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**Education**

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<i>Doctor of Philosophy</i> New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary Major: Theology Minor: Ethics	December 2019
<i>Master of Theology</i> New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary	December 2017
<i>Master of Divinity, Christian Thought</i> New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary	May 2013
<i>Master of Science in Political Science</i> The Florida State University, Tallahassee, Florida	April 2005
<i>Bachelor of Science in Political Science</i> The Florida State University, Tallahassee, Florida	December 2003

**Teaching Experience**

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<i>Assistant Professor of Theology in Leavell College</i> Theology, Ethics, Classics, Contemporary Culture	August 2021 – Present
<i>Adjunct Instructor, Leavell College</i>	
<i>LCCF2340: Christian Doctrine</i>	Spring/Summer 2021
<i>LCBS4344: Theological Issues in the New Testament</i>	Fall 2020
<i>LCTH4340: Contemporary Ethical Issues</i>	Spring 2020
<i>LCTH2344: Introduction to Apologetics</i>	Fall 2019
<i>THCM4321: Contemporary Theological Issues</i>	Spring 2017
<i>THCM3310: Introduction to Christian Ethics</i>	Fall 2016, Jan. 2020
<i>CMCM3350: Building Healthy Church Relationships</i>	Fall 2015
<i>CMCM1101: Personal Spiritual Disciplines</i>	Fall/Spring 14/15, 15/16, 16/17
<i>CMCM2210: Disciplemaking</i>	Fall/Spring 14/15, 15/16, 16/17
<i>Guest Lecturer</i>	
<i>THCM2375: Southern Baptist Life</i>	Fall 2018, Spring 2016
Dr. Mike Edens, Professor	Fall 2015, Spring 2015
Dr. Steve Lemke, Professor	Fall 2014, Spring 2014
<i>THEO5301: Systematic Theology 2</i>	Spring 2019
Dr. Page Brooks, Professor	
<i>THEO6328: Introduction to Christian Ethics</i>	Fall 2018
Dr. Steve Lemke, Professor	
<i>THEO5300: Systematic Theology I</i>	Fall 2018
Dr. Page Brooks, Professor	
<i>THEO6328: Contemporary Theological Issues</i>	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**

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*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**

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*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**

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Evangelical Theological Society Annually, 2013 – Present

### **Publications and Presentations**

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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**

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

## **Church Service**

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

## **Other Service**

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