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Education:

Doctor of Philosophy in Apologetics New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, New Orleans, LA Proposed Dissertation: “Francis Schaeffer and the <i>Imago Dei</i> : An Appraisal and Application of Francis Schaeffer’s Theological Anthropology.”	2027
Master of Theology New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, New Orleans, LA	2024
Master of Science Auburn University, Auburn, AL Focus: Exercise Physiology	2019
Master of Arts The College at Southeastern, Wake Forest, NC Focus: Intercultural Studies	2017
Bachelor of Arts Auburn University, Auburn, AL Focus: Radio/TV/Film	2012

Teaching Experience:

Adjunct Professor, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, New Orleans, LA ETCH6311: Theology of Sexuality and Gender	2026
Adjunct Professor, Lee University, Cleveland, TN EXSC 455: Program Design for Athletic Performance EXSC 215: Exercise Technique.	2019-2020

Areas of Interest:

Sexuality and Gender Studies
The Problem of Evil
LGBTQA+ Hermeneutics
Universalism

Academic Honors and Awards:

First Place in Student Paper Competition at ETS Southeast Regional Meeting	2025
Recipient of Reed Scholarship for International Church Planting From Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary.	2015

Publications:

Journal Articles:

“Is Same-Sex Desire a Desire for God?” in *Reformed Theological Review* (Fall, 2026), forthcoming.

“With Arms Wide Open: How Teaching the Apostle’s Creed Helps Gen Z Embrace Historical Christianity,” in *Gospel Leadership Journal* (Spring 2026), forthcoming.

–“The Problem of Hell and the Goodness of God,” in *The Westminster Theological Journal*, (Vol. 87, No. 2, Fall 2025).

–“A Critique of Karen B. Keen’s Hermeneutical Method,” in *Eikon: A Journal for Biblical Anthropology* (7.1, Spring 2025).

Book Reviews:

–Capps, Matthew. *Drawn By Beauty: Awe and Wonder in the Christian Life*. Nashville, TN: B&H Publishing Company, 2025, reviewed for *Journal of Baptist Theology and Ministry*; (Spring 2026), forthcoming.

– Plantinga, Alvin. *Warranted Christian Belief*. New York: Oxford University Press, 2000, reviewed for the *London Lyceum* (November 2025).

–Robertson, Branden. *Queer and Christian: Reclaiming the Bible, Our Faith and Our Place at the Table*. New York, NY: St. Martin’s Publishing Group, 2025, reviewed for *Themelios*; Volume 50.2; 2025

–Keen, Karen R. *The Word of a Humble God: The Origins, Inspiration, and Interpretation of Scripture*. Grand Rapids, MI: William B. Eerdmans Publishing Company, 2022, reviewed for *Journal of Baptist Theology and Ministry*; (Spring 2023).

–Miles, Todd. *Superheroes Can’t Save You: Epic Examples of Historic Heresies*. Nashville: B&H 2019, reviewed for *Journal of Biblical and Theological Studies*; 2023.

–Christensen, Scott. *What about Evil? A Defense of God’s Sovereign Glory*. Phillipsburg, New Jersey: P&R Publishing, 2020, reviewed for *Journal of Biblical and Theological Studies*; 2022.

Bible Study Curriculum:

-*The Apostle's Creed*. Published with Youth Pastor Theologian, 2025.

-*The Gospel Project for Students*, Daily Discipleship Guide, Winter 2025. Published with Lifeway. Forthcoming Winter 2025-2026.

Website Articles:

-“How Identity in Christ Gives Teenagers Meaning and Purpose.”

Rooted Ministries, 2025,

<https://rootedministry.com/how-identity-in-christ-gives-teenagers-meaning-and-purpose/>

-“Teaching Students the Truth with Conviction, Clarity, and Compassion.”

Youth Pastor Theologian, 2025,

<https://www.youthpastortheologian.com/blog/teaching-students-the-truth-with-conviction-clarity-and-compassion>

-“Youth Minister, Do you suffer from God-Blindness?”

Rooted Ministries, 2025,

<https://rootedministry.com/youth-minister-do-you-suffer-from-god-blindness/>

-“What Happens to Those Who Never Hear the Gospel?”

Rooted Ministries, 2025,

<https://rootedministry.com/what-happens-to-those-who-never-hear-the-gospel-answering-your-teenagers-questions-about-faith/>

-“Teaching Teenagers the Goodness of Gender as Male and Female.”

Rooted Ministries, 2025,

<https://rootedministry.com/teaching-teenagers-the-goodness-of-gender-as-male-and-female/>.

-“God Treats Parents Better Than They Deserve.”

Rooted Ministries, 2024,

<https://rootedministry.com/god-treats-parents-better-than-we-deserve/>.

-“How Jesus Satisfies Our Teenagers’ Greatest Longings.”

Rooted Ministries, 2024,

<https://rootedministry.com/how-jesus-satisfies-our-teenagers-greatest-longings/>.

-“Perfect Love Casts Out Fear”

Rooted Ministries, 2024,

<https://rootedministry.com/perfect-love-casts-out-fear-how-the-gospel-frees-our-children-from-the-fear-of-man/>.

- “Is the New Testament Historically Reliable?”
 Rooted Ministries, 2024,
<https://rootedministry.com/is-the-new-testament-historically-true-tough-questions-teenagers-ask/>.

