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Education

BACHELOR OF ARTS, ENGLISH, 1970-1974
TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY, LUBBOCK, TEXAS

MASTER OF ARTS, RELIGION, 1995-1997
WAYLAND BAPTIST UNIVERSITY, PLAINVIEW, TEXAS
INCLUDING NINE HOURS OF THEOLOGY; THREE HOURS OF CHURCH HISTORY

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY, CHURCH HISTORY, 1998-2002 SOUTHWESTERN BAPTIST THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY, FORT WORTH, TEXAS

AWARD: ROBERT A. BAKER AWARD FOR THE OUTSTANDING CHURCH HISTORY STUDENT IN 2001

DISSERTATION: "NEW PROPHECY AND 'NEW VISIONS': EVIDENCE OF MONTANISM IN THE PASSION OF PERPETUA AND FELICITAS"

Teaching Experience

PROFESSOR OF CHURCH HISTORY AND PATRISTICS, 2013-PRESENT
NEW ORLEANS BAPTIST THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY, NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA

ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF CHURCH HISTORY AND PATRISTICS, 2007-2013 New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, New Orleans, Louisiana

ADJUNCT PROFESSOR, 2004-2007 NEW ORLEANS BAPTIST THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY, NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA

ADJUNCT PROFESSOR, 2003-2005 SOUTHWESTERN BAPTIST THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY, FORT WORTH, TEXAS

ADJUNCT PROFESSOR, 2001
TARRANT COUNTY COLLEGE, FORT WORTH, TEXAS

ADJUNCT PROFESSOR, 1997-1998, 2006
WAYLAND BAPTIST UNIVERSITY, LUBBOCK, TEXAS

Publications

Books

THE NEW PROPHECY AND "NEW VISIONS": EVIDENCE OF MONTANISM IN "THE PASSION OF PERPETUA AND FELICITAS." WASHINGTON, D.C.: THE CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF AMERICA PRESS, 2006.

THE NEW PROPHECY AND "NEW VISIONS": EVIDENCE OF MONTANISM IN "THE PASSION OF PERPETUA AND FELICITAS," REVISED EDITION, BORDERSTONE PRESS, JULY 2014.

Contributions

"'THE BLOOD OF THE MARTYRS IS SEED': CHRISTIAN SUFFERING AND EVANGELISM IN THE EARLY CHURCH AND CONTEMPORARY WORLD." IN *ENGAGE: TOOLS FOR CONTEMPORARY EVANGELISM*, GEN. ED., WM. CRAIG PRICE. BIRMINGHAM, AL: NOBTS PRESS, AN IMPRINT OF IRON STREAM MEDIA, 2019.

"Church under the Cross': Anabaptist Theology of Martyrdom." In *Celebrating the Legacy of the Reformation*. Kevin L. King, Edward E. Hindson, and Benjamin K. Forrest, eds. Nashville, TN: B&H Academic, 2019.

ARTICLES ABOUT ORIGEN, NICHOLAS OF MYRA, PATRICK OF IRELAND, MARTIN & KATIE LUTHER, ULRICH ZWINGLI, ISAAC BACKUS, ELIJAH CRAIG, J. FRANK NORRIS TO #CHURCHFAILS: 100 BLUNDERS FROM CHURCH HISTORY (& WHAT WE CAN LEARN FROM THEM). DAVID STABNOW, ED. NASHVILLE, TN: B&H PUBLISHING, 2015.

"'ORTHODOXY', 'HERESY', AND COMPLEXITY: MONTANISM AS A CASE STUDY." IN *ORTHODOXY AND HERESY IN EARLY CHRISTIAN CONTEXTS*. PAUL HARTOG, ED. THE EVANGELICAL THEOLOGICAL SOCIETY MONOGRAPH SERIES. EUGENE, OR: PICKWICK PUBLICATIONS, 2013.

"Learning from Patristic Community Formation." In *The Contemporary Church and the Early Church: Case Studies in* Ressourcement. Paul Hartog, ed. The Evangelical Theological Society Monograph Series. Eugene, OR: Pickwick Publications, 2010.

Articles

"PETER'S ROLE IN THE EARLY CHURCH," BIBLICAL ILLUSTRATOR, WINTER 2020-2021.

