

## Education

*Doctor of Philosophy (Major: Preaching; Minor: Old Testament)* August 2011–May 2017

- Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary
- Equal amount of coursework for Major and Minor
- Dissertation Title: “Preaching the Satire of a Rogue King: Genre-Sensitive Preaching and the Solomonic Narrative of 1 Kings 10:14–11:13.”

*Master of Divinity* May 2008–May 2011

- Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary
- Completed 6 hours of Greek and 15 hours of Hebrew

*Bachelor of Arts (Major: Psychology; Minor: Biblical Languages)* August 2004–May 2008

- Louisiana College (Now Louisiana Christian University)
- Magna Cum Laude
- Completed 18 hours of Greek and 9 hours of Hebrew

## Academic Experience

*Assistant Professor of Expository Preaching* August 2023–Present

- New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary and Leavell College
- Occupying the JD Grey Chair of Preaching (2024–Present)
- Developed and taught coursework primarily in areas of preaching, pastoral ministry, and Old Testament studies at all levels and in all delivery formats.

*Adjunct Professor* August 2018–July 2023

- New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary and Leavell College
- Developed and taught coursework primarily in areas of Old Testament studies and Biblical Interpretation for online, extension, and prison courses.

*Teaching Assistant* August 2015–December 2015

- Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary
- Old Testament Survey under the direction of Eric A. Mitchell.

*Teaching Assistant* January 2014–May 2014

- Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary
- Revival Practicum under the direction of Steven W. Smith.

*Teaching Assistant* August 2009–May 2010

- Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary
- Hebrew I and Hebrew II under the direction of Eric A. Mitchell.

*Graduate Assistant* August 2008–March 2010

- Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary
- Prepared manuscript for publication, researched materials, managed resources, and transcribed notes for David L. Allen.

## Courses Taught or Assisted

*Church Level*  
Disciple Making  
Evangelism  
Hermeneutics

*Certificate Level*  
Introduction to the Old Testament: The Writings (Classroom)  
Old Testament Survey (Classroom)  
Preaching (Classroom)

*Undergraduate Level*  
Christian Scriptures (Online/ Classroom)  
Critical Thinking (Classroom)  
Five Books of Moses (Classroom)  
Hermeneutics (Classroom)  
Introduction to Apologetics (Classroom)  
Introduction to Preaching (Flex)  
Israel and the Promised Land (Classroom)  
Israelite Prophecy (Classroom)  
New Testament Word Studies (Classroom)  
Old Testament Word Studies (Classroom)

The Practice of Preaching (Mentoring)  
Psalms and the Wisdom of Ancient Israel (Classroom)

*Graduate Level*  
Basic Old Testament I (Online)\*  
Biblical Hebrew I (Classroom)\*  
Biblical Hebrew II (Classroom)\*  
Counseling in Ministry (Flex)  
Introduction to Biblical Hermeneutics (Classroom)  
Pastoral Ministry (Flex)  
Proclaiming the Bible (Online)  
Preaching Epistles (Flex)  
Preaching Practicum (Online/ Mentoring)  
Revival Evangelism Practicum (Classroom)\*

*Research Doctoral Level*  
Old Testament Exposition (Flex)

\*Indicates Teaching Assistant in the course

## Presentations & Publications

### *Books*

*Preaching Christ from Isaiah*. Foundations for Expository Sermons. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, forthcoming 2026–27.

### *Entries*

“Agriculture.” In *The Lexham Theological Wordbook*. Edited by John D. Barry and Doug Mangum. Bellingham, WA: Lexham Press, 2014.

“Pride.” In *The Lexham Theological Wordbook*. Edited by John D. Barry and Doug Mangum. Bellingham, WA: Lexham Press, 2014.

### *Presentations*

“Hebrew Satire: Literary Mirrors to Confront and Correct.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southwest Region of the Evangelical Theological Society. New Orleans, LA, 2 April 2022.

“Ministry Together.” Session co-led with DeeDee Williams at Collegiate Week. Falls Creek, OK, 7 August 2024.

“Practical Theology.” Session Moderated at the Annual Meeting of the Evangelical Theological Society. San Antonio, TX, 14 November 2023.

