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EDUCATION

Bachelor of Arts, Biblical Languages
Abilene Christian University, Abilene, Texas, 1986

Master of Arts, Biblical and Related Studies
Abilene Christian University, Abilene, Texas, 1987

Master of Divinity
Princeton Theological Seminary, Princeton, New Jersey, 1990
Thesis: "Creation and Transcendence in Isaiah 40" (Patrick D. Miller Jr., Supervisor)

Doctor of Philosophy in Religious Studies (New Testament)
Yale University, New Haven, Connecticut, 1997
Dissertation: "'The Image of the Man from Heaven': Christological Exegesis in 1 Corinthians 15:45-49" (Wayne A. Meeks and Steven D. Fraade, Supervisors)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Aug. 2024 – present Professor of New Testament, Harding School of Theology, Searcy, Arkansas

Jan. 2021 – May '24 Professor of Bible and Ministry, Lipscomb University – Austin Center, Austin, Texas

1993 – 2020 Jack C. and Ruth Wright Professor of New Testament, Austin Graduate School of Theology (formerly the Institute for Christian Studies), Austin, Texas

March 2005 Adjunct Faculty, Institute for Theology and Christian Ministry, St. Petersburg, Russia

1998 – 2005 Adjunct Faculty in Greek, Seminary of the Southwest, Austin, Texas

1998 – 2002 Adjunct Faculty, Classics Department, University of Texas at Austin

1993 – 2005 Adjunct Faculty, Graduate School of Theology, Abilene Christian University, Abilene, Texas

1992 – 1993 Teaching Fellow in New Testament and Ancient Christianity, Yale College, Yale University, New Haven Connecticut

1991 – 1992 Teaching Fellow in New Testament Interpretation, Yale Divinity School, Yale University, New Haven, Connecticut

1988 – 1990 Teaching Assistant in Elementary Biblical Hebrew, Princeton Theological Seminary, Princeton, New Jersey

1986 – 1987 Instructor in Elementary Biblical Hebrew, Abilene Christian University, Abilene, Texas

COURSES TAUGHT, 1993 – present

Undergraduate Elementary New Testament Greek
Readings in Biblical Greek (AGST and University of Texas at Austin)
Jesus and the Gospels
Paul and His Letters
Acts and the Catholic Letters
The Story of the Church
The Story of Israel
Biblical Theology
The Church in the Contemporary World (B.A. capstone course)
Biblical Doctrine of the Church
Introduction to Theology
British Christian Apologists of the Twentieth Century
Introduction to Homiletics
Introduction to the Bible

Graduate Elementary New Testament Greek
Greek Language and Culture (Seminary of the Southwest, Austin, Tex.)
Advanced Introduction to the New Testament
Exegetical Courses on Matthew, Mark, Acts, Romans, 1–2 Corinthians,
Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, 1–2 Thessalonians,
and Isaiah 40–66
Pauline Theology
New Testament Theology
The New Testament and the Doctrine of the Trinity
Ancient Judaism and Early Christian Theology
The Theology of Austin Farrer
The Theology of Dorothy Sayers

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICE (ICS/AGST)

Faculty Chair, Aug. 2019 – Dec. 2020; Aug. 2009 – Aug. 2015
Dean of Students, Aug. 2015 – Aug. 2019; Jan. 2005 – Dec. 2008
Interim Online B.A. Program Coordinator, Dec. 2013 – Dec. 2015
M.A. Program Coordinator, Aug. 2001 – Aug. 2011
Self-Study Director, Reaffirmation of SACSCOC Regional Accreditation, 2000 – 02

PREACHING AND MINISTRY EXPERIENCE

Preaching Minister, University Avenue Church of Christ, Austin, Texas, April 2023 – June 2024

Interim Pulpit Minister: Bastrop Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Bastrop, Texas, Jan. 2019 – June 2019, March 2012 – April 2013; Church of Christ in Hyde Park, Austin, Texas, Nov. 2010 – April 2011; Cameron Road Church of Christ, Austin, Texas, Sept. 2009 – April 2010; University Avenue Church of Christ, Austin, Texas, Dec. 2007 – Aug. 2008

Member and adult Bible class teacher: University Avenue Church of Christ, Austin, Texas, 1993 – 2001, 2008 – present; member, Adult Education Committee, 1997 – 2001, 2014 – 2019; chair, Worship Advisory Committee, 1994 – 1997

Member and adult Bible class teacher: Westover Hills Church of Christ, Austin, Texas, 2001 – 2007; coordinator, Westover Word in Depth program, 2004 – 2007

