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Education

Doctor of Philosophy (Biblical Studies, Biblical Theology)

Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Kansas City, MI: 2023

Thesis: *He Is Your Life: Deuteronomy and Eternal Life in the Fourth Gospel*.

Supervisors: Andreas J. Köstenberger & Jason S. DeRouchie

Master of Theology (Biblical Studies, Biblical Theology)

Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Kansas City, MI: 2021

Master of Divinity (Christian Ministry, School of Theology)

The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, KY: 2017

Bachelor of Arts (Biblical Studies)

The Master's University, Santa Clarita, CA: 2008

Professional Experience

Academic:

Provost, Compass Bible Institute, Aliso Viejo, California. 2019–Present.

- Create and develop academic programs; develop courses that correspond to program educational goals; organize course schedule and recruit faculty; strengthen school's relationship with partnering schools and organizations.

Professor, Compass Bible Institute, Aliso Viejo, California. 2020–Present.

- Courses taught: Gospel of John; Biblical Interpretation; Biblical Greek; New Testament Survey; Small Groups and Discipleship.
- Courses co-taught with visiting professors: The Reliability of the Bible (with Bill Mounce); The Gospel of Matthew (with Tom and Patrick Schreiner); The Land of the Bible (with Chris McKinny); Biblical Theology (with Jeremy Kimble).

Chair, Johannine Literature Section of Evangelical Theological Society. 2023–Present

- The committee is responsible for reviewing and accepting paper proposals for a 4-hour session on Johannine Literature and organizing an additional 4-hour session of invited papers at the ETS annual meeting. Members on the steering committee include Gary Manning, Jim Hamilton, and Bobby Jamieson.

Online Teaching Assistant, The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. Fall 2018.

- Assisted Jonathan Pennington in grading, student management, and course communication.

Editorial:

Sub-Editor, Religious Studies Review. 2023–Present.

- On the Christian Origins editorial team, supervising the “Themes in New Testament Studies” subfield.

Editor, Studies in Judeo-Christian Thought Manuscript Series. 2023–Present.

- With particular attention to works submitted on the subjects of New Testament, Johannine Literature, and Biblical Theology.

Pastoral:

Staff Pastor, Compass Bible Church, Aliso Viejo, California. 2011–2016; 2018–Present.

- Preaching; teaching; counseling; weddings; funerals; leadership; host of *Thriving Marriage with Mark and Bethany* podcast.

Associate Pastor, Cornerstone Bible Church, Westfield, Indiana. 2016–2018.

- Weekly preaching in sub-congregations; development of outreach ministry; development of marriage ministry.

Associate Pastor, First Baptist Church, Cambria, California. 2009–2011.

- Preaching; leadership; administration; organization and oversight of weekend worship services.

Publications

“The Theme of Life in Deuteronomy,” *Journal of Evangelical Theological Society*, Forthcoming: December 2025 issue.

Review of *Greek for Life: Strategies for Learning, Retaining, and Reviving New Testament Greek*, by Benjamin L. Merkle and Robert L. Plummer. In *Midwestern Journal of Theology*, Spring 2018.

Review of *The Sermon on the Mount and Human Flourishing: A Theological Commentary*, by Jonathan T. Pennington. In *Mid-America Journal of Theology*, Journal 29, 2018.

Review of *The Pastor as Public Theologian: Reclaiming A Lost Vision*, by Kevin Vanhoozer and Owen Strachan. In *Mid-America Journal of Theology*, Journal 29, 2018.

Review of *Matthew's New David at the End of Exile*, by Nicholas Piotrowski. In *The Southern Baptist Journal of Theology*, Spring 2019.

Review of *The Gospel of John in Modern Interpretation*, by Stanley Porter. In *Trinity Journal*, Fall 2020.

Review of *The New Testament and Intellectual Humility*, by Grant Macaskill. In *Religious Studies Review*, Volume 47, Number 1, March 2021.

Review of *Jesus the Great Philosopher: Rediscovering the Wisdom Needed for the Good Life*, by Jonathan T. Pennington. In *Trinity Journal*, Volume 42, Number 1, Spring 2021.

Review of *Exegetical Gems from Biblical Greek*, by Benjamin Merkle. In *Midwestern Journal of Theology*, Volume 20, Number 1, Spring 2021.

Review of *John within Judaism: Religion, Ethnicity, and the Shaping of Jesus-Oriented Jewishness in the Fourth Gospel*, by Wally V. Cirafesi. In *Trinity Journal*, forthcoming.

Review of *The Hope of Life After Death: A Biblical Theology of Resurrection*, by M. Jeff Brannon. In *Books at a Glance*, forthcoming.

Review of *Resurrection Hope and the Death of Death*, by Mitchell L. Chase. In *Books at a Glance*, forthcoming.

Review of *The Johannine Community in Contemporary Debate*, by Christopher Seglenieks and Christopher Skinner. Fortress Academic, 2024. In *Religious Studies Review*, forthcoming.

Memberships

Evangelical Theological Society
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Academic References

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