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OBJECTIVE

My ambition is to lead people to a greater understanding and appreciation of the New Testament, its language, its interpretation, its theology, and its application. To achieve this goal, I have prepared myself to teach courses in biblical Greek (beginning, intermediate, and advanced), linguistics and the social sciences, New Testament exegesis, New Testament hermeneutics, history of interpretation, and biblical theology, as well as to contribute to both academic and ecclesial communities through publishing, teaching, and preaching.

EDUCATION

Ph.D. Christian Theology, McMaster Divinity College, Hamilton, ON (May 2012)

Supervisors: Dr. Stanley E. Porter and Dr. Cynthia Long Westfall

External Reader: Dr. Jonathan M. Watt (Geneva College)

Concentration: Biblical Greek and Linguistics

Dissertation Title: "The Interpersonal Metafunction in 1 Cor 1–4: The Tenor of Toughness" (<http://bit.ly/1Corr-4>)

Comprehensive Exams: Linguistics & Discourse Analysis; Gospels; General Epistles

M.A. Education and Human Development, The George Washington University, Washington, D.C. (January 2004)

Concentration: Educational Technology Leadership

M.Div., Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, Deerfield, IL (*cum laude*; May 2000)

B.A. Bible, Oklahoma Christian University, Oklahoma City, OK (April 1995)

WORK EXPERIENCE

Vice President Academic and Professor of New Testament, McMaster Divinity College, Hamilton, ON (August 1–present)

General oversight of academic development of all programs of MDC; academic strategic planning; policy development and implementation; teach two courses per academic year; oversight of matters of accreditation; hiring and evaluation of faculty; faculty development; manage academic budget.

Chair of the Division of Bible, Oklahoma Christian University, Oklahoma City, OK (July 15, 2020–June 30, 2022)

Report to the Dean of Humanities and Bible; vision casting; program design and development; oversight of both undergraduate and graduate programs and faculty of each; manage staff positions in Division of Bible; oversight of budget; oversight of special projects; partner with church resources on projects and special events; oversight of *Dialogismos* journal; manage accreditation as it pertains to Division of Bible (ATS, HLC).

Chair of the Graduate School of Theology, Oklahoma Christian University, Oklahoma City, OK (2017–June 30, 2022)

Report to Dean of the College of Biblical Studies; vision casting; oversight of ATS Accreditation process; oversight of GST budget, course offerings, instructors; oversight of marketing and recruiting efforts; oversight of GST Program Director; oversight of special projects that benefit the GST, such as conceiving of and launching *Dialogismos*, a fully-refereed, online open access eJournal (<https://oc.edu/dialog>).

Associate Dean for Teaching and Learning, Oklahoma Christian University, Oklahoma City, OK (Aug 1, 2013–June 1, 2019)

Report to Vice President of Academic Affairs; direct reports include North Institute for Teaching and Learning and Library; responsible for developing and implementing faculty development program for full-time and adjunct faculty; standing member of Technology and Learning Committee (a sub-committee of Academic Affairs); standing member of IT Advisory Group; manage staff of full- and part-time employees; fiscal planning/budgeting/purchasing; strategic planning; instructional design (face-to-face and online delivery of instruction); consultation regarding learning and teaching theory and practice.

Acting/Interim Chair of the Graduate School of Theology, Oklahoma Christian University, Oklahoma City, OK (2016–2017)

Report to Dean of the College of Biblical Studies; vision casting; oversight of GST budget, course offerings, instructors; oversight of marketing and recruiting efforts; oversight of GST Program Director; oversight of special projects that benefit the GST, such as conceiving of and launching *Dialogismos*, a fully-refereed, online open access eJournal (<https://oc.edu/dialog>).

Director, North Institute for Teaching and Learning, Oklahoma Christian University, Oklahoma City, OK (2011–2016)
Report to Vice President of Academic Affairs; standing member of Technology and Learning Committee (a sub-committee of Academic Affairs); standing member of IT Advisory Group; manage staff of full- and part-time employees; fiscal planning/budgeting/purchasing; strategic planning; instructional design (face-to-face and online delivery of instruction); consultation regarding learning and teaching theory and practice; faculty development.

Research Partner, OpenText.org (2006–present)
Research in Greek language and linguistics; editing and correction of clause and word group tagging; consultation on computer and Web-related technologies.

Interim Preacher, Grimsby Church of Christ, Grimsby, ON (2005–2007)
Preparation and delivery of sermons; Teaching adult Bible classes; member of ministerial committee; congregational outreach event planning and participation.

Director, North Institute for Teaching and Learning, Oklahoma Christian University, Oklahoma City, OK (2002–2005)
Reported directly to the Vice President of Academic Affairs; managed a staff of full- and part-time employees; fiscal planning/budgeting/purchasing; strategic planning; project management; consultation regarding educational technology for other colleges and universities; chairperson of the Academic Computing Committee; member of the university's IT management team; instructional design for classroom and online delivery systems.

Web Programmer, North Institute for Educational Technology, Oklahoma Christian University, Oklahoma City, OK (2000–2002)
Main Web programmer on a team that developed educational Web applications; managed a number of projects; managed a number of interns.

Editorial Staff Member, Trinity Journal (1997–2000)
Reviewed articles for publication; copy editing; created first Web site for the Journal; worked closely with general and managing editors.

