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### **Education**

#### **Doctor of Philosophy, Worldview & Apologetics**

The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, KY, 2008-2011

- 4.0 GPA
- Major Area: Worldview & Apologetics; Minors: World Religions, Philosophy
- Dissertation: *The Myth of the Metaphorical Resurrection: A Critical Analysis of John Dominic Crossan's Methodology, Presuppositions, and Conclusions*

#### **Additional Graduate Studies in Apologetics and World Religions**

- Ambrose Seminary, Calgary, AB (May 2007), 4.0 GPA
- Tyndale Seminary, Toronto, ON (June 2007), 4.0 GPA
- ACTS Seminary, Langley, BC (October 2007), 4.0 GPA
- The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, KY (December 2007), 4.0 GPA

#### **Master of Divinity, Pastoral Ministry**

Edmonton Baptist Seminary (now Taylor Seminary), Edmonton, AB, 1997-2000

- 3.758 GPA
- Doris and Gerald Borchert Scholarship in New Testament Studies (1999); EBS Vocational Pastoral Ministry Scholarship (1999); Leadership Award (2000); Valedictorian of EBS Graduating Class (2000).

#### **Bachelor of Arts (Hon.), Political Science**

University of Alberta, Edmonton, AB, 1994-1997

- Rutherford Scholarship (1993); Louise McKinney Scholarship (1995); Archibald Forster McGoun Memorial Book Prize in Economics (1997).
- Honors Thesis: *Proportional Representation in the Canadian Political System*

### **Professional Accreditation**

- Evangelical Philosophical Society (2008-present)
- Evangelical Theological Society (2008-present)
- Society of Christian Philosophers (2008-2017, 2022-present)
- International Society of Christian Apologists (2008-2012, 2023-present)
- American Academy of Religion (2008-2013, 2018-present)

### **Teaching Experience**

**Appointments & Honors: New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary**

2024 –	Greer-Heard Chair of Faith & Culture
2024 –	Director of the Institute for Christian Apologetics
2023 –	Associate Professor of Philosophy and Apologetics

**Courses Taught: New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary**

LCTH 1340	Introduction to Philosophy
LCTH 2336	Worldviews
LCTH 4331	Science & Faith
PHIL 5300	Philosophy of Religion
PHIL 5301	Christian Apologetics
PHIL 6305	The Problem of Evil
PHIL 6311	Christianity & the Sciences
PHIL 6370	Supervised Apologetics Ministry Practicum
PHIL 9412	Christianity & the Sciences

**Appointments & Honors: Oklahoma Baptist University**

2022	Distinguished Teaching Award
2018	Provost's Award of Excellence (Honors Program)
2017	Student Government's "Seven Who Care" Award
2017	Granted Senior Faculty Status
2016	Provost's Award of Excellence (Philosophy Forums)
2016	Promising Teacher Award
2021-2022	Assistant Director of Honors Program
2018-2022	Associate Professor of Philosophy
2013-2021	Chair of Philosophy Department
2019-2020	Assistant Director of Honors Program
2014-2019	Director of Honors Program
2011-2018	Assistant Professor of Philosophy

**Courses Taught: Oklahoma Baptist University**

APOL 6353	Christian Responses to Evil and Suffering
APOL 6363	Christian Responses to Relativism and Postmodernism
BIBL 1999	Christian Worldview
BTHS 5603	Christian Worldview
HON 1013	Critical Skills for the Liberal Arts (2015-2018)
HON 1113	The Ancient World (Honors Core Curriculum Semester 1)
HON 2043	The Classical World (Honors Core Curriculum Semester 2)
HON 2119 (2019)	Harry Potter (co-taught)
HON 2119 (2018)	20 <sup>th</sup> -Century British Mystery (co-taught)
HON 2119 (2016)	The Life & Literature of Blaise Pascal
HON 2219 (2019)	Music & Philosophy (co-taught)
HON 2419 (2018)	Science & God (co-taught)
HON 2419 (2017)	Musings on the Multiverse (co-taught)
HON 2719 (2021)	Pascal's <i>Pensees</i>

HON 2719 (2021)	Potter-osophy: Philosophy in Harry Potter
HON 2719 (2019)	The Spiritual Disciplines (co-taught)
HON 2719 (2016)	Knowing the Gnostic Gospels
HON 3073	Honors Biblical Ethics
PHIL 1043	Introduction to Philosophy
PHIL 2143	History of Modern Philosophy
PHIL 2343	History of Ancient Philosophy
PHIL 2363	Philosophy of Religion
PHIL 2703	Christian Apologetics
PHIL 3103	Philosophy of Science
PHIL 3203	Logic
PHIL 3533	Ethics
PHIL 3603	History of Christian Apologetics
PHIL 3703	Aesthetics
PHIL 3713	Bible Difficulties (BIBL 3713)
PHIL 3813	The Problem of Evil (HTHE 3813)
PHIL 4329	Advanced Apologetics: Defend the Faith (2018-20, 2022)
PHIL 4553	Philosophy of Mind
PHIL 4563	Historiography, Miracles, and the Resurrection
PHIL 4653	Epistemology
PHIL 4993	Thesis-Writing Supervision:
PHIL 4993 (2021)	Near-Death Experiences
PHIL 4993 (2019)	The Problem of Evil & The Resurrection
PHIL 4993 (2019)	Trinitarian Analogies
PHIL 4993 (2018)	Compatibility of Evolution & Christian Worldview
PHIL 4993 (2017)	An Analysis of Bart Ehrman's Scholarship
PHIL 4993 (2016)	Theories of Perception
PHIL 4993 (2015)	Just in Time: Justice & Time Travel
REL 1023	New Testament History and Literature
REL 1999	Christian Worldview
REL 3073	Biblical Ethics
REL 3603	Christian Worldview

