

# CURRICULUM VITAE: JOHAN C THOM

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## 1 Personal Details

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## 2 Education

Ph.D., Department of New Testament & Early Christian Literature, University of Chicago, 1990; title of dissertation: “The *Golden Verses* of Pythagoras: Its Literary Composition and Religio-Historical Significance” – supervisor: Professor H. D. Betz

M.A. (Greek) *cum laude*, Department of Greek, University of Pretoria, 1980; title of thesis: “Pindaros se Sewende Nemeïese Ode” [Pindar’s Seventh Nemean Ode] – supervisor: Professor J. H. Barkhuizen

B.A. Honours (Greek) *cum laude*, University of Pretoria, 1977

B.A. *cum laude*, University of Stellenbosch, 1974 (major subjects: Greek, Latin, Hebrew, Philosophy)

## 3 Academic Appointments

Chair of Department of Ancient Studies (1999–2001; 2007–2010; 2013–2015); Chair of Department of Classics (1997–1998); Chair of Department of Greek, University of Stellenbosch (1995–1996)

Distinguished Professor of Classics, University of Stellenbosch (2016–)

Professor of Classics, University of Stellenbosch (1997–2015)

Senior Lecturer, Department of Greek, University of Stellenbosch (1991–1996)

Lecturer, Department of Greek, University of Stellenbosch (1980–1990; study leave: 1983–1986)

Junior Lecturer, Department of Greek, University of Stellenbosch (1977–1980);

Part-time Lecturer in Greek, Department of New Testament & Early Christian Literature, University of Chicago (1985–1986)

## 4 Publications

### 4.1 Books

*The Pythagorean Golden Verses: With Introduction and Commentary.* Religions in the Graeco-Roman World 123. Leiden: Brill, 1995.

[Reviews: J. Bussanich, *Bryn Mawr Classical Review* 6/8 (1995) 730–32; B. A. Pearson, *Religious Studies Review* (1995); D. L. Balch, *Critical Review of Books in Religion* 9 (1996); D. Donnet, *L'antiquité classique* 65 (1996) 307–8; P. W. van der Horst, *Mnemosyne* 49/3 (1996) 351–52; W. T. Wilson, *Journal of Religion* 76/4 (1996) 616–17; É. Des Places, *Bulletin d'Association Guillaume Budé* (1997) 261; C. Harrauer, *Wiener Studien* 112 (1999) 237–38]

*AKROTHINIA I & II: In Honorem P J Conradie*, ed. J. C. Thom. Stellenbosch: Department of Classics, University of Stellenbosch, 1996. (*Akroterion* 41.)

*Philodemus: On Frank Criticism.* (Co-editor and translator with David Konstan, Diskin Clay, Clarence E. Glad & James Ware.) SBL Texts and Translations 43; Graeco-Roman Series 13. Atlanta: Scholars Press, 1998.

[Reviews: T. Dorandi, *Revue des études grecques* 111 (1998) 792–93; D. C. Allison, *Journal of Biblical Literature* 118 (1999) 578; J. Antolín, *Estudio Augustiniano* 34 (1999) 176–77; D. Armstrong, *Religious Studies Review* 25 (1999) 88; L. Emmett, *Classical Review* 49 (1999) 564; J. Warren, *Journal of Hellenic Studies* 120 (2000) 174–75]

*Cleanthes' Hymn to Zeus: Text, Translation, and Commentary.* Studien und Texte zu Antike und Christentum 33. Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, 2005.

[Reviews: A. Watanabe, *Exemplaria Classica* 10 (2006) 344–353; T. Engberg-Pedersen, *Review of Biblical Literature* 2007/07 (online: [www.bookreviews.org](http://www.bookreviews.org)); S. Rubarth, *Bryn Mawr Classical Review* 2007.07.62 (online: [ccat.sas.upenn.edu/bmcr/2007/2007-07-62.html](http://ccat.sas.upenn.edu/bmcr/2007/2007-07-62.html)); C. Chandler, *Acta Classica* 50 (2007) 160–162; R. Hunter, *Journal of Hellenic Studies* 127 (2007) 167–168]

*The New Testament Interpreted: Essays in Honour of Bernard C. Lategan.* (Co-editor with Cilliers Breytenbach and Jeremy Punt.) *Novum Testamentum Supplements* 124. Leiden: Brill, 2006.

*Cosmic Order and Divine Power: Pseudo-Aristotle, On the Cosmos.* (Editor, translator, and contributor.) *SAPERE* 23. Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, 2014.

[Reviews: A.P. Bos, *Acta Classica* 58 (2015) 232–237; A. Falcon, <http://www.sehepunkte.de/2015/05/25988.html>; D. Sider, *Bryn Mawr Classical Review* 2015.08.34; P. Gregoric, *Classical Review* 61 (2016) 68–70; J. Nummi, *Arctos* 50 (2016) 192–194; J.-M. Pinjuh, *Theologie und Philosophie* 92 (2017) 428–31]

### 4.2 Contributions to Books and Encyclopedias

“Gematria and Related Phenomena in Irenaeus *Adversus Haereses* 2.24.2.” In *Hupomnēma: Feesbundel opgedra aan prof. J. P. Louw*, ed. J. H. Barkhuizen, H. F. Stander, and G. J. Swart, 264–71. Pretoria: Universiteit van Pretoria, 1992.

“Pythagoreanism.” In *The Anchor Bible Dictionary*, ed. David Noel Freedman, vol. 5, 562–65. New York: Doubleday, 1992.

“‘Harmonious Equality’: The Topos of Friendship in Neopythagorean Writings.” In *Greco-Roman Perspectives on Friendship*, ed. John T. Fitzgerald, 77–103. SBL Sources for Biblical Study 34. Atlanta: Scholars, 1997.

