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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 and Director of the Doctor of Ministry Program (2006-2007).

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 2007-2016, Associate Vice-President of Operations – Projects from 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

1987-89 - **Cedar Bayou Baptist Church – Baytown, Texas** – Interim Minister of Education part-time

1989-92 – **Cedar Bayou Baptist Church** – Baytown, Texas – Associate Pastor 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 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**.

2022-2023 - Co-Developer with Dr. Reggie Ogea of the **Jim Henry Leadership Institute** of the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.

Organization Member

American Schools of Oriental Research (ASOR)

Evangelical Theological Society (ETS)

Biblical Archaeology Society (BAS)

American Archaeological Society (AAS)

Society of Biblical Literature (SBL)

Israel Exploration Society (IES)

German Water History Association *Cura Aquarum*

Research and Publications

Research

Qumran

- Dead Sea Scrolls
 1. 1QM War Scroll
 2. 1QS Community Rule
 3. 4Q Sefer ha-Milhamah
 4. 4QIsa Isaiah
 5. 4QEze Ezekiel
 6. 4QD Damascus Document
 7. 4QDan Daniel
 8. 11Q18 New Jerusalem

Excavations

Tel Gezer

- Iron Age City
- Canaanite City – Upper intramural of water system

- Tel Gezer ancient water system

Sepphoris

- Arches Reservoir (First-Second Century Roman Era)
 1. Wine Press inside of the reservoir
 2. Reconstruction and conservation of the arches and roof of the reservoir
- Aqueduct from the Nazareth Springs to the Arches Reservoir system
- Machal Pool – A part of, and adjacent to the Arches Reservoir

Tel Hadid

- Iron Age lower city – Areas A, B, & C
- Greek era? fortress – Area T1 & T2
- Village of Haditha from 1948 – Area T1 and beyond - Survey and reconstruction of the architectural design and cultural preservation of the village (Received grant for study)
- Byzantine Churches – Two churches are currently being researched. These appear on the area of the IAA permit for Tel Hadid. The IAA has requested us to investigate three other Byzantine churches that are within a mile of Tel Hadid, conjecturing that these may have been a part of a pilgrimage trail.

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.

“Forced Resettlement and Immigration at Tel Hadid.” *Biblical Archaeology Review*, Summer 2020.

“Was Gezer a Central Cult Center for the Canaanites.” In publication.

Final Excavation Report on the Arches Reservoir at Sepphoris. Published May, 2024.

Final Excavation Report on the Ancient Water System of Tel Gezer. In
Publication – Due December, 2024.

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

Consultant to Baptist Press for Articles:

- Discovery of lost Nile branch helps demystify Egyptian pyramids
- King David’s reign confirmed in text on ancient stone
- Excavation of ancient Pool of Siloam evidences Scriptural accounts
- Ancient Hebrew language fragment uncovered near Mt. Ebal
- Additional evidence of Roman crucifixion identified in England
- Is cosmic airburst site in Jordan evidence of Sodom and Gomorrah?
- 3,000-year-old inscription could be oldest discovered evidence of Hebrew language
- NOBTS excavation could bring 2 Kings 17 into focus

Missions and Research Travel:

Countries traveled to for Missions:

- El Salvador
- Honduras
- Guatemala
- Nicaragua
- Mexico
- Cuba
- Belize
- Egypt (Cairo)
- Haiti
- Jamaica
- Romania
- Hungary

Countries traveled to for research and educational purposes:

- Israel
- Turkey
- Jordan

- Syria
- Lebanon
- Egypt (The delta of Egypt (Goshen) to Aswan)
- Sinai of Egypt – St Catherine’s Monastery
- Italy
- Greece and Macedonia
- Spain
- England
- Germany
- France
- Holland

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, Acts, Romans, 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
- History of Judaism
- History of Israel
- 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 – Studies in New Testament Archaeology
- Research and Writing
- PhD Seminar: Biblical Hermeneutics
- PhD Seminar: Interpreting the Old Testament Prophets: Latter Prophets
- PhD Seminar: Archaeology of the Ancient Near East

- PhD Seminar: Readings in Hebrew Narrative and Culture: 8th Century Monarchies
- 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