**Institutional Service: Oklahoma Baptist University**

2020-2023	Organize Annual Generation "Why?" Youth Apologetics Conference
2020-2022	Faculty Co-Sponsor of ZOE (campus pro-life club)
2015-2022	Faculty Sponsor of Mars Hill (campus apologetics club)
2013-2022	Chair of Philosophy Department
2012-2022	Organizer & Head of Philosophy Forum (monthly series of Faculty Lectures, Panel Discussions, and Guest Lectures)
2019	Co-led 4-week 16-student Study Abroad to London, UK
2018	Co-led 4-week 15-student Study Abroad to London, UK
2013	Department of Philosophy Program Review Chair

**Courses Taught: Canadian Southern Baptist Seminary (Adjunct Faculty, 2015-2020)**

2T2223	Christian Apologetics in a Post-Christian Era (2015, 2018)
2P3321	Evangelism (2020)

**Courses Taught: Minot State University (Online Adjunct Faculty, 2019-2023)**

PHIL 101	Introduction to Philosophy
PHIL 102	Philosophy of Human Nature

**Teaching Competency**

Areas of Specialty

Christian Apologetics  
Philosophy of Religion  
Epistemology  
Formal & Informal Logic

Areas of Competency

Historical Apologetics  
Philosophical Ethics  
Philosophy of Science  
Philosophy of Mind

**Research & Publication Interests**

- **Apologetics and Worldview.** Primary area – alternative conceptions of the resurrection of Jesus Christ; historical Jesus studies; worldview thought. Secondary – traditional theistic proofs; the intersection of faith & reason.
- **Philosophy.** Primary area – logic, epistemology, philosophy of science. Secondary – ethics, philosophy of mind.

**Academic Publications: Books**

- Tawa J. Anderson, ed. *Truth: Defending the Truthfulness of Christianity*. Proceedings of the 2025 Defend Apologetics Conference. Chillicothe, OH: Deward, forthcoming (2025).
- Tawa J. Anderson, *Why Believe? Introductory Christian Apologetics*. Hobbs College Library. Nashville: B & H Academic, 2021.
- Tawa J. Anderson, W. Michael Clark, and David K. Naugle, *An Introduction to Christian Worldview: Pursuing God's Perspective in a Pluralistic World*. Downers Grove, IL: IVP Academic, 2017. (Nominated as a finalist for IVP's annual Reader's Choice Award, 2017.)

**Academic Publications: Chapters, Articles, and Book Reviews**

- "A Review of David L. Block and Kenneth C. Freeman, *God and Galileo*." *Journal for Baptist Theology & Ministry* 22.1 (2025): forthcoming
- "A Review of Donald T. Williams, *Answers from Aslan: The Enduring Apologetics of C. S. Lewis*." *Philosophia Christi*: forthcoming (2025).
- "Editorial Introduction: The Greer-Heard Point-Counterpoint Forum and the Legacy of Dr. Robert B. Stewart." *Journal for Baptist Theology & Ministry* 21.2 (2024): forthcoming.

- Tawa J. Anderson and Kyle Beshears, “Contesting Religious Apatheism,” in Stewart E. Kelly and Paul Copan, eds., *Christianity Contested*. Eugene, OR: Wipf & Stock, forthcoming (2024).
- “I Believe in the Virgin Birth ... and So Does Richard Dawkins: A Cheeky Proposal.” *Journal for Baptist Theology & Ministry* 21.1 (2024): 21-37.
- “A Review of Myron Bradley Penner, *The End of Apologetics: Christian Witness in a Postmodern Context*.” *Philosophia Christi* 17.1 (2015): 241-47.
- “A Review of James K. A. Smith, *Imagining the Kingdom: How Worship Works*, Cultural Liturgies Volume 2.” *Christian Scholar’s Review* 43.2 (2014): 187-91.
- “Apologetics, Imagination, and *Imaginative Apologetics*.” *Trinity Journal* 34.2 (Fall 2013): 229-51.
- “A Review of Douglas Groothuis, *Christian Apologetics: A Comprehensive Case for Biblical Faith*.” *Christian Scholar’s Review* 41.4 (2012): 426-31.
- “A Review of *Truth Considered and Applied: Examining Postmodernism, History, and Christian Faith*, by Stewart E. Kelly.” *Southern Baptist Journal of Theology* 15.4 (2011): 76-77.
- “A Review of *The Historical Jesus: Five Views*, edited by Paul Eddy and James Beilby.” *Calvin Theological Journal* 46.2 (2011): 382-85.
- “The Myth of the Metaphorical Resurrection: Resurrection Belief in the First Century, the Early Church and Her Opponents.” *Hope’s Reason: A Journal of Apologetics* Vol. 1 (2010-11): 19-48.
- “Review of *Contending with Christianity’s Critics* and *God is Great, God is Good*.” *Philosophia Christi* Vol. 12.2 (2010): 493-97.