- “Stoicism.” In *Dictionary of New Testament Background*, 1139–42, ed. Craig A. Evans and Stanley E. Porter. Downers Grove: InterVarsity Press, 2000.
- “Goldene Regel II: Neues Testament.” In *Religion in Geschichte und Gegenwart*, 4th ed., vol. 3, 1077, ed. Hans Dieter Betz et al. Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, 2000.
- “Cleanthes’ *Hymn to Zeus* and Early Christian Literature.” In *Antiquity and Humanity: Essays on Ancient Religion and Philosophy*, 477–99, ed. Adela Yarbro Collins & Margaret M. Mitchell. Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, 2001.
- “‘The Mind Is Its Own Place’: Defining the *Topos*.” In *Early Christianity and Classical Culture: Comparative Studies in Honor of Abraham J. Malherbe*, 555–73, ed. John T. Fitzgerald, Thomas H. Olbricht & L. Michael White. Novum Testamentum Supplements 110. Leiden: Brill, 2003.
- “Dyads, Triads and Other Compositional Beasts in the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5-7).” In *The New Testament Interpreted: Essays in Honour of Bernard C. Lategan*, ed. Cilliers Breytenbach, Johan C. Thom and Jeremy Punt, 291–308. Novum Testamentum Supplements 124. Leiden: Brill, 2006.
- “‘To Show the Difference by Comparison’: The *New Wettstein* and Cleanthes’ *Hymn*.” In *Reading Religions in the Ancient World*, ed. David E. Aune and Robin Darling Young, 81–100. Novum Testamentum Supplements 125. Leiden: Brill, 2007.
- “The Passions in Neopythagorean Writings.” In *Passions and Moral Progress in Greco-Roman Thought*, 67–78, ed. John T. Fitzgerald. London: Routledge, 2008.
- “Wisdom in the Wisdom of Solomon and Cleanthes’ *Hymn to Zeus*.” In *Septuagint and reception: Essays prepared for the Association for the Study of the Septuagint in South Africa*, ed. J. Cook, 195–207. Vetus Testamentum Supplementum 127. Leiden: Brill, 2009.
- “Atheism in Greco-Roman Antiquity.” In *Encyclopedia of the Bible and Its Reception*, vol. 2, 1195. Berlin: de Gruyter, 2009.
- “Beatitudes in Greco-Roman Antiquity.” In *Encyclopedia of the Bible and Its Reception*, vol. 3, 680-681. Berlin: de Gruyter, 2011.
- “The Pythagorean *Akousmata* and Early Pythagoreanism.” In *On Pythagoreanism*, ed. Gabriele Cornelli, Richard McKirahan, and Constantinos Macris. *Studia Praesocratica* 5, 77–101. Berlin; Boston: De Gruyter, 2013.
- “Text and Translation with Notes of *De mundo*.” In *Divine Order and Cosmic Power: Pseudo-Aristotle, On the Cosmos*, ed. Johan C. Thom, 20-66. SAPERE 23. Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, 2014.
- “Introduction to *De mundo*.” In *Divine Order and Cosmic Power: Pseudo-Aristotle, On the Cosmos*, ed. Johan C. Thom, 3-17. SAPERE 23. Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, 2014.
- “Cosmotheology in *De mundo*.” In *Divine Order and Cosmic Power: Pseudo-Aristotle, On the Cosmos*, ed. Johan C. Thom, 107-120. SAPERE 23. Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, 2014.
- “Paul and Popular Philosophy.” In *Paul’s Graeco-Roman context*, ed. Cilliers Breytenbach, 47-74. *Bibliotheca Ephemeridum Theologicarum Lovaniensium* 277. Leuven: Peeters, 2015.
- “Hymns in Greco-Roman Antiquity.” In *Encyclopedia of the Bible and Its Reception*, vol. 12, 642-644. Berlin: de Gruyter, 2016.
- “Cleanthes of Assos.” In *AncientThought.com: An Interactive Guide to Ancient Thought*, ed. Erlend D. MacGillivray et al., 2016. Online: <http://ancientthought.com>.
- “Pythagoras (Pythagoreer).” In *Reallexikon für Antike und Christentum*, vol. 28, 496-522. Stuttgart: Anton Hiersemann, 2017.

- “Sayings as ‘Lebenshilfe’: The Reception and Use of Two Pythagorean Collections.” In *PHILOSOPHIA in der Konkurrenz von Schulen, Wissenschaften und Religionen. Zur Pluralisierung des Philosophiebegriffs in Kaiserzeit und Spätantike*, ed. Christoph Riedweg, 75-97. Philosophie der Antike 34. Berlin: De Gruyter, 2017.
- “Protreptic and Pythagorean Sayings: Iamblichus’s *Protrepticus*.” In *When Wisdom Calls: Philosophical Protreptic in Antiquity*, ed. Olga Alieva, Annemaré Kotzé and Sophie van der Meeren, 71-88. Monothéismes et Philosophie 24. Turnhout: Brepols, 2018.
- “God the Saviour in Greco-Roman Popular Philosophy.” In *Sōtēria: Salvation in Early Christianity and Antiquity. Festschrift in Honour of Cilliers Breytenbach on the Occasion of His 65th Birthday*, edited by David du Toit, Christine Gerber, and Christiane Zimmermann, 86–100. NovTSup 175. Leiden: Brill, 2019.
- “The Power of God in Pseudo-Aristotle’s *De mundo*: An Alternative Approach.” In *The World Soul and Cosmic Space: New Readings on the Relation of Ancient Cosmology and Psychology*, ed. Christoph Helmig and Christoph Marksches, 135-152. Topics in Ancient Philosophy. Berlin: De Gruyter, 2019 (in the press).
- “Cosmic Power in Pseudo-Aristotle, *De mundo*, and the New Testament.” In *Power in the New Testament*, ed. Pieter G. R. de Villiers and Annette Merz. Contributions to Biblical Exegesis and Theology. Leuven: Peeters, forthcoming.
- “Carmen Aureum.” In *The Library of Wisdom: An Encyclopedia of Ancient Sayings Collections*, ed. Walter T. Wilson. Wisdom Literature from the Ancient World. Atlanta: SBL, forthcoming.
- “The Pythagorean *Acusmata*.” In *Early Greek Ethics*, ed. David Wolfsdorf. Oxford: Oxford University Press, forthcoming.
- “The Reception of the Pythagorean *Symbola* among Pagans and Christians of Late Antiquity.” In *Brill’s Companion to the Reception of Pythagoras and Pythagoreanism*, ed. Constantinos Macris et al. Leiden: Brill, forthcoming.
- “The *Golden Verses* as Pseudo-Pythagorean Text” and “Androcydes’ *On the Pythagorean Symbola* as Pseudo-Pythagorean Text.” In *Pseudopythagorica*, ed. Constantinos Macris et al. Baden-Baden: Nomos Publishing, forthcoming.