## Reviews

- Byasse, John. *Psalms 101–150*. Brazos Theological Commentary on the Bible. *Journal of the Evangelical Theological Society* 62 (2019): 157–59.
- DeRouchie, Jason S. *Delighting in the Old Testament: Through Christ and for Christ*. *Bulletin for Biblical Research* (2025): forthcoming.
- Greidanus, Sidney. *Preaching Christ from Leviticus*. Foundations for Expository Sermons. *Bulletin for Biblical Research* 32 (2022): 202–03.
- Hamilton, Jr., James. *Psalms*. Evangelical Theological Commentary. 2 volumes. *Journal of the Evangelical Theological Society* 65 (2022): 360–62.
- Marlowe, W. Creighton and Charles H. Savelle, Jr. *Psalms: Volume 1: The Wisdom Psalms: A Commentary for Biblical Preaching and Teaching*. Kerux. *Bulletin for Biblical Research* (2024): forthcoming.
- Miles, Veronice. *Embodied Hope: A Homiletical Theology Reflection*. *Journal of the Evangelical Homiletics Society* 23 (2023): 140–41.
- Schreiner, David B. and Lee Compson. *1 & 2 Kings: A Commentary for Biblical Preaching and Teaching*. Kerux. *Journal of the Evangelical Theological Society* 66 (2023): 171–72.
- Vermeulen, Karolien & Elizabeth R. Hayes. *How We Read the Bible: A Guide to Scripture's Style & Meaning*. *Bulletin for Biblical Research* (2024): forthcoming.

## Other Writing

Aided in research and manuscript preparation for Allen, David L. *Hebrews*. New American Commentary, vol. 35. Nashville: B&H, 2010.

## Academic Administration Experience

- Associate Dean of the Church Ministries Division* August 2024–Present
- New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary
  - Supervise all academic programs related to Chaplaincy, Christian Education, Christian Leadership, Church Administration, Church Music, Evangelism, Pastoral Ministries, Preaching, Missiology, and Social Work.
- Director of Mentoring Programs* May 2024–Present
- New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary
  - Oversee all aspects related Mentoring Programs.
- Associate Vice President of Auxiliary Services & Operations* February 2023–July 2024
- New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary
  - Oversaw all aspects related to Student Housing, Guest Housing, Cafeteria, Café, Post Office, and all Facilities and Maintenance.
  - Assisted in the execution of special projects.
- Assistant Director of Housing* March 2010–May 2013
- Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary
  - Oversaw all aspects primarily related dormitory maintenance and assignment and code compliance between the school and the City of Fort Worth.

*Resident Director* *August 2006–May 2008*  
- Louisiana College (Now Louisiana Christian University)  
- Hired and oversaw Resident Assistants, provided biblical counsel to residents, and managed building maintenance.

*Provisional Admissions Committee- Student Representative* *August 2007–May 2008*  
- Louisiana College (Now Louisiana Christian University)  
- Reviewed all applicants seeking admission who did not meet standard admission criteria.

*Student/ Church Liaison* *January 2008–May 2008*  
- Louisiana College (Now Louisiana Christian University)  
- Scheduled dates for students and faculty to lead worship at area churches and connected students to area churches both in membership and also in service.

*Resident Assistant* *August 2005–May 2006*  
- Louisiana College (Now Louisiana Christian University)  
- Planned programs, administered school policy, and provided biblical counsel to 18 residents.

*Union Board* *August 2004–May 2005*  
- Louisiana College (Now Louisiana Christian University)  
- Planned, coordinated, and worked on campus events.

### **Ministry Experience**

*Itinerant Preacher* *February 2023–Present, July 2003–May 2013*  
- Churches in AR, CO, LA, OK, TX, and WV

*Volunteer Teacher* *February 2023–Present, August 2006–May 2011*  
- Wrote, studied, and presented Sunday School material at FBC New Orleans (2023–Present).  
- Prepared and presented evangelism training material at The Cross Baptist Church, Fort Worth, TX (2009–10) and Louisiana College (Now Louisiana Christian University) (2007–08).  
- Wrote, studied, and presented leadership development material for Freshmen at Louisiana College (Now Louisiana Christian University) (2005–08).

*Lead Pastor* *January 2017–February 2023*  
- Galilee Baptist Church, Zachary, LA  
- Preached weekly expositional sermons through 21 books of the of the Bible in addition to portions of 16 others.  
- Strengthened and developed intentional small group discipleship model.  
- Facilitated the revision of existing Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws, and Operating Manual as well as a more efficient and clear budgeting methodology.

