



Prof. Dean BÉCHARD, S.J.



Birth

- December 23, 1959, New York, U.S.A.

Education:

- Ph.D. Yale University, February 21, 1998
- M.Ph. Yale University, May 22, 1995
- M.A. Yale University, May 23, 1994
- S.T.L. Weston Jesuit School of Theology, May 20, 1993
- M.Div. Weston Jesuit School of Theology, May 25, 1991
- B.A. LeMoyne College, May 16, 1981 e

Area of specialization

- New Testament History and Literature

Areas of competence

- Second Temple Judaism; Hellenistic Religion and Philosophy;
- History of Early Christianity in the First Two Centuries
- Ancient Languages: Latin; Classical and Koine Greek; Biblical Hebrew; Aramaic; Syriac
- Modern Languages: French, German, Italian, Spanish

Academic experience

- 2006 – present: Professor, Pontifical Biblical Institute, Rome
- 2003 – 2006: Associate Professor, Department of Theology, Fordham University
- 1997 – 2002: Assistant Professor, Department of Theology, Fordham University
- 1985 – 1988: Instructor, Department of Foreign Languages, Regis High School, NYC

Professional activities

Public Lectures

- “The Theological Significance of 'Judaea' in Luke-Acts,” given at *Colloquium Biblicum Lovaniense XLVII*, Leuven, Belgium, July 29-31, 1998.

- “Paul Outside the Walls: The Lystra Episode and Lucan Apologetic” given at the annual meeting of the *Society of Biblical Literature*, Orlando, FL, November 21-24, 1998.
- “Catholics and the Bible: The Recent Controversy Over the Revised Lectionary,” given at Alumni College Day, Fordham College, Bronx, NY, September 25, 1999.
- “Gospel Facts and Fictions: The Historical Jesus in Recent Research,” given at a meeting of the Adult Education Forum, St. Michael’s Church, Greenwich, CT, November 14, 1999.
- “Understanding the Old Testament,” taped on October 1, 2002 for ABC Radio *Thoughts for the Week*, 125 West End Avenue, New York, NY, and aired on October 13, 2002.
- “Understanding the New Testament,” taped on October 1, 2002 for ABC Radio *Thoughts for the Week*, 125 West End Avenue, New York, NY, and aired on November 10, 2002.
- “Understanding St. Paul,” taped on October 1, 2002 for ABC Radio *Thoughts for the Week*, 125 West End Avenue, New York, NY, and aired on December 15, 2002.
- “Scripture in the Life of the Church,” taped on October 1, 2002 for ABC Radio *Thoughts for the Week*, 125 West End Avenue, New York, NY, and aired on January 12, 2003.

Reviews

- Review of Ben Witherington, *The Acts of the Apostles: A Socio-Rhetorical Commentary* (Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans, 1998) in *The Catholic Biblical Quarterly* 61/2 (1999), pp. 388- 390.
- Book Note on Bernd Kollmann, *Joseph Barnabas. Leben und Wirkungsgeschichte* (SBS 175; Stuttgart: Katholisches Bibelwerk, 1998) in *Religious Studies Review* 25/4 (1999), p. 424.
- Review of Hanna Stettler, *Die Christologie der Pastoralbriefe* (WUNT 2/105; Tübingen: Mohr [Siebeck], 1998) in *The Catholic Biblical Quarterly* 62/1 (2000) 165-166.
- Review of Jerome D. Quinn and William C. Wacker, *The First and Second Letters to Timothy. A New Translation with Notes and Commentary* (ECC; Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2000) in *The Catholic Biblical Quarterly* 63/1 (2001) 161-163.
- Review of William A. Richards, *Difference and Distance in Post-Pauline Christianity. An Epistolary Analysis of the Pastorals* (Studies in Biblical Literature

44; Frankfurt am Main: Peter Lang, 2002) in *The Catholic Biblical Quarterly* 65/4 (2003) 651-652.