Family Life and Development Minister, East Allen County Church of Christ, New Haven, IN (1996–1997)
20% of preaching duties; taught in adult education program; authored monthly newsletter articles; counseling; co-hosted cable television ministry program.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Professor of Greek and New Testament, Oklahoma Christian University, Oklahoma City, OK (2008–June 30, 2022)
Associate Professor (2008–2015); Full Professor (2015–present)

Undergraduate

1 Corinthians (Spring 2021 [face-to-face])

Advanced Greek I & II (Fall 2011 and Spring 2012; Fall 2013 and Spring 2014; Fall 2016 and Spring 2017; Fall 2017 and Spring 2018)

Biblical Exegesis (Spring 2010; Fall 2010; Fall 2017)

Elementary Greek I & II (Fall 2009 and Spring 2010; Fall 2010 and Spring 2011; Fall 2011 and Spring 2012; Fall 2012 and Spring 2013; Fall 2013 and Spring 2014 [online]; Fall 2014 and Spring 2015 [online]; Fall 2015 and Spring 2016 [online]; Fall 2016 and Spring 2017 [online]; Fall 2017 and Spring 2018 [online]; Fall 2018 and Spring 2019 [online]; Fall 2018 and Spring 2019 [face-to-face]; Spring 2020 [online]; Fall 2020 and Spring 2021 [online]; Fall 2021 and Spring 2022 [online])

Galatians, 1 & 2 Thessalonians (Spring 2020 [face-to-face])

Hermeneutics (+ Exegesis) (Spring 2022 [face-to-face])

History of the Bible (Honors Summer Academy, Summer 2016 and Summer 2018)

Intermediate Greek Grammar I & II (Fall 2008 and Spring 2009; Fall 2009 and Spring 2010; Fall 2010 and Spring 2011; Fall 2011 and Spring 2012; Fall 2012 and Spring 2013; Fall 2013 and Spring 2014; Fall 2014 and Spring 2015 [Independent Study]; Fall 2015 and Spring 2016 [Independent Study]; Fall 2016 and Spring 2017; Fall 2017 and Spring 2018; Fall 2018 and Spring 2019; Fall 2020 and Spring 2021 [independent study])

Introduction to Linguistics (for the Language and Literature Department at OC) (Fall 2014 [blended]; Spring 2016 [Ind. Study])

James to Jude (Fall 2015 [blended/hybrid]; Fall 2020 [online])

Life of the Early Church: Acts (Spring 2009 [blended/hybrid])

Parables of Jesus (Spring 2018 [face-to-face]; Spring 2020 [face-to-face])
Romans (Fall 2016; Fall 2020)
Story of the New Testament (Spring 2011; Spring 2013 [online]; Spring 2020 [online]; Spring 2022 [2 sections, face-to-face])
Story of the Old Testament (Fall 2010)

Graduate

Acts & Ministry Formation (Summer 2009 [online]; Summer 2010 [online]; Summer 2012 [online]; Summer 2014 [online])
Advanced Biblical Exegesis (Spring 2011; Summer 2016 [Ind. Study]; Spring 2017; Spring 2018 [Ind. Study]; Fall 2018 [Ind. Study]; Spring 2019; Spring 2021)
Chaplaincy Internship (Summer 2018 [Ind. Study])
Cultural Anthropology (Fall 2021 [online])
Elementary Greek I & II (Fall 2008 and Spring 2009; Fall 2009 and Spring 2010; Fall 2010 and Spring 2011; Fall 2011 and Spring 2012; Fall 2012 and Spring 2013; Fall 2013 and Spring 2014 [online]; Fall 2015 and Spring 2016 [online]; Fall 2016 and Spring 2017 [online]; Fall 2017 and Spring 2018 [online]; Fall 2018 and Spring 2019 [online]; Spring 2020 [online]; Fall 2020 and Spring 2021 [online]; Fall 2021 and Spring 2022 [online])
Intermediate Greek I & II (Fall 2011 and Spring 2012; Fall 2015 and Spring 2016 [Ind. Study])
Introduction to Graduate Biblical Studies (Fall 2008 [co-taught, blended]; Fall 2009 [blended]; Fall 2010 [co-taught])
Kingdom of God: Core Values of Jesus and the Early Church (Summer 2020 [online])
MAC&C Capstone Course (Summer 2020 [online])
Seminar in the Pauline Epistles (Fall 2016)
Special Studies in Philemon (Summer 2019 [online])
Summer Academies at Oklahoma Christian University (High School)
History of the Bible for Honors Summer Academy (Summer 2016; Summer 2018)
Transformed Relationships in the New Testament: Philemon for Theology Summer Academy (Summer 2017)
(Dis-)Oriented: Emotions and Faith in Biblical Theology for Theology Summer Academy (Summer 2018)

Part-time Faculty, McMaster Divinity College, Hamilton, ON (2007–2008)

Life and History of the Early Church: Acts (graduate course; Winter 2007; classroom)
The Gospel of Matthew (English Bible) (graduate course; Winter 2008; classroom).

Adjunct Instructor of Bible, Oklahoma Christian University, Oklahoma City, OK (2001–2008)

Life of Christ: Matthew (Fall 2004; undergraduate; classroom)
Story of the Old Testament (Fall 2004, Fall 2003, Fall 2002; undergraduate; classroom)
Story of the New Testament (Spring 2004, two sections; undergraduate; classroom)
Life of the Early Church: Acts (Spring 2002, Spring 2001; undergraduate; classroom)
Life of the Early Church: Acts (Spring 2007, Fall 2006, Spring 2006 [2 sections]; undergraduate; online)
New Testament Church (Summer 2006; undergraduate; online)
Story of the Old Testament (Fall 2005; undergraduate; online).

Adjunct Instructor, Oklahoma Christian University, Oklahoma City, OK (2001–2007)

Software Fundamentals: Microsoft FrontPage (Fall 2004, Fall 2003; undergraduate; classroom)
Software Fundamentals: Microsoft Word (Spring 2004, Fall 2003, Spring 2003, Fall 2002; undergraduate; classroom)
Seven-week Freshman Seminar (Fall 2001; undergraduate; classroom)
eCommerce Technologies (Summer 2006; MBA graduate course; online)
Software Fundamentals: Microsoft Word (Spring 2007, Fall 2005, Fall 2004; undergraduate; online)
Software Fundamentals: Microsoft PowerPoint (Fall 2006; undergraduate; online).

