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Personal Information

Date of Birth: April 15, 1980
Place of Birth: Baton Rouge, LA

Background:

I was raised in South Korea as the son of Southern Baptist missionaries until the age of 11, which led to the unique opportunity of being involved in Korean schools and Korean churches.

Family:

Lisa graduated with her Master of Divinity from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary in May of 2006. She has worked for the seminary in the Student Enlistment office as Associate Director and as the Accounts Receivable Manager in the seminary's Business Office. She has also served in various roles in campus ministry in Florida, Arkansas, and Mississippi. Lisa and I have three children adopted through foster care, and we have fostered 9 children through the Mississippi Department of Human Service.

Education

Doctor of Philosophy, New Testament New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, New Orleans, LA
Graduated 2008

Dissertation: "The Story behind the Story: The Use of the Old Testament in Matthew's Birth Narrative"

Master of Theology, Biblical Studies New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, New Orleans, LA
Graduated 2006

Master of Arts, Biblical Studies New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, New Orleans, LA
Graduated 2004

Thesis: "Christian Worship in Its Jewish Context"

Bachelor of Arts, Religion Baylor University, Waco, TX
Graduated 2001
University Scholars Graduate

Teaching Experience

Assistant Professor of New Testament and Greek

Director, Accelerated BA + MDiv

New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary

May 2019—Present

Serve on the graduate faculty in the New Testament Department and teach classes for Leveall College. Direct the Accelerated BA + MDiv program focused on equipping young men to serve as pastors in the United States

Adjunct Faculty

Levell College, New Orleans, LA

2004–2018

Taught classes on Galatians and 1 and 2 Thessalonians, New Testament Survey, Hebrews (online), the Synoptic Gospels, Hermeneutics (in class and online), and Christian Scriptures (co-taught at the Louisiana State Penitentiary at Angola)

Adjunct Faculty

New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, New Orleans, LA

2007–2016

Taught Exploring the New Testament, Introductory Greek Grammar (CIV), Hermeneutics (in class and online), and Exegesis of the Sermon on the Mount (online)

Administrative Assistant

Louisiana and Mississippi Extension Centers, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, New Orleans, LA

Assistant to Associate Dean Dr. Norris Grubbs

August 2006 – 2008

Maintained files for extension centers, communicated with extension center directors, created teaching agreements, and conducted other administrative duties

Teaching Assistant/Grader

Dr. Norris Grubbs, Assistant Professor of New Testament and Greek, Levell College, New Orleans, LA

Spring 2002 – 2008

Graded assignments, maintained records of grades, and taught classes in professor's absence

Research Assistant

Center for New Testament Textual Studies, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, New Orleans, LA

October 2002 – August 2006

Assisted with various projects, including work with IGNTP and work on the Pericope of Adultery by Dr. Maurice Robinson, compiled and edited the CNTTS modules for Accordance and BibleWorks

Teaching Assistant/Grader

Dr. Eddie Campbell, Instructor in English, Levell College, New Orleans, LA

Summer 2005

Assisted in teaching and grading assignments for a summer course at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary's undergraduate extension center at Angola State Penitentiary

Ministry Experience

Pastor

Grace Memorial Baptist Church, Gulfport, MS
December 2007– April 2019

Served as church administrator. Led church to consider its focus and mission. Worked to plan mission trips (including trips to New York to evangelize Muslims, to Trinidad and Cambodia to partner with churches there for evangelism and medical missions, and to Tennessee to complete service projects) and to find ways to be involved in community ministry.

Served on the Strategy Team of the Gulf Coast Baptist Association that helped develop a new direction for our association. Served as chairman of the Strategy Team, as moderator of the association, and on the Committee on Committees for the Mississippi Baptist Convention

Youth Minister

Rio Vista Baptist Church, New Orleans, LA
April 2002 – January 2004

Led youth Bible studies, planned all youth events including annual retreats, organized basketball outreach for community youth, served as member of church council, participated in weekly visitation, provided pulpit supply, led a church-wide discipleship training group through a study of the Old Testament, and performed various other ministerial responsibilities

Memberships

Member of the Evangelical Theological Society, 2003 – Present

Member of the Evangelical Homiletics Society, 2020 – Present

Member of the Society of Biblical Literature, 2003 – 2008

Presentations and Publications

Presentations

“A Lawful Use of the Law: Paul’s Use of the Law in 1 Timothy 1:8 and Its Implications for the Church” a paper presented at the national meeting of the Evangelical Theological Society, November 2020

“Preaching the Old Testament in the New Testament: An Intertextual Method” a paper presented at the national meeting of the Evangelical Homiletics Society, October 2020

“Biblical Law and Contemporary Culture,” a paper presented at the Defend: Apologetics Conference in New Orleans, LA, January 2020.

“O Little Town of Bethlehem?': The Significance of Matthew’s Reference to Micah 5:2,” a paper presented at the Southwest Regional meeting of the Evangelical Theological Society in Fort Worth, March 2007

“Matthew’s Use of Jeremiah 31:15: A Call to Obedience,” a paper presented at the Southwest Regional meeting of the Evangelical Theological Society in New Orleans, March 2005

Publications

“The Story behind the Story: The Use of the Old Testament in Matthew’s Birth Narrative,” a dissertation submitted to New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary

“Christian Worship in Its Jewish Context,” a Masters thesis submitted to New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary

Book Reviews

Review of *Matthew, Disciple and Scribe: The First Gospel and Its Portrait of Jesus*, by Patrick Schreiner in “The Journal of the Evangelical Theological Society” 63.4, December 2020

Review of *A Pastoral Rule for Today: Reviving an Ancient Practice*, by John P. Burgess, Jerry Andrews, and Joseph D. Small in “The Journal for Baptist Theology & Ministry” 17.1, Spring 2020

Review of *Discovering the New Testament: An Introduction to Its Background, Theology, and Themes. Vol. 1: The Gospels and Acts*, by Mark J. Keown in “The Journal for Baptist Theology & Ministry” 17.1, Spring 2020

Center for New Testament Textual Studies Projects (2002-2006)

Worked on the design, compilation, and editing of the critical apparatus of the Center for New Testament Textual Studies, currently published as a module for Accordance Bible software and for Logos Bible software

Participated in manuscript collation for the International Greek New Testament Project volume on the Gospel of John

Performed data entry for Dr. Maurice Robinson’s work on the Pericope of Adultery

Honors

Thomas and Mary Wheeler Messer Fellowship Recipient, Center for New Testament Textual Studies, August 2005 – July 2006

Zondervan Greek Award for New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, May 2004

University Scholars Graduate, Baylor University, May 2001

References

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