





## Grace Seminary Faculty

The faculty for Grace Theological Seminary brings a breadth of academic and ministry experience to the task of training men and women for effective ministry. The team that has been formed brings together a diversity of gifts, ministry experience, and academic preparation to form a strong composite whole.

### **Dr. Kenneth E. Bickel**

#### **Professor of Pastoral Studies**

B.A. in Economics, Millersburg University  
M.Div., Grace Theological Seminary  
M.A. in Biblical Counseling, Grace Theological Seminary  
D.Min. in Pastoral Ministry, Denver Seminary

Dr. Bickel was originally in banking when saved and called to the ministry. He served as a full-time senior pastor for eleven years and part-time instructor at Grace Seminary before coming full-time to Grace in 1990. He has served as a visiting instructor in homiletics at Philadelphia Biblical University and as a church consultant on numerous occasions. He is a past president of the FGBC National Ministerial Association. He is a charter member of the Evangelical Homiletics Society and regularly presents papers at the annual meetings. He is active in community related activities and serves as a part-time associate pastor in his local church.

### **Dr. John J. Davis**

#### **Past President and Professor Emeritus of Old Testament Studies**

B.A. in Biblical Studies, Trinity College  
M.Div., Grace Theological Seminary  
Th.M. in Old Testament, Grace Theological Seminary  
Th.D. in Old Testament and Hebrew, Grace Theological Seminary  
D.D., Trinity College, University of Edinburgh, Scotland.

Dr. Davis is well known for his wide range of activities: senior staff member on eleven archaeological expeditions, pastor of two churches, newspaper columnist and outdoor writer, lecturer. He has authored 18 books, two tape lecture series, and more than 1600 articles in newspapers, journals, magazines, dictionaries and encyclopedias. He also served as one of the translators of the NIV Bible. His 38 years of teaching includes six years as executive vice president and seven years as president of Grace Schools.

#### **Publications:**

*Biblical Numerology*  
*Hebrew Verb Chart*  
*Conquest and Crisis: Studies in Joshua, Judges, Ruth*  
*The Birth of a Kingdom: Studies in Samuel 1 & 2 and 1 Kings 1-11*  
*Contemporary Counterfeits*  
*Paradise to Prison: Studies in Genesis*  
*Demons, Exorcism and the Evangelical*  
*The Perfect Shepherd: Studies in the 23rd Psalm*  
*A Lake Guide to Fishing and Boating: Kosciusko County*  
*Moses and the Gods of Egypt: Studies in Exodus*  
*The Mummies of Egypt*  
*What about Cremation? A Christian Perspective*  
*Real Fishermen Are Never Thin*  
*Israel: From Conquest to Exile*  
*Real Fishermen Never Lie*  
*Real Fishermen Never Wear Suits*  
*Favorite Fish and Seafood Recipes*  
*The Dead Sea Scrolls*  
*Islam, Terrorism and the Middle East*

**Dr. Thomas J. Edgington**  
**Professor of Counseling**

B.A. in Psychology, Grace College  
M.A. Biblical Counseling, Grace Theological Seminary  
M.Div., Grace Theological Seminary  
Ph.D., Ball State University

Dr. Edgington has published articles in the *IBC Perspective* and the *Journal of Psychology and Christianity*. In addition to more than 20 years of teaching experience, he continues an active private practice in Christian counseling. Dr. Edgington also is the author of *Healing Helps from the Bible*. Areas of interest include the theological foundations of psychology/counseling and marriage/family counseling.

**Dr. W. Merwin Forbes**  
**Professor of Biblical Studies**

A.A.S. in Engineering, Broome County (NY) Community College  
Th.B. in Pastoral Studies, Baptist Bible College  
M.Div., Grace Theological Seminary  
Th.M. in New Testament, Grace Theological Seminary  
Th.D. in Theology and Apologetics, Grace Theological Seminary

Before attending Bible college, Dr. Forbes worked for seven years in the field of engineering. In addition to over 26 years of teaching experience, he has served as a pastor and presented papers to professional societies and pastors' conferences. He also teaches in Grace's prison ministry extension program.

**Dr. Jeffrey A. Gill**  
**Dean and Professor of Pastoral Studies**

B.S. in Psychology, The Ohio State University  
M.Div., Grace Theological Seminary  
D.Min. in Pastoral Studies, Denver Seminary  
In preparation: Ph.D. in Higher Education Leadership, Western Michigan University

Dr. Gill was the senior pastor of the Delaware, Ohio Grace Brethren Church for 20 years (1982–2002). He began at the church when it was little more than a church plant. It experienced substantial growth over the years and is well known in the FGBC as a healthy and influential church. He assumed the role of dean in July, 2002. Dr. Gill also currently serves on the board of directors of Grace Brethren North American Missions and was the national moderator of the Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches in 2002.