Teaching Fellow, Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, Deerfield, IL (1999–2000)

Beginning Greek I and II (Fall 1999, Spring 2000; graduate; classroom)

READER/EXAMINER FOR MA, MTS, MACM, OR MDIV CASE STUDY DEFENSES

Lois Lockhart (MDiv, 2009)
Lance Morrisett (MA, 2011)
Kevin Kasperek (MA, 2012)
Rachel Slimp (MA, 2013)
Matthew Hurley (MA, 2013)
Brian Plumb (MA, 2014)
Matthew Dowling (M.Div., 2015)
Joseph Woods (M.Div., 2015)
Kent Brown (2015 [chairperson])
Cole Feix (M.Div., 2015)
Christendoza Le (MA Ministry, 2015 [chairperson])
Alan Middleton (MA Ministry, 2015)
Dara Gilliam (MA Ministry, 2015)
Gene Newberry (MA Ministry, 2016)
Daniel Tignor (M.Div., 2016)
Matt Curran (MA Ministry, 2016)
Janvier Faradja (MDiv, 2016)
Derrick Tharp (MA, 2017)
Rodney Redus (MACM, 2017)
Darion Dalton (MACM, 2021 [chairperson])

READER/EXAMINER FOR MTS OR M.DIV. THESIS DEFENSES

2017

Michael J. Hanegan, "Let Light Shine Out of Darkness: a Trauma-Informed Theological Account of the Powers of Sin and Death and the Salvation of Human Persons." MTS Thesis, Oklahoma Christian University Graduate School of Theology, April 2017.

Benjamin J. Langford, "Theology in Context for The Sake Of The World: Postliberal Theology And The Role Of Context." MTS Thesis, Oklahoma Christian University Graduate School of Theology, April 2017.

2018

Jean Niyondiko, "Good Fences Do Not Make Good Neighbors: A New Testament Theology of Reconciliation in Ephesians Applied to the Burundi Context." MTS Thesis, Oklahoma Christian University Graduate School of Theology, November 2018 (December 2018).

2020

Jacob Doberenz, "Infancy and Identity in Paul's Spiritual Formation: A Close Look at 1 Corinthians 3:1-3." MTS Thesis, Oklahoma Christian University Graduate School of Theology, March 2020.

Hunter Edwards, "A Queer Sabbath: Implementations and Effects of the Sabbath." MTS Thesis, Oklahoma Christian University Graduate School of Theology, March 2020.

Alyson Mack, "Developing a Lived Theodicy." MTS Thesis, Oklahoma Christian University Graduate School of Theology, March 2020.

2021

Garrett Sean Andrews, "The Usual Suspects: An Application of Archetype Theory in the Epistle of James and Philippians." MTS Thesis, Oklahoma Christian University Graduate School of Theology, April 2021. [served as mentor/primary reader]

EXTERNAL READER FOR DOCTORAL DISSERTATIONS AND PROJECTS

Randy Johns, D.Min. dissertation (April 2018), Northern Seminary (Dr. Scot McKnight, first reader)

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Application of Systemic-Functional Linguistics (SFL) and discourse analysis to the study of ancient and biblical Greek grammar, translation theory, and New Testament interpretation; Implementation of SFL linguistics/discourse analysis as a hermeneutical/exegetical model; Social-Scientific Criticism; New Testament Theology; History of Interpretation; learning theory; learning and teaching with technology; online teaching and learning; online learners; communities of inquiry; communities of practice.

PUBLICATIONS

Books

- 1 Corinthians in Bible in God's World (series editors Scot McKnight and Nijay Gupta) (under contract).
- Baptism: Historical, Theological, and Pastoral Perspectives* (co-edited with Gordon L. Heath, McMaster Divinity College). McMaster Theological Studies 4. Eugene, OR: Pickwick, 2011. <http://bit.ly/GB1us7>
- Ephesians, Colossians, and Philemon* in New Testament Discourse Analysis Commentary Series (series editor Stanley E. Porter). McMaster Divinity College Press/Pickwick (under contract).
- Linguistic Studies in Philemon* (tentative title) (co-authored with Jonathan Watt, Geneva College) (forthcoming).
- Systemic-Functional Linguistic Interpretation: On Being Considerate Readers of the New Testament*. (edited volume) (under contract).
- The Epistle of James: Linguistic Exegesis of an Early Christian Letter*. Linguistic Exegesis of the New Testament 1. Hamilton, ON: MDC Press; Eugene, OR: Pickwick, 2019. (co-edited with Zachary Dawson) <http://bit.ly/2ynTnll>
- The Interpersonal Metafunction in 1 Corinthians 1–4: The Tenor of Toughness*. Linguistic Biblical Interpretation 19. Leiden: Brill, 2021. [revised dissertation] <https://brill.com/view/title/59787>
- The New Testament Church: The Challenge of Developing Ecclesiologies* (co-edited with John Harrison, Oklahoma Christian University). McMaster Biblical Studies 1. Eugene, OR: Pickwick, 2012. <http://bit.ly/1laAjf>