## **Additional Academic and Ministry Experience and Involvement**

### **Invited Lectures: Academic**

- August 2024: Collegiate Week (Falls Creek, OK). (1) Mega-Breakout: “Contending for Truth in a Relativistic Age.” (2) Mega-Breakout: “Sons of Thunder, the Sea, and a Canadian Thanksgiving: Undesigned Coincidences in the Gospels.” (3) Leaders Breakout: “Contending for Truth in a Relativistic Age.”
- May 2024: UnApologetic Evangelism Conference (Houston, TX). General Session – “A Dozen (or So) Arguments for God’s Existence”
- April 2024: Contend (Youth Apologetics Conference). Breakout Session: “The Heavens Declare the Glory of God: Scientific Evidence for God’s Existence.”
- January 2024: Defend (NOBTS Apologetics Conference). Plenary Lecture: “I Believe in the Virgin Birth ... and So Does Richard Dawkins: A Cheeky Proposal.” Three breakout sessions: (1) Whose Problem? The Argument *for* God *from* Evil; (2) Where Is God When It Hurts? Dealing with the Existential Problem of Evil; (3) Risen Indeed? A Historical Defense of the Resurrection of Jesus.

- October 2023: Guest Lecturer, Canadian Southern Baptist Seminary (Cochrane, AB). “Answering Common Objections to Christianity.”
- October 2023: Philosophy Forum Lecture, Oklahoma Baptist University (Shawnee, OK). “Contending for Truth in a Relativistic Age.”
- October 2023: With David Odom, “Hit Me With Your Best Shot: Preparing Students for the Difficult Questions.” Prepare Here Conference, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.
- October 2023: Guest Lecturer, Carl Albert State College (Poteau, OK). “Why Does a Good God Allow Bad Things to Happen to Good People?”
- February 2023: Guest Lecturer, Oklahoma Baptist University Prison Divinity Program (Lexington, OK). “To Know Christ: Intellectual Discipleship and Spiritual Growth.”
- January 2023: Contend (Youth Apologetics Conference). Breakout Session: “What Is Truth?: Interrogating Truth in a Relativistic Age.”
- January 2023: Defend the Faith, NOBTS Apologetics Conference. Plenary Lecture: “The Power of the Resurrection: Apologetics & Spiritual Growth.” Three breakout sessions: (1) I See the Light: What Can We Learn from Near-Death Experiences? (co-presented with Grace Hill); (2) Sons of Thunder, The Sea, and a Canadian Thanksgiving: Undesigned Coincidences and the Reliability of the Gospels; (3) Do You Need New Glasses? Testing Worldviews for Truth.
- January 2022: Defend the Faith, NOBTS Apologetics Conference. Plenary Lecture: “A ‘Keener’ Ex-‘Hume’s Divine Intervention: Can and Do Miracles Happen?” Two breakout sessions: (1) The Good and the Beautiful: Why We Should All Want Christianity To Be True; (2) Sons of Thunder, The Sea, and a Canadian Thanksgiving: Undesigned Coincidences and the Reliability of the Gospels.
- November 2021: OBU Philosophy Forum Faculty Lecture: “Why We Should *Want* Christianity To Be True.”
- April 2021: Invited Lecture, “Christian Worldview,” at Williams Baptist University (Walnut Ridge, AR)
- March 2021: Speaker at OBU’s *Generation “Why?” Youth Apologetics Conference*. General Session: “Why Does God Allow Bad Things to Happen to Good People?”
- February 2021: OBU Philosophy Forum Faculty Lecture: “The Quest for a Satisfied Insignificance.”
- March 2020: Speaker at OBU’s *Generation “Why?” – Reasonable Faith in a Post-Christian Age*. Plenary session: “A Dozen (or So) Arguments for God.” Breakout session: “Seeing the Gospels Afresh: Undesigned Coincidences.”
- January 2020: Defend, apologetics conference at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. Six breakout sessions: (1) The Glory of Christ: Why You Should Want Christianity To Be True; (2) Do You Need New Glasses? Testing Worldviews for Truth; (3) Dawkins, Calvin, and Chopra Walked Into a Bar ... The Power and Purpose of Worldview; (4) God and Klingons: Assessing Dawkins-ian Knowledge Claims; (5) "That's Not Partialism, Patrick!" Devising a Non-Heretical Mathematical Analogy for the Trinity (co-

presented with Paige Lehrmann); (6) The Lottery, the World Series, and the Resurrection: Assessing Ehrman's Historical Claims.

