

**STEVEN J. FRIESEN**  
**curriculum vitae**

**EDUCATION**

1990	Ph.D	Harvard University, Study of Religion, specialization in New Testament & Christian Origins.
1986	A.M.	Harvard University, Study of Religion, specialization in NT & Christian Origins.
1979	M.Div.	Fuller Theological Seminary, Pasadena, California.
1976	B.A.	Fresno Pacific College, Fresno, California, in religion and humanities, <i>magna cum laude</i> .
1983		Summer course, historical geography of Israel, Institute for Holy Land Studies, Jerusalem.
1981-83		Auditor at doctoral level, Romanian Orthodox Theological Institute, Bucharest, Romania.
1980-81		Romanian language study, University of Bucharest, Romania.
1974-75		Junior year, Phillips-Universität, Marburg, West Germany.

**EMPLOYMENT HISTORY**

9/2005-present	Louise Farmer Boyer Chair in Biblical Studies, Religious Studies, Univ. of Texas at Austin.
9/2004-8/2005	Professor, Dept. of Religious Studies, Univ. of Missouri-Columbia.
8/2000-8/2005	Department Chair, UMC.
9/1999-8/2004	Associate Professor, UMC.
9/1994-8/1999	Assistant Professor, UMC.
9/1993-8/1994	Visiting Assistant Professor, UMC.
7/1990-7/1993	Project Fellow, Cultural Studies Program, East-West Center, Honolulu

**COURSES TAUGHT**

**University of Texas at Austin, Department of Classics.**

“Beyond the New Testament: Secret Gospels, Apocryphal Acts, and Disputed Revelations,” Spring 2010.

“What is Religion?” Fall 2006, Spring 2008, Fall 2009.

“Biblical Greek,” Spring semesters, 2007- present.

“Revelation and Apocalyptic Literature,” Fall 2008.

“The End of the World as We Know It: Revelation and Apocalyptic Literature,” first-year seminar, Fall 2007.

“Corinthian Religion and Society,” graduate seminar, Spring 2007.

“Introduction to the New Testament,” Classical Civ 304 C and RS 314, Fall semesters, 2006-present.

**University of Missouri-Columbia, Department of Religious Studies.**

“Life and Letters of Paul,” RS 244, Winter 2000, 2003.

“Gospel Literature,” RS 422; Fall 1999 & 2002.

“Biblical Hebrew,” RS 301; Fall 1998 - Winter 1999. First-year language course.

“The Historical Jesus,” RS 342; Fall 1997. Distance-education: included students from University of Missouri-Columbia and from Washington University, St. Louis, via two-way audio and visual technology.

“Introduction to the New Testament,” RS 142; Winters 1994-96, 1998-2003 (Writing Intensive in 2001-2003).

“The Greek New Testament,” ClassSt 216; Fall 1997; Winter 2002.

“Intro. to the Hebrew Bible/Old Testament,” RS 141; Falls 1993-95, 1997, 1999-2001 (Writing Intensive in 1997).

“Greek Religion: Polytheism and other Problems in Religious Studies,” RS 399 senior seminar; Winter 1996.

“Pagans, Jews, and Christians: Religion and Archaeology of the Roman Empire,” RS/Art History & Archaeology 201; Winter 1995, 1998.

“Revelation and Apocalyptic Literature,” RS 246; Fall 1993, 1995, 1998.

“Ancient Judaism,” RS 223; Fall 1994.

“The Reality of God,” RS 275; Summer 1994.

“The Prophets,” RS 241; Winter 1994.

**Fuller Theological Seminary-Honolulu Extension, Adjunct faculty, 1991-92.**

“Introduction to Biblical Hebrew.” Three quarters, 1991-92.

“The Revelation of John,” summer quarter, 1991.

## PUBLICATIONS

### Authored Books

- 2001 *Imperial Cults and the Apocalypse of John: Reading Revelation in the Ruins*. NY: Oxford University Press.  
1993 *Twice Neokoros: Ephesus, Asia, and the Cult of the Flavian Imperial Family*. Religions in the Graeco-Roman World 116; Leiden: Brill.

### Edited Volumes

- (2010) *Corinth in Context: Comparative Studies on Religion and Society*. Co-editor with Daniel N. Schowalter and James Walters. Leiden: E. J. Brill.  
2009 Area editor for early Christianity (25 articles). *Oxford Encyclopedia of Ancient Greece and Rome*. Oxford University Press.  
2005 *Urban Religion and Roman Corinth: Interdisciplinary Approaches*. Daniel Schowalter and Steven J. Friesen, eds. Cambridge, Mass.: Harvard Theological Studies; distributed by Harvard Univ. Press.  
2001 *Ancestors in Post-Contact Religion: Roots, Ruptures, and Modernity's Memory*. Religions of the World series; Center for the Study of World Religions, Harvard Divinity School; distributed by Harvard Univ. Press.  
1991 *Local Knowledge, Ancient Wisdom: Challenges in Contemporary Spirituality*. Honolulu: East-West Center.