Articles, Chapters, and Academic Web Publications

- "Greek Discourse Analysis" for Cambridge Companion to the Bible and Linguistics, edited by Stanley E. Porter. Cambridge University Press (forthcoming).
- "John H. Elliott." In *The General Epistles in Modern Interpretation*. Milestones in New Testament Scholarship. Edited by Stanley E. Porter and Ron C. Fay. Grand Rapids: Kregel (forthcoming).
- "Counter-Hegemonic Strategies in 2 Peter: The More Reliable Prophetic Word Versus 'Plastic' Words." *Dialogismos* 6 (2022): 55-74.
- "Gordon D. Fee." In *The Pauline Epistles in Modern Interpretation*, Milestones in New Testament Scholarship. Edited by Stanley E. Porter and Ron C. Fay. Grand Rapids: Kregel (forthcoming).
- "A Discourse Analysis of Romans 3:21–4:25." In *Romans and Galatians*. Linguistic Exegesis of the New Testament 2. Edited by Stanley E. Porter and Zachary K. Dawson. Hamilton, ON: MDC Press; Eugene, OR: Pickwick (forthcoming).
- "Appraisal Theory" for *Baker Encyclopedia of Biblical Greek and Linguistics* (in press).
- "Commands and Prohibitions" for *Baker Encyclopedia of Biblical Greek and Linguistics* (in press).
- "Mood and Modality" for *Baker Encyclopedia of Biblical Greek and Linguistics* (in press).
- "Systemic-Functional Linguistics" for *Baker Encyclopedia of Biblical Greek and Linguistics* (forthcoming).
- "Martin Dibelius on the Gospel of Luke and the Acts of the Apostles: The Most Literary Writings in the New Testament." In *Luke–Acts in Modern Interpretation*, edited by Stanley E. Porter and Ron C. Fay, 93–128. Milestones in New Testament Scholarship. Grand Rapids: Kregel, 2021. <https://www.kregel.com/biblical-studies/luke-acts-in-modern-interpretation/>
- "The Linguistics of Social Identity (Re-)Formation in the New Testament." *Filología Neotestamentaria* 33 (2020): 9–36.
- "Evidence that Commands a Verdict': Determining the Semantics of Imperatives in the New Testament." *BAGL* 7 (2018) 201–23. <https://goo.gl/WqiEv3>
- "Battling Your 'Expert Blindspot': Unpack Complex Concepts and Tasks to Lighten Student's Cognitive Load and Promote Deeper Learning." *Didaktikos* (September 2018) 15–17.
- "Ask and Ye Shall Position the Readers': James's Use of Questions to (Re-)Align His Readers." In *The Epistle of James: Linguistic Exegesis of an Early Christian Letter*, 196–245. Linguistic Exegesis of the New Testament 1. Eugene, OR: Pickwick, 2019.

- “Not Like Cain”: Marking Moral Boundaries through Vilification of the Other in 1 John 3:1–18.” *Dialogismos* 1 (2016) 1–19. <http://bit.ly/2jaLzey>
- “To Incline Another’s Heart’: The Role of Attitude in Reader Positioning.” In *The Language and Literature of the New Testament: Essays in Honour of Stanley E. Porter’s 60th Birthday*, edited by Lois Fuller Dow, Craig A. Evans, and Andrew W. Pitts (Biblical Interpretation Series; Leiden: Brill, 2016), 603–28. Offprint at <http://bit.ly/inclineheart>
- “M. Dibelius and R. Bultmann” in Porter and Adams (eds.), *Pillars in the History of Biblical Interpretation* (vol 1, “Prevailing Methods before 1980”; McMaster Biblical Studies Series 2; Eugene, OR: Pickwick, 2016), 257–77.
- “Edwin Judge, Wayne Meeks, and Social-Scientific Criticism,” in Porter and Adams (eds.), *Pillars in the History of New Testament Interpretation* (vol 2., “Prevailing Methods after 1980”; McMaster Biblical Studies Series 2; Eugene, OR: Pickwick, 2016), 179–203.
- “Prodding with Prosody’: Persuasion and Social Influence through the Lens of Appraisal Theory.” *BAGL* 4 (2016) 85–120. <http://bagl.org/volume4>
- “Attitude Adjustment.” In *Our Favorite Verses*. Edited by Tina Ware-Walters. Orlando, FL: Healthy Life Press, 2015.
- “Clause as Message: Analyzing Discourse Theme and Information Flow in Mark 2:1–12 and Jude with an SFL–Based Model” (with Ryder Dale Walton). *Biblical and Ancient Greek Linguistics* 3.2 (2014) 31–85.
- “John H. Elliott’s Social-Scientific Criticism.” *TrinJ* 28/2 (2007) 251–278.
- “Software and Bible Study? Yes, They Mix.” *Christian Chronicle*
- “The Relationship Between John and the Synoptics” *JETS* 41/2 (June 1998) 201–213. <http://bit.ly/johnsynoptics>
- “Thematization, Topic, and Information Flow” *JLIABG* 1 (2008) 17–37.
- “Using Technology to Increase Quality Time on Task” *Educause Review Online* (with Mr. Berlin Fang) (Sep 2013). <http://bit.ly/17zJAmb>

Review Articles

- Review of Nelson R. Morales, *Poor and Rich in James: A Relevance Theory Approach to James’s Use of the Old Testament*. *Review of Biblical Literature* (https://www.sblcentral.org/API/Reviews/12514_13947.pdf [subscription required]).
- “Review of Dale C. Allison, Jr. *Studies in Matthew*.” *JGRChJ* 5 (2008) R66–R71. <http://bit.ly/1p9I5CP>
- “Review of Karen Jobes’ *1 Peter* (BECNT).” *JGRChJ* 3 (2006) R26–R31. <http://bit.ly/1j278D8>
- “Review of BibleWorks 7.” *JGRChJ* 5 (2008) R101–R111. <http://bit.ly/bw7review>
- “Review of Dictionary of *Biblical Criticism and Interpretation*.” *JGRChJ* 5 (2008) R26–R29. <http://bit.ly/DBCIReview>
- “Review of Robert L. Plummer’s *Paul’s Understanding of the Church’s Mission*.” *JGRChJ* 5 (2008) R60–R65. <http://bit.ly/1kEsQI7>
- “Review of BibleWorks 8.” BibleWorks.com. <http://bit.ly/BW8Review>

