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Education

Doctor of Philosophy, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, December 2014

Master of Divinity, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, December 2007

Bachelor of Science, Virginia Tech, August 1995

Professional Experience

Divisional Associate Dean, Church Ministry Division, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, 2022-present

Associate Professor of Global Missions, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, 2021-present

Director, Global Missions Center, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, 2021-present

Assistant Professor of Global Studies, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary and The College at Southeastern, 2014-2021

Associate Director of International Missions, The Lewis A. Drummond Center for Great Commission Studies, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, 2009-2021

Program Coordinator, MDiv International Church Planting (2009-2021); MA Church Planting (2017-2021), Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary

Faculty Advisor, Judson House, The College at Southeastern, 2016-2021

Acting Director, The Lewis A. Drummond Center for Great Commission Studies, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, 2009

Senior Administrative Assistant, The Lewis A. Drummond Center for Great Commission Studies, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, 2008–2009

Office Manager, The Lewis A. Drummond Center for Great Commission Studies, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, 2007–2008

Adjunct Professor, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary and The College at Southeastern, 2008-2014. Taught a variety of courses relating to world religions, cross-cultural communication, ethics, spiritual formation and evangelism.

Grader and Research Fellow, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, 2008–2014. Various professors for a variety of courses in missions, ethics, and theology

Academic Experience

Courses taught: Introduction to Missions; Introduction to Great Commission Studies; Cross-Cultural Communication; Church Planting; Current Topics; Eastern Religions and Contexts; Islam, Evangelism; Judaism, and Contexts; Missional Student Ministry; Practicum courses; Introduction to Christian Ethics; Comparative Religious Ethics

Adjunct Professor, 2020–2021 (HLGU)

Supervise MA; ThM students, 2014–2021 (SEBTS)

Supervise DMin students, 2016–2022 (SEBTS)

Supervise PhD students, 2018–present (SEBTS, CIU)

Ministry Experience

Elder and Pastor, Lakeshore Church New Orleans, 2021-present

Member, The Summit Church, 2020-2021

Pastor, Young Professionals Ministry, Richland Creek Community Church, 2018-2020

Elder and LifeChange Teacher, North Wake Baptist Church, 2010-2018

Strategy Leader Apprentice, International Mission Board (UAE and Oman), 2003-2006

Manager and Travel Consultant, Arise Travel (Oman), 2004–2006. The only American-run Adventure Tourism business in Oman. Worked closely with the government and many local companies in this Muslim country.

College and Career Ministry, Bethesda Baptist Church, 2001–2002. Led student ministries, retreat speaker, assisted in teaching and counseling.

Campus Field Staff, Campus Crusade for Christ (Penn State University), 1997–2000. Led multiple Bible studies, participated in discipleship, assisted in teaching and speaking, helped facilitate a weekly meeting of 150+ students.

Ph.D. Dissertation

“A Critical Analysis of the Relationship Between Virtue Ethics and Missionary Practice Employing the Works of David J. Bosch, Christopher J. H. Wright, and John M. Frame” (Ph.D. diss., Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, December 2014).

Publications and Papers

Facing the Change: Challenges and Opportunities for an American Missiology: A Study Guide (Mustang, Okla.: Tate Publishing, 2013). Contributed the chapter, “The Gospel and Contextualization: Worldviews Matter.”

“Reconsidering the Formative Role of Ethics within Missiological Practice,” March 2015, at the Southeast Regional Evangelical Missiological Society (Columbia, SC).

“Reconsidering the Formative Role of Ethics within Missiological Practice,” September 2015, at the National Evangelical Missiological Society (Dallas, TX).

“Majority World Leadership Development: A Case Study of The Global Theological Initiatives at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary,” March 2017 at the Southeast Regional Evangelical Missiological Society (Columbia, SC).

Controversies in Missions: Theology, People, And Practice of Mission in the 21st Century (William Carey Library, *Evangelical Missiological Society Series*, no. 24, 2016). Contributed the chapter, “Reconsidering the Formative Role of Ethics within Missiological Practice.”

Review of *One Gospel for All Nations: A Practical Approach to Biblical Contextualization*, by Jackson Wu. *Southeastern Theological Review* 7.1 (2016): 137–140.

Review of *No God But One: Allah or Jesus? A Former Muslim Investigates the Evidence for Islam and Christianity* by Nabeel Qureshi. *Southeastern Theological Review* 9.1 (2018): 139–141.

Guest Editor, *Southeastern Theological Review* 9.2 (2018).

“Interview with Dr. George Braswell, Former Missionary to Iran and SEBTS Professor of Missions.” *Southeastern Theological Review* 9.2 (2018): 75–80.

Review of *Paul Rausch in Postwar Japan: Evangelism, Rural Development, and the Battle against Communism*, by Andrew T. MacDonald and Valerie S. MacDonald. *Journal of Southern Religion* 22 (2020).

Review of *Love Lost for the Cause of Christ: Three Missionaries and Their Sacrifices for the Great Commission* by Will Brooks. *Southeastern Theological Review* 11.1 (2020): 138–139.

“The Life of Andrew J. Foster: Gaining a Hearing for the Gospel Among the Deaf of Africa,”
March 2021 at the Southeast Regional Evangelical Missiological Society (Virtual).

A History of North American Evangelism in North America (Kregel Academic, 2021).
Contributed the chapter, “Bill Bright, Campus Crusade, and University Evangelism.”

How the Local Church Can Care for Its Sent Ones (Upstream Collective, 2022). Contributed the
foreword.

Popular Publications and Social Media

Co-host, *The Sent Life Podcast*. Wake Forest, NC: 2020-2021

Contributor to *Homelife Magazine*. LifeWay, Nashville, Tenn.: 2014-2018.

Writer, *Open Windows*. LifeWay, Nashville, Tenn.: Spring 2017

Contributor to various blogs on missions, faith, and culture.

Professional and Academic Affiliations

Member, *Evangelical Theological Society (ETS)*

Member, *Evangelical Missiological Society (EMS)*

National Vice Present of Corporate Affairs, 2021-present

Vice President of Southeast Region, 2017–2021

Regional Leadership Team, Southeast Region, EMS, 2015–2021

Researcher, Global Missionary Research Team (GMRT), *Mission Commission, World
Evangelical Alliance*, 2016–2017

Executive Director, GMRT Executive Committee, January 2017–June 2017

Miscellaneous

Co-founder and coordinator of *Greekside*, a ministry to fraternity and sorority members at Penn
State University.

Founding partner of Arise Travel, an adventure travel business in Muscat, Oman.

Speaker at various conference, camps, and church services for Southern Baptists.

Speaker at various U.S. college conferences and clubs, and internationally.

Ministered, taught in, or studied in: Northern Africa & the Middle East (Jordan, Israel, Morocco, Oman, UAE, Bahrain, Kuwait, Lebanon, Syria), Africa (Kenya, Tanzania, South Sudan, Madagascar, South Africa), Central Asia (Turkey, Russia, Azerbaijan, Tajikistan), South Asia (India, Nepal), East Asia (China, Japan) Southeast Asia (Thailand, Indonesia, Malaysia), Europe (England, France, Spain, Italy, Germany, Czech Republic, Ukraine, Gibraltar), Central & South America (Mexico, Brazil), and various cities around the U.S.

Personal

Date of Birth: July 03, 1973

Married to Page M. Mathias (September 1996)

Four children: Jordan, Chloe, Caroline, Hadley