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### **Current Position**

**New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary**, 3939 Gentilly Boulevard, New Orleans, LA 70126

Professor of Philosophy and Theology, March 2011-present

Chair: Greer-Heard Chair of Faith and Culture, March 2004-present

Director: Greer-Heard Point-Counterpoint Forum in Faith and Culture, March 2004-present

Director: Institute for Christian Apologetics (NOBTS), March 2008-present

Associate Professor of Philosophy and Theology, June 2005-March 2011

Assistant Professor of Philosophy and Theology, June 2000-June 2005

Instructor in Philosophy and Theology, June 1998-June 2000 (elected to faculty June 1998)

New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary Courses Taught:

PhD Seminars: The Historical Jesus; The Doctrine of God; Theology of Religions; Contemporary Issues in Theology: Atheism and Relativism; Philosophical Hermeneutics; The Person of Christ; Christology in the Early Church

PhD Reading Colloquia: Systematic Theology, Historical Theology, Philosophical Theology

MDIV Courses: Introduction to Philosophy of Religion; Christian Apologetics; Systematic Theology I; Systematic Theology II; Theology of Cults; The Problem of Evil; Philosophical Theology; Epistemology; Contemporary Philosophical Hermeneutics; The Historical Jesus; Theology of C.S. Lewis; Advanced Christian Apologetics: History and Method; Logic; Reformation and Modern Theology: Atheism and Relativism; World Religions; Christianity and the Sciences; British Apologetists; Counterfeits and Countercultures: The Continuing Challenge of Cults and New

Religions in the Twenty-first Century (Interfaith Evangelism Workshop in Phoenix, AZ June 11-14, 2003)

DMA Seminar: The Theology of Contemporary Hymnody

Baccalaureate Courses: Christian Doctrine; Theology of Cults

Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary Courses Taught:

MDIV Courses: Cult Theology, Spring 1994, Spring 1996, Spring 1998

Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary Courses Taught:

MDIV Courses: Cult Theology (with James K. Walker), January 2007

PhD Seminars (IMB Cohort) with Kenneth Keathley, Soteriology and World Religions, Summer 2009, Summer 2011, Summer 2013

Odessa Theological Seminary, Odessa, Ukraine

Critical Thinking, November 2012

### **Previous Teaching Position**

**Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas**

Adjunct Professor of Historical Theology, 1994-1998

### **Visiting Professor Positions**

Fletcher Visiting Professor at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, January 2007

John and Dot Colvin Distinguished Visiting Professor, Louisiana College, Fall 2007

Visiting Professor, Odessa Theological Seminary, Odessa, Ukraine, Fall 2012

### **Invited Lectures**

LeTourneau University, Fall 2003

John and Dot Colvin Lectures, Louisiana College, Fall 2007

## Education

### **Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas**

Doctor of Philosophy, Theology, May 2000.

Dissertation: *The Impact of Contemporary Hermeneutics on Historical Jesus Research: An Analysis of John Dominic Crossan and Nicholas Thomas Wright* (Chairman: Bert Dominy) Grade: “High Passing”

Master of Divinity with Biblical Languages, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas, 1992

### **Cameron University, Lawton, Oklahoma**

Bachelor of Arts, Music Performance, 1980

### **Additional Studies:**

Brite Divinity School, Texas Christian University, Fort Worth, TX, Spring, 1995, D.Min. Seminar, Theology of Karl Barth

University of Texas at Arlington, Arlington, TX, Summer 1996, Ph.D. Seminar, Cultural Anthropology: New Ethnology

### **Continuing Education:**

Oxford Summer School in Religious Studies, Wadham College, Oxford, Summer, 1997

Wycliffe Hall Summer School, Wycliffe Hall, Oxford University, 2004, 2005

*The Lord is My Light—RZIM Summer School*, Keble College, Oxford University, 2005

NOBTS Summer School at Regents Park College, Oxford University, 2006.

## Publications

### **Books**

*Dictionary of Christian Apologists and Their Critics* (with R. Douglas Geivett). Oxford: Wiley-Blackwell, 2016.

*The Existence of God in Light of Contemporary Cosmology: William Lane Craig and Sean Carroll in Dialogue*. Minneapolis: Fortress, 2016.

*The Bible and Sex: Ben Witherington III and Jennifer Wright Knust in Dialogue*. Minneapolis: Fortress, 2015.

