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Education

- B.A. in Mathematics Education, University of Florida, 1972.
- M.Div., Th.M., Western Conservative Baptist Seminary, 1976, 1978.
- Th.D., Ph.D., New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, 1984.
- Honorary Research Fellow, W. F. Albright Institute, Jerusalem, for Archaeological Research. Fall 1992.

Teaching Experience

- Teaching Fellow, Contract Teacher, Old Testament & Hebrew, Western Conservative Baptist Seminary, 1976-78.
- Contract Instructor, Biblical Archaeology, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, Part-time Fall 1982, Full-time 1983-86.
- Professor of Old Testament and Archaeology, NOBTS, 1996-present

Teaching Specializations – Masters Program

- Historical Geography of Bible Lands
- Encountering the Biblical World - Biblical Backgrounds
- Intro Hebrew Grammar, Intermediate Hebrew Grammar
- Hebrew Exegesis: Genesis, Exodus, Numbers, 1-2 Kings, Psalms, Jeremiah
- Biblical Aramaic
- History and Philosophy of Judaism
- Jewish Holy Days
- Dead Sea Scrolls

- Archaeological Methods and Techniques
- Archaeology and the New Testament
- Archaeology of the Ancient Near East
- Syro-Palestinian Archaeology and the Old Testament
- Teaching Specializations – PhD Program
- PhD Seminar - Dead Sea Scrolls
- PhD Seminar - International Relations and Foreign Policy in the Ancient Near East
- PhD Seminar - Studies in Syro-Palestinian Archaeology
- PhD Seminar - Studies in Greco-Roman Archaeology
- PhD Seminar - Readings in Northwest Semitic Literature
- PhD Seminar - Studies in the Psalms
- PhD Seminar - Interpreting the Pentateuch
- PhD Seminar - Biblical Backgrounds in Interpretation
- PhD Seminar - Interpreting the Old Testament Writings
- DMin Seminar - Preaching from the Book of Numbers
- DMin Seminar - Studies in the Book of Jeremiah
- DMin Seminar - Preaching from Joshua
- Research Techniques and Project Design

Ministry Experience

- Passover Seders - Churches in Oregon & the Southeast US: 1975 - present
- January Bible Studies
- Ancient Israel Studies, in churches in LA, MS, OR, FL, AL, GA 1977-present
- Supply Preaching -- OR, WA, FL, LA, MS, AL, TN 1976-present
- Youth Ministry -- First Baptist Church Ormond Beach, FL Summer 1979
- Youth Ministry -- First Baptist Church Milwaukie, OR 1976-79
- Sunday School Teacher -- Children, Youth, Singles, and all Adult Ages, 1971-present
- Deacon -- Gentilly Baptist Church, NOLA 1983-2006
- Church Treasurer -- Gentilly Baptist Church, NOLA 1987-present
- Lecturer in Biblical Backgrounds & Archaeology throughout the Southeastern USA, including churches and synagogues in the New Orleans area, 1980-present
- Associate Pastor, Gentilly Baptist Church, 2007-present

Publications

JOURNAL ARTICLES

- "The Old and the New: Paul's Ministry of the Covenant, 2 Corinthians 2:14-3:18" *Theological Educator*, Fall 1989.
- "A Crisis of Faith: The Idolatry Polemics in the Book of Hosea" *Theological Educator*, Fall 1993.
- "Archaeology and the Cities in the Book of Acts" *Theological Educator*, 1992.
- "Recent Developments in Biblical Archaeology" *Theological Educator*, Spring 1994.
- "The Visionary Context of Revelation: Amos 7-9 and the Ethics of the Kingdom" *Theological Educator*, Fall 1995.
- "The Inns of the First Century" *Biblical Illustrator*, Winter 1999.
- "The Moabite Stone" in *Biblical Illustrator*, 2010.
- "Introduction to the Book of Numbers," in *Biblical Illustrator*, 2011

BOOK REVIEWS

- *Bandits, Prophets and Messiahs: Popular Movements at the Time of Jesus*, by Richard A. Horsley and John S. Hanson (*Theological Educator*, Fall 1987)
- *Manners and Customs in the Bible*, by Victor H. Matthews (*Theological Educator*, Fall 1989)
- *Biblical Archaeology: The World, the Mediterranean, the Bible*, by Henry O. Thompson (*Theological Educator*, Fall 1989)
- *II Chronicles (Word Biblical Commentary)*, by Raymond B. Dillard (*Theological Educator*, Fall 1990)
- *Nag Hammadi Gnosticism, and Early Christianity*, eds. Charles W. Hedrick and Robert Hodgson, Jr. (*Theological Educator*, Fall 1990)
- *The Nag Hammadi Library in English (rev. ed.)*. James M. Robinson, Gen. Ed. (*Theological Educator*, Fall 1990)
- *Archaeology of the Land of the Bible (10,000-586 B.C.)* by Amihai Mazar. *The Anchor Bible Reference Library Series*. (*Theological Educator*, Fall 1990)
- *The World of Jesus: First-Century Judaism in Crisis, Understanding Jesus Today* by John Riches (*Theological Educator*, Fall 1991)
- *Jewish Law From Jesus to the Mishnah: Five Studies* by E. P. Sanders (*Theological Educator*, Fall 1991)
- *Jeremiah, Lamentations. The Communicator's Commentary*, by John Guest (*Theological Educator*, Fall 1991)

