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Education

Doctor of Philosophy December 2019
New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary
Major: Theology
Minor: Ethics

Master of Theology December 2017
New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary

Master of Divinity, Christian Thought May 2013
New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary

Master of Science in Political Science April 2005
The Florida State University, Tallahassee, Florida

Bachelor of Science in Political Science December 2003
The Florida State University, Tallahassee, Florida

Teaching Experience

Assistant Professor of Theology in Leavell College August 2021 – Present
Theology, Ethics, Classics, Contemporary Culture

Adjunct Instructor, Leavell College
LCCF2340: Christian Doctrine Spring/Summer 2021
LCBS4344: Theological Issues in the New Testament Fall 2020
LCTH4340: Contemporary Ethical Issues Spring 2020
LCTH2344: Introduction to Apologetics Fall 2019
THCM4321: Contemporary Theological Issues Spring 2017
THCM3310: Introduction to Christian Ethics Fall 2016, Jan. 2020
CMCM3350: Building Healthy Church Relationships Fall 2015
CMCM1101: Personal Spiritual Disciplines Fall/Spring 14/15, 15/16, 16/17
CMCM2210: Disciplemaking Fall/Spring 14/15, 15/16, 16/17

Guest Lecturer
THCM2375: Southern Baptist Life Fall 2018, Spring 2016
Dr. Mike Edens, Professor Fall 2015, Spring 2015
Dr. Steve Lemke, Professor Fall 2014, Spring 2014

THEO5301: Systematic Theology 2 Spring 2019
Dr. Page Brooks, Professor

THEO6328: Introduction to Christian Ethics Fall 2018
Dr. Steve Lemke, Professor

THEO5300: Systematic Theology I Fall 2018
Dr. Page Brooks, Professor

THEO6328: Contemporary Theological Issues Spring 2018
Dr. Page Brooks, Professor

Teaching Assistant

Professor: Page Brooks, Ph.D. January 2017 – August 2019
Graded research papers and tests for the graduate classes *Philosophy of Religion*,
Postmodernity and Contemporary Theological Issues, *Systematic Theology 1* and 2.

Professor: Mike Edens, Ph.D. October 2013 – June 2016
Fall 2018
Graded research papers and tests for the undergraduate classes *Southern Baptist Life*
and *Christian Apologetics Institute*. Graded papers and tests for the graduate class,
Jesus and Islam.

Professor: Scott Drumm, Ph.D. August 2011 – October 2013
Graded research papers and tests for the undergraduate classes *Christian Apologetics*
Institute, *Christian Doctrine*, *Contemporary Theological Issues*, *Greer-Heard Point-*
Counterpoint Forum, *Life and Theology of Paul*, *Theology of Suffering*, and *Southern*
Baptist Life.

Administrative Experience

Chief of Staff, Office of the President October 2023 – Present
New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary
Supervisor: President of the Seminary, James K. Dew, Jr., PhD.

Associate Vice President for Institutional Strategy January 2020 – Present
New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary
Supervisor: President of the Seminary, James K. Dew, Jr., PhD.

Assistant to the President March 2017 – December 2019
New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary
Supervisor: President of the Seminary, Dr. Chuck Kelley, Th.D. & James K. Dew, Jr., PhD.

Assistant Director of Accreditation and Assessment January 2016 – March 2017
New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary
Supervisor: Director of Accreditation and Assessment, Jimmy Dukes, Ph.D., &
Steve Lemke, Ph.D.

PREP Initiative Director December 2013 – March 2017
New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary
Supervisor: J. Craig Garrett, Ph.D.
\$375,000 Lilly Foundation/ATS Grant for Economic Challenges Facing Future
Ministers.

Accreditation Support June 2015 – January 2016
Institutional Effectiveness Office
New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary
Supervisor: Director of Accreditation and Assessment, Jimmy Dukes, Ph.D.

Student Services Subcommittee October 2014 – January 2016
ATS Self-Study Committee
New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary
Supervisor: Committee Chair, Blake Newsom, Ph.D.

Campus Life Director April 2011 – December 2013

New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary
Supervisor: J. Craig Garrett, Ph.D.

Administrative Assistant

August 2009 – April 2011

Louisiana and Mississippi Extension Center Office
New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary
Supervisor: Norris Grubbs, Ph.D.

Various positions in the Florida House of Representative, 2001 – 2009

Served in various positions, including as Committee Administrative Assistant and Legislative Analyst, with several offices and committees with the Florida House of Representatives. Assisted in the planning and conducting of legislative committee meetings, wrote and filed legislative bill analyses, studied state agency budgets, and met with local and state officials related to legislative business before the committee.

Workshops/Conferences Attended

Southern Association of Schools and Colleges Commission on Accreditation

Annual Meeting 2018, 2016, 2015

Summer Institute June 2016

Evangelical Theological Society

Regional ETS April 2015

National ETS 2019-2024

Lilly Endowment Economic Challenges Facing Future Ministers

Pittsburgh, PA April 2014, 2015, 2016

Professional Affiliations

Evangelical Theological Society Annually, 2013 – Present

Publications and Presentations

Shaffer, Chris. “The School of Providence and Prayer, A History of NOBTS”.
Forthcoming, 2027

Dew, Jr., James K. and Shaffer, Chris. “What Has God done in the Seminaries of the Southern Baptist Convention?” in *A Unity of Purpose: 100 Years of the SBC Cooperative Program*, edited by Tony Wolfe and W. Madison M. Grace II, ps. 150-159. Nashville: Broadman & Holman, 2025.

Garrett, J.C. and Shaffer, C.A. (2017). “Congregational Polity, Religious Freedom, and a Nontraditional Student Body as Factors Affecting Financial Training,” *Theological Education* 51, no. 1, pp.105-114.

Paper Presentation: “Is Pope Francis the First Liberation Theology Pope?” Evangelical Theological Society, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, April 2015

Certifications and Licensure

Ordination, Christ Baptist Church, Harvey, LA March 15, 2012

Church Service

<i>First Baptist New Orleans, New Orleans, LA</i> Member and Deacon	March 2020 – present
<i>Christ Baptist Church, Harvey, LA</i> Interim Pastor	October 2019 – Sept. 2020
<i>Level Ground Community Church, New Orleans, LA</i> Member	January 2017 – October 2019
<i>Christ Baptist Church, Harvey, Louisiana</i> Minister of Education	October 2009 – October 2016

Other Service

<i>Global Maritime Ministries</i> Board Member	January 2020 – January 2024
<i>Great Commission Resurgence Evaluation Task Force of the Southern Baptist Convention</i> Member	September 2023 – June 2024