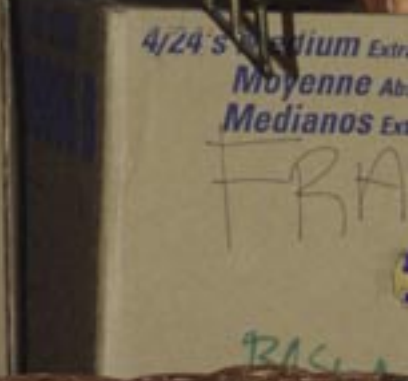
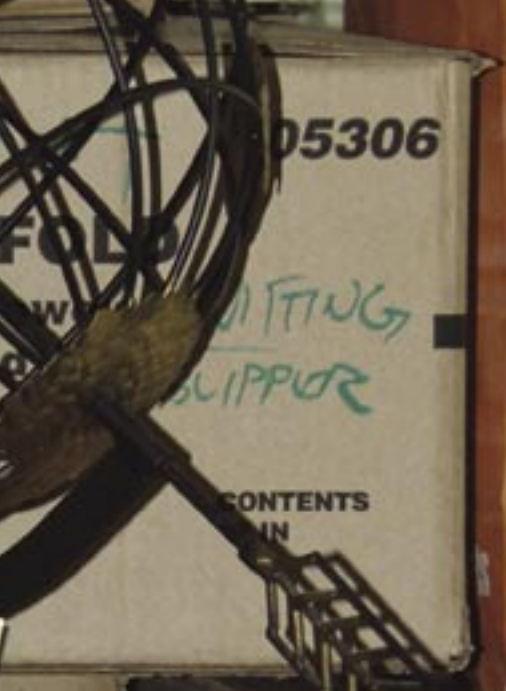
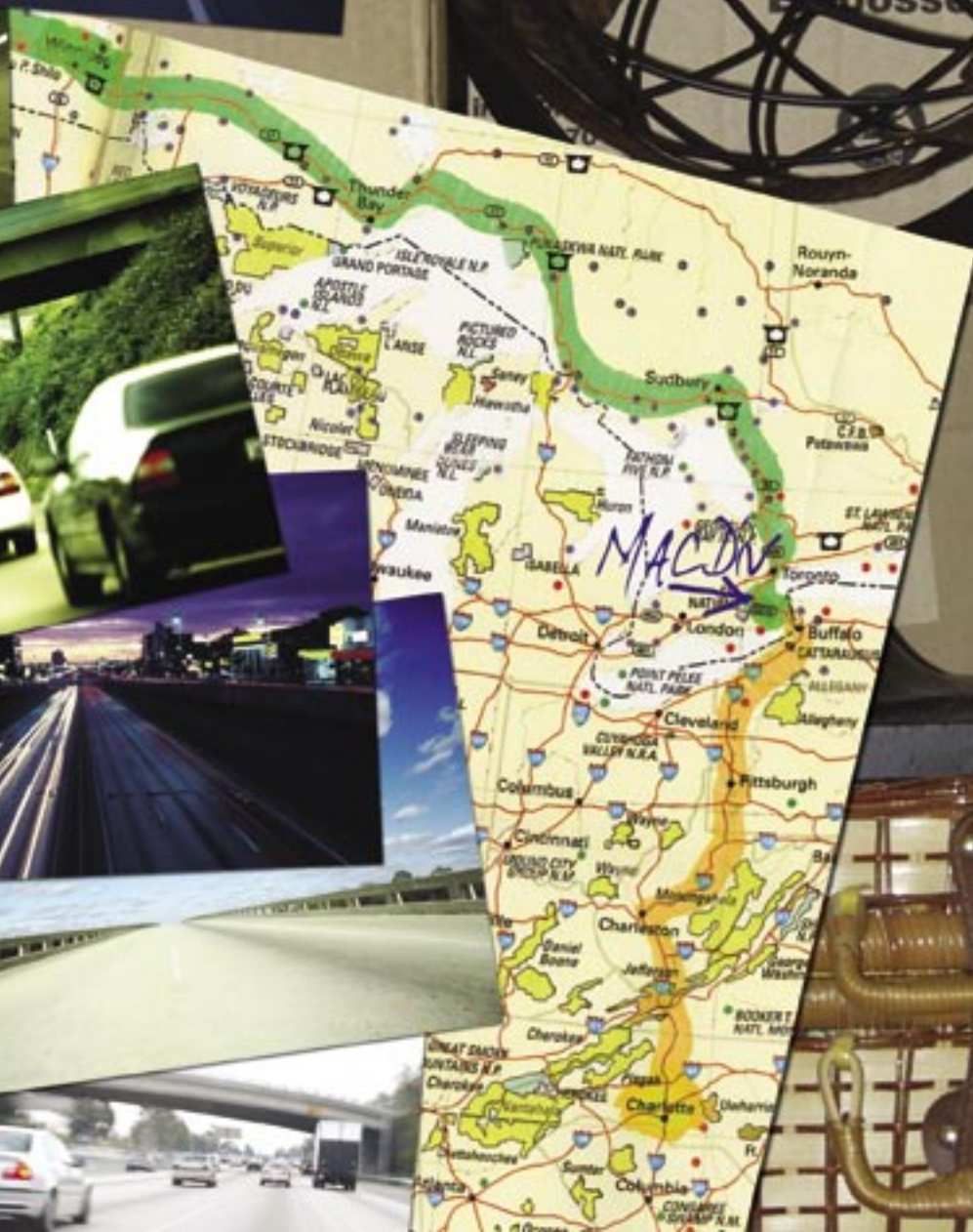