### 4.3 Articles in Journals

- “Aspects of the Form, Meaning and Function of the Book of the Watchers.” *Neotestamentica* 17 (1983) 40–48.
- “Gelykenisse en betekenis” [Parables and Meaning]. *Scriptura* 9 (1983) 30–43.  
(With P. G. R. de Villiers). “Die relevansie van ‘n linguistiese benadering tot die analise van klassieke tekste” [The Relevance of a Linguistic Approach to Classical Texts]. *Spil Plus* 8 (1983) 52–63.
- “Pindaros se Sewende Nemeïese ode” [Pindar’s Seventh Nemean Ode]. *Akroterion* 32 (1987) 117–23.
- “The Journey Up and Down: Pythagoras in Two Greek Apologists.” *Church History* 58 (1989) 299–308.
- “Die Goue Verse van Puthagoras” [The Golden Verses of Pythagoras]. *Akroterion* 35 (1990) 107–17.
- “Markus 1:4 in die Nuwe Afrikaanse Vertaling” [Mark 1:4 in the New Afrikaans Bible]. *Hervormde Teologiese Studies* 49 (1993) 934–41.
- “‘Don’t Walk on the Highways’: The Pythagorean *Akousmata* and Early Christian Literature.” *Journal of Biblical Literature* 113 (1994) 93–112.
- “Kleantes se *Himne aan Zeus*” [Cleanthes’ *Hymn to Zeus*]. *Akroterion* 41 (1996) 44–57.

- “Dis Grieks vir my: Die Klassieke as metafoor vir die universiteit” [It’s Greek to Me: Classics as Metaphor for the University]. *Akroterion* 42 (1997) 60–74.
- “The Problem of Evil in Cleanthes’ *Hymn to Zeus*.” *Acta Classica* 41 (1998) 45–57.
- “Die godsdienshistoriese agtergrond van die Nuwe Testament: Kommentaar op ‘n onlangse publikasie.” [The History of Religions Context of the New Testament: Comments on a Recent Publication]. *Hervormde Teologiese Studies* 57 (2001) 397–407.
- “Cleanthes, Chrysippus and the Pythagorean *Golden Verses*.” *Acta Classica* 44 (2001) 197–219.
- “‘Moenie op land seil nie’: Wysheid en hermeneutiek in die *akoesmata* van Pitagoras [‘Don’t Sail on Land’: Wisdom and Hermeneutics in the *Akousmata* of Pythagoras].” *Akroterion* 49 (2004) 29–41.
- “Doing Justice to Zeus: On Texts and Commentaries.” *Acta Classica* 48 (2005) 1–21.
- “Justice in the Sermon on the Mount: An Aristotelian reading.” *Novum Testamentum* 51 (2009) 314–38.
- “Kosmiese mag in Pseudo-Aristoteles, *De mundo*, en die Nuwe Testament [Cosmic Power in Pseudo-Aristotle, *De mundo*, and the New Testament].” *HTS Teologiese Studies / Theological Studies* 68.1 (2012) Art. # 1102 (<http://dx.doi.org/10.4102/hts.v68i1.1102>).
- “Popular Philosophy in the Hellenistic-Roman World.” *Early Christianity* 3/3 (2012) 279–295. (<http://dx.doi.org/10.1628/186870312803853674>)
- “Populêre filosofie en die Nuwe Testament [Popular Philosophy and the New Testament].” *LitNet Akademies* 11(1) (2014):401–428. (<http://www.litnet.co.za/Article/populere-filosofie-en-die-nuwe-testament>)
- “Greeks Seeking Wisdom: Abraham Malherbe’s Contribution to Hellenistic Philosophy and Early Christianity.” *Biblical Research* 59 (2014) 35–44.
- “Abraham Malherbe se bydrae tot hellenistiese filosofie en die vroeë Christendom.” *HTS Teologiese Studies / Theological Studies* 71(1), Art. 2996 (2015). (<http://dx.doi.org/10.4102/hts.v71i1.2996>)