*Life After Death?: Gary Habermas and Michael Shermer in Dialogue*. Minneapolis: Fortress, 2015.

*Can We Trust the Bible concerning the Historical Jesus?: Bart D. Ehrman and Craig A. Evans in Dialouge.* Minneapolis: Fortress, 2014.

*The Message of Jesus: John Dominic Crossan and Ben Witherington III in Dialogue.* Minneapolis: Fortress, (July) 2013.

*Can Only One Religion Be True?: Paul Knitter and Harold Netland in Dialogue.* Minneapolis: Fortress, 2013.

*The Reliability of the New Testament: Bart Ehrman and Daniel Wallace in Dialogue.* Minneapolis: Fortress, 2011.

With Gary Habermas, *Memories of Jesus: A Critical Assessment of James D. G. Dunn's Jesus Remembered.* Nashville: B & H Academic, 2010.

*The Future of Atheism: Alister McGrath and Daniel Dennett in Dialogue.* Minneapolis and London: Fortress and SPCK, October 2008.

*The Quest of the Hermeneutical Jesus: The Impact of Hermeneutics on the Jesus Research of John Dominic Crossan and N. T. Wright.* Lanham, MD: University Press of America, 2008.

*Intelligent Design: William A. Dembski and Michael Ruse in Dialogue.* Minneapolis: Fortress, 2007.

*The Resurrection of Jesus: John Dominic Crossan and N. T. Wright in Dialogue.* Minneapolis and London: Fortress and SPCK, 2006.

General Editor, *Studies in Christian Apologetics* (monograph series on Christian Apologetics). B&H Academic

### **Journal Articles and Published Essays**

“‘Holy War’, Divine Action, and New Atheism: Philosophical Considerations.” In *Old Testament “Holy War” and Christian Morality: Perspectives and Prospects*. Edited by Paul Copan, Jeremy Evans, and Heath A. Thomas, 265-84. Downers Grove: InterVarsity, 2013.

“Can Only One Religion Be True?: Surveying the Answers.” In *Can Only One Religion Be True?: Paul Knitter and Harold Netland in Dialogue*. Edited by Robert B. Stewart, 1-16. Minneapolis: Fortress, 2013.

With Heath A. Thomas, “The Resurrection of Jesus: A Methodological Survey and Introduction to the Present Volume.” *Southeastern Theological Review*. Volume 3, Number 1. (Summer 2012): 1-13.

Guest Co-Editor, *Southeastern Theological Review*. Volume 3, Number 1. Summer, 2012.

“The Insufficiency of Naturalism: A Worldview Critique.” In *Come, Let Us Reason: New Essays in Christian Apologetics*, ed. William Lane Craig and Paul Copan, 81-96. Nashville: B&H Academic, 2012, 81-97.

“How Science Works and What It Means for Believers.” In *Defending the Faith, Engaging the Culture: Essays in Honor of L. Russ Bush*. Edited by Bruce A. Little and Mark D. Liederbach, 179-94. Nashville: B&H Academic, 2011.

“Why New Testament Textual Criticism Matters: A Non-Critic’s Perspective.” In *The Reliability of the New Testament: Bart Ehrman and Daniel Wallace in Dialogue*. Edited by Robert B. Stewart, 1-12. Minneapolis: Fortress, 2011.

“Introduction.” In *Memories of Jesus: A Critical Assessment of James D. G. Dunn’s Jesus Remembered*. Edited by Robert B. Stewart and Gary R. Habermas, xv-xviii. Nashville: B&H Academic, 2010.

“From Reimarus to Dunn: Situating James D. G. Dunn in the History of Jesus Research.” In *Memories of Jesus: A Critical Assessment of James D. G. Dunn’s Jesus Remembered*. Edited by Robert B. Stewart and Gary R. Habermas, 1-30. Nashville: B&H Academic, 2010.

“Doing History the (W)right Way: Is N. T. Wright a Modernist, a Postmodernist, or Something Else All Together?” In *Jesus as Israel’s Messiah: Engaging the Work of N. Thomas Wright*, LHJS/LNTS. Edited by Robert L. Webb and Mark Allan Powell. London and New York: T & T Clark, forthcoming.

“The Future of Atheism: An Introductory Appraisal.” In *The Future of Atheism: Alister McGrath and Daniel Dennett in Dialogue*. Edited by Robert B. Stewart, 1-16. Minneapolis and London: Fortress and SPCK, October 2008.