- October 2019: OBU Philosophy Forum Faculty Lecture – “Whose Problem? The Argument *For* God *From* Evil”
- September 2019: “Christ, Our Foundation” SBC Teaching Conference in Yangon, Myanmar. Taught a total of seven 90-minute lectures focusing on “Christ in Philosophy” at three different theological schools. 1) Myanmar Institute of Theology (September 23-24): (a) Christ & The Nature of Truth; (b) Christ & The Question of Evil and Suffering. 2) Judson Bible College (September 25-26): (a) Christ & The Nature of Truth; (b) Divine Attributes; (c) Christ & The Question of Evil and Suffering. 3) Faith Baptist Theological Seminary: (a) Christ & The Nature of Truth; (b) Divine Attributes
- February 2019: Honors Symposium at Dallas Baptist University. “Do You Need New Glasses? Testing Worldviews for Truth.”
- January 2019: Defend, apologetics conference at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. Three breakout sessions: (1) God and Klingons: Assessing Dawkins-ian Knowledge Claims; (2) Dawkins, Calvin, and Chopra Walked Into a Bar ... The Power and Purpose of Worldview; (3) Do You Need New Glasses? Testing Worldviews for Truth.
- November 2018: OBU Philosophy Forum Faculty Lecture: “Pascalian Prudence, Virtue, and the Necessity of A-Apatheism.”
- March 2018: Stand Firm Apologetics Conference at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary (Fort Worth, TX). One break-out lecture: Whose Problem? The Argument FOR God FROM Evil.
- January 2018: Defend, apologetics conference at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. One plenary lecture: Whose Problem of Evil? The Argument FOR God FROM Evil. Four breakout sessions: (1) Through a Glass Darkly: What Is Worldview?; (2) Dawkins, Calvin, and Chopra Walked Into a Bar ... The Power and Purpose of Worldview; (3) The Profs Must Be Crazy! Truth and Relativism in a Postmodern World; (4) Do You Need New Glasses? Testing Worldviews for Truth.
- November 2017: Worldview Symposium at The Academy for Classical Studies (Oklahoma City).
- October 2017: Worldview Symposium at Oklahoma Christian University Honors Luncheon (Edmond, OK).
- January 2017: Defend, apologetics conference at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. Five break-out lectures: (1) Can Miracles Happen? Hume & The Philosopher's Problem; (2) Have Miracles Happened? Ehrman & The Historian's Hesitation; (3) Ontological Arguments for the Existence of God; (4) Cosmological Arguments for the Existence of God; (5) Does God Exist: A (Mock) Debate with Dr. Robert Stewart.
- November 2016: OBU Philosophy Forum Faculty Lecture: “~~Do~~ Should You Believe in Miracles? Ehrman, Worldview, and the Resurrection of Jesus.”
- January 2016: Defend the Faith, apologetics conference at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. Five cumulative break-out lectures: (1) Can Miracles Happen? Hume & The Philosopher's Problem; (2) Can Miracles

Happen? Ehrman & The Historian's Hesitation; (3) Do Miracles Happen? Keener & The Contemporary Claims; (4) Did *The* Miracle Happen? The Case for the Resurrection of Christ; (5) Can The Miracle Be Avoided? Assessing Alternative Historical Hypotheses.

- January 2015: Defend the Faith, apologetics conference sponsored by the ICA at NOBTS. Four break-out lectures: (1) Through a Glass Darkly: What Is Worldview? (2) Do You See What I See? The Power and Purpose of Worldview Thought. (3) Do You Need New Glasses? Truth and Worldview Analysis. (4) A Long Way from Rome: John Dominic Crossan, Worldview Presuppositions, and the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. Also participated in a two-hour mock debate with Gary Habermas on the historicity of Jesus' resurrection.
- November 2014: OBU Philosophy Forum Faculty Lecture: "Providence not Prevalence: Boethius vs. Hasker on Freedom, Randomness, and Omniscience."
- January 2014: Defend the Faith: Christianity on Trial, apologetics conference sponsored by the Institute for Christian Apologetics at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. Three break-out lectures: (1) Through a Glass Darkly: What Is Worldview? (2) Do You See What I See? The Power and Purpose of Worldview Thought. (3) Do You Need New Glasses? Truth and Worldview Analysis.
- September-October 2010: B. J. Miller Conference on Theological Studies lecture series on 'Music, Media, and Movies: The Quest for the Minds of America' at St. Stephen's Church, in association with Simmons College.
- February 2009: Worldview I. "The Necessity and Nature of Philosophy." Boyce College (Louisville, KY)
- February 2009: Christian Apologetics I. "History of Christian Apologetics." Boyce College (Louisville, KY)

#### **Invited Seminars/Sermons: Church**

- July 2024: Apologetics Seminars, Parksville Fellowship Baptist Church (Parksville, BC). Session 1: "Can We Trust the Story? The Reliability of the New Testament Gospels." Session 2: "Sons of Thunder, the Sea, and a Canadian Thanksgiving: Undesigned Coincidences in the Gospels."
- June 2024: "The Calling, Challenge, and Posture of Christian Academia." Mill View Alliance Church (Edmonton, AB)
- May 2024: Houston Chinese Baptist Church. English sermon – "Sons of Thunder, the Sea, and a Canadian Thanksgiving: Can We Trust the New Testament Gospels?" English combined Sunday school – "You Defend What You Value: The Nature & Necessity of Christian Apologetics."
- February 2024: "What Is Apologetics, and Why Is It Necessary?" Contend on the Road, Dayspring Baptist Church, Mobile AL.
- January 2024: "Scientific Evidence for God." Bayou Youth Rally (Jefferson Baptist Church, Baton Rouge LA).
- December 2023: "Engaging Common Objections to Christianity: Evil & Suffering." Parksville Fellowship Baptist Church (Parksville, BC)



