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EDUCATION:

Baylor University, Ph.D. in Biblical Studies, 2005

- Dissertation topic: “Reading the Pauline Metaphor of Adoption in Romans as Authorial Audience” (Advisors: Dr. Charles Talbert; Dr. Sharyn Dowd)
- Earned the only full scholarship grant and non-work stipend that the Baylor program offers

Duke University, Th.M in New Testament, 1994-96 (4.0 GPA)

- Thesis: “John and the Synoptics: A Comparative Study of the Passion Narratives” (Advisor: Dr. D. Moody Smith)
- GPA: 4.0

Oral Roberts University, M.A. in Biblical Literature, 1989-94 (3.96 GPA)

- Thesis Topic: “The Pauline Metaphors for the Church in 1 Corinthians.”
- Earned degree as modular student while serving in full time ministry.

Ouachita Baptist University/Southern Baptist College, B.A. in Theology, 1984-87 (3.8 GPA)

Jonesboro High School, Jonesboro AR, 1984

TEACHING EXPERIENCE AND SERVICE:

Full Professor of Biblical Literature and Practical Theology, Graduate School of Theology and Ministry, Oral Roberts University, 2011- Present

- Teach courses in the Graduate School and Undergraduate Department of Theology and Ministry in both the residential and modular formats.
- Winner of the ORU President’s Scholar Award (2016)
- Voted Professor of the Year (2015)
- Granted Tenure (2015)
- Nominated for the Scholar of the Year by the College of Theology and Ministry (2015-2016)
- Nominated for the Scholar of the Year by the College of Theology and Ministry (2012-2013)
- Nominated for the Scholar of the Year by the College of Theology and Ministry (2011-2012)

Chair of the UG Dept of the College of Theology and Ministry (2006-2012)

- As Chair of Theology, my responsibilities included:
 - Responsible for all programs in department of Theology
 - Responsible for preparing and supervising the Budget
 - Oversaw personnel and secures faculty and staff
 - Oversaw faculty loads
 - Oversaw faculty and departmental development
 - Oversaw all assessment and development of curriculum
 - Lead the Faculty Assembly
 - Oversaw all committees within the department
 - Supervised organization and strategic planning for growth and retention
 - Supervised degree plans for all majors and minors
 - Oversaw student advisement
 - Supervised all things related to the Department of Theology in the College of Theology and Ministry.

Associate Professor of Biblical Literature and Practical Theology, Graduate School of Theology and Ministry, Oral Roberts University, 2007- 2011

- Served as Chair of the UG Dept of the College of Theology and Missions
- Taught courses in the Graduate School and Undergraduate Department of Theology and Ministry in both the residential and modular formats.

Assistant Professor of Biblical Literature and Practical Theology, Oral Roberts University, 2001-2006

- Elected Professor of the Year (2001-2002; 2004-2005; 2005-2006; won all three years I was eligible for the award)
- Honored with the Dean's award for "Outstanding Innovation in the Classroom," 2006
- Served in the area of Biblical Studies. Courses taught included: Johannine Literature; Advanced Studies in Paul; Revelation and Eschatology; Pauline Epistles; Pentateuch; Old Testament for Theology majors; New Testament for Theology majors; Old Testament Survey for non-Theology majors.
- Advised and taught also in the area of Practical Theology. Serve as adviser of majors in Local Church Pastor and Ministry. Teach Advanced Sermon Prep and Preaching.
- Gave charge to the graduates, Undergraduate Theology Hooding Service, ORU, 2001, 2006.

Teaching Staff, Baylor University, 2000-01

- Served as teacher of record of "New Testament Survey" (250 students)
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- Lectured weekly to four sections of students
- Administered and graded all exams and assignments for four sections

PUBLICATIONS (Monographs, Journal Articles, and Reference Entries):

- *Reading the Pauline Metaphor of Adoption in Romans as Authorial Audience*, UMI Dissertation Series (2005).
- “A History of Influence: The Charismatic Movement and the SBC” *Criswell Theological Review* 4 (2006): 15-30.
- *Understanding “His-Story” in History: An Exegetical Introduction to Reading the Biblical Text as Intended Audience*, ORU (2006).
- *Paul, His Roman Audience, and the Adopted People of God*, Edwin Melon Publishing (2008)
- *Lecture Guide for the Study of the New Testament*, ORU (2010).
- “The Litmus Test of God’s Children: Solving a Johannine Contradiction by Rereading 1 John 3:9-10 in Light of an Epexegetical Rendering of KAF” *Pax Pneuma* 6 (Spring 2012): 31-41.
- “Measuring Spiritual Maturity” *Journal of the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning for Christians in Higher Education* 6 (April 2013): 18-28.
- *Lecture Guide for the Introduction of Biblical Literature*, ORU (2013).
- “The Love of God: An Interdisciplinary Approach to Developing and Measuring Spiritual Maturity Based on a Johannine Love Ethic.” In *But These are Written*. Edited by Craig S. Keener et al. Pickwick Pub., (2014).
- Served as the Editor-in-Chief of the New Testament for *The Modern English Version (MEV)*. Passio Press (2014/2015).
 - Won the National Critics’ Choice Award for the Bestselling New Bible Translation of the Year (2015/2016).
 - Served as General Editor of the Pauline Corpus for *The Modern English Version*.
 - Served as the Editor of the Greek Translation of *1 Peter, 2 Peter, and Jude* for *The Modern English Version*.
- Published works based on the MEV translation of which I was Chief NT Editor:
 - *SpiritLed Promises for Every Day and Every Need: Insights from Scripture from the New Modern English Version*, Charisma House Publishers (2014).
 - *SpiritLed Promises for Hope and Assurance: Insights from Scripture from the New Modern English Version* Charisma House Publishers (2014).
 - *SpiritLed Promises for Spiritual Warfare: Special Selections from the (Modern English Version) MEV Bible*, (2014).
- “Logia” in *Lexham Bible Dictionary*. Edited by John D. Barry. Lexham Press, 2014.
- “Needle’s Eye” in *Lexham Bible Dictionary*. Edited by John D. Barry. Lexham Press, 2014.
- “Star” in *Lexham Bible Dictionary*. Edited by John D. Barry. Lexham Press, 2014.
- “Stable” in *Lexham Bible Dictionary*. Edited by John D. Barry. Lexham Press, 2014.
- “Holy Spirit as Teacher” in *Encyclopedia of Christian Education*. Rowman & Littlefield Publishers (2015).
- “Professors/Faculty” in *Encyclopedia of Christian Education*. Rowman & Littlefield Publishers (2015).
- “Research” in *Encyclopedia of Christian Education*. Rowman & Littlefield Publishers (2015).
- “Seminary Curricula” in *Encyclopedia of Christian Education*. Rowman & Littlefield Publishers (2015).