### Articles & Chapters

- (2010) “Roman Imperial Imagery in Revelation: Space, Knowledge, and Time.” In *The Imagery in the Book of Revelation: New Approaches to an Old Book*. Edited by M. Labahn, O. Lehtipuu, and B. J. Lietart Peerbolte. Leuven: Peeters. In press.  
(2010) “The Wrong Erastus: Ideology, Archaeology, and Exegesis.” For the *Corinth in Context* volume (above).  
(2010) “Introduction: Context, Comparison.” For the *Corinth in Context* volume (above).  
(2010) “Second Thessalonians and the Evolving Ideology of Epistles: Our Debt to the Forger.” For the *From Roman To Christian Thessalonike* volume (above). In press.  
2009 “The Size of the Economy and the Distribution of Income in the Roman Empire.” With Walter Scheidel. *Journal of Roman Studies* 99:61-91.  
2009 “The Economy of Paul’s Gospel: The Jerusalem Collection as an Alternative to Patronage.” Pages 27-54 in *Paul Unbound: Other Perspectives on Paul*. Edited by Mark D. Givens. Peabody, Mass.: Hendrickson.  
2008 Reprint with new introduction. “Injustice or God’s Will? Early Christian Explanations of Poverty.” In *Wealth and Poverty in Early Church and Society*. Edited by Susan R. Holman. Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Academic.  
2008 “The Blessings of Hegemony: Poverty, Paul’s Assemblies, and the Class Interests of the Professoriate.” Pages 117-128 in *The Bible in the Public Square: Reading the Signs of the Times*. Edited by Cynthia Briggs Kittredge, Ellen Bradshaw Aitken, and Jonathan A Draper. Minneapolis: Fortress.  
2006 “Sarcasm in Revelation 2-3: Churches, Christians, True Jews, and Satanic Synagogues.” Pages 127-144 in *The Reality of Apocalypse: Rhetoric and Politics in the Book of Revelation*. Edited by David Barr. Atlanta: Scholars Press.  
2005 “Satan’s Throne, Imperial Cults, and the Social Settings of Revelation.” Invited by *Journal for the Study of the New Testament* 27:351-373.  
2005 “Injustice or God’s Will? Explanations of Poverty in Four Proto-Christian Texts.” Pages 240-260 in *The First Century*. Edited by Richard Horsley. Vol. 1 of *A People's History of Christianity*. Minneapolis: Fortress.  
2005 “Prospects for a Demography of the Pauline Mission: Corinth among the Churches.” Pages 351-70 in *Urban Religion and Roman Corinth: Interdisciplinary Approaches* (see above, Edited Volumes).

- 2004 "Ephesos B: The Upper City." In *The Cities of Paul: Images and Interpretations from the Harvard New Testament and Archaeology Project*. CD-ROM, edited by Helmut Koester. Minneapolis: Augsburg Fortress.
- 2004 "The Hawaiian Lei on a Voyage Through Modernities: A Study in Post-Contact Religion." Pages 325-42 in *Beyond 'Primitivism': Indigenous Religious Traditions and Modernity*. Edited by Jacob Olupona. N.Y.: Routledge.
- 2004 "Myth and Symbolic Resistance in Revelation 13." *Journal of Biblical Literature* 123:281-313.
- 2004 "Poverty in Pauline Studies: Beyond the So-called New Consensus." *Journal for the Study of the New Testament*, 26:323-361.
- 2004 "Religion and Politics in Early Christianity." Pages 561-563 in *Religions of the Ancient World: A Guide*. Edited by Sarah Iles Johnston. Cambridge, Mass.: Harvard University Press.
- 2003 "The Beast from the Earth: Revelation 13:11-18 and Social Setting." Pages 49-64 in *Readings in the Book of Revelation: A Resource for Students*. Edited by David Barr. Atlanta: Scholars Press.
- 2003 "High Priestesses of Asia and Emancipatory Interpretation." Pages 136-50 in *Walk in the Ways of Wisdom: Essays in Honor of Elisabeth Schüssler Fiorenza*. Edited by Shelly Matthews, Cynthia Briggs Kittredge, and Melanie Johnson-DeBaufre. N.Y.: Trinity Press International.
- 2001 "Introduction: Modern Ancestors." Pages xvii-xxix in *Ancestors in Post-Contact Religion: Roots, Ruptures, and Modernity's Memory* (see above, Edited Volumes).
- 1999 "Asiarchs." *Zeitschrift für Papyrologie und Epigraphik*, 126:275-290.
- 1999 "Ephesian Women and Men in Public Religious Office in the Roman Period." Pages 107-113 in *100 Jahre Österreichische Forschungen in Ephesos. Akten des Symposions Wien 1995*, Textband. Edited by Herwig Friesinger and Friedrich Krininger. Vienna: Austrian Archaeological Institute.
- 1999 "Highpriests of Asia and Asiarchs: Farewell to the Identification Theory." Pages 303-307 in *Steine und Wege: Festschrift für Dieter Knibbe zum 65. Geburtstag*. Edited by Peter Scherrer. Vienna: Austrian Archaeological Institute.
- 1996 "The Origins of Lei Day: Festivity and the Construction of Ethnicity in the Territory of Hawaii." *History and Anthropology*, 10:1-36.
- 1995 "The Cult of the Roman Emperors in Ephesos: Temple Wardens, City Titles, and the Interpretation of the Revelation of John." Pages 229-250 in *Ephesos, Metropolis of Asia: An Interdisciplinary Approach to Religion and Culture*. Edited by Helmut Koester. Valley Forge, Penn.: Trinity.
- 1995 "Ephesos A: City Center and Curetes St." In *Archaeological Resources for New Testament Studies (ARNTS) 2*, Valley Forge, Penn.: Trinity Press. With assistance of Christine Thomas.
- 1995 "Revelation, Realia, and Religion: Archaeology in the Interpretation of the Apocalypse," *Harvard Theological Review*, 88:291-314.
- 1993 "Abaddon," "Gabriel," and "Jehovah," *Oxford Companion to the Bible*, Oxford: Oxford University Press.
- 1987 "Olympia." In *ARNTS 1*, Philadelphia: Fortress, 1987.
- 1987 "Corinth A: Architectural Monuments of the Roman City." In *ARNTS 1*, Philadelphia: Fortress Press. With assistance of Allan Janek, et al.