"THE LEAVELL LEGACY," JOURNAL FOR BAPTIST THEOLOGY AND MINISTRY, FALL 2020.

CO-AUTHOR WITH JIM PARKER, "A LEGACY OF SCHOLARSHIP: LEGENDARY TEACHERS AND WORLD-CLASS SCHOLARSHIP, *JOURNAL FOR BAPTIST THEOLOGY AND MINISTRY*, FALL 2020.

"WHAT MAKES A GOSPEL, A GOSPEL?" BIBLICAL ILLUSTRATOR, SPRING 2020.

"EPHESUS: A HISTORICAL OVERVIEW." BIBLICAL ILLUSTRATOR, FALL 2019.

REVIEW OF THE EVANGELICALS: THE STRUGGLE TO SHAPE AMERICA IN JOURNAL FOR BAPTIST THEOLOGY & MINISTRY (FALL 2018).

"BAPTISM IN THE EARLY CHURCH," BIBLICAL ILLUSTRATOR, SUMMER 2018.

"THE THINGS THAT ARE CAESAR'S: HOW CHRISTIANS BEHAVED AS CITIZENS, SOLDIERS, AND PUBLIC SERVANTS," CHRISTIAN HISTORY MAGAZINE, ISSUE 124.

REVIEW OF THE ANABAPTISTS AND CONTEMPORARY BAPTISTS: RESTORING NEW TESTAMENT CHRISTIANITY IN JOURNAL FOR BAPTIST THEOLOGY & MINISTRY (FALL 2013).

"LESSONS LEARNED FROM CHRISTIAN PERSECUTION," LOUISIANA BAPTIST MESSAGE, JANUARY 2, 2014.

- "RICHARD WURMBRAND: TORTURED FOR CHRIST," LOUISIANA BAPTIST MESSAGE, MAY 9, 2013.
- "ERIC LIDDELL: HE FINISHED THE COURSE," LOUISIANA BAPTIST MESSAGE, JULY 18, 2013.
- "OPERATION AUCA: MARTYRS OF THE ECUADOR MISSION." LOUISIANA BAPTIST MESSAGE, MARCH 12, 2013.
- "DIETRICH BONHOEFFER: A DISCIPLE WHO PAID THE COST," BAPTIST MESSAGE, JANUARY 31, 2013.
- "Martyrs Mirror: Remembering the Anabaptists," Baptist Message, November 8, 2012.
- "THE ANABAPTIST HERITAGE CONTINUES TO LIVE," BAPTIST MESSAGE, SEPTEMBER 13, 2012.
- "RAYMOND LULL: MISSIONARY TO THE MUSLIMS," BAPTIST MESSAGE, JULY 5, 2012.
- "BONIFACE: MONK, MISSIONARY, AND MARTYR," BAPTIST MESSAGE, MAY 10, 2012.
- "CHRISTIAN ACCOUNTABILITY: THE FORTY MARTYRS OF SEBASTE," BAPTIST MESSAGE, MARCH 1, 2012.
- "THE CHRISTIAN MARTYRS OF LYONS," BAPTIST MESSAGE, JANUARY 18, 2012.
- "THE PASSION OF PERPETUA," BAPTIST MESSAGE, JANUARY 3, 2012.
- JOURNAL FOR BAPTIST THEOLOGY AND MINISTRY, "TELL THE GENERATIONS FOLLOWING: A FESTSCHRIFT HONORING DR. DANIEL HOLCOMB, ED. REX D. BUTLER AND LLOYD HARSCH, FALL 2011.
- "TERTULLIANISM: TERTULLIAN'S VISION OF THE NEW PROPHECY IN NORTH AFRICA." IN *JOURNAL FOR BAPTIST THEOLOGY AND MINISTRY*, ED. LLOYD HARSCH AND REX D. BUTLER, FALL 2011.
- "Perpetua: Early Church Martyr." Documentary released as a joint venture by Torchlighters and Gateway Films/Vision Video, 2009.
- "SACRAMENTUM: TERTULLIAN'S BAPTISMAL PRACTICE AND THEOLOGY." IN JOURNAL FOR BAPTIST THEOLOGY AND MINISTRY, SPRING 2009.