Web Publications

- “BibleWorks 10: A Brief Review” (professional blog), Feb 12, 2016. <http://bit.ly/1TgzHmj>
- “10 Things I Wish Students Would Understand About Exegesis — #9 The Bible is Not a Western Book” (professional blog), Feb 26, 2015. <http://bit.ly/1MoT4rJ>
- “10 Things I Wish Students Would Understand About Exegesis — #10 There’s no Cookie-Cutter Approach or Single Checklist of To-Do’s” (professional blog), Feb 25, 2015. <http://bit.ly/1alzdrrz>
- “Reference Tracking: An Example” (professional blog), Feb 19, 2014. <http://bit.ly/1bKIs5l>.
- “Reference Tracking” (professional blog), Feb 15, 2014. <http://bit.ly/1jHzMoI>.
- “. . . the greatest of these is group attachment (ἀγάπη, *agape*) (1 Cor 13:13)” (professional blog), Jan 9, 2014. <http://bit.ly/1adcQoD>.
- “The (Re-)Aligning Power of Questions” (professional blog), Jan 8, 2014. <http://bit.ly/1deut6a>.
- “λαίλαψ μεγάλη άνέμου, γαλήνη μεγάλη, and φόβον μέγαν (Mark 4:37, 39, and 41)” (professional blog), Dec 16, 2013. <http://bit.ly/19SNJzG>.
- “A Few Thoughts on Jude 12–13.” (professional blog), Oct. 6, 2013. <http://bit.ly/1bojqZZ>.
- “Creating Diversity: Appraisal Theory and the account of King Herod and the Magi,” *Perspective Criticism* (blog), September 19. Accessed September 21, 2013. <http://bit.ly/16x3ISA>.

ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS & LECTURES

- “The (Academic) Writing Life.” Presentation at Honors Symposium, Oklahoma Christian University, Oklahoma City, OK. January 7, 2019.
- “The Linguistics of Social Identity (Re-)Formation in the New Testament.” Presentation at the Annual Meeting of the Institute for Biblical Research (Identity Formation in the New Testament research group) (concurrent with annual meeting of the SBL). November 16, 2018.
- “Defining Definers: An Exploration into the Functions of Attributive Adjectives in Koinē Greek.” Presentation at the Bingham Colloquium at McMaster Divinity College. June 14, 2018.
- “Pedagogy in Biblical Studies.” Guest interviewee in a meeting of the New Testament Guild, McMaster Divinity College (via Zoom). February 6, 2018.
- “‘Why Would Anyone Want to Do That?’ The Function of Questions in the Negotiation of Values.” Presentation at the Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature (Biblical Greek Language and Linguistics unit). November 18–21, 2017.
- “Evidence that Commands a Verdict: Determining the Semantics of Imperatives in New Testament Greek.” Presentation at the Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature (Biblical Greek Language and Linguistics unit). November 19–22, 2016.
- “Being Competent in Greek? Considerations for Scholars, Teachers, and Pastors.” Presentation at the Annual Meeting of the Evangelical Theological Society (Greek Language and Exegesis Session). November 17–19, 2015.
- “Online Human Touch: High and Low Tech Strategies to Personalize the Online Student Experience” (co-presenter with Dr. Kristen Betts [Drexel University], Dr. Karyn Holt [Drexel University], and Bucky Dodd [University of Central Oklahoma]). Presentation at the Online Learning Consortium International Conference (Faculty and Professional Development & Support track). October 16, 2015.
- “God Disciplines His Children (Heb. 12:1–12).” Guest lecture in Dr. Lynn McMillon’s “Hebrews” course. Oklahoma Christian University, Oklahoma City, OK. April 8, 2015.
- “Additional Examples of Faith (Heb. 11:20–40).” Guest lecture in Dr. Lynn McMillon’s “Hebrews” course. Oklahoma Christian University, Oklahoma City, OK. April 6, 2015.
- “‘Not Like Cain’: Marking Moral Boundaries through Vilification of the Other in 1 John 3:1–18.” Presentation at the Annual Conference of the SBL (Greek Language and Linguistics Section). November 22, 2014.
- “‘Prodding with Prosody’: Persuasion and Social Influence through the Lens of Appraisal Theory.” Presentation at the Annual Conference of the SBL (Greek Language and Linguistics Section). November 24, 2014.
- “Special Studies in the Gospel of John.” Guest lecture in Dr. Doug Peters’ “Advanced Homiletics” course. Oklahoma Christian University, Oklahoma City, OK. September 9, 2014.
- “Paradigms, Perspectives, Models, and Methods.” Guest lecture in Mr. Chris Rosser’s “Introduction to Graduate Biblical Studies” course. Oklahoma Christian University, Oklahoma City, OK. September 9, 2014.
- “Social-Scientific Criticism: How Cultural Anthropology Aids Biblical Interpretation.” Guest lecture in Dr. Robert Carpenter’s “Cultural Anthropology” course. Oklahoma Christian University, Oklahoma City, OK. January 23, 2014.
- “Feedback: Tapping into the Teachable Moment.” Presentation at Faculty Luncheon. Oklahoma Christian University, Oklahoma City, OK. January 22, 2014.
- “Paradigms, Perspectives, Models, and Methods in Biblical and Theological Studies.” Guest lecture in Mr. Chris Rosser’s “Introduction to Graduate Biblical Studies” course. Oklahoma Christian University, Oklahoma City, OK. January, 21, 2014.
- “SAMR: It’s Time to Level Up.” Presentation at Faculty Luncheon. Oklahoma Christian University, Oklahoma City, OK. October 9, 2013.
- “‘Not Like Cain’: Marking Moral Boundaries through Vilification of the Other in 1 John 3:1–18.” Presentation at the 2013 Christian Scholars Conference. Lipscomb University, Nashville, TN. June, 8, 2013.
- “Resistance is Futile: The Impact of Convergence and Futurism on Learning” (with Dr. David Lowry). Presentation at the 2013 Heartland eLearning Conference. University of Central Oklahoma, Edmond, OK. February 26, 2013.
- “Attitude Adjustment.” Chapel speech at Oklahoma Christian University, Edmond, OK. January 31, 2013.
- “Social-Scientific Criticism: How Cultural Anthropology Aids Biblical Interpretation.” Guest lecture in Dr. Robert Carpenter’s “Cultural Anthropology” course. Oklahoma Christian University, Oklahoma City, OK. January 24, 2013.