“Are There Scientific Errors in the Bible?” *Aereopagus Journal* 7.6 (November-December 2007): 10-15.

“Introduction: What Are We Talking About?” In *Intelligent Design: William A. Dembski and Michael Ruse in Dialogue*. Edited by Robert B. Stewart, 1-11. Minneapolis: Fortress, 2007.

“Hermeneutics in Previous Quests of the Historical Jesus.” In *Harmony of the Gospels*. Edited by Steven L. Cox and Kendell H. Easley, 261-66. Nashville: Broadman and Holman, 2007.

“Man.” In *The Baptist Faith and Message 2,000: Critical Issues in America’s Largest Protestant Denomination*. Edited by Douglas K. Blount and Joseph D. Woddell, 25-35. Lanham, MD: Rowman and Littlefield, 2007.

“Is Christian Science Comptatible with the Bible?” In *Apologetics Study Bible*. Edited by Ted Cabal. Nashville: Broadman and Holman, 2007.

“Introduction.” In *The Resurrection of Jesus: John Dominic Crossan and N. T. Wright in Dialogue*. Edited by Robert B. Stewart, 1-15. Minneapolis and London: Fortress and SPCK, 2006.

“The Hermeneutics of Resurrection.” In *The Resurrection of Jesus: John Dominic Crossan and N. T. Wright in Dialogue*. Edited by Robert B. Stewart, 58-77. Minneapolis and London: Fortress and SPCK, 2006.

“Voodoo.” *Watchman Fellow Profile Notebook*. Spring 2006. Arlington, TX: Watchman Fellowship, Inc.

“But That’s Not Mormon Doctrine.” *The Southern Baptist Journal of Theology* 9.2 (Summer 2005): 76-78.

“The Case of the Unexpected Sermon: Discovering the Values (and Dangers) of Abductive Preaching.” *Preaching: The Professional Journal for Preachers* 19.1 (July-August 2003): 14-17, 48.

“N. T. Wright’s Hermeneutic: Part 1. Critical Realism.” *Churchman: A Journal of Anglican Theology* 117 (Summer 2003): 153-75.

“N. T. Wright’s Hermeneutic: Part 2. The Historical Jesus.” *Churchman: A Journal of Anglican Theology* 117 (Fall 2003): 235-66.

“Is Mormonism Christian: An Evangelical Critique of LDS Scholar Stephen E. Robinson’s Arguments for Recognizing Mormonism as Christian.” *Journal of Christian Apologetics* 1.2 (Winter 1997): 15-33.

### **Dictionary or Encyclopedia Articles**

“Resurrection of Jesus.” In *Cambridge Dictionary of Christianity*. Edited by Daniel Patte. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2010.

“Testimony, LDS.” In *Baker Dictionary of Cults and Sects*. Edited by H. Wayne House. Grand Rapids: Baker, Forthcoming.

“LDS, Epistemology.” In *Baker Dictionary of Cults and Sects*. Edited by H. Wayne House. Grand Rapids: Baker, Forthcoming.

“Comparative Religion.” In *Baker Dictionary of Cults and Sects*. Edited by H. Wayne House. Grand Rapids: Baker, Forthcoming.

“Divine Freedom.” In *Holman Illustrated Bible Dictionary*. Edited by Trent C. Butler, Chad Brand, Charles Draper, and Archie England. Nashville: Broadman and Holman, 2003.

“Purgatory.” In *Holman Illustrated Bible Dictionary*. Edited by Trent C. Butler, Chad Brand, Charles Draper, and Archie England. Nashville: Broadman and Holman, 2003.

### **Book Reviews**

James K. Beilby and Paul Rhodes Eddy, eds., “The Historical Jesus: Five Views,” in *Journal of the Evangelical Theological Society* 54.1 (March 2011): 147-49.

John G. Stackhouse, ed., *Evangelical Futures: A Conversation on Theological Method*, in *Southwestern Journal of Theology* 45.1 (Fall 2002): 94-95.

Ted Peters, *God: The World’s Future: Systematic Theology for a New Era*. Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 2000, in *The Southern Baptist Journal of Theology* 6.2 (Summer 2002): 91-92.

Ted Peters, *God: The World’s Future: Systematic Theology for a New Era*. Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 2000, in *Southwestern Journal of Theology* 44.2 (Spring 2002): 99-100.