**Dr. Matthew S. Harmon**  
**Associate Professor of New Testament Studies**

B.S. in Communication, Ohio University  
M.Div., Trinity Evangelical Divinity School  
Ph.D. in Biblical Theology-New Testament, Wheaton College

Dr. Harmon brings a passion to equip people to encounter Christ through the Scriptures and lead others to do so as well. His research interests include the use of the Old Testament in the New Testament, biblical theology, Pauline studies, and the life/ministry/theology of Jonathan Edwards. He has served as full-time staff with Campus Crusade for Christ for eight years, doing evangelism and discipleship with college students. He has taught courses at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School and Wheaton College, as well in the local church. On a regular basis Dr. Harmon also teaches for Campus Crusade for Christ, helping to train staff in interpreting and teaching Scripture. In his spare time Dr. Harmon also teaches training workshops for Bibleworks. He is a member of the Evangelical Theological Society and the Society for Biblical Literature.

**Dr. Terry Hofecker**  
**Adjunct Professor of Pastoral Studies**

B.S. in Biblical Studies, Liberty University  
M.A. in Theological Studies, Grace Theological Seminary  
M.Div., Grace Theological Seminary  
D.Min. in Pastoral Ministry, Westminster Theological Seminary

Dr. Hofecker is an adjunct faculty member for Grace Theological Seminary in the area of North American church planting. He is the founding pastor of Northwest Chapel in Dublin, Ohio, a Grace Brethren congregation of over 1600 members. He is a recognized expert on church-planting movements having founded and facilitated three such movements in North and Latin America that are still actively creating new congregations annually. He is presently consulting on the development of a new movement for the Brethren Church in Ohio and for the Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches in Florida. Northwest Chapel is presently planting a daughter congregation in Ohio every year. Additionally, Dr. Hofecker works with the Lilly Endowment and the Sandberg Leadership Center (Ashland, Ohio) on research in the area of pastoral health. He is on the board of the American Schools of Oriental Research (ASOR) as vice president of development. Dr. Hofecker will develop infrastructure and support for institutional advancement and expansion of study and research centers in Jerusalem, Cyprus, and Jordan, with committees to work in Syria and Iraq.

**Dr. Thomas T. Julien**  
**Adjunct Professor**

B.A. in English Bible, Bob Jones University  
M.Div., Grace Theological Seminary  
Certificat d'Etudes Langues et de Culture Francaises, University of Grenoble, France  
D.D., Grace Theological Seminary

Dr. Julien has been with Grace Brethren International Missions since 1958, serving in France as a missionary from 1958 to 1986. He also served as France field superintendent, then as Europe coordinator. He served as executive director of Grace Brethren Foreign Missions from 1986 to 2000. In 2000, he and his wife left again for France to work with students in Paris. At present he is the global coordinator for leadership training at Grace Brethren International Missions headquarters in Winona Lake. He has authored four books: *Inherited Wealth*, *Spiritual Greatness*, *Seize the Moment*, and *Antioch Revisited*.

**Dr. Bernon Lee**  
**Assistant Professor of Old Testament**

B.A. in History, University of Calgary, Canada  
M.A. in Religious Studies (Hebrew Bible), University of Calgary  
Ph.D. in Theology (Hebrew Scriptures), University of St. Michael's College (University of Toronto)

Before coming to Grace Seminary, Dr. Lee taught Hebrew language and Old Testament at Wycliffe College in the University of Toronto (1999–2002), and Biblical Studies at Rocky Mountain College in Calgary, Alberta, Canada (2003–2004). He is a member of the Society of Biblical Literature and the Canadian Society for Biblical Studies. At present, he attends the First Presbyterian Church of Winona Lake, where he serves through the ministry of adult Christian education and fellowship.

**Dr. Homer A. Kent**  
**Past President and Professor Emeritus of New Testament**

B.A. in Religion, Bob Jones University  
M.Div., Grace Theological Seminary  
Th.M. in New Testament, Grace Theological Seminary  
Th.D. in New Testament, Grace Theological Seminary  
Postdoctoral Studies, The American Institute of Holy Land Studies, Jerusalem.

