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### **Current Position**

**New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary**, 3939 Gentilly Boulevard, New Orleans, LA 70126

Associate Professor of Philosophy and Theology, June 2005-present

Chair: Greer-Heard Chair of Faith and Culture

Courses taught:

PhD Seminars: The Historical Jesus; The Doctrine of God; Theology of Religions; Contemporary Issues in Theology: Atheism and Relativism; Christology in the Early Church

PhD Reading Colloquia: Systematic Theology; Historical Theology; Philosophical Theology

MDIV Courses: Introduction to Philosophy of Religion; Christian Apologetics; The Problem of Evil; God in Contemporary Philosophical Thought; Advanced Christian Apologetics: History and Method; Contemporary Philosophical Hermeneutics; World Religions; Systematic Theology I; Systematic Theology II; Theology of Cults; Counterfeits and Countercultures: The Continuing Challenge of Cults and New Religions in the Twenty-first Century (Interfaith Evangelism Workshop in Phoenix, AZ June 11-14, 2003); Logic and the Christian Faith; The Historical Jesus; British Apologetists; Theology of C. S. Lewis.

Baccalaureate Courses: Christian Doctrine; Theology of Cults

Assistant Professor of Philosophy and Theology, June 2000-June 2005

Instructor in Philosophy and Theology, June 1998-June 2000 (elected to faculty June 1998)

### **Previous Teaching Position**

**Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary**, Fort Worth, Texas

Adjunct Professor of Historical Theology, 1994-1998

### Visiting Professor Positions

Fletcher Visiting Professor at Southeastern Baptist Theological, January 2007

John and Dot Colvin Distinguished Visiting Professor, Louisiana College, Fall 2007 (delivered Colvin Lectures)

### Education

**Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary**, Fort Worth, Texas,

Doctor of Philosophy, Theology, May 2000.

Dissertation: *The Impact of Contemporary Hermeneutics on Historical Jesus Research: An Analysis of John Dominic Crossan and Nicholas Thomas Wright* (Chairman: Bert Dominy). Grade “High Passing”

Master of Divinity with Biblical Languages, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas, 1992

**Cameron University, Lawton, Oklahoma**

Bachelor of Arts, Music Performance, 1980

#### **Additional Studies:**

Brite Divinity School, Texas Christian University, Fort Worth, TX, Spring, 1995, D.Min. Seminar, Theology of Karl Barth

University of Texas at Arlington, Arlington, TX, Summer 1996, Ph.D. Seminar, Cultural Anthropology: New Ethnology

### Publications

#### **Books**

*The Challenge of Unbelief: Understanding and Responding to Atheism*. Studies in Christian Apologetics. Nashville: B & H Academic, forthcoming.

*Memories of Jesus: A Critical Assessment of James D. G. Dunn’s Quest of the Historical Jesus*. Nashville: B & H Academic, forthcoming.

*The Textual Reliability of the New Testament: Bart Ehrman and Daniel Wallace in Dialogue*. Minneapolis: Fortress, 2009.

*The Quest of the Hermeneutical Jesus: The Impact of Hermeneutics on the Jesus Research of John Dominic Crossan and N. T. Wright.* Lanham, MD: University Press of America, 2008.

*The Future of Atheism: Alister McGrath and Daniel Dennett in Dialogue.* Minneapolis and London: Fortress and SPCK, 2008.

*Intelligent Design: William A. Dembski and Michael Ruse in Dialogue.* Minneapolis: Fortress, 2007.

*The Resurrection of Jesus: John Dominic Crossan and N. T. Wright in Dialogue.* Minneapolis and London: Fortress and SPCK, 2006.

General Editor, *Studies in Christian Apologetics* (18 volume monograph series on Christian Apologetics). B&H Academic.

### **Journal Articles and Published Essays**

“Doing History the (W)right Way: Is N. T. Wright a Modernist, a Postmodernist, or Something Else Altogether?” in *Jesus as Israel’s Messiah: Engaging the Work of N. Thomas Wright*. Edited by Robert L. Webb and Mark Allan Powell. New York and London: T & T Clark, 2009.

“The Future of Atheism: An Introductory Appraisal,” in *The Future of Atheism: Alister McGrath and Daniel Dennett in Dialogue*. Edited by Robert B. Stewart, 1-16. Minneapolis and London: Fortress and SPCK, 2008.

“Are There Scientific Errors in the Bible?” *Aereopagus Journal* 7.6 (November-December 2007): 10-15.