- November 2023: “Are the Gospels Historically Reliable?” Oak Hills Church (San Antonio, TX)
- November 2023: “Apologetics in an Academic Setting: Defending the Faith @ College.” Tulane/Loyola BCM (New Orleans, LA)
- October 2023: People of the Word conference, Northcrest Baptist Church (Meridian, MS). Two breakouts: (1) “What Is Apologetics? And Why Is It Necessary?”; (2) “Did Jesus Claim to Be God?”
- October 2023: “Undesigned Coincidences” and “Addressing Common Objections to Christianity.” Carl Albert State College BCM (Poteau, OK)
- September 2023: “Press On (Philippians 3:12-16).” Chinese service at New Orleans Chinese Baptist Church.
- September 2023: “Surprised by Jesus (Mark 2:1-12).” English service at New Orleans Chinese Baptist Church.
- August 2023: “Do You Need New Glasses? Testing Worldviews for Truth.” Collegiate Week Mega-Breakout Session (Falls Creek, OK)
- April 2023: “Learning in the Valley.” Temple Baptist Church (Shawnee, OK)
- April 2023: Apologetics Conference @ Community Baptist Church (Coweta, OK). (1) “Can We Trust the Story? The Historical Reliability of the Gospels”; (2) “Sons of Thunder, The Sea, and a Canadian Thanksgiving: Undesigned Coincidences in the Gospels”; (3) “Answering (Some) Common Objections to Christianity”
- February 2023: “To Mind Your Discipleship, Disciple Your Mind.” Temple Baptist Church (Shawnee, OK)
- February 2022: “Sons of Thunder, The Sea, and a Canadian Thanksgiving: Undesigned Coincidences and the Reliability of the Gospels.” IMPACT Youth Conference, First Southern Baptist Church, Del City OK.
- February – March 2021: Worldview & Apologetics series at Trinity Baptist Church (Maud, OK). (1) What Is a Christian Worldview? (2) Do You Need New Glasses: Testing Worldviews for Truth. (3) Competing Worldlyviews: A Focus on Postmodern Relativism. (4) I Know What the Bible Says, But ... (5) The Glory of Christ: Why You Should *Want* Christianity To Be True.
- February 2021: “The Historical Reliability of the Gospels,” Trinity Baptist Church (Ada, OK)
- June 2020: “Secret Acts of Righteousness.” Trinity Baptist Church (Maud, OK).
- September 2019: Preaching at Light of Christ Church in Yangon, Myanmar. (1) “Encountering Evil and Suffering in Light of the Resurrection” (English service); (2) “Suffering in Christ” (Burmese service with translator)
- November 2018: “The Beatitudes.” Trinity Baptist Church (Maud, OK).
- October 2018: “Apologetics Matters.” Sans Bois Baptist Association Annual Meeting (Stigler, OK).
- September 2018: “What Is Apologetics?” Youth apologetics introduction at Heritage Church (Shawnee, OK).
- June 2018: Engaging a Post-Christian Culture – Apologetics Conference at Vancouver Chinese Baptist Church (Vancouver, BC). Five sessions: (1)

Pursuing God's Perspective in a Pluralistic World: A Christian Worldview in a Post-Christian World; (2) Engaging Relativism and Individualism; (3) Engaging the Marriage and Gender Revolution; (4) I Know What the Bible Says, But ...; (5) Reproductive Rights, The Right to Life, and Quintessentially Canadian Values: Faithful Christian Witness in Post-Christian Trudeau-Ville.

- June 2018: "Fight the Good Fight." Edmonton Chinese Baptist Church (Edmonton, AB, Canada), Retirement Celebration Sermon for Rev. Peter Ng.
- April 2018: "Do You See What I See? Pursuing a Biblical Worldview in a Pluralistic World." BGCO Young Adult Falls Creek Spring Retreat.
- April 2018: "Do You Need New Glasses? Testing Worldviews for Truth." BGCO Young Adult Falls Creek Spring Retreat.
- January-February 2018: Apologetics Winter Bible Study at Ayedelotte Baptist Church (Meeker, OK). Seven sessions: (1) What Is Truth? Defending Truth in a Relativistic Age; (2) Worldview: What Is It, and How Does it Impact Us?; (3) Analyzing Worldviews with Tests for Truth; (4) Defending the Existence of God; (5) Defending the Reliability of the Gospels; (6) Does Evil Disprove God?; (7) Do All Roads Lead to Heaven?
- June 2017: Evil, Suffering and the Christian Faith – Apologetics Conference at Vancouver Chinese Baptist Church (Vancouver, BC). Four sessions: (1) Why Do We Suffer? The Sources and Causes of Suffering in the World; (2) Does Evil Disprove God? Facing the Logical & Evidential Problems of Evil; (3) The Empty Heart Meets the Empty Tomb: Living in Light of Jesus's Resurrection; (4) How Now Shall We Live? Christian Responses to Evil and Suffering.
- May 2017: Apologetics Conference at Pleasant Home Baptist Church in Meeker, OK. Three plenary lectures: (1) What Is Truth?; (2) Can We Trust the Bible?; (3) Can All Religions Be True?
- April 2017: "Can All Religions Be True?" Immanuel Baptist Church Youth (Shawnee, OK).
- March 2017: Apologetics Lab at First Baptist Church of Quinton, OK. Two plenary lectures: (1) What Is Truth?; (2) Do All Religious Roads Lead to Heaven?
- March 2017: "What Is Apologetics?" Lunch & lecture at Jasco Enterprises (Oklahoma City).
- February 2017: "Does God Exist?" Apologetics break-out session for IMPACT Student Conference @ Choctaw Road Baptist Church (Choctaw, OK).
- December 2016: Defending Your Faith: Reasoning Christianity in a Post-Christian World, apologetics symposium at Oakview Baptist Church in Madill, OK. Four sessions: (1) Does God Exist?; (2) Who Is Jesus?; (3) What Is Truth?; (4) What Does the Empty Tomb Say to the Empty Heart?
- November 2016: "Do All Religious Roads Lead to God?" Immanuel Baptist Church Youth (Shawnee, OK).
- November 2016: "An Apologetic for Apologetics." Oklahoma State University Baptist Collegiate Ministry presentation (Stillwater, OK).