#### 4.4 Book Reviews

- Ronald F. Hock and Edward N. O’Neill, *The Chreia in Ancient Rhetoric*, Vol. 1, *The Progymnasmata*. *Journal of Religion* 67 (1987) 143.
- Molly Whittaker, *Jews & Christians: Graeco-Roman Views*. *Neotestamentica* 21 (1987) 247–48.
- J. H. Barkhuizen, W. J. Henderson, and C. A. van Rooy, *Kalliope I: Griekse jambiese en elegiese poësie van Archilochos tot Theognis*. *Akroterion* 32 (1987) 40–41.
- J. H. Barkhuizen, W. J. Henderson, and C. A. van Rooy, *Kalliope II: ‘n Bloemlesing van Griekse liriese poësie van Alkman tot Pindaros*. *Akroterion* 34 (1989) 254.
- J. H. Barkhuizen (ed.), *Hymni Christiani*. *Hervormde Teologiese Studies* 47 (1991) 258–60.
- Abraham J. Malherbe, *Paul and the Popular Philosophers*. *Neotestamentica* 25 (1991) 178–79.
- Dominic J. O’Meara, *Pythagoras Revived: Mathematics and Philosophy in Late Antiquity*. *Religious Studies Review* 17 (1991) 158.
- David L. Balch, Everett Ferguson, and Wayne A. Meeks (eds.), *Greeks, Romans, and Christians: Essays in Honor of Abraham J. Malherbe*. *Neotestamentica* 26 (1992) 255–56.

- John Dillon and Jackson Hershbell (trans.), *Iamblichus: On the Pythagorean Way of Life*. *Scholia* n.s. 2 (1993) 131–32.
- A. P. Bos, *Cosmic and Meta-cosmic Theology in Aristotle's Lost Dialogues*. *Scholia* n.s. 4 (1995) 137–39.
- Luise Schottroff, *Lydias ungeduldige Schwestern: Feministische Sozialgeschichte des frühen Christentums*. *Religious Studies Review* 22 (1996) 168.
- H. W. Merritt, *In Word and Deed: Moral Integrity in Paul*. *Neotestamentica* 30 (1996) 217–218.
- Per Bilde et al, *Aspects of Hellenistic Kingship*. *Religious Studies Review* 26 (2000) 372.
- Vernon K. Robbins, *Exploring the Texture of Texts: A Guide to Socio-Rhetorical Criticism*. *Religious Studies Review* 26 (2000) 375.
- Hermann S. Schibli, *Hierocles of Alexandria*. *Classical Review* 54 (2004) 59–61.
- Abraham J. Malherbe, *The Letters to the Thessalonians*. *Review of Biblical Literature* [<http://www.bookreviews.org>] (2004).
- Christoph Marksches, *Gnosis: An Introduction*. *Neotestamentica* 39 (2005) 199–201.
- Hans Dieter Betz, *The "Mithras Liturgy"*. *Review of Biblical Literature* [<http://www.bookreviews.org>] (2006).
- Daniel Ogden, ed., *A Companion to Greek Religion*. *Acta Classica* 52 (2009) 141–43.
- W. J. Henderson, *Die berispemde stem*. *Tydskrif vir Letterkunde* 49 (2012) 180–81.
- Walter T. Wilson, *The Sentences of Sextus*. *Review of Biblical Literature* [<http://www.bookreviews.org>] (2015)
- Cas Vos, *Fragmente uit die Ilias*. *Homerus*. *Tydskrif vir Letterkunde* 52 (2015) 239–40.
- Abraham J. Malherbe, *Light from the Gentiles*. *Early Christianity* 9 (2018) 369–72.

#### 4.5 Textbooks

- Encheiridion, Paradeigmata and Mikron leksikon* [Summary of New Testament Greek grammar]. Department of Ancient Studies, University of Stellenbosch, 1994; revised 2004, 2010, 2015, 2016.
- Contributor to *Grieks met begrip: 'n Inleidende grammatika, toegespits op die Griekse Nuwe Testament* [Understanding Greek: An Introductory Grammar, Based on the Greek New Testament]. 5th ed. Wetenskaplike Bydraes van die PU vir CHO, Reeks A, nr. 85. Potchefstroom: Werkgroep vir Griekse Onderrig, 1995.

### 5 Other Editorial Responsibilities

- Executive Editor of *Novum Testamentum* (Brill) (2007–)
- Editor of the Classics journal *Akroterion* (1996–2001; 2009–); member of the Editorial Board (1987–1995; 2002–2008)
- Member of the Editorial Advisory Board of *Acta Classica* (2015–); member of the Editorial Board (2003–2005)
- Co-Editor of the Society of Biblical Literature Writings from the Greco-Roman World Series (2007–2013); member of the Editorial Board (2001–2006)
- Area Editor for Greco-Roman Antiquity of the *Encyclopedia of the Bible and Its Reception* (de Gruyter) (2005–2012)
- Volume editor of R. F. Hock & E. N. O'Neill, *The Chreia and Ancient Rhetoric: Classroom Exercises* (Society of Biblical Literature Writings from the Greco-Roman World Series 2; Atlanta: SBL, 2002)

Volume editor of J. Dillon, J. Hershbell & E. Clarke, *Iamblichus, On the Mysteries* (Society of Biblical Literature Writings from the Greco-Roman World Series 4; Atlanta: SBL, 2003)

Volume editor of J. Dillon & W. Polleichtner, *Iamblichus, Letters* (Society of Biblical Literature Writings from the Greco-Roman World Series 19; Atlanta: SBL, 2009)

Member of the Editorial Board of *Neotestamentica*, journal of the New Testament Society of South Africa (2006–2012; Editor 2000–2003)

Member of the Editorial Board of *New Testament Studies* (2005–2007)

## 6 Grants, Fellowships, and Awards

Alexander von Humboldt Research Fellow, Tübingen, Germany (1995); Berlin (2006; 2010; 2013; 2016; 2019)

Summer Scholarship, Center for Hellenic Studies, Washington DC (1999)

Rector's Award for Excellence in Research, University of Stellenbosch (1999)

Member of the Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton (2001–2002 academic year)

National Research Foundation (NRF) Research Rating: Internationally acclaimed researcher (2003–2007; 2008–2012; 2014–2019)

Senior Fellow, Topoi Excellence Cluster, Humboldt University in Berlin (2008)