Sermons and adult education classes presented (1993 – present):

Ministers' Sermon Seminar, Austin Graduate School of Theology, Austin, Texas

Pepperdine Bible Lectures, Pepperdine University, Malibu, California

ACU Summit Bible Lectureship, Abilene Christian University, Abilene, Texas

Harding University Lectureship, Harding University, Searcy, Arkansas

Quest Lectureship, Oklahoma Christian University, Edmond, Oklahoma

Lay School of Theology, Seminary of the Southwest, Austin

University Avenue Church of Christ, Austin, Texas

Brentwood Oaks Church of Christ, Austin, Texas

Bastrop Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Bastrop, Texas

Southern Hills Church of Christ, Buda, Texas

Holland Street Church of Christ, San Marcos, Texas

Lake Travis Church of Christ, Lakeway, Texas

Gateway Baptist Church, Austin, Texas

Murray Street Church of Christ, Rockdale, Texas

Westover Hills Church of Christ, Austin, Texas

Sunset Ridge Church of Christ, San Antonio, Texas

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Austin, Texas

Highland Village Church of Christ, Austin, Texas

Eastside Church of Christ, Austin, Texas

Smithwick Church of Christ, Smithwick, Texas

El Campo Church of Christ, El Campo, Texas

Northside Church of Christ, San Antonio, Texas

Llano Church of Christ, Llano, Texas

Roseville Church of Christ, Roseville, California

Turnpike Church of Christ, Santa Barbara, California

Caverns Road Church of Christ, Marianna, Florida

Timberlane Church of Christ, Tallahassee, Florida

White Rock Church of Christ, White Rock, New Mexico

PUBLICATIONS

- “The Nuptial Vision of the Bible and its Opponents,” *Journal of Christian Studies* 1/2 (May 2022): 9–31
- “Haggadic Concord and Halakhic Conflict in the First Christian Generation,” in *Ethics in Contexts: Essays in Honor of Wendell Lee Willis* (ed. James W. Thompson and Richard A. Wright; Wipf & Stock, 2019), 67–87
- “The Authority of Scripture Today: A Review Essay,” *Christian Studies* 31 (2019): 73–81
- Review of Richard Bauckham, *The Jewish World Around the New Testament*, in *Stone-Campbell Journal* 22 (2019): 296–98
- Review of Larry W. Hurtado, *Ancient Jewish Monotheism and Early Christian Jesus-Devotion*, in *Stone-Campbell Journal* 21 (2018): 294–95
- “Aspects of Baptismal Symbolism in the New Testament,” *Christian Studies* 29 (2017): 7–16
- “From Passover to Eucharist: The *Didache* and Early Eucharistic Observance,” in *Eucharist and Ecclesiology: Essays in Honor of Everett Ferguson* (ed. Wendell Willis; Wipf & Stock, 2016), 125–43
- “Confessions of Faith in the New Testament,” *Christian Studies* 28 (2016): 37–46
- Marcan Priority Without Q: Explorations in the Farrer Hypothesis* (co-editor, with John C. Poirier; Library of New Testament Studies 455, T & T Clark, 2015)
- “Matthew’s Ending and the Genesis of Luke-Acts: The Farrer Hypothesis and the Birth of Christian History,” in *Marcan Priority without Q*, 140–59
- “Biblical ‘Restorationism’: A Response to Mark Shipp,” *Christian Studies* 27 (2015): 31–38
- “On Earth As It Is in Heaven,” in *Lord, Teach Us to Pray: The Lord’s Prayer for Today’s Church* (ed. M. R. Weed, K. D. Stanglin, and M. T. Hall, Christian Studies Press, 2015), 17–29
- “Redeeming the Time: The Christian Year and Life in the Risen Christ,” *Christian Studies* 26 (2013–14): 33–46
- Guest Editor, *Journal of Early Christian Studies* 20/3 (Fall 2012), “Everett Ferguson’s *Baptism in the Early Church: A Forum*”
- “What Should Christian Do? Revisiting John Howard Yoder’s *What Would You Do?*” *Christian Studies* 25 (2011–12): 61–78
- “‘All the Things I Have Commanded’: Matthew’s Conclusion and the Life of the Church,” *Leaven* 19 (2011): 98–102
- “The Sacrifice of Praise,” *Christian Studies* 24 (2010): 43–54
- “The First and Second Tables of the Law in the New Testament,” *Christian Studies* 23 (2009): 47–58
- “Philippians,” in *The Transforming Word: A Restoration Bible Commentary* (ed. Mark W. Hamilton, ACU Press, 2008), 965–71
- “The Image of God in Pauline Preaching,” *Leaven* 16 (2008): 82–85
- Renewing the Tradition: Studies in Honor of James W. Thompson* (co-editor, with Mark W. Hamilton and Thomas H. Olbricht), Princeton Theological Monograph Series 65, Wipf & Stock, 2006
- “Christ Our Pasch: Shaping Christian Identity in Corinth,” in *Renewing the Tradition*, 133–44
- “A Reply to Leroy Garrett,” *Christian Studies* 21 (2005): 57–78