Carey C. Newman, ed., *Jesus and the Restoration of Israel: A Critical Assessment of N. T. Wright’s Jesus and the Victory of God*, in *Journal of the Evangelical Theological Society* 44.2 (June 2001): 333-35.

James D. Chancellor, *Life in The Family: An Oral History of the Children of God*. New Religious Movements. Syracuse, NY: Syracuse University Press, 2000, in *The Southern Baptist Journal of Theology* 5.2 (Summer 2001): 103-4.

Blomberg and Stephen E. Robinson, *How Wide the Divide?: A Mormon and an Evangelical in Conversation*, in *Southwestern Journal of Theology* 41.1 (Fall 1998): 124-25.

### **Papers and Presentations**

“Can Only One Religion Be True?: Surveying the Answers,” *Evangelical Ministries to New Religions*, Littleton, CO, April, 2013.

- “Pascal’s Wager, Modal Ontological Arguments, and Richard Dawkins,” Southwest Regional Meeting of the Evangelical Theological Society, Dallas, TX, March, 2013.
- “Punching Holes in Recent Atheistic Arguments,” Evangelical Philosophical Society Apologetics Conference, Berkeley, CA, November, 2011.
- “Does God Have False Beliefs and Does It Matter If He Does?” Southwest Regional Meeting of the Evangelical Theological Society, Dallas, TX, March, 2011.
- “Plenary Panel Discussion on Contemporary Issues in Evangelical Theology,” Southwest Regional Meeting of the Evangelical Theological Society, Dallas, TX, March, 2011.
- “Worldviews: What They Are and Why They Matter,” Evangelical Philosophical Society Apologetics Conference, Atlanta, GA, November, 2010.
- “Does God Have False Beliefs and Does It Matter If He Does?” Annual Meeting of the Evangelical Philosophical Society, Atlanta, GA, November 2010.
- “The Insufficiency of Naturalism: A Worldview Critique,” Evangelical Philosophical Society Apologetics Conference, New Orleans, LA, November, 2009.
- “The Law of Eternal Progression: Understanding the LDS Gospel,” *The Lord is My Light*—RZIM Summer School, Keble College, Oxford University, 2005
- “Sharing the Gospel Effectively with Latter-day Saints,” *The Lord is My Light*—RZIM Summer School, Keble College, Oxford University, 2005
- “I Knew Jesus Before He Had a Seminar: The Impact of Hermeneutics upon John Dominic Crossan’s Historical Jesus Research,” Annual Meeting of the Evangelical Theological Society, Atlanta, GA, November 2004
- “How Cults Begin: A Study of the Theological and Sociological Influences Impacting Early Mormon and Watchtower Theology,” Evangelical Ministries to New Religions Annual Conference, New Orleans, LA, January 2004
- “The Quest of the Hermeneutical Jesus: How Hermeneutics Impacts N.T. Wright’s Jesus Research,” Annual Meeting of the Evangelical Theological Society, Atlanta, GA, November 2003
- “Does the God of Open Theism Hold False Beliefs?” Faculty Workshop, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, New Orleans, LA, August 2003
- “Living in an Abductive World: Cautious Agreement and a Plea for Balance.” Plenary Response to Leonard Sweet, Annual Meeting of the Evangelical Homiletics Society, Deerfield, IL, October 2002



