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Herrie started his career as adjunct faculty in 1975 after which he became a minister in the Reformed Churches in South Africa (*Gereformeerde Kerke in Suid-Afrika*). He completed his Ph.D in 1977 in which he compared the structures of extra-biblical state treaties such as the *Sefire* treaties with Deuteronomium. With this study he opened the gate for a cultural-historical understanding of treaties and what would be known as the covenant in the Old Testament. Moreover, he opened the door for others to utilise extra-biblical material to understand what is going on in the Old Testament in a context that was unreceptive to the use of extra-biblical material.

He did not stay a minister for long, because his acumen was soon needed. He became a senior lecturer at the then Potchefstroom University for Christian Higher Education (now North West University, Potchefstroom Campus) where he started to teach Semitic Languages and Old Testament in 1980. In his career he served as vice-dean and as dean of the Faculty of Theology. Since 1999 he became director of the Research Unit for Reformed Theology and the Development of South-African Society. He acted as supervisor for 38 masters and doctoral students and served on four panels auditing departments at other universities.

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He published widely in journals and essays in books. He was co-editor of a few books and published his own book in 1999 on the Syriac Apocryphal Psalms at Oxford University Press.

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