

Nijay Kumar Gupta
Curriculum Vitae

EDUCATION:

1. **Doctor of Philosophy**, Dept of Theology & Religion, **University of Durham** (UK), 2006-2009 (Thesis title: "Worship That Makes Sense: A Cognitive and Socio-Literary Approach to the Theology of Paul's Non-Atonement Cultic Metaphors")
2. **Master of Theology** (*summa cum laude*), **Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary** (MA), 2004-2005
3. **Master of Divinity** (*summa cum laude*), **Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary** (MA), 2001-2004
4. **Bachelor of Arts** (*cum laude*), **Miami University** (Ohio), 1997-2001

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

1. **Assistant Professor of New Testament** (Portland Seminary, OR), 2014-
2. **Assistant Professor of Biblical Theology & Exegesis** (Northeastern Seminary, NY), 2013-2014
3. **Assistant Professor of Biblical Studies, Visiting** (Eastern University, PA), 2012-2013
4. **Assistant Professor of Biblical Studies, Visiting** (Seattle Pacific Uni & Seminary), 2010-2012
5. **Visiting Instructor in New Testament**, (Ashland Theological Seminary, Ohio), 2009-2010

DISCIPLINE LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE

1. **Member, Steering Committee**, "Christian Theology and the Bible," SBL Annual Meeting Program Unit (2017-)
2. **Board Member-at-Large** for the Institute for Biblical Research (2012-2016)
3. **Editorial board** for *Journal for the Study of Paul and His Letters* (Eisenbruans; ed. S.E. Porter, 2011-present)
4. **Co-chair (with Dr. J.K. Goodrich)** for Pauline Theology group, Institute for Biblical Research (2016-present)
5. **Editorial Board** of *Ex Auditu* (North Park Seminary and Wipf & Stock) (2017-)

PUBLICATIONS

Books

Worship that Makes Sense to Paul: A New Approach to the Theology of Paul's Cultic Metaphors. BZNW. Berlin: Walter de Gruyter, 2010.

Prepare, Succeed, Advance: A Guidebook for Getting a PhD in Biblical Studies and Beyond. Eugene: Wipf & Stock, 2011.

Colossians. Smyth & Helwys Commentary Series, 2013.

Matthew and Mark across Perspectives: Essays in Honour of William R. Telford and Stephen C. Barton. LNTS. T & T Clark, 2016.

1 & 2 Thessalonians. New Covenant Commentary. ed. C.S. Keener and M.F. Bird. Eugene: Wipf & Stock, 2016.

The Lord's Prayer. Smyth & Helwys, published 1/2018.

1 & 2 Thessalonians. Grand Rapids: Zondervan. Zondervan Critical Introduction to the New Testament, in progress, expected 2018.

Intermediate Greek Graded Reader: Galatians and Related Texts, Open Text Network, expected summer 2018. Co-edited with Jonah Sandford.

Across the Spectrum of New Testament Studies: Understanding the Key Issues and Debates. Grand Rapids: Baker Academic; co-authored with Christopher Skinner; under contract; expected 2017.

Beyond Belief: Rediscovering Paul's Faith Language. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, expected 2019.

Philippians. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. Co-authored with Michael F. Bird. Expected 2020.

The Face of New Testament Studies: Second Edition, coeditors Gupta and Scot McKnight. Grand Rapids: Baker, expected 2019/2020

Galatians. Grand Rapids: Zondervan. Story of God Bible Commentary. Expected 2021.

Reading 1-2 Timothy, Titus, Helwys "Reading the NT" Series, Helwys, expected 2022.

Academic Journal Articles

"An Apocalyptic Reading of Psalm 78 in 2 Thessalonians 3," *Journal for the Study of the New Testament* 31.2 (2008): 179-194.

"I Will Not Be Put to Shame: Paul, the Philippians and the Honorable Plea for Death," *Neotestamentica* 42.2 (2008): 253-67.

"A Man of No Reputation: Honor Ascribed to Jesus in the Gospel of John," *Ashland Theological Journal* 40 (2008).

"'But You Were Acquitted...': 1 Corinthians 6.11 and Justification and Judgment in its Socio-Literary and Theological Context," *Irish Biblical Studies* 27.3 (2008): 90-111.

