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Family

Married to Laura Riley since 1989. Laura graduated from Auburn University with a degree in Secondary Education and was an award winning teacher in public schools before resigning to care for and homeschool our children, Jennings (b.96) and Rhett (b.99). Laura served as the Homeschool Coordinator at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary from 2006 – 2018. She currently works with international women and families at the University of New Orleans, while earning a MA in Missiology from NOBTS.

Education

Doctor of Philosophy, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, May 2001

Postgraduate work on a Master of Theology in Theology and Ethics

Master of Divinity with Biblical Languages, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, May 1992

Postgraduate work on a Master of Business Administration

Bachelor of Science in Finance, Auburn University, March 1983

Teaching Experience

Professor of Ethics, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, August 2013 – present

Adjunct Professor of Christian Ethics, Eastern Cuba Baptist Theological Seminary, Santiago, Cuba, October, 2015

Adjunct Professor of Christian Ethics, The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fall 2013; Spring 2011; Spring 2006; Fall 2004

Associate Professor of Ethics, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, April 2007 – August 2013

Assistant Professor of Ethics, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, January 2003 - April 2007

Adjunct Professor in Christian Ethics, Uganda Baptist Theological Seminary, Jinja, Uganda, Africa. Fall 2009

Adjunct Professor in Systematic Theology, The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fall 2007

Adjunct Professor of Christian Ethics, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Houston Campus, 2001

Administration Experience

Associate Dean of Graduate Studies, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary,
August, 2021 – to Present

Associate Dean of Research Doctoral Programs, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary,
August, 2018 – August, 2021

Member, Assessment Oversight Committee, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, August 2015 –
August, 2018; August, 2021 – to Present

Member, SACSCOC Leadership Team, NOBTS, August 2014 to August 2015

Chairman, Division of Theological and Historical Studies, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary,
January, 2009 – August 2018

Professional Associations and Events

Participant (Virtual), Karam Forum, *Oikonomia Network*, January 5, 2021

Participant (Virtual), Conversation on Race, *Intercollegiate Studies Institute*, September 10, 2020

Kern Fellow, *Acton Institute*, 2010, 2011, 2020

Faculty Member, *Intercollegiate Studies Institute*, January 2017 to present

Member, *Oikonomia Network*, 2010 to present

Research Fellow in Christian Ethics, *Ethics and Religious Liberty Commission* of the Southern Baptist
Convention, 2014-2019

Participant, Graduate Program Directors Conference, *Wabash Center* for Teaching and Learning in
Theology and Religion, October 2018

Member, *Moral and Social Concerns Committee* of the Louisiana Baptist Convention, Fall 2011 to 2015
(Vice Chairman, 2012-13; Chairman, 2013-14)

Round Table Participant, The Commonweal Project Colloquium on Community Transformation, The
Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, KY, October 23-25, 2014; Kings College, NY, NY,
October 20-22, 2016

Participant, 2014 Land Center for Cultural Engagement Spring Institute, Theology of Work and
Economics, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, TX, May 18-21, 2014

Founding Co-Director, Member of Board of Directors, *Institute for Faith in the Public Square*, 2010 to
present

Fellow, *Research Institute of the Ethics and Religious Liberty Commission*, Southern Baptist Convention,
Fall 2005 to 2014

Participant, “Why Marriage is for the Public Interest,” *The Witherspoon Institute*, Princeton University, Fall
2005

Fellow, *Baptist Center for Theology and Ministry*, Spring 2004 to present

Member, Evangelical Philosophical Society, Fall 2014 to present

Member, American Association of Christian Counselors, August 2013 to present

Member, *Evangelical Theological Society*, Spring 2003 to present

Ministry Experience

Volunteer International Outreach Bible Study Teacher, Lafitte Village housing, University of New Orleans, January, 2018 to Present

Supply Preaching in Louisiana, Mississippi, and Alabama, August 2004 to present

Team and Small Group Leader, Edgewater Baptist Church, New Orleans, LA, August 2013 to 2021

Sunday School Teacher, Youth, Edgewater Baptist Church, New Orleans, LA, Spring 2010 to August 2013

Interim Pastor, Lakeside Baptist Church, Metairie, LA, February 29, 2004 to July, 25, 2004

Pastor, First Baptist Church, Calvert, Texas, 1997-2002

Sunday School Teacher, Young and Median Married Adults, Southcliff Baptist Church, Fort Worth, Texas, 1990-1996

Pastoral Intern, Lakeview Baptist Church, Auburn, Alabama, 1987-1988

Presentations

Dignity and Identity in the Twilight Years. Senior Fest, NOBTS, April 9, 2021.

Pastors Conferences on Christian Ethics, Urubicha and Santa Cruz, Bolivia. Lectured on ethics to public school teachers in Yaguaru and Urubicha Bolivia; May 2019.

Return to Paradise: Storying the Holy Spirit in the Narrative Significance of the Tree of Life, Evangelical Theological Society, 70th Annual Meeting, Denver, CO, Fall 2018.

Crucial Conversations: Marriage and Divorce. Etowah Baptist Association, Gadsden AL. February 2018.

Living with Hope in a World of Death, Presentation on Physician Assisted Suicide, Lakeview Baptist Church, Auburn AL, November 2017.

Panel Member, Discussion: *The Future of Theological Education in the U.S. Are We Doing Christian Education Right?* The Research Institute of the Ethics and Religious Liberty Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention. August 26, 2016.

A Biblical Approach to Cultural Issues. Grace Memorial Baptist Church, Slidell, LA, Five part series on ethics and current moral issues, April 3—May 1, 2016.

