Always Ready Youth Conference at RBC)
- “Generosity in the Early Church” (Breakout Session, 2017 RBC Winter Conference)

Special Lectures

- “Does the Church Need a Theology of Friendship?” and “The Circularity of Grace in Romans,” Student Association Convocation Lecture Series at Westminster Seminary California (November 2-3, 2021)
- “The Darkness of Sexual Sin and the Light of Confession,” OPC Ministry Lunch Lecture (March 11, 2020).

SCHOLARLY PRESENTATIONS

- 11/16/12, “Hierarchy, Equality, or Mutuality? Mapping out the Relational Contours of Second Corinthians,” Emerging Scholarship on the NT Group, Institute for Biblical Research, Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, Chicago, IL
- 11/21/11, “Did the Corinthians attempt to become Paul’s Patron? Reassessing Pauline Scholarship on the Apostle’s Financial Policy,” Social Scientific Criticism of the New Testament Section, Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, San Francisco, CA

- 11/22/10, “Does Obligation Corrupt the ‘Purity’ of the Gift: Comparing Seneca’s *De Beneficiis* with Paul’s Letter to the Philippians,” Pauline Epistles Section, Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, Atlanta, GA
- 11/23/09, “Paul’s Intentional ‘Thankless Thanks’ in Philippians 4:10-20,” Pauline Epistles Section, Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, New Orleans, LA
- 11/22/09, “Mutual Brokers of Grace: A Social-Scientific Approach to 2 Corinthians 1:3-11,” Social Scientific Criticism of the New Testament Section, Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, New Orleans, LA
- 9/5/09, “Seneca and Paul on the ‘Self-Gift’: Instigating a Conversation,” Social World of the New Testament Section, British New Testament Conference, Aberdeen, UK

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- Evangelical Theological Society (2007-Present)
- Society of Biblical Literature (2007-Present)

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

- Currently a member of the OPC Presbytery of the South but serving as an elder intern at Calvary OPC in Glenside, PA.

FUTURE RESEARCH PROJECTS

- International Theological Commentary on *Philemon*: this theological commentary will use select works by Luther and Calvin in order to examine and explain Paul’s theology of grace in Philemon and engage issues in contemporary Pauline scholarship.
 - Under contract with T&T Clark
- *Sharing God’s Grace: A Theology of Friendship*: this book will analyze the topic of friendship from an exegetical-theological perspective and survey the OT, Intertestamental Judaism, the Greco-Roman World, the Gospel of John, and Paul’s letters.
 - Proposal in process; IVP has expressed interest in this project.
- *God, Grace, and One Another in Christ*: this book will be an exegetical and theological analysis of relationships within the Pauline corpus through the cultural framework of ancient gift-giving, Paul’s theology of grace/gift, and union with Christ. The specific questions I will be asking are: What do relationships look like “in Christ”? How are gift-giving relationships related to God’s giving of Christ and believers’ union with him *and* others? And how does the gift of Christ reconfigure the dynamics of gift and power in the church within the first-century world of honor and shame?
 - Proposal submitted to Baylor University Press; interest expressed; requested a sample chapter.
- *Paul, Grace, and Money*: after writing a *WTJ* review on a recent book covering this topic, I have begun to write a proposal for a book that examines money and possessions through the theology of grace found in the Jerusalem Collection (2 Cor. 8-9; Rom. 15:14-33). This will be a popular-level work.

- *Co-Working with God and Others: A Pauline Theology of Mission*: this monograph idea stems from an article recently accepted by *CBQ* which argues that Paul's understanding of mission is theological and triangular; that is, God mediates his gospel through Paul and his co-workers to those in the world. This triadic relational pattern of mission is very similar to the concept of mission in the Old Testament but entirely unique when compared to Greco-Roman religions and philosophical schools. This book will mainly consider the sociological and theological dimensions of mission and emphasize its doxological end, to glorify God and dwell in his presence.

REFERENCES

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