“Introduction: What Are We Talking About?” in *Intelligent Design: William A. Dembski and Michael Ruse in Dialogue*. Edited by Robert B. Stewart, 1-11. Minneapolis: Fortress, 2007.

“Hermeneutics in Previous Quests of the Historical Jesus,” in *Harmony of the Gospels*. Edited by Steven L. Cox and Kendell H. Easley, 261-66. Nashville: Broadmand and Holman, 2007.

“Man,” in *The Baptist Faith and Message: Critical Issues in America’s Largest Protestant Denomination*. Edited by Douglas K. Blount and Joseph D. Woddell, 25-35. Lanham, MD: Rowman and Littlefield, 2007.

“Introduction” in *The Resurrection of Jesus: John Dominic Crossan and N. T. Wright in Dialogue*. Edited by Robert B. Stewart, 1-15. Minneapolis and London: Fortress and SPCK, 2006.

“The Hermeneutics of Resurrection,” in *The Resurrection of Jesus: John Dominic Crossan and N. T. Wright in Dialogue*. Edited by Robert B. Stewart, 58-77. Minneapolis and London: Fortress and SPCK, 2006.

“Voodoo.” *Watchman Fellow Profile Notebook*. Spring 2006. Arlington, TX: Watchman Fellowship, Inc.

“But That’s Not Mormon Doctrine.” In *The Southern Baptist Journal of Theology* 9.2 (Summer 2005): 76-78.

“The Case of the Unexpected Sermon: Discovering the Values (and Dangers) of Abductive Preaching.” In *Preaching: The Professional Journal for Preachers* 19.1 (July-August 2003): 14-17, 48.

“N. T. Wright’s Hermeneutic: Part 1. Critical Realism.” In *Churchman: A Journal of Anglican Theology* 117 (Summer 2003): 153-75.

“N. T. Wright’s Hermeneutic: Part 2. The Historical Jesus.” In *Churchman: A Journal of Anglican Theology* 117 (Fall 2003): 235-66.

“Is Mormonism Christian: An Evangelical Critique of LDS Scholar Stephen E. Robinson’s Arguments for Recognizing Mormonism as Christian.” In *Journal of Christian Apologetics* Vol. 1, no. 2 (Winter 1997): 15-33.

### **Dictionary or Encyclopedia Articles**

“Resurrection of Jesus,” in *Cambridge Dictionary of Christianity*, ed. Daniel Patte. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, Forthcoming.

“Is Christian Science Comptatible with the Bible?” *Apologetics Study Bible*, ed. Ted Cabal. Nashville: Broadman and Holman, 2007.

“Testimony, LDS” in *Baker Dictionary of Cults and Sects*, ed. H. Wayne House. Grand Rapids: Baker, Forthcoming.

“LDS, epistemology” in *Baker Dictionary of Cults and Sects*, ed. H. Wayne House. Grand Rapids: Baker, Forthcoming.

“Comparative Religion” in *Baker Dictionary of Cults and Sects*, ed. H. Wayne House. Grand Rapids: Baker, Forthcoming.

“Divine Freedom” in *Holman Illustrated Bible Dictionary*, ed. Trent C. Butler, Chad Brand, Charles Draper, and Archie England. Nashville: Broadman and Holman, 2003.

“Purgatory” in *Holman Illustrated Bible Dictionary*, ed. Trent C. Butler, Chad Brand, Charles Draper, and Archie England. Nashville: Broadman and Holman, 2003.

### **Book Reviews**

John G. Stackhouse, ed., *Evangelical Futures: A Conversation on Theological Method*, in *Southwestern Journal of Theology* 45.1 (Fall 2002): 94-95.

Ted Peters, *God: The World's Future: Systematic Theology for a New Era*. Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 2000, in *The Southern Baptist Journal of Theology* 6.2 (Summer 2002): 91-92.

Ted Peters, *God: The World's Future: Systematic Theology for a New Era*. Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 2000, in *Southwestern Journal of Theology* 44.2 (Spring 2002): 99-100.

Carey C. Newman, ed., *Jesus and the Restoration of Israel: A Critical Assessment of N. T. Wright's Jesus and the Victory of God*, in *Journal of the Evangelical Theological Society* 44.2 (June 2001): 333-35.

James D. Chancellor, *Life in The Family: An Oral History of the Children of God*. New Religious Movements. Syracuse, NY: Syracuse University Press, 2000, in *The Southern Baptist Journal of Theology* 5.2 (Summer 2001): 103-4.

