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EDUCATION

- **Doctor of Philosophy** 2008
Vanderbilt University
Major Area: American Religious History
Minor Area: Homiletics
 - **Master of Arts** 2006
Vanderbilt University
 - **Master of Divinity** 2002
Abilene Christian University
Emory University
 - **Bachelor of Arts in Bible & Preaching** 1998
Lubbock Christian University
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TEACHING AND MINISTRY EXPERIENCE

- **Vice Provost** 2024-present
Abilene Christian University
- **Associate Professor of Church History** 2019-present
Abilene Christian University
- **Adjunct Faculty** 2017-present
UT Tyler
- **Associate Dean** 2022-2024
Graduate School of Theology, ACU
- **Director, Center for Restoration Studies** 2019-2024
Abilene Christian University
- **Adjunct Faculty** 2009-2020
Lubbock Christian University
- **Senior Minister** 2011-2019
Glenwood Church of Christ
- **Adjunct Faculty** 2012-2019
Abilene Christian University
- **Adjunct Faculty** 2017-2018
Tyler Junior College
- **Pulpit Minister** 2004-2011
Broadway Church of Christ
- **Chair, Department of Biblical Studies** 2007-2009

- Lubbock Christian University
 • **Assistant Professor of Church History** 2004-2009
 Lubbock Christian University
- **Singles Minister** 2002-2004
 Woodmont Hills Church of Christ
- **Pulpit Minister** 1999-2002
 Orient Street Church of Christ

HONORS AND AWARDS

- (2024) Recipient of Abilene Christian University's Cullen Grant
- (2023) Recipient of Abilene Christian University's Cullen Grant
- (2022) Recipient of Abilene Christian University's Cullen Grant
- (2021) Recipient of Abilene Christian University's Cullen Grant
- (2020-2021) Named Outstanding Graduate Faculty of the Year
- (2020) Named Adam's Center for Teaching and Learning Teaching Fellow
- (2002) Recipient of Full Tuition Fellowship from Vanderbilt University
- (2001) Named a 2001 Ketcherside Scholar
- (1998) Named Valedictorian of Lubbock Christian University, College of Biblical Studies
- (1998) Recipient of the Baker Book House Bible Scholar Award
- (1998) Recipient of the Emory University's Dean's Award
- (1998) Recipient of the Lubbock Christian University's President's Award

MEMBERSHIPS

- Member of Highland Church of Christ 2019-present
- Member of American Academy of Religion 2002-present
- Member of Society of Church History 2002-present

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- Editorial Review Board, *Stone-Campbell Journal* 2022-present
- Christian Scholars Conference Civil Rights Section, Chair 2021-present

ACADEMIC SERVICE

- Academic Managers, Chair 2024-present
- Abilene Undergraduate Academic Council, Chair 2024-present
- Behavioral Intervention Team 2024-present
- Faculty Senate 2023-2024

• Graduate Council	2022-2024
• Graduate Program Directors	2022-2024
• College Academic Council	2021-2024
• Student Services Committee	2021-2024
• Siburt Institute for Church Ministry Looking Team, Chair	2021-2024
• Scholarship & Christianity Committee	2021-2022
• Athletics Committee	2020-2023
• GST Masters Accreditation Committee, Chair	2020-2021
• GST Regula Committee	2020-2021
• Restoration Day Committee, Chair	2019-2024
• GST Student Services Committee, Chair	2019-2021

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- *One Nation over God*. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, Forthcoming.
- *Courage inside the Sheer Silence: Challenging Racism in 20th Century Churches of Christ*. Abilene: ACU Press, 2025.
- “James Fowler’s Silent Voice in the American Civil Rights Movement.” *Stone-Campbell Journal* 25, no. 1 (Spring 2022).
- “Churches of Christ and Lost Cause Religion.” *Restoration Quarterly* 64, no. 1 (First Quarter 2022): 1-12.
- “A Little Good News Today: Lessons from Our Past to Propel Us into Our Future.” *Restoration Quarterly* 63, no. 2 (Second Quarter 2021): 103-111.
- “An Apple that Fell Far from Its Tree: The Protest Legacy of Floyd Rose.” *Restoration Quarterly* 63, no. 1 (First Quarter 2021): 11-18.
- “Race and Racism in American Christianity.” In *Slavery’s Long Shadow*, edited by James Gorman, Mark Hamilton, and Jeff Childers. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2019.
- *Shattering the Illusion: How African American Churches of Christ Moved from Segregation to Independence*. Abilene: ACU Press, 2013.
- “From Segregation to Independence: African Americans in Churches of Christ.” PhD diss., Vanderbilt University, 2008.
- “Crihfield, Arthur,” “Firm Foundation,” and “Lemmons, Reuel,” in *The Stone-Campbell Encyclopedia*. Ed. Paul M. Blowers, Anthony L. Dunnivant, Douglas A. Foster, and D. Newell Williams. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2004.