- “The Extent of Christian Theological Diversity: Pauline Evidence,” *Restoration Quarterly* 48 (2005): 1–14
- “Order in the Double Tradition and the Existence of Q,” in *Questioning Q* (ed. Mark S. Goodacre and Nicholas Perrin, SPCK, 2004), 28–43
- “Living as Sacrifices: Walking in Accordance with the Spirit in Romans 12–15,” *Christian Studies* 20 (2004): 33–42
- “‘The Circumcision of the Christ’: The Significance of Baptism in the Letter to the Colossians and the Churches of the Restoration,” *Restoration Quarterly* 43 (2001): 65–77
- “Three Things That Matter: A Sermon,” *Christian Studies* 18 (2000–2001): 61–68
- “A Pioneer Narrative Critic and His Synoptic Hypothesis: Austin Farrer and Gospel Interpretation,” *SBL 2000 Seminar Papers* (Atlanta: SBL, 2000), 651–72
- Things That Matter: A Guide to Christian Faith* (contributor and co-editor, with Michael R. Weed), 3rd ed., Christian Studies Press, 2000 [1st ed., 1994]
- “Preaching Technique: Ministry of the Word in a Wired World,” *Christian Studies* 17 (1999): 47–56
- “Spirit of Holiness or Spirit of the Age? The Holy Spirit in the Teaching of Paul,” *Christian Studies* 16 (1996–97): 17–32
- “Whatever You Ask in My Name,” *Leaven* 3 (1994): 7–9
- “‘How Shall the Seeker Say Amen?’ The ‘Seeker’ and the Service in 1 Corinthians 14,” *Christian Studies* 13 (1993): 22–31
- Reviews in *Religious Studies Review*, *Restoration Quarterly*, *Christian Studies*, *Libraries and Culture*, *Stone-Campbell Journal*, *Christian Chronicle*

PAPERS AND PRESENTATIONS

- “Pauline Evidence for Non-Pauline Meal Gatherings,” Redescribing Christian Origins Seminar, Society of Biblical Literature (SBL) Annual Meeting, San Diego, California, 25 November 2019
- “Echoes of Isaiah 6 in the Lord’s Prayer,” SBL Annual Meeting, Denver, Colorado, 19 November 2018
- “The Nuptial Vision of the Christian Bible,” *Restoration Quarterly* Breakfast, SBL Annual Meeting, San Antonio, Texas, 21 November 2016
- “Get Me Rewrite: Luke’s Transformation of Matthaean Motifs,” SBL Annual Meeting, Atlanta, Georgia, 21 November 2015
- Panel review of *The Origin of Heresy* by Robert M. Royalty, Jr., and *Orthodoxy and Heresy in Early Christian Contexts* (ed. Paul Horgan), SBL Annual Meeting, Atlanta, Georgia, 22 November 2015
- Panel review of *The Hidden Gospels* by Philip Jenkins, Christian Scholars Conference, Abilene Christian University, Abilene, Texas, 5 June 2015
- “The ‘Paulinism’ of 1 John and the Nature of Johannine Sectarianism,” SBL Annual Meeting, Baltimore, Maryland, 24 November 2013
- “The ‘Paulinism’ of 1 John,” SBL International Meeting, University of St. Andrews, Scotland, 8 July 2013
- “Wisdom and Cross in 1 Corinthians,” SBL International Meeting, Pontifical Biblical Institute, Rome, Italy, 1 July 2009