Blomberg and Stephen E. Robinson, *How Wide the Divide?: A Mormon and an Evangelical in Conversation*, in *Southwestern Journal of Theology* 41.1 (Fall 1998): 124-25.

### **Papers and Presentations**

“Are the New Testament Gospels Reliable?” Public Lecture, University of New Orleans, April 2008

“The Future of Atheism: Issues for Evangelicals and Atheists Alike,” Southwestern Regional Evangelical Theological Society, Houston, TX, March 28-29, 2008

“Doing History the (W)right Way: Is N. T. Wright a Modernist, a Postmodernist, or Something Else Altogether?” Southwestern Regional Evangelical Theological Society, Houston, TX, March 28-29, 2008

“Doing History the (W)right Way: Is N. T. Wright a Modernist, a Postmodernist, or Something Else Altogether?” Southeastern Regional Evangelical Theological Society, Memphis, TN, March 14-15, 2008

- “What Do Daniel Dennett and Jesus Have to Do with Each Other?: Lessons Learned About Cultural Engagement from the Greer-Heard Point-Counterpoint Forum,” Southeastern Regional Evangelical Theological Society, Memphis, TN, March 14-15, 2008
- “What About All Those Lost Gospels?” National Collegiate Week, Ridgecrest Baptist Conference Center, August 2007
- “The Historical Reliability of the Gospels,” Regents Park College, Oxford University, July 2007
- “Is the New Testament Text Reliable?” Regents Park College, Oxford University, July 2007
- “Evangelistic Tips from C. S. Lewis,” Regents Park College, Oxford University, July 2007
- “C. S. Lewis: The Problem of Pain, Miracles, Myths, and More,” Regents Park College, Oxford University, June 2006
- “C. S. Lewis’s Arguments for God,” Regents Park College, Oxford University, June 2006
- “C. S. Lewis’s Journey to Faith,” Regents Park College, Oxford University, June 2006
- “The Law of Eternal Progression: Understanding the LDS Gospel,” *The Lord is My Light*—RZIM Summer School, Keble College, Oxford University, 2005
- “The Law of Eternal Progression: Understanding the Mormon Gospel,” *The Lord is My Light*—RZIM Summer School, Keble College, Oxford University, 2005
- “Sharing the Gospel Effectively with Latter-day Saints,” *The Lord is My Light*—RZIM Summer School, Keble College, Oxford University, 2005
- “Panelist and Respondent to John Dominic Crossan, Round Table Discussion on the Gospel of Thomas,” Synoptic Gospels Section, Annual Meeting of the Evangelical Theological Society, San Antonio, TX, November 2004
- “Evil, Suffering and God: Is There a Problem?” Public Lecture for Veritas Forum, Louisiana State University, November 2004
- “The Bible as History: Are the New Testament Gospels Reliable?” Public Lecture, University of New Orleans, February 2004
- “I Knew Jesus Before He Had a Seminar: The Impact of Hermeneutics upon John Dominic Crossan’s Historical Jesus Research,” Annual Meeting of the Evangelical Theological Society, San Antonio, TX, November 2004

- “How Cults Begin: A Study of the Theological and Sociological Influences Impacting Early Mormon and Watchtower Theology,” Evangelical Ministries to New Religions Annual Conference, New Orleans, LA, January 2004
- “The Quest of the Hermeneutical Jesus: How Hermeneutics Impacts N.T. Wright’s Jesus Research,” Annual Meeting of the Evangelical Theological Society, Atlanta, GA, November 2003
- “Does the God of Open Theism Hold False Beliefs?” Faculty Workshop, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, New Orleans, LA, August 2003
- “Living in an Abductive World: Cautious Agreement and a Plea for Balance.” Plenary Response to Leonard Sweet, Annual Meeting of the Evangelical Homiletics Society, Deerfield, IL, October 2002
- “Doing History the (W)right Way: Is N. T. Wright a Modernist, a Postmodernist, or Something Else Altogether?” Annual Meeting, Evangelical Theological Society, Colorado Springs, CO, November 2001
- “Sherlock Holmes and the Case of the Missing Monarchy: The Logic of Archaeological Minimalism: An Appreciative Response to Steven M. Ortiz’s ‘Deconstructing David: Current Trends in Biblical and Archaeological Studies’” Ola Famer Lenaz Lecture Response, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, May 2001
- Moderator, Panel Discussion on Christianity and Contemporary Culture, Evangelical Ministries to New Religions, Evangelical Ministries to New Religions Annual Conference, New Orleans, LA, February 2001
- “An Appreciative Disagreement: A Response to Charlene Burns’s ‘Divine Sympathy and Human Suffering: A Remedy for Process Theistic Impotence,’” New Orleans Regional Meeting, College Theology Society, March 2000
- “Oh! That’s What That Means, or Is It? A Response to David M. Howard, Jr.’s ‘Speaking of Miracles: What Ever Happened to the Sun and the Moon? Hermeneutics and Interpretation in Joshua 10,’” Ola Famer Lenaz Lecture Response, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, December 1999
- “O’ You Take the Wredebahn, and I’ll Take the Schweitzerbahn, and I’ll Get to Jesus Before You: N. T. Wright’s Vision of an Apocalyptic Jesus,” Annual Meeting, Evangelical Theological Society, Danvers, MA, November 1999
- “O’ You Take the Wredebahn, and I’ll Take the Schweitzerbahn, and I’ll Get to Jesus Before You: N. T. Wright’s Vision of an Apocalyptic Jesus,” Southwest Regional Meeting, Evangelical Theological Society, New Orleans, LA, March 1999