- “Paradigms, Perspectives, Models, and Methods in Biblical and Theological Studies.” Guest lecture in Mr. Chris Rosser’s “Introduction to Graduate Biblical Studies” course. Oklahoma Christian University, Oklahoma City, OK. January, 22, 2013.
- “Convergence.” Panel participant for Honors Symposium. Oklahoma Christian University, Oklahoma City, OK. October 29, 2012.
- “Social-Scientific Criticism.” Guest lecture in Dr. John Harrison’s “Hermeneutics” course. Oklahoma Christian University, Oklahoma City, OK. April 18, 2012.
- “On Preparing to Publish in Biblical and Theological Studies.” Presentation for Oklahoma Christian University’s Graduate School of Theology. Oklahoma Christian University, Oklahoma City, OK. March 27, 2012.
- “Cultural Anthropology and Biblical Exegesis.” Guest lecture in Dr. Bob Carpenter’s “Cultural Anthropology” course. Oklahoma Christian University, Oklahoma City, OK. February 2, 2012.
- “Paradigms, Perspectives, Models, and Methods.” Guest lecture in Mr. Chris Rosser’s “Introduction to Graduate Biblical Studies” course. Oklahoma Christian University, Oklahoma City, OK. September 3, 2011.
- “1 Corinthians.” Guest lecture in Mr. Ben Langford’s “Story of the New Testament” course. Oklahoma Christian University, Oklahoma City, OK. March 7, 2011.
- “Cultural Anthropology and Biblical Interpretation: Evil Eye Reference in Galatians as a Test Case.” Guest lecture in Dr. Bob Carpenter’s “Cultural Anthropology” course. Oklahoma Christian University, Oklahoma City, OK. Feb. 17, 2011.
- “Asking the Right Questions.” Online presentation for the North Institute for Teaching and Learning at Oklahoma Christian University, Oklahoma City, OK. 08-May-2010. <http://ni.oc.edu/design-of-good-questions/>
- “Online & Hybrid Teaching & Learning.” Online presentation for the North Institute for Teaching and Learning at Oklahoma Christian University, Oklahoma City, OK. 06-Aug-2009.
- “Social-Scientific Criticism.” Guest lecture in Dr. Bob Carpenter’s “Cultural Anthropology” course. Oklahoma Christian University, Oklahoma City, OK. Mar. 2, 2009.
- “Social-Scientific Criticism.” Guest lecture in Dr. John Harrison’s “Advanced Exegesis” course. Oklahoma Christian University, Oklahoma City, OK. Feb., 6, 2009.
- “Persuasion or Manipulation? A Sociolinguistic Discourse Analysis of Philemon.” Annual Meeting of the SBL, Boston, MA, Nov. 22, 2008.
- “Using BibleWorks 7 for Exegesis.” Dr. Cynthia Long Westfall’s “Greek Exegesis (1 Corinthians)” course. McMaster Divinity College, Hamilton, ON. Feb. 08, 2008.
- “Using OpenText.org: An Overview of the Model and the Tool.” Dr. Cynthia Long Westfall’s “Greek Exegesis (1 Corinthians)” course. McMaster Divinity College, Hamilton, ON. Jan. 17, 2008.
- “Thematization, Topic, and Information Flow.” Annual meeting of the SBL, Washington DC, Nov. 2006.
- “Thematization, Topic, and Information Flow.” Theological Research Seminar, McMaster Divinity College, Nov. 2006.
- “Tell Us What You Really Think, Paul! An Analysis of 1 Cor 2 Using Martin’s Appraisal System.” Theological Research Seminar, McMaster Divinity College, Oct. 16, 2007.
- “The Tenor of Toughness: Measuring Persuasiveness through Analyzing Negotiation and Evaluation in Discourse.” Annual Symposium of the Linguistics Institute of Ancient and Biblical Greek, Hamilton ON, Aug. 2007.
- “Luke-Acts.” Guest lecture in Dr. Cynthia Long Westfall’s “New Testament Literature and History” course. McMaster Divinity College, Hamilton, ON. Oct. 4, 2007.
- “Middle Voice.” Guest lecture in Lois (Fuller) Dow’s “Beginning Greek” course. McMaster Divinity College, Hamilton, ON. Nov 22, 2005.
- “Contract Verbs.” Guest lecture in Lois (Fuller) Dow’s “Beginning Greek” course. McMaster Divinity College, Hamilton, ON. Nov 17, 2005.
- “Bible Software.” Oklahoma Christian University Lectureship, Oklahoma Christian University, January 2004.
- “Internet Evangelism.” Oklahoma Christian University Lectureship, Oklahoma Christian University, January 2004.
- “PowerPoint.” Oklahoma Christian University Lectureship, Oklahoma Christian University, January 2004.
- “Using Technology to Create and Enhance Collaborative Learning.” CCCU Conference on Technology, Union University, Jackson, TN, May 2003.
- “Advanced PowerPoint.” Oklahoma Christian University Lectureship, Oklahoma Christian University, January 2003.

- “Bible Research by Computer.” Oklahoma Christian University Lectureship, Oklahoma Christian University, January 2003.
- “Choosing Bible Software.” Oklahoma Christian University Lectureship, Oklahoma Christian University, January 2003.
- “Internet Evangelism.” Oklahoma Christian University Lectureship, Oklahoma Christian University, January 2003.
- “Using Technology to Create and Enhance Cooperative Learning.” Ed-Media: World Conference on Educational Multimedia, Hypermedia & Telecommunications, Denver, CO, June 2002 (with Karen Buchanan).
- “Integration of Pedagogy and Technology.” CCCU Conference on Technology, Abilene Christian Univ., May 2002.