Dr. Kent has more than 40 years of teaching experience, including 14 years as dean of Grace Theological Seminary and ten years as president of Grace Schools. He is the author of six books and numerous articles. He also served as one of the translators of the NIV Bible.

**Publications:**

*"Matthew"* (in *The Wycliffe Bible Commentary*)  
*Ephesians: The Glory of the Church*  
*The Epistle to the Hebrews: An Expository Commentary*  
*Jerusalem to Rome: Studies in Acts*  
*Light in the Darkness: Studies in the Gospel of John*  
*The Pastoral Epistles*  
*The Freedom of God's Sons: Studies in Galatians*  
*"Philippians"* (in *The Expositor's Bible Commentary*)  
*Treasures of Wisdom: Studies in Colossians and Philemon*  
*A Heart Opened Wide: Studies in 2 Corinthians*  
*Faith That Works: Studies in James*

**Dr. Knute Larson**  
**Pastor, The Chapel in Akron, Ohio**  
**Adjunct Professor**

B.A. in Speech, Grace College  
M.Div., Grace Theological Seminary  
D.Min. in Pastoral Studies, Trinity Evangelical Divinity School

Dr. Larson is an adjunct professor in Grace Seminary's D.Min. program, teaching in the areas of leadership, change, administration, and worship. He has served as a pastor for over 30 years. Since 1983, he has been the senior pastor of The Chapel, a large downtown church that ministers with five Sunday morning services, over 46 "congregations" within the church, and many small groups and cells.

**Dr. Ronald E. Manahan**  
**President, Professor of Biblical Studies**

Diploma in Pastoral Studies, Grand Rapids School of Bible and Music  
B.A. in Religion, Shelton College  
M.Div., Grace Theological Seminary  
Th.M. in Old Testament and Hebrew, Grace Theological Seminary  
Th.D. in Old Testament and Hebrew, Grace Theological Seminary

Dr. Manahan has taught at Grace since 1977. In addition to his teaching, Dr. Manahan has served as a division chair, academic dean of Grace College, and provost. Early in 1994 he was appointed fifth president of Grace Schools. He has had extensive experience as a pastor and a Bible conference speaker. He also teaches Biblical Perspectives on the Environment at Au Sable Institute. Dr. Manahan has been a contributing author to two books, as well as numerous journal articles.

**Dr. Christine M. Morr**  
**Associate Professor of Spiritual Formation and Women's Ministries**

B.A. in Christian Education with emphasis in Local Church Ministry and Intercultural Studies,  
Wheaton College  
M.A. in Christian Education, Talbot School of Theology  
Ph.D. in Educational Studies with emphasis in Character Development and Spiritual Formation,  
Talbot School of Theology

Dr. Morr brings her passion and training in spiritual formation to facilitate the holistic development of students while at Grace. Her research interests include personal and interpersonal development with empirical work conducted in the area of adult attachment styles and relationship with God variables. She taught at Biola University and Talbot School of Theology before coming to Grace in 2006. While her ministry focus has been primarily with women, she has served in a variety of leadership roles cross-culturally, in the local church and in the parachurch context. She has developed a number of Bible study materials, published in the *Christian Education Journal* and presented research findings at the North American Professors of Christian Education Conference, a society of which she is a member.

**Publications:**

Journal Article: "The Role of Friendship in Spiritual Formation,"  
*Christian Education Journal* 4 NS/1 (Fall 2000), 45–62.

Contributor: Robinson, B. (Ed.). (2004). *Women's Ministry in the 21st Century*.  
Loveland, CO: Group Publishing.

**Dr. James H. Nesbitt**  
**Scholar in Residence and Adjunct Professor**

A.B. in Modern Languages, Princeton University  
M.A. in French Literature, Middlebury College  
D.M.L. in Modern Languages (French-German and Linguistics), Middlebury College  
B.D. in General Theology, Grace Theological Seminary  
Th.M. in Theology, Dallas Theological Seminary  
Th.D. in Theology, Grace Theological Seminary

Dr. Nesbitt has served as a part-time instructor in foreign languages and missions and, later, as professor of modern languages at Grace College. He served from 1964–2000 with Unevangelized Fields Mission, becoming European director and eventually general director. He has served on the board of IFMA. He regularly teaches at schools in Haiti, Romania, and Guyana and has returned to Grace College and Seminary as scholar-in-residence. He has authored the books, *Creation and Evolution* and *Securité* and various articles in French and English.