Panelist, Round Table Discussion on “Evangelical Responses to Contemporary Mormonism,” Southwest Regional Meeting, Evangelical Theological Society, New Orleans, LA, March 1999

“An Evangelical Assessment of N. T. Wright’s Hermeneutic” Annual Meeting, Evangelical Theological Society, Orlando, FL, November 1998

“Athanasius, Where Are You?: How Should the Church Respond to Mormonism?” Society for the Study of New Religions, Orlando, FL, November 1998

“Is Mormonism Christian?: An Evangelical Critique of Mormon Scholar Stephen E. Robinson’s Arguments for Viewing Mormonism as Christian” at the 1997 Annual Evangelical Theological Society Meeting, November 1997, and at Southwest Regional Meeting of the Evangelical Theological Society, Dallas, TX 1998

Panelist, Round Table Discussion of *How Wide the Divide: A Mormon and an Evangelical in Conversation* (Craig L. Blomberg and Stephen E. Robinson, 1997, IVP) at the 1997 National Meeting of Evangelical Ministries to New Religions

### **Multimedia Resources**

CD: *Counterfeits and Countercultures: The Continuing Challenge of Cults and New Religions in the Twenty-first Century*. New Orleans, LA and Arlington, TX: Veritas Apologetics and Watchman Fellowship, 2003.

CD: *Introduction to Philosophy of Religion*. New Orleans, LA: Veritas Apologetics, 2003.

CD: *Standing Strong: Issues in Christian Apologetics*. New Orleans, LA: Veritas Apologetics, 2003.

### **Memberships and Awards**

Executive Committee Member, Evangelical Philosophical Society, 2005-present

Vice-president, Society for the Study of Alternative Religion, 2003-2005

Board Member, Evangelical Ministries to New Religions, 2000-2005

Board Member, Watchman Fellowship, Inc. 1999-present

Member: Evangelical Theological Society, 1996-present

American Academy of Religion, 1996-present  
 Society of Biblical Literature, 1996-present  
 Evangelical Philosophical Society, 1998-present  
 Baptist Association of Philosophy Teachers, 1998-present  
 Society for the Study of Alternative Religions, 1998-present  
 Society of Christian Philosophers, 1999-present  
 Evangelical Ministries to New Religions, 1997-present  
 Ola Farmer Lenaz Lecture Respondent, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, Fall 1999  
 Ola Farmer Lenaz Lecture Respondent, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, Spring 2001  
 Who's Who Among College and University Students in America, Southwestern Baptist  
 Theological Seminary, 1994-1995, 1996-1997

### **Church Involvement**

Interim Pastor, Edgewater Baptist Church, New Orleans, LA, September 2007-August 2008  
 Interim Pastor, Edgewater Baptist Church, New Orleans, LA, January 2005-January 2006  
 Interim Pastor, First Baptist Church, Marrero, LA September 2001-March 2003  
 Interim Pastor, Oak Park Baptist Church, New Orleans, LA, August 2000-August 2000  
 Interim Pastor, Edgewater Baptist Church, New Orleans, LA, September 1999-May 2000  
 Pastor, Mayfield Road Baptist Church, Arlington, TX, May, 1995-July 1998  
 Pastor, First Baptist Church, Maypearl, TX, May 1989-May 1995  
 Associate Pastor, Patillo Baptist Church, Patillo, TX, June 1987-May 1989  
 Minister to Youth and Senior Adults, First Baptist Church, Iowa Park, TX, August 1983-August  
 1986