SERVICE TO THE CHURCH

Leadership

Elder. The Springs Church of Christ, Oklahoma City, OK (January 1, 2017 – January 1, 2020).

Preaching

- “Why should we go?” (for Missions Month) The Springs Church of Christ, Edmond, OK. February 13, 2022.
- “Hearing the Voice of God More Clearly.” Heartland Church of Christ, Perry, IA. August 4, 2019.
- “The Spirit Filled Life: Contextualizing the Fruit of the Spirit in Gal. 5.” The Springs Church of Christ, Edmond, OK. May 5, 2019.
- “Oriented?” (Psalm 14). Heartland Church of Christ, Perry, IA. October 21, 2018.
- “Oriented?” (Psalm 14). The Springs Church of Christ, Oklahoma City, OK. July 22, 2018.
- “That Awkward Moment When Your Slave Becomes Your Brother” (Philemon). Heartland Church of Christ, Perry, IA. May 21, 2017.
- “Committed to God, Committed to Others” (Mark 12:2–34). Heartland Church of Christ, Perry, IA. June 28, 2015.
- “Be Patient and Endure” (James 5:7–11). Heartland Church of Christ, Perry, IA. June 1, 2014.
- “Transformed! Or, What Life (Should) Look Like for the People of God” (Rom 12:1–21). Quail Springs Church of Christ, Oklahoma City, OK. Feb 9, 2014.
- “Who? From Where?” Reversal Theme in Matthew’s Messianic Apologetic” (Matt. 1:18—2:23). Heartland Church of Christ, Perry, IA. Dec 22, 2013.
- “When Faith Comes to Town: Behavior Matters” (1 Thess 5:12–28). Quail Springs Church of Christ, Oklahoma City, OK. Aug. 11, 2013.
- “See a Need, Fill a Need” (Matt 25:31–46). Heartland Church of Christ, Perry, IA. June 21, 2013.
- “See a Need, Fill a Need” (Matt 25:31–46). Quail Springs Church of Christ, Oklahoma City, OK. May 19, 2013.
- “Becoming Israel or ‘Formed by an Assault from God’” (Gen 32:22–32). Quail Springs Church of Christ, Oklahoma City, OK. Sep 23, 2102.
- “True Wisdom” (James 3:13–14). Heartland Church of Christ, Perry, IA. Aug 12, 2012.
- “Right-Side-Up: Being a Mature Jesus Follower” (1 Cor 2–3).” SouthBrooke Church of Christ, Tulsa, OK. Sep 11, 2011.
- “‘Turning the World Right Side Up’: The Wedding Feast” (Luke 14:7–14). Quail Springs Church of Christ, Oklahoma City, OK. June 5, 2011.
- “Scandal in Nazareth” (Mark 6:1–6). Heartland Church of Christ, Perry, IA. Oct 24, 2010.

Teaching

- “A Biblical-Theological Foundation for Generosity and Giving.” Gemeente van Christus, Antwerp, Belgium. Fall 2021 (forthcoming).
- “Mark 6” for Bible & Friends podcast. Recorded November 10, 2020 (release forthcoming).
- “The Makarisms/Beatitudes.” The Springs Church of Christ, Oklahoma City, OK. October 17, 2021.
- “Honor and Shame in the Intertestamental Period.” The Springs Church of Christ, Oklahoma City, OK. March 8, 2020.
- “The Social World of the New Testament” (co-taught with Ryan Stephenson). The Springs Church of Christ, Oklahoma City, OK. October 7–November 25, 2018.
- “Family Matters: The (Basic) Ethos of Kinship in the Biblical World. The Springs Church of Christ, Oklahoma City, OK. July 1, 2018.
- “Reading for Values.” The Springs Church of Christ, Oklahoma City, OK. November 5, 12, and 26, 2017.

“Worthy of the Lord”: The Message of Colossians. Fall Conference. Gemünden, Germany. October 9–13, 2017.

“Worthy of the Lord”: The Meaning of Colossians (in a Nutshell). Choctaw Church of Christ, Choctaw, OK. September 13, 2017.

“Mark 6:1–6a.” Mayfair Church of Christ, Oklahoma City, OK. May 3, 2017.

“Matthew 16:13–24.” Mayfair Church of Christ, Oklahoma City, OK. March 29, 2017.

“Diaspora Identity in the 2nd Temple Period: The Social and Rhetorical Function of Diaspora Identity in the Letter of James.” Mayfair Church of Christ, Oklahoma City, OK. February 8, 2017.

“Colossians.” The Springs Church of Christ, Oklahoma City, OK. January – February, 2017.

“Don’t Judge a Book by Its Cover: The Subversion of Character Judgments Based on Physiognomy in Acts 3:1–26.” Mayfair Church of Christ, Oklahoma City, OK. September 28, 2016.

“1 Thessalonians.” The Springs Church of Christ, Oklahoma City, OK. March – May, 2016.

“The Message of James.” Westminster Presbyterian Church, Oklahoma City, OK. February 28, 2016.

“2 Timothy.” The Springs Church of Christ, Oklahoma City, OK. January – March, 2016.

“1 Corinthians 1–4.” South Yukon Church of Christ, Yukon, OK. August 2015 (Wed. PM).

“Biblical Words and Their Meanings: Grace (Part 2).” Del City Church of Christ, Del City, OK. December 14, 2014.

“Biblical Words and Their Meanings: Grace (Part 1).” Del City Church of Christ, Del City, OK. December 7, 2014.