- Review of Jacques Cazeaux, *Les Actes des Apôtres: L'Église entre le martyre d'Étienne et la mission de Paul* (LD 224; Paris: Cerf, 2008) in *The Catholic Biblical Quarterly* 72 (2010) 367-368.
- Review of Ken Stenstrup, *Titus: Honoring the Gospel of God (Paul's Social Network: Brothers and Sisters in Faith)*; Colleagueville, MN: Liturgical Press, 2010) in *The Catholic Biblical Quarterly* 73 (2011) 882-883.
- Review of François Bovon, *L'évangile selon saint Luc (19,28 – 24,53)* (Commentaire du Nouveau Testament III d; Génève: Labor et Fides, 2009) in *Biblica* 92 (2011) 307-311.
- Review of Matthew Rindge, *Jesus' Parable of the Rich Fool. Luke 12:13-34 among Ancient Conversations on Death and Possessions* (Early Christianity and its Literature 6; Atlanta, Society of Biblical Literature, 2011) in *Biblica* 94 (2013) 309-312.
- Review of Coleman A. Baker, *Identity, Memory, and Narrative in Early Christianity: Peter, Paul, and Recategorization in the Book of Acts* (Eugene: Pickwick Publications, 2011) in *The Catholic Biblical Quarterly* 76 (2014) 128-129.

Published Articles

- "The Theological Significance of 'Judaea' in Luke-Acts," in J. Verheyden, ed., *The Unity of Luke-Acts* (Leuven: Leuven University Press, 1999), pp. 675-691.
- "Paul Among the Rustics: The Lystran Episode and Lucan Apologetic," *Catholic Biblical Quarterly* 63/1 (2001) 84-101.
- "Remnants of Modernism in a Post-Modern Age: The Pontifical Biblical Commission's Centennial," *America Magazine* 186/6, February 4, 2002.
- "The Disputed Case Against Paul: A Redaction-Critical Analysis of Acts 21:27 – 22:29," *The Catholic Biblical Quarterly* 65/2 (2003) 232-250.
- "Divine Mercy in Luke's Story of the Cross," *Reseña bíblica* (2016), forthcoming.

Books

- *Paul Outside the Walls: A Study of Luke's Socio-Geographical Universalism in Acts 14:8-20* (Analecta Biblica 143; Rome: Pontifical Biblical Institute, 2000).
- *The Scripture Documents: An Anthology of Official Catholic Teachings* (Colleagueville, MN: Liturgical Press, 2002)

Editorships

- *Biblica. Commentarii Periodici Pontificii Instituti Biblici. A Quarterly Review Published by the Pontifical Biblical Institute, Rome.* General Editor, 2011 – present.
- *New American Bible.* Revised Edition commissioned by the *Confraternity of Christian Doctrine* and the *United States Conference of Catholic Bishops*. Member of the revision team for the Gospel of Luke and the Acts of the Apostles. Work in progress.

Professional Associations

- The Catholic Biblical Society, Member, 1992 - present
- The Society of Biblical Literature, Member, 1993 - present

Recognitions

- National Merit Scholar, 1977-81
- Alpha Sigma Nu (Jesuit National Honor Society), inducted in 1981
- Outstanding Teacher Award, presented by the University of Chicago on the recommendation of former students from Regis High School, November 1989
- Catholic Press Association 2003 Book Award (Third Place in the category of Reference Books) for *The Scripture Documents: An Anthology of Official Catholic Teachings* (ed. Dean P. Bechard, S.J.; Collegeville, Minn.: Liturgical Press, 2002).
- Distinguished Teaching Award in the Humanities. Fordham University, 2004

Fellowships and grants

- University Fellowship, awarded by Yale University, June 1996
- Paul C. Gignilliat Dissertation Fellowship, awarded by a private foundation, February 1997
- Publication Subsidy Grant, awarded by Fordham University, December 1999
- Publication Subsidy Grant, awarded by the Catholic Biblical Association, August 2000
- Young Scholar's Fellowship, awarded by the Catholic Biblical Association, March 2001