- July 2016: Philosophical Theology apologetics symposium at VCBC (Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada). Five sessions: (1) Can God Make a Rock So Heavy that He Can't Lift It? And Other Puzzles in Philosophical Theology; (2) Untying the Trinity: Understanding God's Triunity; (3) Gospel Origins: How Did We Get Our Canonical Gospels?; (4) Contending for Truth in a Relativistic Age; (5) Applied Apologetics: Atheist Role-Playing.
- June 2016: "Defending Truth in a Relativistic World." Super Summer Break-Out Session (Shawnee, OK).
- May 2016: "Truth in an Age of Relativism." Seminar at First Baptist Church Okay, OK.
- April 2016: "The Gospel and the Marketplace: Contemporary Apologetics." BGCO (Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma) Luncheon Lecture (Oklahoma City).
- January 2016: "Can We Trust the Story? The Historical Reliability of the Gospels." Apologetics break-out session for IMPACT Student Conference @ Choctaw Road Baptist Church (Choctaw, OK).
- December 2015: "The Gospel and the Marketplace: Contemporary Apologetics." Apologetics luncheon presentation for C12 Businessman's gathering (Oklahoma City).
- July 2015: "The Gospel in the Marketplace of Ideas: Apologetics Serving Contemporary Evangelism." Apologetics workshop for OBU Pastor's School (Shawnee, OK).
- June 2015: Contending for the Faith, apologetics symposium at Vancouver Chinese Baptist Church. Three sessions: (1) Faith & Reason: Strangers, Enemies, or Friends? (2) If God Is Good, Why Is There Evil? (3) What Do We Do with the Miracles of Jesus?
- September 2014: "Do All Religious Roads Lead to Heaven? The Challenge of Religious Pluralism." Apologetics workshop for BCM (Oklahoma) annual "Momentum" student conference in Oklahoma City, OK.
- July 2014: Defending Your Faith: Reasoning Christianity in a Post-Christian World, apologetics symposium at Vancouver Chinese Baptist Church (Vancouver, BC, Canada). Five sessions: (1) Jesus Said What?!?! The Jesus Seminar and the Historical Reliability of the Gospels. (2) Who Did Jesus Think He Was? (3) Do All Religions Lead to Heaven? The Challenge of Religious Pluralism. (4) Christianity & Science: Where Does the Conflict Really Lie? (5) The Biblical Mandate for Contemporary Apologetics.
- June 2014: Contending for Truth: Defending Objective Truth in a Relativistic Culture. Skype apologetics seminar with the Network of Christian Apologists in Calgary (Alberta, Canada).
- April 2014: Men Rewired – BGCO (Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma) men's retreat. Two break-out lectures: (1) Contending for Truth: Defending Objective Truth in a Relativistic Culture. (2) Contending for the Resurrection: Defending the Miracle of Easter in a Naturalistic Culture. Participated in a panel discussion on Engaging Contemporary Culture.

- September 2013: “Does God Exist?” Apologetics workshop for Baptist Collegiate Ministry (Oklahoma) annual “Momentum” student conference in Jenks, OK.
- March 2013: “Jesus Said What?!? Jesus, the Jesus Seminar, and the Reliability of the Gospels.” Breakout session at “Be Ready Apologetics Conference” at Centre Street Church (Calgary, AB).
- 2011-2013: Apologetics seminars/sermons/lessons at Faith Baptist Church (Parker, CO); Temple Baptist Church (Shawnee, OK); Big Cabin Baptist Church (Big Cabin, OK); Immanuel Baptist Church (Shawnee, OK); Park Hill Baptist Church (Park Hill, OK).
- March 2012: Five-session weekend apologetics conference with Morningstar Baptist Church (Meeker, OK).
- March 2011: Five-Week Panel on Apologetics & Skepticism with Cedar Creek Baptist Church (Louisville, KY)
- November 2010: Weekend apologetics conference (In A World That Doubts, Good Reasons to Believe) with The Church @ Cedar Creek (Stanford, KY)
- Spring 2010: Twelve-week Apologetics class at Clifton Heights Baptist Church (Louisville, KY)
- 2009-2010: Apologetics seminars at Grace Family Church (St. Albert, AB); Edmonton Chinese Baptist Church (Edmonton, AB); Agape Chinese Baptist Church (Edmonton, AB); Cedar Grove Baptist (Shepherdsville, KY); Vine Street Baptist (Louisville, KY); and Lakeview Baptist (Calgary, AB).
- Summer 2009: Nine-week Apologetics sermon series at The Bridge, a campus church at the University of Alberta (Edmonton, AB)
- June 2009: Weekend apologetics conference (Defending the Faith: A Primer in Christian Apologetics) with Trinity Baptist Church (Sherwood Park, AB)
- January 2008: Two seminars (Religious Pluralism; A Call to Scientific Missions) at Alberta Student Winter Retreat (Cochrane, AB)