1 Corinthians 1–4. Quail Springs Church of Christ, Oklahoma City, OK. June 8, 15, and 22, 2014.

James 5:7–12 (with Dr. John Harrison). Memorial Road Church of Christ, Oklahoma City, OK. May 19, 2014.

1 Corinthians 14:34–35. Quail Springs Church of Christ, Oklahoma City, OK. Apr. 23, 2014.

“The Wheat and the Weeds” (Matt 13:24–30). Heartland Church of Christ, Perry, IA. June 21, 2012.

1 Corinthians 11:2–16. Quail Springs Church of Christ, Oklahoma City, OK. Apr 16, 2014.

“What Does That Even Mean!?! Principles of Biblical Interpretation.” Quail Springs Church of Christ, Oklahoma City, OK. Fall Quarter, 2012.

“Apocalyptic Literature and the Book of Daniel.” Quail Springs Church of Christ, Oklahoma City, OK. January 2011.

“Prepared to Teach: A Framework for Bible Study Preparation” (Training Adult Sunday School Teachers). Ridgecrest Church of Christ, Midwest City, OK. Oct 16, 2010.

“The Language of Obligation.” Quail Springs Church of Christ, Oklahoma City, OK. June 20, 2010.

“The Language of Separation.” Quail Springs Church of Christ, Oklahoma City, OK. June 13, 2010.

“The Language of Belonging.” Quail Springs Church of Christ, Oklahoma City, OK. June 6, 2010

“Final Reforms” (Ezra and Nehemiah). Heartland Church of Christ, Perry, IA. Dec 27, 2009.

Study Notes and Curriculum on the Epistle of James. Quail Springs Church of Christ, Oklahoma City, OK. Summer Quarter, 2004.

“The Case for Christ” (four week series). Quail Springs Church of Christ, Oklahoma City, OK. Winter Quarter, 2004.

“The Jesus Touch” (three week series). Quail Springs Church of Christ, Oklahoma City, OK. Fall Quarter, 2003.

“Melchizedek.” Quail Springs Church of Christ, Oklahoma City, OK. Summer Quarter, 2003.

Other Ministries & Committees

Adult Spiritual Formation (Education) committee (Quail Springs Church of Christ)

Connections Group Co-Leader (2002–2004)

Connections Group Co-Leader (2008–present)

Let’s Start Talking Friends Camp in Belgium and in Croatia (June 2003).

Let’s Start Talking Mission in Hildesheim, Germany (May 2015)

AWARDS AND GRANTS

Rowe Distinguished Scholar Award from Oklahoma Christian University. August 2020.

Faculty Development Grant (\$15,000) from the Association of Theological Schools. June 2017.

COMMITTEES SERVED

Centennial High School, Oklahoma City

- Advisory Board Member for Oklahoma Centennial Academy of Information Technology (2012–2013)

Educause

- Session Proposal Reviewer (2015)

Oklahoma Christian University, Oklahoma City

- Academic Affairs Subcommittee on Assessment (2016–2019)
- Academic Computing Committee (2002–2004 (chairperson))
- “alt.OC” Task Force (2014–2015 (chairperson))
- Benefits Committee (2003–2004)
- Bridge Program committee (2013–2015)
- BYOD Transition Team (2013–2015) (co-chair)
- College of Biblical Studies Committees and Task Forces
 - General Education Program Review/Assessment – Curator of Assessment Data Pertaining to Matthew: Christian Scholar Course (2013–15)
 - General Education Bible Program Goals and Objectives Task Force (Spring 2015)
- Deans’ Council (2013–2015)
- Graduate Council (2011–2012; 2015–present)
- Institutional Review Board (2015–2020)
- Teaching and Learning (2013–present)
- Technology and Learning (2011–2015) (chairperson 2012–2013)
- Oversight Committee for Development of Masters in Non-Profit Leadership (Oct. 2015)

Society of Biblical Literature Greek Language and Linguistics Section

- Advisory Board (2011–2013)
- Steering Committee (Dec 2013–present) (co-chair 2018–present)

Society of Biblical Literature Global Education and Research Technology Unit

- Advisory Board (2012–2013)

LANGUAGES

English – native language
 Biblical Greek – reading/research proficiency
 Biblical Hebrew – reading/research proficiency
 Spanish – reading proficiency
 French – research proficiency
 German – research proficiency

CERTIFICATIONS & RECOGNITIONS

Apple iWork and iLife apps (Mac OS and iOS) for Education. Certificate authority: Apple, Inc. (Apple Academy).

Evernote Community Leader. Certificate authority: Evernote Corporation.

Online Teaching Certification with emphasis in online learners. Certificate authority: Online Learning Consortium (formerly SLOAN-C)

2019–2020 Rowe Distinguished Scholar Award. Conferred by Oklahoma Christian University.

COMPUTER SKILLS

End-user software: Blackboard/WebCT CMS; Microsoft Windows (any version); Mac OS X; Android; iOS; Microsoft Office Professional Suite (Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Access, Outlook) (any version); BibleWorks 5–10; Adobe Acrobat; Windows 2000 Server; Windows 2003 Server

Programming Languages: Visual Basic (VB), Visual Basic for Applications (VBA), VB Script, VB.NET, C#, Active Server Pages (ASP), ASP.NET, ADO.NET, XML, XSLT, XPath, XQuery, SQL, JavaScript

Hardware & networking skills: PC hardware upgrade/repair; private/home networking (wired/wireless)

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Association of Christian Distance Education (ACCESSEd).

Association for the Advancement of Computing in Education (AACE)

Context Group (a group that practices and promotes Social-Scientific Criticism of the Bible)

Evangelical Theological Society (ETS)

Institute for Biblical Research (IBR)

International Society for Technology in Education (ISTE)

International Systemic Functional Linguistics Association (ISFLA)

Sloan Consortium (SLOAN-C)

Society of Biblical Literature (SBL)