- “Doing History the (W)right Way: Is N. T. Wright a Modernist, a Postmodernist, or Something Else Altogether?” Annual Meeting, Evangelical Theological Society, Colorado Springs, CO, November 2001
- “Sherlock Holmes and the Case of the Missing Monarchy: The Logic of Archaeological Minimalism: An Appreciative Response to Steven M. Ortiz’s ‘Deconstructing David: Current Trends in Biblical and Archaeological Studies’” Ola Famer Lenaz Lecture Response, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, May 2001
- Moderator, Panel Discussion on Christianity and Contemporary Culture, Evangelical Ministries to New Religions, Evangelical Ministries to New Religions Annual Conference, New Orleans, LA, February 2001
- “An Appreciative Disagreement: A Response to Charlene Burns’s ‘Divine Sympathy and Human Suffering: A Remedy for Process Theistic Impotence,’” New Orleans Regional Meeting, College Theology Society, March 2000
- “Oh! That’s What That Means, or Is It? A Response to David M. Howard, Jr.’s ‘Speaking of Miracles: What Ever Happened to the Sun and the Moon? Hermeneutics and Interpretation in Joshua 10,’” Ola Famer Lenaz Lecture Response, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, December 1999
- “O’ You Take the Wredebahn, and I’ll Take the Schweitzerbahn, and I’ll Get to Jesus Before You: N. T. Wright’s Vision of an Apocalyptic Jesus,” Annual Meeting, Evangelical Theological Society, Danvers, MA, November 1999
- “O’ You Take the Wredebahn, and I’ll Take the Schweitzerbahn, and I’ll Get to Jesus Before You: N. T. Wright’s Vision of an Apocalyptic Jesus,” Southwest Regional Meeting, Evangelical Theological Society, New Orleans, LA, March 1999
- Panelist, Round Table Discussion on “Evangelical Responses to Contemporary Mormonism,” Southwest Regional Meeting, Evangelical Theological Society, New Orleans, LA, March 1999
- “An Evangelical Assessment of N. T. Wright’s Hermeneutic” Annual Meeting, Evangelical Theological Society, Orlando, FL, November 1998
- “Athanasius, Where Are You?: How Should the Church Respond to Mormonism?” Society for the Study of New Religions, Orlando, FL, November 1998
- “Is Mormonism Christian?: An Evangelical Critique of Mormon Scholar Stephen E. Robinson’s Arguments for Viewing Mormonism as Christian” at the 1997 Annual Evangelical Theological Society Meeting, November 1997, and at Southwest Regional Meeting of the Evangelical Theological Society, Dallas, TX 1998

Panelist, Round Table Discussion of *How Wide the Divide: A Mormon and an Evangelical in Conversation* (Craig L. Blomberg and Stephen E. Robinson, 1997, IVP) at the 1997 National Meeting of Evangelical Ministries to New Religions

### **Multimedia Resources**

CD: *Counterfeits and Countercultures: The Continuing Challenge of Cults and New Religions in the Twenty-first Century*. New Orleans, LA and Arlington, TX: Veritas Apologetics and Watchman Fellowship, 2003.

CD: *Introduction to Philosophy of Religion*. New Orleans, LA: Veritas Apologetics, 2003.

CD: *Standing Strong: Issues in Christian Apologetics*. New Orleans, LA: Veritas Apologetics, 2003.

### **Memberships and Awards**

Executive Committee Member, Evangelical Philosophical Society, 2005 to 2008

Vice-president, Society for the Study of Alternative Religion, 2003-2005

Board Member, Evangelical Ministries to New Religions, 2000-2005

Board Member, Watchman Fellowship, Inc., 1998-present

Member: Evangelical Theological Society, 1996-present

American Academy of Religion, 1996-present

Society of Biblical Literature, 1996-present

Evangelical Ministries to New Religions, 1997-present

Evangelical Philosophical Society, 1998-present

Baptist Association of Philosophy Teachers, 1998-present

Society for the Study of Alternative Religions, 1998-2005

Society of Christian Philosophers, 1999-present

Ola Farmer Lenaz Lecture Respondent, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, Fall 1999

Ola Farmer Lenaz Lecture Respondent, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, Spring 2001

Who's Who Among College and University Students in America, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, 1994-1995, 1996-1997

### **Church Involvement**

Pastor, Ames Blvd. Baptist Church, Marrero, LA, March 2011-Present

Interim Pastor, Ames Blvd. Baptist Church, Marrero, LA, February 2009-March 2011

Interim Pastor, Edgewater Baptist Church, New Orleans, LA, August 2007-August 2008

Interim Pastor, Edgewater Baptist Church, New Orleans, LA, January 2005-January 2006

Interim Pastor, First Baptist Church, Marrero, LA September 2001-March 2003

Interim Pastor, Oak Park Baptist Church, New Orleans, LA, August 2000-August 2000

Interim Pastor, Edgewater Baptist Church, New Orleans, LA, September 1999-May 2000

Pastor, Mayfield Road Baptist Church, Arlington, TX, May, 1995-July 1998

Pastor, First Baptist Church, Maypearl, TX, May 1989-May 1995

Associate Pastor, Patillo Baptist Church, Patillo, TX, June 1987-May 1989

Minister to Youth and Senior Adults, First Baptist Church, Iowa Park, TX, August 1983-August  
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