Rector's Award for General Performance, University of Stellenbosch (2014)

## 7 Other Professional Accomplishments

Classical Association of South Africa (Western Cape branch) – Chairperson (2016–2017)

Studiorum Novi Testamenti Societas (SNTS) – member of the Executive Committee (2014–2017)

Society of Biblical Literature (SBL) – member of the steering committee of the Corpus Hellenisticum Novi Testamenti Section (2011–)

Society of Biblical Literature (SBL) – Program Unit Chair of the Hellenistic Moral Philosophers and Early Christianity Section (2007–2011); member of the steering committee (1996–2006)

Translator and Source Language Expert for the new Afrikaans Bible Translation project (2006–2012)

Classical Association of South Africa – Chairperson (2003–2005); Vice-chairperson (2001–2003); member of Executive Committee (2007–2009)

New Testament Society of South Africa – Co-secretary: Publications (2000–2003)

## 8 Academic Service within the University of Stellenbosch

Member of the Senate Academic Planning Committee (2018–2019)

Member of the Senate Programme Advisory Committee (2004–)

Member of the Senate Library Committee (2011–2015)

Member of the Senate Research Committee (2015)

Chairperson of Subcommittee A (Humanities) of the Senate Research Committee (2015); member (2012–2014)

Chairperson of the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences Research Committee (2006–2009)

Member of the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences Faculty Committee (2006–2009)

## 9 Membership of Academic Societies

Society for Classical Studies (formerly American Philological Association); Studiorum Novi Testamenti Societas (elected 1999); Society of Biblical Literature (USA); Mommsen-

Gesellschaft (Germany); Classical Association of South Africa; New Testament Society of South Africa; International Plutarch Society

## 10 Scholarly Papers Delivered: International Conferences

- “The Golden Verses of Pythagoras as Religious Text” – Society of Biblical Literature, Anaheim, California, 1989
- “The Semantic Universe of the Pythagorean *Akousmata*” – Society of Biblical Literature, Kansas City, Missouri, 1991
- “‘Harmonious Equality’: The Topos of Friendship in Neopythagorean Writings” – Society of Biblical Literature, Kansas City, Missouri, 1991
- “‘Don’t Walk on the Highways’: The Pythagorean *Akousmata* and Early Christian Literature” – International Conference on Religion, Melbourne, Australia, 1992
- “Philodemus *Peri parresias* frgs. 1–8” – Society of Biblical Literature, Washington, DC, 1993
- “Cleanthes, Chrysippus and the Pythagorean *Golden Verses*” – Classical Association, St. Andrews, Scotland, 1995
- “Philodemus *Peri parresias* frgs. 1–31” – Society of Biblical Literature, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 1995
- “The Passions in Neopythagorean Writings” – Society of Biblical Literature, New Orleans, 1996
- “The Problem of Evil in Cleanthes’ *Hymn to Zeus*” – Classical Association, London, 1997
- “‘The Mind Is Its Own Place’: Defining the Topos” – International Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, Cracau, Poland, 1998
- “Piety and Impiety in Classical and Early Christian Texts: A Response” – Society of Biblical Literature, Boston, Massachusetts, November 1999
- “Cleanthes’ *Hymn to Zeus*: Prayer or Credo?” – Society of Biblical Literature, Nashville, Tennessee, November 2000
- “‘He Himself Said’: Allegorical Interpretation of the Pythagorean *Akousmata*” – Society of Biblical Literature, Denver, Colorado, November 2001
- “Cornutus’ *Compendia theologiae*: A New Translation” (panel member) – Society of Biblical Literature, Toronto, Ontario, November 2002
- “Dyads, Triads and Other Compositional Beasts in the Sermon on the Mount” – Alexander von Humboldt Symposium, Stellenbosch, August 2004
- “Religion and Philosophy in Cleanthes’ *Hymn to Zeus*” – Society of Biblical Literature, San Antonio, Texas, November 2004
- “Ethopoiia and Creative Composition in the New Testament” – Society of Biblical Literature, Philadelphia, November 2005
- “The *New Wettstein* and a Holistic Reading of Texts: The Example of Cleanthes’ *Hymn to Zeus*” – Studiorum Novi Testamenti Societas, Aberdeen, Scotland, July 2006
- “The Wisdom of Solomon and Cleanthes’ *Hymn to Zeus*” – Society of Biblical Literature, Washington, DC, November 2006
- “Johan Thom’s *Cleanthes’ Hymn to Zeus*: A Response to Anthony Long, Troels Engberg-Pedersen, and Elizabeth Asmis – Society of Biblical Literature, Washington, DC, November 2006
- “Geregtigheid en geweld in die Bergrede” – Geweld in die Nuwe Testament: Konferensie van Nederlandse, Belgiese en Suid-Afrikaanse geleerdes, Stellenbosch, 21-23 January 2008