## **Popular Publications and Interviews**

- May 2024 – Podcast interview by Daniel Ray (Watchman Fellowship): “Why Believe?” Two 40-minute podcasts.
- January 2024 – Review of David Baddiel, *The God Desire: On Being a Reluctant Atheist* (TLS, 2023). *The Gospel Coalition*.  
<https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/reviews/god-desire/>
- January 2023 – Recorded interview with Tina Griffin, “Counter-Culture Mom” podcast.
- January 2022 – Podcast interview with Marilyn Stewart for NOBTS’s ‘Defend’ podcast.
- January 2022 – Podcast interview with Watchman Fellowship: “Undesigned Coincidences and the Reliability of the Gospels” – broadcast January 31 and February 7, 2022.

- August 16, 2021 – Live interview with “The Bob Dutko Show” on WMUZ Chicago, regarding *An Introduction to Christian Worldview*.  
<https://wmuz.com/bob-dutko/>
- December 19, 2018 – Recorded interview with “Edge of Faith” magazine and podcast host Michael Porter, regarding *An Introduction to Christian Worldview*.
- December 13, 2018 – Recorded interview with Prof. Kyle Beshears (University of Mobile) for Christian Worldview class, regarding *An Introduction to Christian Worldview*.
- December 29, 2017 – Live interview with “Let’s Talk with Mark Elfstrand” on Salem Radio Chicago, regarding *An Introduction to Christian Worldview*.
- December 13, 2017 – Live interview with “Direct Line with Wayne Kent” on WSOY Decatur, IL, regarding *An Introduction to Christian Worldview*.
- November 2017 – Podcast interview with Brian Hobbs, Baptist Messenger Insight, regarding *An Introduction to Christian Worldview*.
- November 20, 2017 – Recorded interview with “Janet Mefferd Today,” a nationally-syndicated talk show, regarding *An Introduction to Christian Worldview*. <http://janetmefferd.com/podcasts/>
- October 31, 2017 – Interview with “What’s the 411? With Sharon Kay” on WFSK Nashville, regarding *An Introduction to Christian Worldview*.  
<http://www.sharonkays411.com/>
- October 12, 2017 – Live interview with “The Bob Dutko Show” on WMUZ Chicago, regarding *An Introduction to Christian Worldview*.  
<https://wmuz.com/bob-dutko/>
- April 2016 - Podcast interview with Randal Rauser, Professor of Theology and Philosophy at Taylor Seminary, regarding contemporary apologetics.  
<http://randalrauser.com/2016/04/90-apologetics-today-a-conversation-with-tawa-anderson/>
- February 2015 – Podcast interview with Nick Peters, host of weekly “Deeper Waters” broadcast, regarding the importance of Worldview.  
<http://deeperwaters.ddns.net/podcasts/20150221TawaAnderson.mp3>
- November 2014 – Interview with Randal Rauser, Professor of Theology and Philosophy at Taylor Seminary in Edmonton, Alberta, regarding apologetics and worldview. <http://randalrauser.com/2015/01/worldview-and-apologetics-a-conversation-with-tawa-anderson/>
- September 2014 – Interview with Brian Hobbs from the *Baptist Messenger* about apologetics and OBU’s new Apologetics courses and programs.  
<http://www.baptistmessenger.com/messenger-insight-200-apologetics-you/>
- “The Worldview of Islam: Muslim Beliefs & Practices.” *The Baptist Messenger Insight* (November 7, 2013): 1.
- “Historical Evidence for the Resurrection of Jesus.” *The Baptist Messenger Insight* (March 29, 2013): 2-3.
- “The Importance and Impact of Worldview.” *The Baptist Messenger Insight* (May 24, 2012): 2.

- “Does God Exist? An Introduction to Theistic Apologetics.” In *Is Christianity True? 23 Essays Exploring the Truth of Christianity* (e-book, Apologetics315, 2010), 9-16.

## **Academic Conference Presentations**

- “I Believe in the Virgin Birth ... and So Does Richard Dawkins.” EPS Southwest Regional at Oklahoma Baptist University (April 2024)
- “(Un)Friendly Fire: Ehrman’s Moving Target and the Pitfalls of Minimal Facts Evidentialism.” EPS National Convention, San Antonio TX (November 2023)
- “A Keener Ex-Hume-s Divine Intervention: Can and Do Miracles Happen?” EPS Southwest Regional at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary (March 2022); EPS National Convention, Denver CO (November 2022)
- “The Big Questions: Prudence, Passion, and the Vice of Apatheism;” and “God and Klingons: Assessing Dawkinsian Knowledge Claims.” EPS Southwest Regional at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary (March 2019)
- “The Big Questions: Prudence, Passion, and the Vice of Apatheism.” Annual Conference of the American Academy of Religion in Denver, CO (November 2018).
- “Dart Bearmahn: Why John Doe Never Won the Lottery, The Red Sox Didn’t Win the 2004 World Series, Man is Not Descended from Apes, and Jesus Never Even Existed.” EPS Southeast Regional at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary (March 2017); EPS Southwest Regional at the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary (April 2017).
- “Christians, Creation Stewardship, and the Ten Commandments.” EPS Southwest Regional at NOBTS (April 2015).
- “A Long Way from Rome: Crossan, Worldview, and the Resurrection.” ETS Southwest Regional at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary (April 2015).
- “Providence not Previdence: Boethius vs. Hasker on Randomness, Freedom and Omniscience.” EPS National Convention, San Diego, CA (November 2014).
- “Worldview Presuppositions and the Resurrection of Jesus: The Test Case of John Dominic Crossan.” EPS Southwest Regional at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary (March 2014).
- “The Impact and Importance of Worldview.” Evangelical Philosophical Society (EPS) National Convention in Baltimore, MD (November 2013).
- “Encountering Evil and Suffering in Light of the Resurrection.” Evangelical Theological Society (ETS) Southwest Regional Conference in Dallas, TX (March 2013).
- “The Impact and Importance of Worldview.” EPS Southwest Regional Meeting in Dallas, TX (March 2013).
- “Life in the Matrix: The Power of Worldview.” Greer-Heard Pre-Conference Workshop at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary (April 2012).

