

## **Kenneth Berding, Ph.D.**

Associate Professor of New Testament  
Talbot School of Theology at Biola University

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### EDUCATION

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*Doctor of Philosophy* in Hermeneutics and Biblical Interpretation (New Testament emphasis)  
Westminster Theological Seminary, Philadelphia, PA, 2000

*Master of Arts* in New Testament  
Talbot School of Theology at Biola University, La Mirada, CA, 1996

*Master of Arts* in Biblical Studies  
Trinity Theological Seminary, Newburgh, IN, 1992

*TEFL Certificate* (Teaching of English as a Foreign Language)  
International Teachers Training Institute, London, UK, 1988.

*Bachelor of Theology*, Minor in New Testament Greek  
Multnomah University (formerly Multnomah School of the Bible), Portland, OR, 1986.

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### TEACHING AND MINISTRY EXPERIENCE

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*Associate Professor of New Testament*  
Talbot School of Theology / Biola University, La Mirada, CA, 2002 to present (tenured, 2008).

*Assistant Professor of Biblical Studies and Greek*  
Nyack College, Nyack, NY, 1998-2002

*Pastor of Worship (part-time staff)*  
Simpson Memorial Church, Nyack, NY, 2000 to 2002

*Adjunct Professor of Greek and Hermeneutics*  
Alliance Theological Seminary, Ukraine Extension Site, 1999  
Alliance Theological Seminary, New York City Extension Site, 2001  
Alliance Evangelical Divinity School, Anaheim, CA, 2006

*Lecturer in New Testament Greek*  
Westminster Theological Seminary, Philadelphia, PA, 1998-1999

*Greek Tutoring / Research Assistantships*  
Talbot School of Theology, La Mirada, CA, 1995-1996  
Westminster Theological Seminary, Philadelphia, PA, 1997-1998

*Teacher of English as a Foreign Language*  
Cinar English School, 1989-1990  
Dilmer English School, 1993-1994

*Church Planter in Middle East*, 1988-1995

*Refuge Ministry*, Portland, OR, 1985-1987

*Intern* in Music and Youth Ministries  
Los Gatos Christian Church, San Jose, CA, 1981-1983

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## MISCELLANEOUS SKILLS

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Proficiency in four musical instruments: piano, guitar, drums, and saz (a Turkish instrument)  
Composer of more than 150 songs  
Fluent in modern Turkish

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## BOOKS (AND MUSIC)

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*Polycarp and Paul: An Analysis of Their Literary & Theological Relationship in Light of Polycarp's Use of Biblical and Extra-Biblical Literature.* Supplements to *Vigiliae Christianae* 62 (Leiden: Brill, 2002).

*What Are Spiritual Gifts? Rethinking the Conventional View* (Grand Rapids: Kregel, 2006).

*Sing and Learn New Testament Greek: The Easiest Way to Learn Greek Grammar* (Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2008).

*What The New Testament Authors Really Cared About: A Survey of Their Writings* (Grand Rapids: Kregel, 2008). Co-editor with Matt Williams. Fifteen different contributing authors from twelve Christian colleges and universities across North America.

*Three Views on the New Testament Use of the Old Testament* (Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2008). Co-editor with Jonathan Lunde. Contributing authors: Walter C. Kaiser, Jr., Darrell L. Bock, and Peter Enns.

*Sing Thru the Bible*, copyright 2000, 2003 (sequencing by Dwayne Condon, vocals by Jennifer Condon). A demo-level music CD, lead-sheets, and introduction to each biblical book. Produced for college students in Bible Survey at Nyack College and Biola University. Thirty minutes of music spanning all the central characters, events, and themes in the Bible.

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## PUBLISHED ARTICLES AND CHAPTERS IN BOOKS

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"Depth and Delight," *Discipleship Journal* 104 (March/April 1998): 75.

"Polycarp of Smyrna's View of the Authorship of 1 and 2 Timothy," *Vigiliae Christianae* 53 (1999): 349-360.

"Confusing Word and Concept in 'Spiritual Gifts': Have We Forgotten James Barr's Exhortations?" *Journal of the Evangelical Theological Society* 43 (2000): 37-51.