*Senior Pastor* *May 2013–December 2016*  
- Bluegrove Baptist Church, Henrietta, TX  
- Preached weekly expositional sermons through 16 books of the of the Bible in addition to portions of 14 others.  
- Led the church to write and adopt a Constitution, Bylaws, and Operating Budget for the first time in her 135-year history.

## **Missions Experience**

*Volunteer Chaplain- Lane Regional Medical Center* August 2021–February 2023

- Led the hospital staff weekly in prayer while providing while also providing spiritual care.

*Dominican Republic* September 2019–February 2023

- Taught Old Testament Overview (2019) and Preaching (2022) for local pastors and church leaders through Advance International.
- Directed seminary certificate program for national pastors through Advance International (2021–2023).

*Belarus* July 2017–February 2023

- Assisted in Bible camp outreach alongside a local Belarusian church through Galilee Baptist Church (2017).
- Created long-term partnership with Gethsemane Baptist Church in Bialyničy, Belarus through Galilee Baptist Church (2017–2023).

*Disaster Relief* August 2005–February 2023

- Aided residents effect by natural disasters in physical recovery while also providing spiritual care and evangelistic outreach.

*Faith Mission of Wichita Falls, TX* December 2014–November 2017

- Ministered and cared for residents on special events through Bluegrove Baptist Church.

*The Cross Church Plant of Fort Worth, TX* August 2008–March 2010

- Provided assistance in set-up, outreach, and teaching in an effort to establish a local church in a new growing area.

*Mexico* July 2006

- Assisted a local missionary in having a Bible camp in a mountain village near Guadalajara through Toledo Bend Bible Baptist Church.

## **Church Membership & Denominational Service**

*Church Member* January 1993–Present

- First Baptist New Orleans (2023–Present)
- Galilee Baptist Church, Zachary, LA (2017–23)
- Bluegrove Baptist Church, Bluegrove, TX (2013–17)
- Southcliff Baptist Church, Fort Worth, TX (2010–13)
- The Cross Church, Fort Worth, TX (2008–10)
- Riverview Baptist Church, Alexandria, LA (2005–08)
- Toledo Bend Bible Baptist Church, Anacoco, LA (1993–2005)

*Louisiana Baptist Convention* April 2022–December 2023

- Committee on Nominations (2022–2023)

*William Wallace Baptist Association* April 2021–February 2023

- Moderator (2021–23)
- Interim Vice Moderator (2021)

*Baptist Collegiate Ministry Advisory Board* August 2016–February 2023

- Louisiana State University and A&M College (2021–23)
- Southern University and A&M College (2018–23)

- Midwestern State University (2016–17)

*Baptist Collegiate Ministry*

*June 2006–May 2008*

- State Vice President- Louisiana (2007–08)
- State Board Representative- Louisiana (2006–07)

**Ministry & Professional Credentials**

*MinistrySafe Sexual Abuse Awareness Training*

*June 2022, February 2019*

*Class B Commercial Driver’s License*

*April 2018*

- School Bus, Passenger, & Airbrake Endorsements

*Ordination*

*April 2008*

- Riverview Baptist Church, Alexandria, LA

*Licensed*

*May 2004*

- Toledo Bend Bible Baptist Church, Anacoco, LA

**Professional Memberships**

*Evangelical Theological Society*

*2008–Present*

*Evangelical Homiletics Society*

*2014–Present*

*Institute for Biblical Research*

*2021–Present*

**Awards & Honors**

*Ola Farmer Lenaz Grant Recipient*

*2024*

- New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary

*Presidential Scholar*

*2008–2011*

- Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary

*Dean’s List*

*2004–2008*

- Louisiana College (Now Louisiana Christian University)

*Zondervan Greek Award*

*2007*

- Louisiana College (Now Louisiana Christian University)

*Union Board Freshman of the Year*

*2005*

- Louisiana College (Now Louisiana Christian University)

**Personal**

*Married to “DeeDee” Reading of Van Buren, AR (March 13, 2010)*

- Bachelor of Arts from Ouachita Baptist University (2001)
- Masters of Divinity with concentration in Biblical Languages from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary (2012)
- ABD with PhD in Biblical Theology from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary (Projected Completion Date: 2025)

*Father of Two Daughters and One Son*

- McKenzie Fontaine Williams
- Wyatt Andrew Williams
- Madelyn Paige Williams

*Hobbies*

- Family Time, Gardening, Hunting, Fishing, Antiquing, Watching Sports (LSU Football and Baseball; Astros), and Enjoying Coffee.