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

- “A Racist Stream Flowing through 20th Century Churches of Christ: A Closer Look at Foy E. Wallace Jr.” Stone-Campbell Journal Conference. Johnson City, TN (April 2024).
- “Civil Religion in America.” ElderLink Houston. Houston, TX (February 2024).
- “The Jesus Movement.” Stone-Campbell Restoration Revival and Conference.

- Chaplin, KY (September 2023).
- “A Monumental Moment: Carl Spain Takes Center Stage at the 1960 Abilene Christian College Lectureship.” Stone-Campbell Journal Conference. Knoxville, TN (April 2023).
 - “John Allen Chalk: A Voice for Racial Reconciliation in a Southern White Denomination.” American Society of Church History Annual Meeting. Philadelphia, PA (January 2023).
 - “Walter Burch Jr.: The Forgotten Voice of Racial Justice.” American Academy of Religion Southwest Regional Conference. Irving, TX (March 2022).
 - “A Dissonant Chord: Black Metal and Organized Racially Motivated Violence.” American Academy of Religion Annual Conference. San Antonio, TX (November 2021).
 - “For the Soul of the People: Protestant Protest against Hitler.” Birmingham Racial Unity Leadership Summit. Birmingham, AL (September 2021).
 - “An Apple that Fell Far from Its Tree: The Protest Legacy of Floyd Rose.” Christian Scholars Conference. Nashville, TN (June 2021).
 - “James Fowler’s Silent Voice in the Civil Rights Movement.” Christian Scholars Conference. Nashville, TN (June 2021).
 - “Finding Meaning in the Lost Cause: One Southern Denomination’s Attempt to Find Identity in Post-Civil War America.” Gulf Coast Historical Association Annual Meeting. Alexandria, LA (Virtual) (October 2020).
 - “Racism in Churches of Christ History.” Our Unique Experiences: Slavery, Racism, and Injustice in the ONE Church. Lehigh University: Bethlehem, PA (Virtual) (July 2020).
 - “Floyd Rose: Agent of Protest within Churches of Christ.” Southwest Commission on Religious Studies. Frisco, TX (February 2020).
 - “A Little Good News Today: Lessons from Our Past to Propel Us into the Future.” 2019 Restoration Day Address. Abilene, TX (September 2019).
 - “How Did We Get into This Fix? Reflecting on the Past.” ACU Summer Seminar. Abilene, TX (August 2019).
 - “What Makes Reconciliation So Difficult for Us?” 2016 Race and Restoration Summit. Joplin, MO (February 2016).
 - “Racial Unity in Churches of Christ.” 2015 Abilene Racial Unity Leadership Summit. Abilene, TX (June 2015).
 - “A Conversation Centered on *From Bible Belt to Sun Belt: Plain-Folk Religion, Grassroots Politics, and the Rise of Evangelical Conservatism*.” West Coast Racial Unity Leadership Forum. Los Angeles, CA (May 2015).
 - “Race Relations in Churches of Christ.” 2013 National Freedom in Christ Conference. Abilene, TX (September 2013).
 - “Shattering the Illusion of Unity: The Closing of Nashville Christian Institute.” 2012 Christian Scholars Conference. Nashville, TN (June 2012).
 - “Casting a Dream: The Media’s Role in Shaping the Civil Rights Movement.” Session Convener. 2010 Christian Scholars Conference. Nashville, TN (June 2010).
 - “From Segregation to Independence.” 2009 Christian Scholars Conference. Nashville,

TN (June 2009).

- “African American Pioneers in Churches of Christ: Reviews of Edward Robinson’s *To Save My Race from Abuse: The Life of Samuel Robert Cassius* and *Show Us How You Do It: Marshall Keeble and the Rise of Black Churches of Christ, 1914-1968*.” Generative Leader and Session Convener. 2008 Christian Scholars Conference. Nashville, TN (July 2008).
- “Churches of Christ, Denominations, and Race.” 2007 Moser Ministry Conference. Lubbock, TX (October 2007).
- “The Voice of God through the Prophets.” 2007 ACU Lectureship. Abilene, TX (September 2007).
- “Mr. Keeble Goes to Washington.” 2006 ACU Lectureship. Abilene, TX (September 2006).
- “The Loci of Authority in Churches of Christ.” 2006 LCU Scholar’s Colloquium. Lubbock, TX (March 2006).
- “From Editor Bishops to College Campuses: The Locus of Authority in Churches of Christ.” Southern Regional Meeting of the AAR. Atlanta, GA (March 5-7, 2004).