"The Hermeneutical Framework of Social-Scientific Criticism: How much can Evangelicals get involved?" *The Evangelical Quarterly* 75 (2003): 3-22.

"Romans 12.4-8: One Sentence or Two?" *New Testament Studies* 52 (2006): 433-439.

"How Did the New Testament Canon Come Together?" *Sundoulos* (Spring 2007): 2-7.

"Introducing Paul," in *What the New Testament Authors Really Cared About* (Grand Rapids: Kregel, 2008).

"Philippians," in *What the New Testament Authors Really Cared About* (Grand Rapids: Kregel, 2008).

"An Analysis of Three Views on the New Testament's Use of the Old Testament," in *Three Views on the New Testament's Use of the Old Testament* (Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2008).

"John or Paul? Who was Polycarp's Mentor?" *Tyndale Bulletin* 58 (2008).

"Is 1 Corinthians 7:12 Only Paul's Personal Opinion?" *Biola Magazine*, 2008.

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## PUBLISHED BOOK REVIEWS

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Review of *Honor, Patronage, Kinship & Purity: Unlocking New Testament Culture*, by David A. deSilva (Downers Grove: InterVarsity Press, 2000), in *Journal of the Evangelical Theological Society* 45 (June, 2002): 354-356.

Review of *Polycarp and the New Testament: The Occasion, Rhetoric, Theme, and Unity of the Epistle to the Philippians and its Allusions to New Testament Literature*, by Paul Hartog, Wissenschaftliche Untersuchungen zum Neuen Testament: Reihe 2; 134 (Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, 2002), in *Westminster Theological Journal* 64 (2002): 415-417.

Review of *Thanksgiving: An Investigation of a Pauline Theme*, by David W. Pao, New Studies in Biblical Theology 13 (Leicester: Apollos and Downers Grove, Ill.: InterVarsity Press, 2002), in *Journal of the Evangelical Theological Society* 46 (June, 2003): 352-353.

Review of *Perspectives Old and New on Paul: The "Lutheran" Paul and His Critics*, by Stephen Westerholm (Grand Rapids and Cambridge: William B. Eerdmans Publishing Company, 2004) in *Trinity Journal* 25 (Fall, 2004): 262-264.

Review of *Paul and First-Century Letter Writing: Secretaries, Composition and Collection*, by E. Randolph Richards (Downers Grove, Ill: InterVarsity Press, 2004) in *Westminster Theological Journal* 67 (Spring, 2005): 170-172.

Review of *Knocking on Heaven's Door: A New Testament Theology of Petitionary Prayer*, by David Crump (Grand Rapids: Baker Academic, 2006) in *Journal of the Evangelical Theological Society* 50 (June, 2007): 408-410.

Review of *From the Lost Teaching of Polycarp: Identifying Irenaeus' Apostolic Presbyter and the Author of Ad Diognetum*, by Charles E. Hill, WUNT (Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, 2006) in *Trinity Journal*, forthcoming.

Review of *Rediscovering Paul: An Introduction to His World, Letters and Theology*, by David B. Capes, Rodney Reeves and E. Randolph Richards (Downers Grove, Ill.: IVP Academic and Nottingham, England: Apollos, 2007) in *Journal of the Evangelical Theological Society*, forthcoming.

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#### PROFESSIONAL PAPERS

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"Polycarp of Smyrna and the Pauline Authorship of 1 and 2 Timothy." Evangelical Theological Society Annual Meeting, Orlando, Florida, November, 1998.

"Understanding the Hermeneutical Framework of Social-Scientific Criticism: How much can Evangelicals get involved?" Evangelical Theological Society Eastern Regional Meeting, Lancaster, Pennsylvania, April, 1998.

"John P. Meier as Biblical Interpreter: An Analysis of his Hermeneutical Principles—Beyond the Quest." Evangelical Theological Society Annual Meeting, Toronto, Canada, November 2002.

"Historical connections to John but literary connections to Paul: Can we resolve a dilemma in our understanding of Polycarp of Smyrna?" First International Symposium on Smyrna, Izmir, Turkey, July, 2003 and Asia Minor Study Group at Evangelical Theological Society Annual Meeting, Valley Forge, Pennsylvania, November, 2005.