"A Royal Priesthood, Honored and Chosen: Cultic Metaphors in 1 Peter," *Perspectives in Religious Studies* 36.1 (2009): 61-76.

"Towards a Set of Principles for Interpreting Metaphors in Paul," *Restoration Quarterly* 51.3 (2009): 169-181.

"The Theo-Logic of Paul's Ethics: Crosscurrents and Trends in Recent Research, Pathways for Future Investigation," *Currents in Biblical Research* 7.3 (2009): 336-61.

"Whose Body is a Temple (1 Cor. 6.19)? Paul Beyond the Individualism/Communalism Divide," *Catholic Biblical Quarterly* 72 (2010): 518-36.

"To Whom was Christ a Slave?: Double Agency and the Specters of Sin and Death in Philippians," *Horizons in Biblical Theology* 32 (2010): 1-16.

"'Vessel (*skeuos*)' in 1 Thessalonians 4:4 and the Epistle of Jeremiah: The Strategy of a Pauline Metaphor in Light of the Apostle's Jewish Background, Teaching, and Theology," *Irish Biblical Studies* 27.4 (2009): 138-155.

"Cultic Metaphors in Philo: Exploring the Question of Coherence," *Journal for the Study of the Pseudepigrapha* 20.4 (2011): 277-297.

"New Commentaries on Colossians: Survey of Approaches, Analysis of Trends, and the State of Research," *Themelios* 35.1 (2010): 7-14.

"The 'not...but' (*ou...alla*) NT Rhetorical Pattern: Its Features and Purposes and the Dangers of Misinterpretation," *Ashland Theological Journal* (December 2010)

"The Politics of Ephesians and the Empire: Accommodation or Resistance?" *Journal of Greco-Roman Christianity and Judaism* 7 (2010): 112-36.

"Mirror-Reading Moral Issues in Paul," *Journal for the Study of the New Testament* 34.4 (2011): 361-381.

"What Mercies of God? The Septuagintal Background of Paul's Use of *oiktirmos* in Romans 12:1" *Bulletin for Biblical Research* 22.1 (2012): 81-96.

"Human Idolatry and Paul as Faithful Worshipper of God" *Neotestamentica* 46.1 (2012): 30-42.

"What is in a Name: The Hermeneutics of Authorship-Analysis Concerning Colossians" *Currents in Biblical Research* 11.1 (2012)

"Beholding the Word of Christ: A Theological Reading of Colossians," *Canadian Theological Review* Fall (2013).

" 'They Are Not Gods!': Jewish and Christian Idol Polemic and Greco-Roman Use of Cult Statues," *The Catholic Biblical Quarterly* (2014).

"Gloria in Profundis: Comparing the Glory of Moses in Sirach to Jesus in the Fourth Gospel," *HBT* 36.1 (2014): 60-78.

"Teach Us, Mary: The Authority of Women Teachers in the Church in Light of the Magnificat (Luke 1.46-55)," *Priscilla Papers* 29.3 (2015), 524-526.

"Thinking with the New Testament about Other Religions," *Evangelical InterFaith Dialogue* (2015)

Book Chapters/Essays

"Did Saint Paul Take Up the Great Commission? Discipleship Transposed into a Pauline Key," in *Ecclesia and Ethics*. LNTS. T & T Clark, 2016.

"Paul and the Militia Spiritualis Topos in 1 Thessalonians," in *Paul and the Graeco-Roman Philosophical Tradition*. LNTS. T & T Clark, 2016.

"The Spirituality of Faith in the Gospel of Matthew." Pages 108-124 in *Matthew and Mark across Perspectives*. London: LNTS. T&T Clark, 2016.

"Embodying The Hospitable Kingdom," in *Reading Romans in Context*. Zondervan, 2016, 151-157.

"Abba, Father" in *Reading Mark in Context*. Zondervan, expected 2017.

Two essays in *Devotions on the Greek New Testament*, volume II. Zondervan, 2017.

"The Good Soldier and the Good Life," in *Reading Paul among the Philosophers*. Zondervan, 2018.

