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Family

Married to Donna Slaton Parker – August 12, 1971

Daughter - Paige Parker Dodd – Born March 5, 1983 (Married to John Dodd)

Granddaughter – Adley Grace Dodd- Born December 2, 2021.

Education

Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) – Mid-America Baptist Theological Seminary – Memphis, Tennessee – Dissertation Title: “*The Genres of the Dead Sea War Scroll.*”

Major: Hebrew and Old Testament - Minors: Greek and New Testament and Church History.

Master of Divinity (MDiv) with Biblical Languages – Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary – Fort Worth, Texas

Master of Arts in Biblical Archaeology (MA) – New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary – New Orleans, Louisiana.

Bachelor of Science (BS) – State University of New York - Albany, New York

Teaching Experience

1990-92 – **Lee College** – Baytown, Texas – Old Testament Introduction

1993-94 – **Tuscaloosa Christian School** – Tuscaloosa, Alabama – Senior High School science teacher – Physics, Chemistry and Biology.

1997-99 – **Beeson Divinity School of Samford University** – Birmingham, Alabama – Adjunct - Hebrew: Beginner and Intermediate – Old Testament Introduction

2002 – 2007– **Lawson State Community College** – Bessemer, Alabama – Adjunct – History of Philosophy – Ethics in Society – New Testament Introduction, and Old Testament Introduction

2003 – 2007 – **New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary** – Birmingham, Alabama Extension

2004-2007 – **Birmingham Theological Seminary** (Presbyterian PCA) – Birmingham, Alabama - Professor of Biblical Languages

2007-Present – **New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary** – Professor of Biblical Interpretation and Archaeology; Occupying the MacFarland Chair of Archaeology; Executive Director of the Michael and Sara Moskau Institute of Archaeology and Co-Director of the Museum of the Bible and Archaeology; Director of three active archaeological excavations in Israel: Tel Gezer, Sepphoris, and Tel Hadid; Associate Vice-President of Operations from 2007-20016, Director of Facilities 2020-present.

2009-2019 – **Union Baptist College and Theological Seminary** – New Orleans, Louisiana – Professor: Greek, Hebrew, Hermeneutics, Exegesis of Exodus, Daniel, I Corinthians and John.

Ministry Experience

1989-92 – **Cedar Bayou Baptist Church** – Baytown, Texas – Associate and Minister of Education and Administration

1992-93 – **Ondie Brum Evangelistic Ministries** – Ministry Director

1993-99 – **Grace Bible Church** – Woodstock, Alabama – Pastor

1999-2002 – **SonRise Church** (SBC) – Minister of Discipleship

2002-04 – **Robinwood Baptist Church** – Birmingham, Alabama – Pastor

2004 –07 – **Ashby Baptist Church** – Brierfield, Alabama – Pastor

2007-Present – **New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary** – New Orleans, LA. Trustee elected faculty – Professor of Biblical Interpretation and Archaeology, occupying the MacFarland Chair of Archaeology.

2016-Present – **Executive Director of the Michael and Sara Moskau Institute of Archaeology at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary and Executive Director of the Museum of the Bible and Archaeology of New Orleans**

Baptist Theological Seminary. Director of three active archaeological excavations in Israel: Tel Gezer, Sepphoris, and Tel Hadid.

2018-2020 – **Grace Baptist Church, Springfield, TN** – Executive Pastor and Director of the **Grace Baptist Academy.**

Organization Member

American Schools of Oriental Research (ASOR)

Evangelical Theological Society (ETS)

Biblical Archaeology Society (BAS)

Society of Biblical Literature (SBL)

Israel Exploration Society

Research and Publications

The War Scroll: Genre & Origin, Borderstone Press, 2012

“The Gezer Water System Re-examined” in *Villain or Visionary: R.A.S. Macalister and the Archaeology of Palestine* – Palestine Exploration Fund Annual XII 2015.

Tsuk, Tsvika, Iosi Bordowicz, Dror Ben-Yosef, and Jim Parker, *The “Arched Reservoirs of Sepphoris, Israel-The City’s Castellum Aquae?” in De Aquaeductu Urbis Romae – Sextus Iulius Frontinus and the Water of Rome*. Proceedings of the International Frontinus Congress on the History of Water Management and Hydraulic Engineering in the Mediterranean Region. Peeters (Leuven-Paris-Bristol, CT), 2020.

“Was Gezer a Central Cult Center for the Canaanites.” Publication forthcoming 2022.

Final Excavation Report on the Arches Reservoir at Sepphoris. Publication forthcoming 2022.

Final Excavation Report on the Ancient Water System of Tel Gezer. Publication forthcoming 2022.

Translator of the English Edition of *Water at the End of the Tunnel* by Tsvika Tsuk. Ben Zvi Institute, 2012.

Courses Taught - Specializations

- Introductory Hebrew
- Intermediate Hebrew
- Hebrew Exegesis – Ruth, Joshua, Judges, Genesis, Daniel, and Isaiah
- Biblical Aramaic
- Introductory Greek
- Intermediate Greek
- Greek Exegesis – Mark, John, Ephesians, Philippians, 1 Corinthians, Hebrews, and Revelation
- Exploring the Old Testament (OT Survey)
- Exploring the New Testament (NT Survey)
- Encountering the Biblical World (Biblical Backgrounds)
- Church History – Beginnings to the Reformation and Reformation to Present
- Baptist History (Baptist Heritage)
- Introduction to Judaism
- Archaeology
 1. Syro-Palestinian Archaeology
 2. Archaeology of the New Testament World
 3. Archaeology of the Ancient Near East
 4. Archaeology Fieldwork
 5. Archaeology Method and Theory
 6. Ceramic Analysis in Field Archaeology (Co-Teach)
 7. The Life and Times of Jesus
- PhD Seminar: Hermeneutics
- PhD Seminar: Latter Prophets
- DMin Seminar: Preaching from Exodus
- DMin Seminar: Preaching from Ezra-Nehemiah
- DMin Seminar: Preaching from Genesis 1-11
- DMin Seminar: Preaching from Genesis 12-50
- DMin Seminar: Preaching from Joshua
- DMin Seminar: Project Design