- “Why do Good People need to Believe in God for Salvation?”
 Rooted Ministries, 2024,
<https://rootedministry.com/why-do-good-people-need-to-believe-in-god-for-salvation-tough-questions-teenagers-ask/>.

- “Teaching God’s Design for Sex and Gender to Students.”
 Youth Pastor Theologian, 2024,
<https://www.youthpastortheologian.com/blog/teaching-gods-design-for-sex-and-gender-to-students>.

- “How to Prepare Seniors for College and the Workforce.”
 Youth Pastor Theologian, 2024,
<https://www.youthpastortheologian.com/blog/how-to-prepare-seniors-for-college-and-the-workforce?rq=How%20to%20Prepare%20Seniors%20for%20College%20and%20the%20Workforce>.

- “Five Key Areas of Apologetics for Student Ministry.”
 Youth Pastor Theologian, 2024,
<https://www.youthpastortheologian.com/blog/five-key-areas-of-apologetics-for-student-ministry?rq=andrew%20slay>.

- “How to Cultivate and Develop Student Leaders.”
 Youth Pastor Theologian, 2023,
<https://www.youthpastortheologian.com/blog/how-to-develop-student-leaders?rq=andrew%20slay>.

- “Our All-Sufficient God Will Help You Disciple Your Children.”
 Rooted Ministries, 2023,
<https://rootedministry.com/our-all-sufficient-god-will-help-you-disciple-your-children/>.

- “Teaching Teenagers to Sanctify Christ as Holy.”
 Rooted Ministries, 2023,
<https://rootedministry.com/teaching-teenagers-to-sanctify-christ-as-holy/>.

Academic Presentations:

- “Imago Dei as an Apologetic Bridge: How Schaeffer’s Methodology Bridges the Gap to Reach the Transgender Community.”

Presented at the Evangelical Missiological Society Southeast Regional Meeting, Wake Forest, NC, 2026.

-“With Arms Wide Open: How The Apostle’s Creed Helps Gen Z Embrace Historic Christianity.”

Presented at the Evangelical Theological Society National Meeting, Boston, MA, 2025.

-“Same-Sex Desire a Desire for God? A Response to Spiridoula Athanasopolou-Kypriou.”

Presented at the Evangelical Theological Society Southeast Regional Meeting, Wake Forest, NC, 2025

-“A Better Story: The Goodness of a Gender Binary as Male and Female.”

Presented at the Evangelical Theological Society National Meeting, San Diego, CA, 2024.

-“The Problem of Hell and the Goodness of God.”

Presented at The Evangelical Theological Society Southeast Regional Meeting, Toccoa Falls, GA, 2024.

-“The Cross of Christ: A Christian’s Response to the Religious Problem of Evil”

Presented at The Evangelical Theological Society Southeast Regional Meeting, Columbia, SC, 2023.

Popular Presentations:

-“Head, Heart, and Hands: How to Make Whole Disciples Through the Apostle’s Creed, Ten Commandments, and Lord’s Prayer.”

Presented at Southeastern Youth Leadership Conference, Chattanooga, TN, 2025.

-“Can Same-Sex Desire Lead Us to a Desire for God?”

Presented at DEFEND Apologetics Conference, New Orleans, LA, 2025.

-“Created to Influence: Made in the Image of God.”

Presented at the Southeastern Youth Leadership Conference, Chattanooga, TN, 2024.

-“How Could a Good God Send Anyone to Hell: The Problem of Hell.”

Presented at DEFEND Apologetics Conference, New Orleans, LA, 2024.

-“Thinking Biblically About Identity and Sexual Ethics.”

Presented at People of the Word Apologetics Conference, Meridian, MS, 2023.

-“Teaching God’s Design for Sex and Gender to Your Students.”

Presented at People of the Word Apologetics Conference, Meridian, MS, 2023.

Academic Affiliations:

Evangelical Theological Society, Student Member Since 2022-Present.

Evangelical Philosophical Society, Student Member Since 2022-Present.

Evangelical Missiological Society, Student Member Since 2026-Present.

Ministry Experience:

Assistant Pastor of Students and Families; Westwood Baptist Church Cleveland, TN	2021-Present
Online Managing Editor; The London Lyceum	2025-Present
Pastoral Associate; Westwood Baptist Church, Cleveland, TN	2020-2021
Sunday School Teacher, Westwood Baptist Church, Cleveland, TN.	2019-Present
LifeGroup Leader, Westwood Baptist Church, Cleveland, TN.	2019-Present
Sunday School Teacher, Lakeview Baptist Church, Auburn, AL.	2017-2019
Venture College Disciple-Now Leader, Lakeview Baptist Church, Auburn, AL.	2017-2019
Care Group Leader, Open Door Church, Raleigh, NC.	2012-2017
Pastoral Intern; Open Door Baptist Church, Wake Forest, NC	2013-2017
College Group Leader, Lakeview Baptist Church, Auburn, AL.	2010-2012
Led Mission Trips to Samos, Cairo, Paris, Baubau (Indonesia), London, And Kinshasa DR Congo.	2009-2023

Work Experience:

Head Strength and Conditioning Coach, Lee University, Cleveland, TN	2019-2021
Graduate Assistant Strength and Conditioning Coach, Auburn University Auburn, AL	2017-2019
Training Performance Director, Anytime Fitness, Wake Forest, NC	2012-2017

Licensure, Ordination, and Credentials:

Ordained to Pastoral Ministry, Westwood Baptist Church, Cleveland, TN.	2022
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