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macdiv Welcomes Newest ^{our} Professors

Jim Peterson

"I have a strong sense of calling to McMaster Divinity College at this point in my life and career," says Peterson. "MacDiv has an impressive tradition of pastor-teacher-scholars on the faculty which I am honoured to be able to carry on. The College has a marvelous place – in the midst of a premier university, next door to the new student building, as well as an excellent research library."

Jim Peterson is coming to us from his home in North Carolina where he served on the faculty at Wingate University, and Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary. He is married to Laurie who has her DMin degree and has interests in the areas of spiritual formation, Church history, and Christian education. Jim and Laurie have twin 12-year old daughters, Laura, a competitive swimmer who loves animals of all kinds, and Noelle, a writer who loves the theatre.

Dr. Peterson will occupy the new Roy A. Hope Chair in Theology, Ethics and Christian Worldview. He will be teaching five courses this year, three Ethics courses, Christian Apologetics and one Theology course. Peterson received his MDiv from Gordon-Conwell, his MA from the University of Iowa, and his PhD from the University of Virginia.

"Coming to Canada, and especially to Hamilton, is quite exciting for us. We appreciate the rich diversity of cultures and we are looking forward to exploring our new home."

Jim

Please pray for Jim and Mark as they begin their new life here in Hamilton. We value your prayers for the start of our new school year in a few weeks. As we look forward to another increase in our new students, your financial support is needed if we are to continue to provide the level of student aid that we have in the past. Please consider how you can help us today.

Mark Boda

"As I went on in my graduate education," says Boda, "first in my MDiv degree at Westminster Seminary in Philadelphia, and then in my PhD at Cambridge University in England, I always had one eye on the books and ancient manuscripts, and the other eye on the Church. What would this look like as I preach and teach and how could I bring people into a deeper understanding of the Old Testament?"

Mark Boda comes to us from Regina, Saskatchewan, where he was on the faculty of Canadian Theological Seminary. He is married to Beth who is an artist and is delighted about her recent acceptance into Dundas Valley School of the Arts. Mark and Beth have three boys, David, 16, who is interested in the performing arts; Stephen, 14, who is interested in music, especially piano; and Matthew, 9, who loves the idea of moving to a new place.

Dr. Boda is filling the Old Testament position, replacing Dr. Malcolm Horsnell who retired in June. He is teaching several Old Testament courses this year, as well as Preaching to cover for a sabbatical leave.

"McMaster is a treasure which I think is often overlooked in the Canadian Church. There are very few, if any, seminaries that have the opportunities that MacDiv has to train a new generation of Church leaders, the very top echelon of leadership for teaching and preaching in the pulpits across this land. I am excited to contribute my work in the Old Testament to this great initiative."

Mark