- “Justice in the Sermon on the Mount” – Oslo International New Testament Conference, 28 July 2008
- “Critique of Marius Reiser’s *Sprache und Literatur des Neuen Testaments* – Studiorum Novi Testamenti Societas, Lund, Sweden, 29 July – 1 August 2008
- “Critique of Christopher Gill’s *The Structured Self*” – Society of Biblical Literature, Boston, 17 November 2008
- “Pythagoras’s *Historiê* and the Akousmata Collection” – Fédération Internationale des Associations des Études classiques (FIEC) conference, Berlin, 28 August 2009
- “Kosmiese mag in Pseudo-Aristoteles *De mundo* en die Nuwe Testament” - NAVNUTEP (Nederlands-Afrikaanse-Vlaamse Nuwe-Testamentiese Projek) konferensie, Stellenbosch, 18 Januarie 2011
- “The Akousmata and Early Pythagoreanism” – VIII International Archaï Seminar On Pythagoreanism, Brasilia, 23 August 2011
- “Cosmic Order and Divine Power in Pseudo-Aristotle, *De mundo*” – Society of Biblical Literature, San Francisco, 20 November 2011
- “Personal philosophy in the Hellenistic-Roman world” – Humboldt Kolleg World View and Way of Life in the Ancient World, Stellenbosch, 12 September 2012
- “Paul and Popular Philosophy” – Two-day seminar at Colloquium Biblicum Lovaniense, Leuven, 16-17 July 2013
- “Paul and Popular Philosophy” – Society of Biblical Literature, Baltimore, 23 November 2013
- “Greeks Seek Wisdom: Abraham Malherbe’s Contribution to Hellenistic Philosophy and Early Christianity” – Christian Scholars’ Conference, Nashville, Tennessee, 5 June 2014
- “Sayings as ‘Lebenshilfe’: The Reception and Use of Two Pythagorean Collections” – PHILOSOPHIA in der Konkurrenz von Schulen, Wissenschaften und Religionen, Zürich, 16 October 2014
- “Topos as Heuristic Construct for Reading Ancient Moral and Religious Texts” – Society of Biblical Literature, San Diego, 25 November 2014
- Response to papers on Clemens of Rome by J. C. Paget, L. L. Welborn, and C. K. Rothschild – Studiorum Novi Testamenti Societas, Amsterdam, 29-31 August 2015
- “Pythagorean Sayings Material in Iamblichus, *Protrepticus*” – Oxford Patristics Conference, Oxford, 11 August 2015
- “The *Golden Verses* as Pseudo-Pythagorean Text” – *Pseudopythagorica* Workshop, Laboratoire d’excellence Hastec, CNRS, Paris, 26 May 2016
- “Foreign Religion, Politics and Identity” – COSMOS Summer School, Faculty of Theology, Humboldt University, Berlin, 10 June 2016
- “Plutarch’s Use of the Pythagorean *Akousmata*” – International Plutarch Society Conference, Fribourg, Switzerland, 11 May 2017
- “Theology and Popular Philosophy” – The Origins of New Testament Theology: A Conversation with Professor Hans Dieter Betz, Berne, Switzerland, 16 May 2017
- “Androcydes’ *On the Pythagorean Symbola* as Pseudo-Pythagorean Text?” – *Pseudopythagorica* Atelier V, Laboratoire d’excellence Hastec, CNRS, Paris, 31 May 2017
- Response to paper by C. K. Rothschild – Studiorum Novi Testamenti Societas, Pretoria, 11 August 2017
- “The Treatise *On the Cosmos* Attributed to Aristotle” – *La pseudépigraphie en philosophie*, 2e Journée d’études, Laboratoire d’excellence Hastec, CNRS, Paris, 19 January 2018

- “The Veiled Truth: Interpreting Pythagorean Material in Late Antiquity” – *The Modes of Thinking, the Ways of Speaking*, IX International Conference of the School of Philosophy of the Higher School of Economics, National Research University, Moscow, 26 April 2018
- “Metaphor and God in Stoic and Popular-philosophical Argumentation” – *Figuration as a Line of Argument. From Modern Theories to Ancient Texts*, Topoi Excellence Cluster, Berlin, 2 June 2018
- “The Reception of the Pythagorean *Symbola* in Late Antiquity” – International Association for Presocratic Studies, 6<sup>th</sup> Biennial Conference, Delphi, 25 June 2018
- “Sophia as Second Principle in Wisdom of Solomon” – *Theology of the Septuagint Conference*, Stellenbosch, 18 August 2018
- “Popular Philosophy” – *Modes of Doing Philosophy Workshop*, Bern, 15-16 July 2019
- “Pythagoreanism and Early Christian Identity” – Studiorum Novi Testamenti Societas, Marburg, 1 August 2019

## **11 Scholarly Papers Delivered: South African National Conferences**

- “Aspects of the Form, Meaning, and Function of the Book of the Watchers” – New Testament Society of South Africa, Pretoria, April 1983
- “Pythagoreanism and Early Christian Literature” – New Testament Society of South Africa, Grahamstown, April 1987
- “The Journey Up and Down: Pythagoras in Two Greek Apologists” – South African Association for Patristic and Byzantine Studies, Johannesburg, October 1987
- “Friendship in Neopythagorean Literature” – Classical Association of South Africa, Johannesburg, January 1993
- “The Pythagorean *Akousmata* and the New Testament” – New Testament Society of South Africa, Potchefstroom, April 1993
- Respondent to Wayne A. Meeks, *Origins of Christian Morality*, chap. 8 – Meeks Workshop, Potchefstroom, September 1993
- “Grammar for Second Year Students” – Classics Indaba, Vaal Dam, September 1993
- “‘Do You Understand What You Are Reading?’ Theory and Practice of Stereoscopic Reading” – New Testament Society of South Africa, Pretoria, April 1996
- “The Problem of Evil Cleanthes’ *Hymn to Zeus*” – Classical Association of South Africa, Pretoria, January 1997
- “‘The Mind Is Its Own Place’: Defining the Topos” – Classical Association of South Africa, Bellville, January 1999
- “Moral Topoi as Strategies of Encoding and Decoding Meaning in Hellenistic and New Testament Texts” – Constructing the Socio-Historic Context of the New Testament Workshop, Potchefstroom, April 1999
- “The Status of Hebrew and Greek in Africa” – International Workshop on Old and New Testament Studies in Africa, Stellenbosch, May 1999
- “‘The Mind Is Its Own Place’: Defining the Topos” – New Testament Society of South Africa, Vaal Dam, April 2000
- “Cleanthes, Chrysippus and the Pythagorean *Golden Verses*” – Classical Association of South Africa, Pretoria, January 2001
- “Literary Composition and Bible Translation in the Sermon on the Mount” – New Testament Society of South Africa, Pretoria, April 2001