“New Testament Ethics” in *The State of New Testament Studies* (Baker, expected 2019)

“1-2 Thessalonians,” in *Cambridge Companion to the New Testament* (ed. Patrick Gray; Cambridge University Press, expected 2019)

“The Lord the Spirit” in *T&T Clark Companion to Pneumatology* (ed. Daniel Costello; T&T Clark, expected 2019)

ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS

1. National Congress of the SBL 2017, 2 Corinthians Program Unit: “What is the “Grace” that Sustains Paul in Weakness?” (USA).
2. Tyndale Fellowship NT Study Group 2015 (Cambridge, UK): “Covenantal Pistism: Faith and Human Agency in Galatians”
3. Regional PNW SBL 2015 (Portland, OR): “Covenantal Pistism: Faith and Human Agency in Galatians”
4. National Congress of the Society of Biblical Literature 2014 (San Francisco): “Pistis at the Crossroads of Law and Love in 1 Thessalonians,” (Biblical Ethics Program Unit)
5. “The Violence of God in the Old Testament,” Community Lecture at Capital Region Theological Center 2013 (Albany, NY)
6. Institute for Biblical Research, Annual Meeting 2012 (Chicago): “The Challenges and Potential of Taking Seriously the ‘Textual Currents’ of the OT and their Impact on the NT”
7. National Congress of the Society of Biblical Literature 2012 (USA): New Testament and Hellenistic Religions program unit: “The Invisible Made Visible: A Re-evaluation of Jewish Idol Polemic in the Greco-Roman World and Its Implications for NT Christology”
8. National Congress of the Society of Biblical Literature 2012 (USA): Johannine Literature Program Unit: “Comparing Ben Sira and John on the Glory of Moses and Jesus”
9. Pacific Northwest SBL/AAR 2012 (Portland, OR): “The Invisible Made Visible: A Re-evaluation of Jewish Idol Polemic in the Greco-Roman World and Its Implications for NT Christology”
10. Institute for Biblical Research, Annual Meeting 2011 (San Francisco): “Sri Lankan Readings of Galatians: A Response to David deSilva” (Global Readings of Scripture Group)
11. National Congress of the Society of Biblical Literature 2011 (USA): Ethics, Love, and the Other Group: “Among the Gentiles” (Panel Review of Luke Timothy Johnson’s book *Among the Gentiles*)
12. Pacific NW SBL Meeting 2011 (Spokane, WA): NT Section: “Locked Doors Only Stop Mortals: The Use of Isaiah in the House Resurrection Appearance Scenes in John’s Gospel”
13. Pacific NW SBL Meeting 2011 (Spokane, WA): NT Section: “Riddles of the Fourth Gospel: Part III” (Panel Review of Paul N. Anderson’s *Riddles of the Fourth Gospel*)
14. Seattle Pacific University School of Theology Symposium: “Does Love Win? Bell and the Interpretation of Scripture” (5/2011)
15. Seattle Pacific University Day of Common Learning: Seminar discussion: “India: Culture, Politics, and Religion” (10/2010)
16. National Meeting of the Evangelical Theological Society 2010: Pauline Seminar book review panel response (*Justification*, by Tom Wright): “To what end *dikaiosynē*? The hermeneutics and ethics of justification in the Wright-Piper debate”
17. National Congress of the SBL 2010 (USA): Graduate Student Workshop: “Getting in and through your PhD” (Atlanta, GA).
18. Eastern Great Lakes Bible Society/SBL Meeting 2010 (Akron, OH): New Testament Section: “Human Idolatry and Paul as Faithful Worshipper of God: Reconnecting Romans 1:18-32 to 1:8-15”
19. Midwest Regional SBL Meeting 2010 (Valparaiso Univ., IN): Pauline Epistolary Literature: “The *ou...alla* Rhetorical Pattern: Its Uses and Abuses by Interpreters”