"John the Baptist's Clear Witness to Jesus as the Coming One in the Fourth Gospel and the Problem of Doubt in Relation to Matthew and Luke." Evangelical Theological Society Annual Meeting, Atlanta, Georgia, November, 2003.

Response to Paul Hartog, "Polycarp, 'Scripture,' and Ephesians." Evangelical Theological Society Annual Meeting, Valley Forge, Pennsylvania, November, 2005.

"Rethinking the Conventional View of Spiritual Gifts." Provost's Faculty Research Luncheon, Biola University, La Mirada, California, October, 2006.

“‘Spiritual Gifts’ as Ministries: Rethinking the Exegetical Foundations of ‘Spiritual Gifts’”. Evangelical Theological Society Annual Meeting, Washington D.C., November, 2006.

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#### CONSULTANT

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Historical consultant for *The Martyrdom of St. Polycarp*, Music: J.A.C. Redford, Libretto: Scott Cairns, 2004.  
Biblical consultant for the *Jesus Film Project*, Campus Crusade for Christ, 2005.

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#### MISCELLANEOUS

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Radio Interview, WMUZ, Detroit, MI, “The Bob Dutko Show” on *What Are Spiritual Gifts?* Dec. 8, 2006  
Radio Interview, He’s Alive Radio, “Listener’s Café” on *What Are Spiritual Gifts?* Jan. 15, 2007.  
Radio Interview, KNEO, Neosho, MO, “Author’s Corner” on *What Are Spiritual Gifts?* Feb. 20, 2007.  
Radio Interview, WCTS, Plymouth, MN, “Christianity in a Changing Culture” on *What Are Spiritual Gifts?* Feb 27, 2007  
Television interview about the Apostle Paul, Associated Television International, *Unlocking Ancient Secrets of the Bible*, hosted by Roger Moore, forthcoming.

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#### PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

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Member of *The Evangelical Theological Society*  
Fellow of the *Institute for Biblical Research*  
Member of *The Society of Biblical Literature*

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#### AWARDS / HONORS / GRANTS

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*New Testament Greek Award*, Multnomah, 1986  
*Valedictorian and Baccalaureate Speaker*, Multnomah, 1986  
*Phi Beta Kappa*, 1986  
*Who’s Who Among Students in American Universities & Colleges*, 1986  
*Award in New Testament*, Talbot School of Theology/ Biola University, 1996  
*Grant in Pedagogy*, Biola University, 2002-2003  
*Seventh Semester Research Leave*, Talbot School of Theology/ Biola University, Fall 2005  
*Research and Development Grant*, Biola University, Fall 2005  
*Who’s Who Among America’s Teachers*, 8<sup>th</sup> ed. (2004) and 9<sup>th</sup> ed. (2005)  
*Faculty Excellence Award and Speaker for December Graduates’ Dinner*, Biola University, 2006  
*Research and Development Grant*, Biola University, Summer 2007  
*Award of Excellence in Mentoring Students*, Biola University, 2008  
*Tenured*, Biola University, 2008  
*Research and Development Grant*, Biola University, Summer, 2009

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#### COURSES TAUGHT

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Talbot School of Theology / Biola University  
*Pauline Literature*  
*New Testament History and Literature*  
*Biblical Interpretation & Spiritual Formation*  
*Biblical Greek 1*  
*Biblical Greek 2*

Nyack College (Rockland Campus and Manhattan Campus)  
*Hermeneutics*  
*New Testament Literature*  
*Christian Foundations*  
*Old Testament Literature*

*Beginning Greek 1 and 2*  
*Intermediate Greek 1 and 2*  
*Greek Exegesis*

Alliance Theological Seminary (Manhattan Campus and Kiev, Ukraine)  
*Hermeneutics*  
*Introduction to Biblical Languages*

Alliance Evangelical Divinity School (Anaheim)  
*Hermeneutics*

Westminster Theological Seminary (Philadelphia)  
*Greek 1, 2, and 3*