- “Hermeneutical Implications of the Literary Fixation of the Pythagorean Akousmata and Early Christian Sayings Collections” – New Testament Society of South Africa, Bloemfontein, April 2005
- “Doing Justice to Zeus: On Texts and Commentaries” – Chairperson’s address, Classical Association of South Africa, Pietermaritzburg, July 2005
- “Justice in the Sermon on the Mount: An Aristotelian Reading” – Logos and the Word Conference on Ancient Philosophy, Hellenistic Judaism and Biblical Literature, Stellenbosch, 15 June 2007
- “Who are You, Pythagoras? Hermeneutical Pressure and Identity in the Pythagorean *Akousmata*” – Classical Association of South Africa, Cape Town, 3 July 2007
- “Wisdom in the Wisdom of Solomon and in Cleanthes’ Hymn” – Association for the Study of the Septuagint in South Africa, Stellenbosch, 14 August 2008
- “The Language and Logic of Justice in the Sermon on the Mount” – Humboldt Kolleg on Moral Language in the New Testament, Pretoria, 8 September 2008
- “Pythagoras and Early Christianity” – New Testament Society of South Africa, Stellenbosch, 11 April 2017
- “Pythagoreanism and Early Christian Identity” – Humboldt Kolleg Contexts and Identities of Early Christianity, Stellenbosch, 16 August 2017
- “The Reception of the Pythagorean *Akousmata* in Late Antiquity” – Classical Association of South Africa, Pretoria, 28 October 2017

## 12 Scholarly Papers Delivered: Guest Lectures

- “The Golden Verses of Pythagoras: A Contribution to the Corpus Hellenisticum Novi Testamenti” – C B Powell Centre, University of South Africa, 1986
- “The Social World of the Acts of Paul and Thecla” – C B Powell Centre, University of South Africa, 1986
- “The Golden Verses of Pythagoras: A Contribution to the Corpus Hellenisticum Novi Testamenti” – Western Cape branch of the New Testament Society of South Africa, Stellenbosch, 1987
- “Neopythagoreanism and the Golden Verses of Pythagoras – Lecturers’ meeting of the Classical Association (Western Cape), 1987
- “The Golden Verses of Pythagoras: A Contribution to the Corpus Hellenisticum Novi Testamenti” – New Testament Seminar, University of Chicago, Illinois, 1989
- “The Hellenistic Moralists and the New Testament” – Rhodes University, Grahamstown, 1990
- “The Golden Verses of Pythagoras and Neopythagoreanism” – Rhodes University, Grahamstown, 1990
- “Neopythagoreanism” – New Testament Seminar, Yale University, New Haven, 1990
- “The Pythagorean *Akousmata* and the New Testament” – Western Cape branch of the New Testament Society of South Africa, Stellenbosch, 1993
- “Greek Prefixes, Suffixes, and Bases in Afrikaans” – one of a lecture series offered by the Greek and Latin departments, University of Stellenbosch, 1994
- “The Religious Basis of Cleanthes’ *Hymn to Zeus*” – Institut zur Erforschung des Frühchristentums, Tübingen, Germany, 1995
- “Kleanthes’ *Zeushymnus*: Gebet oder Credo?” – Philologisches Seminar, Tübingen, Germany, 1995
- “Cleanthes’ *Hymn to Zeus*: Prayer or Credo?” – Seminar for Hellenistic Rhetoric and Poetics, University of Chicago, Illinois, 1995

- “Cleanthes’ *Hymn to Zeus*: Prayer or Credo?” – New Testament Seminar, Loyola University, Chicago, Illinois, 1995
- “The Secret Sayings of Pythagoras” – Classical Association of South Africa (Western Cape) Annual General Meeting, October 1999
- “The Pythagorean *Akousmata*” – Historical Studies Colloquium, Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton, January 2002
- “Cleanthes’ *Hymn to Zeus*: Prayer or Credo?” – Graduate Seminar, Department of Classics, University of Colorado at Boulder, March 2002
- “The Secret Sayings of Pythagoras” – Classical Association of Auckland, New Zealand, June 2002
- “Hermeneutical Implications of the Literary Fixation of the Pythagorean *Akousmata* and Early Christian Sayings Collections” – Early Christian Studies Workshop, University of Chicago, November 2003
- “Cleanthes’ *Hymn to Zeus*: A Stoic Hymn” – Early Christian Studies Workshop, University of Chicago, 19 November 2004
- “Religion and Philosophy in Cleanthes’ *Hymn to Zeus*” – Doctoral Colloquium, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, 13 July 2005
- “The Topos *peri dikaiosynes* in the Sermon on the Mount” – Doctoral Colloquium, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, 10 May 2006
- “‘To Show the Difference by Comparison’: The *New Wettstein* and Cleanthes’ *Hymn*” – New Testament Doctoral Colloquium, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, 11 July 2007
- “The Cosmology of Colossians” – New Testament Doctoral Colloquium, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, 2 July 2008
- “Hermeneutical Implications of the Literary Fixation of the Pythagorean *Akousmata*” – New Testament Doctoral Colloquium, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, 8 July 2009
- “The Cosmo-theology of Pseudo-Aristotle *De mundo* (and the New Testament)” – New Testament Colloquium, Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München, 5 November 2010
- “The Cosmo-theology of Pseudo-Aristotle *De mundo* (and the New Testament)” – New Testament Doctoral Colloquium, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, 15 December 2010
- “Wisdom in Cleanthes’ *Hymn to Zeus* and in the Wisdom of Solomon” – New Testament Doctoral Colloquium, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, 22 July 2011
- “Cosmic Order and Divine Power in Pseudo-Aristotle *De mundo*” – Late Antique Philosophy Doctoral Colloquium, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, 4 July 2011
- “Popular Philosophy in the Hellenistic-Roman World” – New Testament Doctoral Colloquium, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, 20 June 2012
- “Popular Philosophy and the New Testament” – Public lecture and seminar, University of Berne, 4-5 June 2013
- “Paul and Popular Philosophy” – New Testament Doctoral Colloquium, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, 26 June 2013
- “Abraham Malherbe’s Contribution to Hellenistic Philosophy and Early Christianity” – New Testament Doctoral Colloquium, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, 18 June 2014
- “Sayings as ‘Lebenshilfe’: The Reception and Use of Two Pythagorean Collections” – New Testament Doctoral Colloquium, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, 17 June 2015
- “The *Golden Verses* as Pseudo-Pythagorean Text” – New Testament Doctoral Colloquium, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, 9 June 2016