**Dr. Roger D. Peugh**  
**Professor of World Mission**

B.A. in History, Grace College  
M.Div., Grace Theological Seminary  
D.Min. with Intercultural Ministry Concentration, Grace Theological Seminary

Dr. Peugh came to Grace in 1989 with three years of pastoral ministry followed by 20 years of cross-cultural service as a church planter in Germany with Grace Brethren International Missions. While in Germany he joined with several others to establish the Konferenz für Gemeindegündung (Conference for Church Planting), which continues to have significant impact in German speaking Europe (<http://www.kfg.org/>). In addition to teaching missions classes, he has also served as chaplain of Grace Schools from 1991–1998 and has been on the elder team of his local church since 1995. He is an active conference speaker in the U.S. and Germany.

**Publications:**

*Transformed in His Presence—The Need for Prayer in Counseling*  
Co-authored with Dr. Tammy Schultz

**Dr. David R. Plaster**  
**Adjunct Professor of Theology**

Certificate and Diploma in History, University de Lyons, France  
B.A. in History, Grace College  
M.Div., Grace Theological Seminary  
Th.M. in Theology, Grace Theological Seminary  
Th.D. in Systematic Theology, Dallas Theological Seminary

Dr. Plaster served for 12 years in three different pastoral settings. He has taught college and seminary courses for approximately 23 years, and was acting dean of Grace Theological Seminary from 1987–1991. From 1991 to May 2007, Dr. Plaster was vice president of academic affairs for both the college and seminary. In May 2007, Dr. Plaster accepted the position of senior pastor at the Grace Brethren Church of Columbus, Ohio. He is also the author of two books and several journal articles.

**Publications:**

*Ordinances: What Are They?*  
*Finding Our Focus, A History of the Grace Brethren Church*

**Dr. Jay Quine**  
**Pastor, Calvary Bible Church, Readington, New Jersey**  
**Adjunct Professor**

B.A., Washington State University  
J.D., University of Idaho College of Law  
Th.M., Dallas Theological Seminary  
Ph.D., Dallas Theological Seminary

Jay A. Quine has served as a pastor for sixteen years, the chair of the master of divinity program and the dean of biblical studies at Philadelphia Biblical University, as a professor of Bible exposition at Dallas Theological Seminary, and is now the president of the College of Biblical Studies of Houston. Dr. Quine uses his legal background to teach seminars, lectures, provide consultation and has written on legal issues faced by pastors, counselors, and other ministry leaders. He is an ordained minister, a member of the Washington State Bar Association, the Evangelical Theological Society, the Pre-Tribulation Research Center, and the Free Grace Society.

## **Dr. Tiberius Rata** **Professor of Old Testament Studies**

B.S. in Urban and Regional Planning, California State Polytechnic University  
M.Div., Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary  
Ph.D. in Theological Studies/Old Testament, Trinity Evangelical Divinity School

Dr. Rata comes to Grace Theological Seminary from Beeson Divinity School in Birmingham, Alabama, where he served as assistant professor of divinity. Before that he taught at Trinity International University in Deerfield, Illinois, and Emmanuel Baptist University in Oradea, Romania. He also pastored churches in California and Alabama. He is a member of the Evangelical Theological Society and the Institute for Biblical Research and has presented papers at the national conventions of the Evangelical Theological Society.

### **Publications:**

#### **Books**

*The Covenant Motif in Jeremiah's Book of Comfort: Textual and Intertextual Studies of Jeremiah 30–33*  
*Ezra—Nehemiah. A Mentor Commentary* (forthcoming)

#### **Articles:**

"Approaching the Psalms: Key Insights" (with Brent Sandy)  
in *Preaching from the Psalms: Essays in Honor of John Davis* (forthcoming)  
"Study Notes on Leviticus 13–27" in *Holman Christian Study Bible* (forthcoming)  
"David" in *Dictionary of the Old Testament: Wisdom, Poetry & Writings* (forthcoming)  
"John Gill" in *Historical Dictionary of Major Biblical Interpreters* (forthcoming)  
"God as Restorer: The Theology of the Book of Nehemiah." in *SBJT*, Fall 2005  
"The Sound of Grace" in *Preaching*, May–June 2005  
"Building the Family of Faith to Live by God's Truth" in *The Alabama Baptist*, Winter 2004–05  
*Family Bible Study Curriculum Outlines*  
"Theological Education in Romania" in *East-West Church & Ministry Report*, Spring 2002

## **Dr. D. Brent Sandy** **Professor of Biblical Studies**

B.A. in Greek, Grace College  
M.Div., Grace Theological Seminary  
Ph.D. in Classical Studies, Duke University  
Postdoctoral Studies, National Endowment for the Humanities