Presentations & Conferences

- "Francis of Assisi, Raymond Lull, and Franciscan Missions to Muslims," Virtual National ETS Meeting, November 18, 2020.
- "THE SON OF GOD APPEARED TO PROPHETS AND PATRIARCHS': ANTE-NICENE VIEWS OF CHRISTOPHANIES," NATIONAL ETS MEETING, SAN DIEGO, CA, NOVEMBER 21, 2019.
- MODERATOR, HOLY SPIRIT IN CHURCH HISTORY, PATRISTIC AND MEDIEVAL ERA, NATIONAL EVANGELICAL THEOLOGICAL SOCIETY CONFERENCE, DENVER, COLORADO, NOVEMBER 13, 2018.
- "SACRED WRITINGS IN THE EDITOR'S FRAMEWORK OF *THE PASSION OF PERPETUA* AND IN SATURUS'S BEATIFIC VISION," SOUTHWEST REGIONAL ETS MEETING, HOUSTON, TX, MARCH 2, 2018.
- "Church under the Cross: The Anabaptist Theology of Martyrdom," National ETS Meeting, Providence, RI, November 17, 2017.
- "SACRED WRITINGS IN PERPETUA'S DIARY," CONFERENCE ON HOW THE BIBLE CAME INTO BEING, HOUSTON BAPTIST UNIVERSITY, MARCH 3, 2017.
- "THE FATHER, THE SON, AND THE LORD MONTANUS": THE NEW PROPHECY AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF TRINITARIAN DOCTRINE," NATIONAL ETS MEETING, SAN ANTONIO, TX, NOVEMBER 15, 2016.

"THE BLOOD OF THE MARTYRS: THE SEED OF THE EARLY CHURCH AND CONTEMPORARY, GLOBAL CHRISTIANITY," SOUTHWEST REGIONAL MEETING OF ETS, APRIL 11, 2015.

"Persecution & Martyrdom Yesterday & Today." Senior Fest NOBTS. February 27, 2015.

"Persecution & Martyrdom Yesterday & Today: Christian Suffering in the Early Church and Contemporary World, National ETS Meeting, San Diego, CA, November 20 2014.

"'ORTHODOXY', 'HERESY', AND COMPLEXITY: MONTANISM AS A CASE STUDY," PRESENTED AT NATIONAL EVANGELICAL THEOLOGICAL SOCIETY CONFERENCE, SAN FRANCISCO CALIFORNIA, NOVEMBER 16, 2011.

RESPONSE TO EDWARD SMITHER, "LESSONS FROM A TENTMAKING ASCETIC IN THE EGYPTIAN DESERT: THE CASE OF EVAGRIUS OF PONTUS," PRESENTED AT NATIONAL EVANGELICAL THEOLOGICAL SOCIETY CONFERENCE, NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA, NOVEMBER 18, 2009.

"LEARNING FROM PATRISTIC COMMUNITY FORMATION AND MAINTENANCE," PRESENTED AT NATIONAL EVANGELICAL THEOLOGICAL SOCIETY CONFERENCE, PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND, NOVEMBER 20, 2008.

"Visible Sacrament, Sacred Sign: Symbolism and Sacramentalism of Augustine;s Understanding of Baptism," presented at National Evangelical Theological Society Conference, San Diego, California, November 16, 2007.

"THE BAPTISMAL PRACTICE AND THEOLOGY OF TERTULLIAN AND CYPRIAN," PRESENTED AT REGIONAL EVANGELICAL THEOLOGICAL SOCIETY CONFERENCE, FORT WORTH, TEXAS, MARCH 24, 2006.

"Perpetua's Use of Sacred Writings," presented at National Evangelical Theological Society Conference, Valley Forge, Pennsylvania, November 17, 2005.

"SACRAMENTUM: BAPTISMAL THEOLOGY AND PRACTICE IN THIRD-CENTURY NORTH AFRICA," PRESENTED AT NATIONAL EVANGELICAL THEOLOGICAL SOCIETY CONFERENCE, VALLEY FORGE, PENNSYLVANIA, NOVEMBER 17, 2005.

"An Evangelical Triangle: The Relationship between the Keswick Higher Life Movement, Pentecostalism, and Fundamentalism," presented at Southwest Regional American Academy of Religion Meeting, Irving, Texas, March 12, 2005.

"Tertullianism: Tertullian's Vision for the New Prophecy in North Africa," presented at National Evangelical Theological Society Conference, San Antonio, Texas, November 18, 2004.

