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His translation projects have included serving as editor for a committee to re-translate the Westminster Shorter Catechism into Tigrinya. His dissertation was published by Vandenhoeck and Ruprecht as *Wrestling with Isaiah: the Exegetical Methodology of Campegius Vitringa (1659-1722)*. He has contributed other essays on Vitringa (a notable Dutch OT scholar) to *Biblical Theology: a Discipline with a History* (Wipf and Stock) and *Handbuch der Bibelhermeneutiken* (De Gruyter). Other of his translations, articles and reviews have appeared in *Mid-America Journal of Theology*, *New Horizons*, and *Themelios*. He is a member of the Evangelical Theological Society, the Society of Biblical Literature, the National Association of Professors of Hebrew, and the Evangelical Missiological Society.

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