Professor Sandy served on the faculty of Grace College and Seminary from 1978 to 1988 and was recipient of the McClain Award for Excellence in Teaching. He taught at Liberty University from 1988 to 1993 and was an assistant dean. He also served as an adjunct professor at Roanoke College in Virginia. From 1988 to 2000 he was on the pastoral staff at Ghent Grace Brethren Church in Roanoke, first as minister of worship and music, then as co-pastor, and then as senior pastor. Currently he is active in his local church. As chair of the Department of Religious Studies at Grace College, he oversees a growing program of more than 150 majors. He is active in several professional societies, serving on the executive committee of the Institute for Biblical Research. He regularly presents papers at the meetings of the Evangelical Theological Society and has published articles in American and European journals.

### **Publications:**

*Cracking Old Testament Codes: A Guide to Interpreting the Genres of the Old Testament*  
*Plowshares and Pruning Hooks: Rethinking the Language of Biblical Prophecy and Apocalyptic*

## **Dr. Tammy Schultz** **Professor of Counseling**

B.A. in Criminal Justice, University of Winnipeg  
M.A. in Counseling, Providence College  
M.A. in Counseling, University of North Dakota  
Ph.D. in Counseling Psychology, Indiana State University

Dr. Schultz has made several presentations at the Canadian Association of College and University Services Annual Conference, the Canadian Psychological Association, the American Psychological Association, the American Psychological Association's Division 17 Great Lakes Conference, and the Association for Women in Psychology Conference. Dr. Schultz has also published articles on the topic of childhood sexual abuse and ethics. Her salient interests are looking at the issue of suffering and how this impacts a person's spiritual walk. Other areas of interest include prayer and counseling.

### **Publications:**

*Transformed in His Presence—The Need for Prayer in Counseling*  
Co-authored with Dr. Roger Peugh

## **Dr. Mark H. Soto** **Professor of Theological Studies**

B.A. in Bible, Appalachian Bible College  
Th.B. in Bible and Theology, Appalachian Bible College  
M.A. in Religion, Liberty University  
M.Div., Grace Theological Seminary  
Th.M. in Theology, Grace Theological Seminary  
D.Min. in Pastoral Theology, Grace Theological Seminary  
In Preparation: Ph.D. in Instructional Design for Online Learning, Capella University

Dr. Soto has had 13 years of experience in pastoral ministry, one year as a counselor for a Christian residential childcare facility, and has served as a teaching elder in his church. He was part of the Grace College Student Life staff as the associate dean of men from 1995–1998. He presently serves as the director of distance education and adult learning, which involves developing an online presence for the college and seminary, as well as supervising the granting of continuing education units through the college. Dr. Soto is engaged in research which is evaluating the design of curriculum in theological institutions.

## **Dr. Thomas M. Stallter** **Professor of Intercultural Studies and World Mission**

B.A. in Communications, Grace College  
Th.M. in Bible Exposition, Dallas Theological Seminary  
D.Miss., Western Seminary  
Postdoctoral studies in Anthropology, Trinity Evangelical Divinity School

Dr. Stallter came to Grace in 1997 after 18 years of cross-cultural experience in the countries of Central African Republic and Chad serving with Grace Brethren International Missions in the areas of church planting and development, leadership training, mission administration, and famine and economic relief. He remains involved as president of Love in Action International, a mission organization that helps church members in the country of Chad with training in vocational skills in order to support themselves and their local church ministries ([www.loveinactioninternational.org](http://www.loveinactioninternational.org)). He has written various articles and conducts training seminars on intercultural cooperation and ministry. His most recent published research has been on the subjects of the challenges of multicultural worship and enterprise for vocational development as part of the business as mission movement.

**Dr. John A. Teevan**  
**Adjunct Instructor in D.Min. program**

A.B. in Economics, Princeton University  
M.Div., Grace Theological Seminary  
D.Min. in Intercultural Ministry, Grace Theological Seminary

Dr. Teevan came to Christ during his college years at Princeton University. After graduating with a degree in economics, he studied at Grace Seminary to become a pastor. He served the Ashland, OH, Grace Brethren Church for 17 years. In 1989, Teevan became senior pastor of the Winona Lake, IN, Grace Brethren Church where he served until 2006. In addition, he has served as moderator of the Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches, focusing his efforts on continuing education, and has been on the Grace Brethren International Missions board since 1981. Teevan is currently on the board of the Kosciusko Community Hospital, and is presently serving as the director of the Prison Extension Program for Grace College.