Created Male and Female: How Sex in the Garden Informs Sex in the City. National Meeting of the Evangelical Theological Society. Atlanta, GA. November 17, 2015.

Created Male and Female: How Sex in the Garden Informs Sex in the City. Southwest Regional Meeting of the Evangelical Theological Society. NOBTS. April 10, 2015.

Being In the World but Not of the World: A Christian Look at Ethics and Moral Issues. Jefferson Baptist Church, Baton Rouge, LA, Seven part series on ethics and current ethical issues, January-February, 2015.

The Story of Homosexuality in the Bible, Ratio Christi, University of Mississippi, Oxford MS, November 15, 2014.

Human Sexuality, Gender, and Same-Sex Marriage. Presentation to gathering of ministers and missionaries at Lakeview Baptist Church, Auburn, AL. August 28-30, 2014.

Is Overpopulation a Christian Concern? 'Be Fruitful and Multiply' in Redemptive-Movement and Theodramatic Perspectives with Dr. Rhyne Putman, Evangelical Theological Society, 64th Annual Meeting, Milwaukee, WI, Fall 2012.

“Call to Ministry” Retreat, Lakeview Baptist Church, Gadsden, AL, January 15-16, 2010

Sanctity of Human Life Sunday, Lakeview Baptist Church, Gadsden, AL, January 17, 2010

“Living for the Sake of the Gospel,” Feature Speaker at Etowah Baptist Association, Alabama, Pastor’s Conference, January 18, 2010

Hot Button Issues in Ethics, *NOBTS Institute for Christian Apologetics*, January 3-8, 2010.

Speaking the Truth in Public: The Epistemological and Missiological Priority of the Gospel in the Works of Lesslie Newbigin. Evangelical Theological Society, 60th Annual Meeting, Providence, RI, Fall 2008.

Human Rights in a World of Wrongs: Theological, Ethical Reflections on the Language of Subjective Natural Rights and Equality, Evangelical Theological Society, Southwest Regional, Memphis, TN, Spring 2008.

On the Morality of Loans and Interests: A Biblical Examination of the Ethic of Lending Resources and Charging Interest, Position paper prepared for Board of Trustees and presented to the Church Finance Division of the North American Mission Board (NAMB), Spring, 2005

Sexual Misconduct in the Workplace, Presentation for the Administrative Council of the Rush Medical Group, Meridian Mississippi, February 9, 2005

Truth Matters: Toward a Revitalization of Truth as a Necessary Foundation for a Christian Public Ethic, Evangelical Theological Society, 56th Annual Meeting, San Antonio, Texas, November, 2004

Sanctity of Human Life Sunday, Bethany Baptist Church, Andalusia, Alabama, January 18, 2004

Sanctity of Human Life Sunday, Lakeview Baptist Church, Auburn, Alabama, January 19, 2003

Seminars on Critical Ethical Issues, First Baptist Church, Mabank, Texas, August 18, 2002

Pastor's Conference, Latvian Baptist Union; Conference for Teachers of Christian Ethics in Latvian Public Schools; April 2001; Lectured on truth and the influence of modernity and postmodernity on Christian public ethics.

There Shall Be No Poor Among You; But the Poor Shall Never Cease from the Land, Paper presented to the Southwestern Seminary/Baylor University Colloquium on Ethics, Spring 1995.

The Public Ethic of Max L. Stackhouse, Paper presented to the Southwestern Seminary/Baylor University Colloquium on Ethics, Spring 1993.

Publications

“Engaging Mere Morality in Evangelism,” in *Engage: Tools for Contemporary Evangelism, A Festschrift Presented upon the Retirement of Dr. Charles S. Kelley, Jr. in Honor of His Life and Work*. New Hope Publishers (2019).

Review of *Apologetics at the Cross: An Introduction for Christian Witness* by Joshua D. Chatraw and Mark D. Allen, Ethics and Religious Liberty Commission, erlc.com (February 2019)

“Suffer the Children: A Christian Response to Child Euthanasia,” *The Alabama Baptist* (August 2018)

Review of *The Myth of the Moral Brain: The Limits of Moral Enhancement* by Harris Wiseman. *Journal of Biblical and Theological Studies* (February 2017)

Review of *Prostitutes and Polygamists: A Look at Love, Old Testament Style*, by David T. Lamb. *Journal for Baptist Theology & Ministry*, Spring 2017.

“Good News for a Sexually Confused World” *The Alabama Baptist* (June 2015)

"The Environment--Why Be Concerned." *Baptist Press* (April 6, 2015)

"Foreword," in *Like a Tree Planted: The First Five Decades of Lakeview Baptist Church, Auburn, Alabama*, by Robert Don Hughes, 2014

"A Modest Biblical Framework for Addressing Immigration in the United States," *The Alabama Baptist* (September 2013)

"Life in the Midst of Death: A Theological and Ethical Reflection on the Practice of Organ Donation and Transplantation," *The Alabama Baptist* (April 2012)

"To Live and Tell the Truth: Being Christian in a Postmodern World," *Louisiana Baptist Message* (January 2011)

"Human Rights in a World of Wrongs: Theological and Ethical Reflections on the Language of Subjective Natural Rights and Equality." *The Journal for Baptist Theology and Ministry* (Fall 2015)

"Choosing Abstinence: Reflections on the Moral Status of Beverage Alcohol." *Theology for Ministry 2* (November 2007)

Dissertation: *Truth as a Source of Christian Public Ethic in the Works of Stanley Hauerwas, Lesslie Newbigin, and Richard Mouw*, Spring 2001