- “The First and Second Tables of the Law in the New Testament,” Christian Scholars Conference, Lipscomb University, Nashville, Tennessee, 27 June 2008
- “Haggadic Concord and Halakhic Conflict in the First Christian Generation,” SBL Annual Meeting, Boston, Massachusetts, 22 November 2008
- “Q 1:21 and 22:64: Jesus’ Birth and Passion in the ‘Synoptic Sayings Source,’” Q Section, SBL Annual Meeting, Boston, Massachusetts, 23 November 2008
- “One Faith: Haggadic Concord and Halakhic Conflict in the First Christian Generation,” SBL Regional Presidential Address, Irving, Texas, 16 March 2008
- “Wisdom 9:1–12 and the Exegetical Origins of Pre-Existence as a Christological Predicate,” Seminar on the Development of Early Catholic Christianity, Dallas, 20 September 2007
- “Psalm 110:4 in Hebrews and Prior Christian Exegesis,” Conference on Hebrews and Christian Theology, University of St. Andrews, Scotland, Summer 2006
- “Teaching on Force in a Christian University,” Conference on Theology and the Christian University, ACU, Abilene, Texas, Spring 2006
- “Paul, Passover, and Politics: Shaping Christian Identity in Corinth,” SBL Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 21 November 2005
- “From Passover to Eucharist,” Christian Scholars Conference, Pepperdine University, Malibu, California, June 2005
- “Dismissing the Sanhedrin: High Priest and Council in the Synoptics,” Synoptics Section, SBL Annual Meeting, San Antonio, Texas, 20 November 2004
- “*Cur Deus Homo*: History and Spirituality According to Austin Farrer,” Captured by the Crucified: Austin Farrer Centenary Conference, St. James Center for Spiritual Formation, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, 4 November 2004
- “Austin Farrer’s Marcan Criticism: A Fresh Look,” Southwest Biblical Seminar, Brite Divinity School, Fort Worth, Texas, 15 October 2004
- “The Person of Jesus Christ in Farrer’s Marcan Criticism,” plenary paper, Austin Farrer Centenary Conference, Oriel College, Oxford University, 7 September 2004
- “The Extent of Earliest Christian Diversity: The Pauline Evidence,” various versions presented at SBL Southwest Regional Meeting, Irving, Texas, 16 March 2003; SBL International Meeting, University of Cambridge, 21 July 2003; and Central Texas Biblical Seminar, Episcopal Seminary of the Southwest, Austin, Texas, 13 February 2004
- “Literary and Historical Interpretation in Austin Farrer’s Gospel Criticism,” Mark Section, SBL International Meeting, University of Cambridge, 22 July 2003
- “Q 1:21 and 22:64? Jesus’ Birth and Passion in the ‘Synoptic Sayings Source,’” SBL Southwest Regional Meeting, Irving, Texas, 5 March 2000
- “A Pioneer Narrative Critic and His Synoptic Hypothesis: Austin Farrer and Gospel Interpretation,” SBL Annual Meeting, Nashville, Tennessee, 19 November 2000
- “*KATA TAS GRAPHAS*: The Pre-Pauline Exegetical Catena in 1 Cor 15:3–5,” Seminar on the Development of Early Catholic Christianity, University of Dallas, Irving, Texas, October 1999
- “Formative Instruction and Pauline Theology,” SBL Southwest Regional Meeting, Irving, Texas, March 1999

- “Exegesis and Exaltation in 1 Corinthians 15,” International Conference on the Origins of the Worship of Jesus, University of St. Andrews, Scotland, 14 June 1998
- “The Scriptures of Israel in the Gospel of Paul,” SBL Southwest Regional Meeting, Irving, Texas, March 1998
- “Baptism and Church in Romans 6,” Restoration Theological Research Fellowship, SBL Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, November 1994

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS AND SERVICE

- Member, Society of Biblical Literature
- Member, Catholic Biblical Association
- Regional Coordinator, Society of Biblical Literature, Southwest Region, 2014 – 2020
- Convener, Symposium on *Baptism in the Early Church* by Everett Ferguson, Christian Scholars Conference, Lipscomb University, Nashville, Tenn., 5 June 2010
- President, Society of Biblical Literature, Southwest Region, 2008; President-Elect, 2007; Vice President, 2006; New Testament Program Chair, 2004 – 2005
- Founding Co-Chair, SBL Extent of Theological Diversity in Earliest Christianity Seminar (2008 – 13); Steering Committee Member, 2013 – 2016

AWARDS AND HONORS

- Abilene Christian University: Women of ACU Biblical Studies Scholarship, 1983 – 1986; Outstanding B.A. Graduate, 1986; Outstanding M.A. Student, 1987
- Princeton Theological Seminary: North American Ministerial Fellowship, Fund for Theological Education, 1987 – 1988; Henry Snyder Gehman Award in Old Testament Studies, 1989; Thesis Prize in Old Testament, 1990
- Yale University: University Fellowship, 1990 – 1993; A. Bartlett Giamatti Scholarship, 1990 – 1993; H. Stuart Harrison Fellowship, 1991 – 1993; Christian Scholarship Foundation Fellowship, 1991 – 1993

REFERENCES

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