"APOCALYPTIC LITERATURE AND THE *PASSION OF PERPETUA AND FELICITAS*," PRESENTED AT SOUTHWEST REGIONAL AMERICAN ACADEMY OF RELIGION MEETING, IRVING, TEXAS, MARCH 6, 2004.

"THE USE OF SACRED WRITINGS IN THE *PASSION OF PERPETUA AND FELICITAS*," PRESENTED AT SECOND CENTURY SEMINAR, SOUTHWESTERN BAPTIST THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY, FEBRUARY 20, 2003.

Course Development at NOBTS

HIST/THEO 6327 "HERESY AND ORTHODOXY IN THE EARLY CHURCH"

HIST/CEWS 6330 "Women in the Early Church" (co-created with Dr. Trish Hawley)

HIST/PREA 6331 "HISTORY OF AMERICAN PREACHING" (CO-CREATED WITH DR. JERRY BARLOW)

HIST/THEO/MISS 6358 "Persecution & Martyrdom Yesterday & Today" (co-created with Dr. Mike Edens)

HIST/THEO 9416 "CHRISTOLOGY IN THE EARLY CHURCH" (CO-CREATED WITH DR. BOB STEWART)

HIST/THEO 9418 "ORTHODOXY AND HERESY IN THE EARLY CHURCH" (CO-CREATED WITH DR. JEFF RILEY)

HIST 6328 "AFRICAN AMERICAN CHRISTIANITY" (CO-CREATED WITH DR. MARK JOHNSON)

International Travel, Teaching & Archaeology

TEL HADID, ISRAEL, ARCHAEOLOGICAL DIG, JUNE 2019

LONDON, ENGLAND, MARCH 2018

TEL GEZER, ISRAEL, ARCHAEOLOGICAL DIG, MAY-JUNE 2017

REFORMATION TOUR TO GERMAN & SWITZERLAND, MARCH 2017

TEL GEZER, ISRAEL, ARCHAEOLOGICAL DIG, MAY-JUNE 2016

TEL GEZER, ISRAEL, ARCHAEOLOGICAL DIG, MAY-JUNE 2015

ISRAEL, DECEMBER 2014-JANUARY 2015

ODESSA SEMINARY, "SPIRITUAL FORMATION," UKRAINE, APRIL 2014

EASTERN CUBA BAPTIST SEMINARY, "HISTORY OF CHRISTIANITY: EARLY-MEDIEVAL," OCTOBER 2013

ADVANCE INTERNATIONAL, CHINA, "CHRISTIAN DOCTRINE," SEPTEMBER 2013

ISRAEL, DECEMBER 2012-JANUARY 2013

ISRAEL, DECEMBER 2011-JANUARY 2012

CHINA, JULY 2011

ISRAEL, NOVEMBER 2010

Greece, March 2010

ISRAEL, OCTOBER 2009

ROME, ITALY, MARCH 2009

Tunisia, December 2007

CHINA, JULY 2006

Tunisia, March 2005

Ministry Experience

FOUNDER & BIBLE TEACHER

"Introduction to the Bible" Certificate Program, Bethel Colony South, New Orleans, Louisiana, September 2010-Present.

FOUNDER & INSTRUCTOR

PROVIDENCE INSTITUTE, MINISTRY OF LEAVELL COLLEGE & PROVIDENCE EDUCATION FOUNDATION, NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA, JANUARY 2015-PRESENT