## 13 Supervision of Masters Theses and Doctoral Dissertations

### 13.1 Masters Theses Completed

- M. du Toit, “Die onderrig van sterrekunde in die Hellenistiese tyd” [The Teaching of Astronomy in the Hellenistic Age], M.A. thesis, University of Stellenbosch, 1991.
- D. Conroy, “A Practical Moral Identity in Seneca’s *Epistulae Morales*,” M.A. thesis, University of Stellenbosch, 2001.
- A.F.J. du Plessis, “’n Literêr-inhoudelike analise van Boek 7 van Augustinus se *Confessiones*: Augustinus se begrip van die bestaanswyse van God en die kwaad,” [A Literary Analysis of Book 7 of Augustine’s *Confessions*: Augustine’s Concept of the Existence of God and of Evil], M.A. thesis, University of Stellenbosch, 2001 (co-supervisor).
- P. Bjarnason, “Philosophy of Consolation: The Epicurean *Tetrapharmakos*,” M.Phil. thesis, University of Stellenbosch, 2004.
- H.H. van Alten, “Die aoristos en imperfektum in Handeling [The Aorist and Imperfect Tense in Acts],” M.A. thesis, University of Stellenbosch, 2005.
- L. Posthumus, “Hybrid Monsters in the Classical World: The Nature and Function of Hybrid Monsters in Greek Mythology, Literature and Art,” MPhil thesis, University of Stellenbosch, 2011.
- E.M. Raal, “The Good Life according to Seneca,” MA thesis, University of Stellenbosch, 2011 (co-supervisor).
- L. Louw, “*Eirōneia* or *Ironia*: On the Nature and Function of Socratic Irony,” MPhil thesis, University of Stellenbosch, 2012.
- A. Erasmus, “Verweerde skrif: ’n Tematiese ondersoek na ouderdom, verganklikheid, aftakeling en sterflikheid in die vroeë Griekse digkuns” [Eroded writing: A thematic investigation of old age, frailty, decay, and mortality in early Greek poetry], MA thesis, University of Stellenbosch, 2014.
- J.H. Park, “The Persian King as a Topos,” MA thesis, University of Stellenbosch, 2017.
- L.M. du Plessis, “An Intertextual Study of the Formulaic Fulfilment Quotations in the Gospel of Matthew,” MA thesis, University of Stellenbosch, 2017.

### 13.2 Doctoral Dissertations Completed

- C.H. Landon, “A Text-Critical Study of the Epistle of Jude,” D.Litt. dissertation, University of Stellenbosch, 1995.
- K.G. Smith, “Bible Translation and Relevance Theory: The Translation of Titus,” D.Litt. dissertation, University of Stellenbosch, 2001.
- A. Kotzé, “The Poetics of Augustine’s *Confessions*,” D.Litt. dissertation, University of Stellenbosch, 2003.
- J. du P. Boeke, “Wisdom in Pindar: Gnomai, Cosmology and the Role of the Poet,” D.Litt. dissertation, University of Stellenbosch, 2005.
- A. Evans, “The Development of Jewish Ideas of Angels: Egyptian and Hellenistic Connections ca. 600 BCE and c.200 CE,” D.Phil. dissertation, University of Stellenbosch, 2007 (co-supervisor).
- G.J. Steyn, “A Quest for the *Vorlage* of the Explicit Quotations in *Ad Hebraeos*,” D.Litt. dissertation, University of Stellenbosch, 2009 (co-promotor).
- A. Bourland Huizinga, “The Pythagorean Women’s Writings and the Pastoral Epistles,” PhD dissertation, University of Chicago, 2010 (reader).
- D.M. Heath, “Chiastic Structures in Hebrews,” PhD dissertation, University of Stellenbosch, 2011.

- J. Kim, "The Pastoral Letter in Early Christianity up to the Early Fifth Century C.E.," PhD dissertation, University of Stellenbosch, 2012.
- A. de Villiers, "Catullus Decentred: The Poetics of the Periphery," PhD dissertation, University of Stellenbosch, 2016 (co-supervisor).
- L. Warren, "Psychagogy in Plutarch's *Moralia* and *Parallel Lives*: The Image of the Ideal Woman," PhD dissertation, University of Stellenbosch, 2016.
- J. More, "Is Jesus King? A Critical Examination of Paul's Thought in the Context of the Hellenistic Kingship *Topos*," PhD dissertation, University of Stellenbosch, 2017.

### **13.3 Current Doctoral Dissertations**

- J.C. Meyer, "Vergil's Menagerie: Animal Imagery in the *Aeneid*," PhD dissertation, University of Stellenbosch, 2018- (co-supervisor).
- J.H. Park, "The psychagogical function of the *topos* of anger in Greco-Roman moral philosophy," PhD dissertation, University of Stellenbosch, 2018-.