- Writings From Ancient Israel: A Handbook of Historical and Religious Documents by Klaas A. D. Smelik, G. I. Davies (Theological Educator, Fall 1993)
- Jesus and the Forgotten City: New Light on Sepphoris and the Urban World of Jesus by Richard A. Batey (Theological Educator, Fall 1993)
- The Archaeology of Ancient Israel, ed. by Amnon Ben-Tor & R. Greenberg (Theological Educator, Fall 1993)
- What Has Archaeology To Do With Faith? Ed. by James H. Charlesworth and Walter P. Weaver, (Theological Educator, Fall 1993)
- The Christian and Judaic Invention of History, ed. by Jacob Neusner, American Academy of Religion, Studies in Religion, vol. 55, (Theological Educator, Fall 1993)
- Israel and the Politics of Land: A Theological Case Study by W. Eugene March (Theological Educator, Spring 1995)
- Giving Goliath His Due: New Archaeological Light on the Philistines, by Neal Bierling (Theological Educator, Spring 1995)
- The History of Ancient Palestine, by Gosta W. Ahlstrom, with a contribution by Gary O. Rollefson (Theological Educator, Fall 1995)
- Numbers 1-20: A New Translation with Introduction and Commentary, Anchor Bible Commentary, by Baruch A Levine (JETS, Spring 1997)
- Numbers: An Exegetical Commentary, by R. K. Harrison (JETS, Spring 1997)
- Creator and Creation: Nature in the Worldview of Ancient Israel, by Ronald A. Simkins (JETS, Spring 1997)
- The Biblical Flood: A Case Study of the Church's Response to Extrabiblical Evidence, by Davis A. Young (JETS, Spring 1997)
- The Sub-Locho Notes in the Torah by D. Mynatt. 1997. (Hebrew Studies, 1999).
- The Study of the Ancient Near East in the 21st Century: The W.F. Albright Centennial Conference. Ed. By J.S. Cooper and G.M. Schwartz. (JETS. Fall, 1998).
- The Oxford Encyclopedia of Archaeology of the Near East. Ed. by Eric Meyers, et al. (JETS, Spring 1999)
- The Encyclopedia of the Dead Sea Scrolls, ed. by L. Schiffman, and J. Vanderkam, 2000. (JETS, 2001).

BOOKS AND CONTRIBUTIONS

- The New King James Study Bible "Introduction and Notes on the Book of Jeremiah" Thomas Nelson Publishers, 1997.
- Disciples Study Bible, "Introduction to the Book of Deuteronomy" Broadman, 1988.
- The Book of Numbers. New American Commentary. Broadman, 2000.

- Translation of Numbers 1-17. Holman Christian Standard Bible, Broadman & Holman Publishers, 2000-01.
- "Notes on Numbers" in the Apologetics Study Bible, Broadman & Holman, 2009
- "Numbers" in Zondervan Illustrated Bible Backgrounds Commentary, Zondervan, 2009.
- "Notes on Numbers" in the HCSB Study Bible, Broadman & Holman, 2010
- "The Challenge of Faith's Final Step: Israel's Journey toward Victory in Numbers 33," in *Giving the Sense: Understanding and Using Old Testament Historical Texts*, eds. D.M. Howard, Jr. and M. Grisanti, Kregel, 2003.
- "Leviticus" in *The Baker Illustrated Bible Background Commentary*, Baker, 2020.
- Current Project: Tapestry in the Torah: Literary Structures in the Pentateuch, ???
- Current Project: NAC *Numbers* Commentary revision based upon the CSB Translation
- Current Project: Tel Gezer Excavation Final Report.

BIBLE DICTIONARIES

- Eerdmans Dictionary of the Bible, Eerdmans, 1999.
- Holman Bible Dictionary. Broadman 1991. Numerous articles.
- Articles on Vine & Vineyard, Wine, Drink, Drunkenness, Bethlehem, etc.

PROFESSIONAL SOCIETY PRESENTATIONS

- "The Structure and Theology of the Book of Numbers," Evangelical Theological Society Annual Meeting, Orlando, FL, Nov 1998.
- "The Structure of the Book of Numbers," Society of Biblical Literature Regional Meeting, Dallas, TX, March 1998.
- "Balaam in Context: Recurrent Themes and Literary Structures in the Balaam Oracles and the Book of Numbers," Evangelical Theological Society Annual Meeting, Nashville, TN, November 2000.
- "Balaam in Context: Recurrent Themes and Literary Structures in the Balaam Oracles and the Book of Numbers," Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, Nashville, TN, November 2000.
- "Literary Tapestry in the Narrative of the Torah: A Comparative Study of Genesis 1, Leviticus 16, and Numbers 19," Evangelical Theological Society Annual Meeting, 2002.
- "Aesthetic Developments in Psalms 22-24: A New Approach to the Reading and Interpretation of Selected Psalms," Evangelical Theological Society Annual Meeting, Providence, RI, 2008.

- "From Jabez to Josiah: The Rhetorical Function of 'Prayer" in 1-2 Chronicles" ETS Annual Meeting, 2017.

PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES

- American Schools of Oriental Research (ASOR) 1981-present, ASOR Corporate Rep. for NOBTS
- Senior Research Fellow at W.F. Albright Institute Fall 1992
- Society of Biblical Literature (SBL) 1982-present
- Near Eastern Archaeological Society 1989-present
- Evangelical Theological Society, 1978-present

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America Schools of Oriental Research, www.asor.org

Society of Biblical Literature, www.sbl-site.org

Evangelical Theological Society, www.etsjets.org