- TAKING THE CLASSROOM TO THE CHURCH
 - "BLACK CHRISTIAN HISTORY," A FOUR-WEEK CHAPEL SERIES FOR CENTRAL FLORIDA CHRISTIAN ACADEMY, ORLANDO, FL, FEBRUARY 2021.
 - "IN CHRIST ALONE: HOLDING FAST IN TIMES OF UNCERTAINTY," QUAIL SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH, OKLAHOMA CITY, OK, APRIL 29, 2020.
 - "Understanding our Catholic Friends," Grace Memorial Baptist Church, Slidell, LA, Sunday evenings, February-March 2019.
 - "RAYMOND LULL: FIRST MISSIONARY TO THE MUSLIMS." MISSIONS CONFERENCE. BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH, NORMAN, OK, OCTOBER 4, 2019.
 - "SPIRITUAL AWAKENINGS." UNION BAPTIST ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING. NORMAN, OK, OCTOBER 5, 2019.
 - "HISTORY & DOCTRINES OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH." JEFFERSON BAPTIST CHURCH, BATON ROUGE, LA, WEDNESDAY EVENINGS AUGUST-SEPTEMBER 2019.
 - "EARLY CHRISTIAN MARTYRS" SENIOR ADULT LUNCHEON. FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, NEW ORLEANS, WEDNESDAY EVENINGS, SEPTEMBER 27, 2019.
 - "Whatever Happened to the 12 Apostles?" Senior Adult Luncheon, First Baptist Church, New Orleans. May 24, 2019.
 - "Persecution & Martyrdom Yesterday & Today." Petal-Harvey Baptist Church, Petal, MS. Wednesday evenings, July 2019.
 - "The Rise of Christianity," Jefferson Baptist Church, Baton Rouge, LA, Wednesday evenings, January-February 2019.
 - "Being Baptist," Jefferson Baptist Church, Baton Rouge, LA, Wednesday evenings, August-September 2018.
 - "BEING BAPTIST CONFERENCE," KILLIAN FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, AUGUST 19-22, 2018.
 - "Being Baptist," First Baptist Church, Covington, LA, Wednesday evenings, January-February 2018.
 - "Persecution & Martyrdom Yesterday & Today," Jefferson Baptist Church, Baton Rouge, LA, Wednesday evenings, August-September 2017.
 - "Reformation 500 Conference," Greater Huntington Baptist Association, October 15-18, 2017.
 - "Reformation 500," First Baptist Church, Covington, LA, Sunday evenings, July 2017.
 - "Persecution & Martyrdom Yesterday & Today," Grace Memorial Baptist Church, Slidell, LA, Sunday evenings, January-February 2017.
 - "Persecution & Martyrdom Yesterday & Today," Saline Baptist Association, Illinois, October 1, 2016.
 - "How WE GOT THE BIBLE," FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, ELDORADO, ILLINOIS, OCTOBER 2, 2016.
 - "Baptist Heritage," Saline Baptist Association, Illinois, October 2, 2016.

- "Persecution & Martyrdom Yesterday & Today," Woodville Baptist Church, Woodville, MS, January 10, 2016.
- "How WE GOT THE BIBLE," WOODVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH, WOODVILLE, MS, FEBRUARY 28, 2016.
- "THE COST OF DISCIPLESHIP CONFERENCE." SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH, FORT PAYNE, AL. APRIL 17-19, 2015.
- "From Solomon to Obama: A Look at the History of the People of God from the Divided Kingdom to the Present Day," Conference, co-leader with Dr. Jim Parker, Grace Baptist Church, Springfield, TN, February 15-18, 2015.
- "Baptist Heritage." Grace Memorial Baptist Church, Slidell, LA. Sunday evenings, January-February 8, 2015.
- "MARTIN LUTHER: WILD BOAR IN THE VINEYARD," CENTRAL CHURCH, COLLIERSVILLE, TN, MARCH 19, 2014.
- JANUARY CHURCH HISTORY STUDY, FBC, JASPER, FL, JANUARY 19-22, 2014.
- JANUARY CHURCH HISTORY STUDY, CENTRAL BAPTIST CHURCH, CRESTVIEW, FL, JANUARY 12-15, 2014.
- "How We Got the Bible" & "Persecution & Martyrdom Yesterday & Today," FBC, Magnolia, MS, December 8, 2013.
- "HISTORY OF THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH," WILLIAMS BOULEVARD BAPTIST CHURCH, JUNE 2 & 9, 2013.
- "Upon This Rock: The History of the Roman Papacy." First Baptist Church, Bossier City, LA, March 6, 2013.
- "The English Bible & the English Reformation," at First Baptist Church, Bossier City, Louisiana, November 7, 2012.
- "THE TRODDEN PATH CONFERENCE," FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, STIGLER, OKLAHOMA, JULY 14-15, 2012.
- "Martin Luther: A Wild Boar in the Vineyard," at First Baptist Church, Bossier City, Louisiana, March 14, 2012.
- "Persecution & Martyrdom Yesterday & Today," at Williams Blvd. Baptist Church, Kenner, Louisiana, September 2011.
- "THE BAPTIST FAITH & MESSAGE," AT KINGSTON ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH, SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA, APRIL 19-20, 2008.