- “Academic Freedom and the Vow of Scholarly Obedience: The Test Case of John Dominic Crossan.” National Conference of the International Society of Christian Apologetics in Wake Forest, NC (April 2011).
- “The Apologetics Matrix: A Theoretical Framework for Practical Apologetic Engagement.” ETS Southwest Regional in Ft. Worth, TX (March 2012); National Conference of the International Society of Christian Apologetics (ISCA) in Wake Forest, NC (April 2011).
- “The Myth of the Metaphorical Resurrection: Resurrection Belief in the First Century, the Early Church and Her Opponents.” ETS Southeast Regional in Greer, SC (2010). Won 2<sup>nd</sup> place in student paper competition.
- “The Myth of the Metaphorical Resurrection: How John Dominic Crossan’s Faulty Presuppositions Predetermine Flawed Conclusions.” Presented at: (1) ETS Southwest Regional in New Orleans, LA (2010); (2) ETS Southeast Regional in Chattanooga, TN (2009); (3) ETS Midwest Regional in Ashland, OH (2009). Won 1<sup>st</sup> place in the student paper competition.

### **Administrative/Volunteer Activity**

- 2015-2022: OBU/Shawnee Community Orchestra member (violin)
- 2012: YMCA Youth Soccer Coach.
- 2010 – : Editorial Board, *Hope’s Reason: A Journal of Apologetics*
- 2008-2011: Proofreading & Editing, Korean students (Southern Seminary).
- 2009: Chairman, Ordination Council at Clifton Heights Baptist Church (Louisville, KY).
- 2007-2008: Member, Search Committee for English Pastor at Edmonton Chinese Baptist Church (Edmonton, AB).
- 2006-2008: Organized, led, and coached Youngstown Elementary School’s Chess Club (Edmonton, AB).
- 2005-2008: Coached and managed Britannia youth soccer teams (Edmonton).
- 2003-2008: English Pastors of Asian Churches (Edmonton, AB). Secretary/Treasurer (2003-2006), President (2006-2008).
- 2000-2007: Volunteer and volunteer coordinator, The Mustard Seed Street Church (Edmonton, AB).
- 1999-2000: Member, Search Committee for Academic Vice-President at Edmonton Baptist Seminary (Edmonton, AB).
- 1998-2000: Edmonton Baptist Seminary Students’ Association. Vice-President/Secretary/Treasurer (1998-1999), President (1999-2000).

### **Home Church Ministry Involvement**

- 2023 – : **Member** at Metairie Baptist Church (Metairie, LA). Occasional Sunday school teacher; VBS volunteer; worship team member (bass, rhythm guitar).
- 2021-2023: **Ordained Deacon** at Temple Baptist Church (Shawnee, OK).
- 2020-2022: **Sunday School Director** at Temple Baptist Church (Shawnee, OK).

- December 2019: Served on Ordination Council for Caleb Holzrichter at First Baptist Church, Stroud OK; preached Ordination message.
- 2012-2021: **Lay leader** at Temple Baptist Church (Shawnee, OK). Supply preacher, substitute Sunday school teacher, worship team (bass, acoustic guitar, keyboard, piano, vocal), choir, regular Sunday school teacher. Chairman of Music Minister Search Committee and Interim Worship Leader (2013-2014; 2018). Associate Minister Search Committee (2021-2022).
- 2011: **Discussion Group Leader** with Bible Study Fellowship (Louisville)
- 2008-2010: **Lay leadership** at Clifton Heights Baptist Church (Louisville, KY). Sunday school teacher; supply preacher; Bible studies; worship team.
- 2001-2008: **English Pastor** at Edmonton Chinese Baptist Church (Edmonton, AB). Weekly preaching and teaching; Bible studies; counseling; discipleship; leadership development; leading missions teams; worship training. Ordained within the Midwest Baptist Association in June 2006.
- 2001-2007: **Baptist Student Ministry Associate**, University of Alberta (Edmonton, AB). Staffed chaplain's office; led weekly Bible studies.
- 2000-2002: **Camp speaker** for Pinecrest Baptist Bible Camp (Cypress Hills).
- 1995-2001: **Lay leadership** at Mill View Alliance Church (Edmonton, AB). Sunday school teacher, elder, youth leader, occasional preaching, baptism preparation, reading/tutoring ministry with disadvantaged native children.



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