20. British New Testament Conference 2009 (Aberdeen, UK): Hermeneutics Seminar: "Mirror-reading Moral Discourses in Ancient Letters."
21. British New Testament Conference 2009 (Aberdeen, UK): Simultaneous Short Papers: "What Mercies of God? *Oiktirmos* in the LXX and Paul's Programmatic Use in Romans 12.1."
22. National Congress of the Society of Biblical Literature 2009 (New Orleans): "Paul and Scripture in Philippians: Reassessing Scholarly Approaches to Why and How Paul Employed Jewish Traditions and Imagery" (Intertextuality in the New Testament group)
23. Tyndale Fellowship New Testament Study Group 2009 (Cambridge, UK): "Rules of Engagement and the Military Metaphors of Paul: A Case Study in the Application of Conceptual Metaphor Theory to Pauline Ethics."
24. British New Testament Conference 2008 (Durham, UK): Hermeneutics Seminar: "Worship and Phronesis: Paul's Questioning of His Jewish Privileges and the Promise of a Cultic Hermeneutic in Phil. 3.2-11."
25. National Congress of the Society of Biblical Literature 2008 (USA): Second Corinthians: Pauline Theology in the Making Program Unit (Boston, Mass.): "A New Vision of God: The Power of Cultic Metaphors and Paul's Call for a Cruciform Epistemology in 2 Corinthians."
26. Tyndale Fellowship New Testament Study Group 2008: "Cultic Metaphors in 1 Peter."
27. Durham-Sheffield New Testament Conference 2008: "2 Corinthians 6.14-7.1 and Paul's Articulation of an Epistemological Crisis" (Durham).
28. National Congress of the Society of Biblical Literature 2007 (USA): Biblical and Literary Criticism Group (San Diego, Calif.): "Principles for Interpreting Metaphors in Paul: 'Prosagōgēn' (Rom. 5.2) as a Test Case."
29. British New Testament Society 2007 (Exeter, UK), Simultaneous Papers: "I Will Not Be Put to Shame: Paul, the Philippians and the Honorable Plea for Death."
30. International Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature 2007: Paul and Pauline Literature Group (Vienna, Austria): "An Apocalyptic Reading of Psalm 78 in 2 Thessalonians 3."
31. Annual Seminar on the Old Testament in the New 2007 (Durham, England).

Book Reviews

Over 60 book reviews for journals such as *Review of Biblical Literature*, *Horizons in Biblical Theology*, *Expository Times*, *Scottish Journal of Theology*, *Biblical Interpretation*, and *Interpretation*

AWARDS/GRANTS/SCHOLARSHIPS:

1. George Fox University Digital Fluency Initiative (2017-2018)
2. Seminary Grant for Community Leadership – "House Experiment" (2017-2018)
3. Wabash Center Summer Grant (2016)
4. Wabash Center Pre-tenure Seminary Teaching Fellowship (2015-2016 fellowship)
5. Faculty Development Research Leave, 2017 (George Fox)
6. Faculty Development Research Grant, 2016 (George Fox)
7. Faculty Development Research Grant, 2015 (George Fox)
8. Faculty Development Research Leave, 2015 (George Fox)
9. Evans Scholarship (University of Durham) – 2007-2009
10. Ustinov College Travel Grant (University of Durham) – Summer 2007
11. De Bury Theology Scholarship (University of Durham) – 2006-2007
12. Overseas Research Students Awards Scheme [ORS] (University of Durham) – 2006-2009

SOCIETY MEMBERSHIPS

1. Society of Biblical Literature
2. Institute for Biblical Research
3. Society of New Testament Studies (approved for membership in 2017)

INSTITUTIONAL ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE

1. Board Member, Thriving Pastors Institute, Portland Seminary, 2018-
2. Chair, Seminary Academic Committee, Portland Seminary, 2016-2017
3. Diversity Committee, George Fox University & Seminary, 2015-
4. Library Committee, George Fox University & Seminary, 2015-
5. Seminary Academic Committee, George Fox Evangelical Seminary, 2014-2016
6. Theology Student Union Faculty Advisor/Director, Seattle Pacific University, 2011-2012
7. Member of Oversight Committee for the Asian-American Ministry, Seattle Pacific University Graduate School of Theology, 2010-2012
8. Resident Tutor, Dryburn Court, Unstinov College (University of Durham), 2007-2009
9. Student Member of the Organizing Committee for the British New Testament Society Conference (University of Durham), 2008
10. Postgraduate Research Representative to the Board of Studies (University of Durham), 2007-2008