- *Studying the Old Testament*, Oral Roberts University (2016; fourth edition)
- *Studying the New Testament*, Oral Roberts University (2016; third edition)

BOOK REVIEWS:

- *Spiritual Exercises Based on Paul's Epistle to the Romans* by Joseph A. Fitzmyer, *Reading Romans: A Literary and Theological Commentary* by Luke Timothy Johnson, *Pauline Theology* by E. Earle Ellis. *Perspectives in Religious Studies* 25 (1998): 404-407.
- *The Bible from the Ground Up: An Introduction* by Sandra Richter and Ben Witherington. Oxford University Press, 2012.
- *The Bible from the Ground Up: An Introduction* by Sandra Richter and Ben Witherington. Oxford University Press, 2015. [This is a second review in which I was specifically requested to participate by Oxford Press].
- *An Invitation to the New Testament* by Ben Witherington. Oxford University Press, 2012.
- *An Invitation to the New Testament 2nd Edition* by Ben Witherington. Oxford University Press, 2015.

PRESENTATIONS:

- Watson, A. L., Watson, E. W., & Fuqua, D. R. (2013, August). *Empirical support for a new measure of Christian spiritual maturity*. Presentation to the American Psychological Association, Honolulu, HI.
- Bible Translation Seminars associated with the MEV Bible Translation (Exploring Oklahoma Radio Interview, Charisma Video Interview, Tulsa Rotary Club, Asbury United Methodist Church)

PROJECTS IN PROCESS

- "Investigating Possible and Probable Corinthian Assertions, Slogans, and Claims Refuted by Paul in 1 Corinthians and the Interpretative Challenges they Cause."
- *Pentecostalism and Bible Translation* (chapter for a book already agreed to write)
- *Characteristics of Discipleship found in the Characters of the Fourth Gospel*
- *Reading and Preaching the Johannine Epistles* (in discussions)
- *The Spirit of Adoption* (currently writing manuscript)

AWARDS

- Best-Selling Author Award and Commendation by Military Bible Association (2016)
- Winner of the ORU President's Scholar Award (2016)
- Commendation by Operation Freedom for the Modern English Version (2016)
- Elected Professor of the Year (2001-2002; 2004-2005; 2005-2006; 2014-2015)
- Nominated for the Scholar of the Year by the College of Theology and Ministry (2010-2011, 2011-2012, 2015-2016)
- Granted Tenure (2015)
- Honored with the Dean's award for "Outstanding Innovation in the Classroom" (2006)

PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES:

- *Society of Biblical Literature*
- *Evangelical Theological Society*
- *Society of Pentecostal Studies*
- Executive Committee Member of the *Modern English Bible Translation* (MEV)

COMMITTEES ON WHICH I SERVE AT ORU

- *Academic Council Representative*
- *PhD Committee—Chair*
- *Faculty Grievance—Chair*
- *Modular Committee*
- *Spiritual Oversight Committee*
- *Graduate Curriculum Committee*
- *University Standards and Evaluation Committee*
- *Standardization Committee*
- *Faculty Governance Task Force*
- *ORU Singapore Task Force*
- *Online Journal Exploratory Committee*

MINISTRY EXPERIENCE:

- *Licensed*, November 7, 1984
- *Ordained*, October 12, 1986

Pastor of Family Ministries, Melodyland Christian Center in Anaheim, CA, 1992-94

- Oversaw special ministries for families
- Preached and taught on a weekly basis
- Supervised ministry to children with 40+ staff members

- Organized and oversaw ministry to college aged church members
- Oversaw ministry to youth with five staff members
- Conducted winter and summer camps for teenagers and college students from California and Canada
- Served in various administrative capacities

Co-pastor (church plant) Family Church in Bryant, AR, 1990-92

- Served as pastor, teacher, and administrator
- Created ministries and trained, guided, and oversaw leaders for children's, youth, college, adult, and singles' ministries
- Preached and taught on a weekly basis
- Served in various administrative and pastoral roles
- Organized and led summer camps for teenagers/college students from Arkansas, Texas, Louisiana, Indiana, Alabama, Mississippi, and Tennessee

Associate Pastor, Eastview Christian Fellowship, Indianapolis, IN, 1989-90.

- Created ministries and trained, guided, and oversaw leaders for children's, youth, and adult ministries
- Preached and taught on a weekly basis
- Served in various administrative capacities

Associate Minister, Trinity Church, Jonesboro, AR, 1985-89

- Oversaw education and ministry to teenagers
- Performed various pastoral duties

Member of the Christian Band and Revival Team, Shema, 1984-85

- Toured, performed, and preached at various church functions out of Ouachita Baptist University
- Preached revivals throughout Arkansas in 1984-1985

References available upon request