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EDUCATION

- 2013 University of Manchester (Nazarene Theo. College) Manchester, UK**
- Ph.D. in Biblical Studies
 - Thesis title: *Communal Participation in the Spirit: The Corinthian Correspondence in Light of early Jewish Mysticism in the Dead Sea Scrolls*
- 2009 University of Manchester (Nazarene Theo. College) Manchester, UK**
- Master of Arts in Theology *with distinction*
 - Thesis title: *The Motif of Impurity in Mark 5:1-20*
- 2003 Oral Roberts University Tulsa, OK**
- Master of Divinity *with high honors*
- 1999 Truman State University Kirksville, MO**
- Bachelor of Arts in History, *summa cum laude*, Minor: Philosophy & Religion
- Additional attendance at:**
- 2008, Nazarene Bible College, Colorado Springs, CO (2 credit hours)
 - 2008, Tulsa Community College (3 credit hours)
 - 2001, Jerusalem University College, Jerusalem, Israel (4 credit hours)

TEACHING/WORK EXPERIENCE

- 2018 Oral Roberts University Tulsa, OK**
Associate Professor of Biblical and Theological Studies
Senior Paper (undergraduate)
Seminar in Theological Research (undergraduate)
Old Testament Historical Books (undergraduate)
Luke-Acts (designed online course) (undergraduate)
- 2017 University of Tulsa Tulsa, OK**
Adjunct
Introduction to the Hebrew Bible (undergraduate)
- 2016-2017 Oral Roberts University Tulsa, OK**
Adjunct
Contemporary Theology (undergraduate)
Discipleship and Small Groups (undergraduate)
Introduction to Theology (undergraduate)
Church Administration (undergraduate)
Survey of New Testament Literature (online undergraduate)
Ethics (undergraduate)
Intertestamental Literature (designed online course) (undergraduate)
Parables—Kingdom Seen, Kingdom Come (designed online course) (undergraduate)
Historical Geography of the Holy Land (designed online course) (undergraduate)

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Pauline Epistles (undergraduate)
Teaching the Bible (undergraduate)

2015-2017 Southwestern Christian University Broken Arrow, OK
Adjunct

Systematic Theology I (masters)
Pastoral Epistles (undergraduate)
Hermeneutics (undergraduate)
The Life and Leadership of David (undergraduate)
Romans (undergraduate)
Wisdom Literature (undergraduate)
Effective Learning Strategies (undergraduate)
Christian Professional Ethics (undergraduate)

2014-2017 Oklahoma Wesleyan University Tulsa, OK
Adjunct, Adult Education

The Interpretation of Scripture online and on-campus (masters)
The Doctrine of the Atonement online (masters)
Pastoral Care online and on-campus (undergraduate) (designed course)
Inductive Bible Study Romans online and on-campus (undergraduate)
Christian Worldview & Apologetics online (undergraduate)
New Testament Survey online (undergraduate)

2014 European Nazarene College Büsingen, Germany
Visiting Faculty, Biblical Studies
Pauline Literature (undergraduate)

2014 Nazarene Theological Seminary Kansas City, MO
Teaching Assistant, Biblical Studies
Co-taught *Holiness in the Gospels* (masters)

2010-2013 Nazarene Theological College Manchester, UK
Visiting Lecturer, Biblical Studies
Introduction to Biblical Languages Greek & Hebrew (undergraduate)
Christian Holiness in Biblical Perspective (masters)
Christian Holiness in Pauline Perspective (masters)
Guest Lecturer for Seminar 4 “Apocalypse—1 Enoch, 4 Ezra, Additions to Daniel” of
Contextualizing Scripture (masters)
Postgraduate Assistant for Biblical Studies Department
Team taught: *Studies in Corinthian Correspondence*; *Studies in Matthew/Mark*.
Research supervision at undergraduate and postgraduate levels.
First and second marker for *The Story of God: Introduction to Biblical Theology*,
Introduction to Biblical Studies, *Biblical Backgrounds* and comprehensive exams.
Contextualising Scripture (course design) (masters)
Postgraduate Assistant to a Pastoral Care Group
Pastoral and academic care of a group of students. Lead chapel service each term.
Manchester Wesley Research Centre Junior Fellowship, Postgraduate Assistant
General administration of MWRC Library; publicity and marketing of MWRC.
Design & Publicity
Design of NTC publications, prospectus, promotional materials, student guides and more.
Work with publicity team and committee on marketing strategies and recruitment for NTC.

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2000-02 Oral Roberts University

Tulsa, OK

Graduate Teacher Assistant, 2000-02

For *Survey of Old Testament Literature* and *Survey of New Testament Literature* (undergraduate)

Graduate Research Assistant, 2000

Research assistant to Dr. David Dorries, Church History Professor

1996-99 Truman State University

Kirksville, MO

Peer Academic Counselor, 1996-97

Tutor in social sciences; residential living program assistant.

Student Assistant, 1998-99

Secretarial work in Division of Social Sciences office; tutor in American History.

MINISTRY EXPERIENCE

2014-2017 Core Church of the Nazarene

Broken Arrow, OK

Advisory Board Member

- Prayer ministry; Small group leader

2009-2013 Vinelife Church, Manchester

Manchester, UK

Volunteer

- Life Group Leader; Street Outreach to homeless; Barnabas Soup Kitchen; taught university student Bible study; led Alpha small group; Sound Team member; participant in community outreach projects; occasional preaching.

2002-08 Family Church of the Nazarene

Tulsa/Broken Arrow, OK

Office Manager/Youth Ministry Administrator

- Oversaw all aspects of the church office, including phone system, computers, scheduling, databases, church publications, mailings, weekly bulletins, newsletters, mass emails, Phone Tree, office volunteers, building maintenance, filing, and organization.
- Youth Ministry Administrator: worked with youth pastor, creative sessions, strategic planning, curriculum development, logos, website updates, publications, mailings, special youth events, mission trips, camps, worship, and retreats. Taught, preached, led worship, and led youth small groups.
- Led young adult/college student small group.
- Audio/visual team member.
- Nazarene Minister's License (Northeast Oklahoma District) 2007, 2008.

2001-02 John 3:16 Mission

Tulsa, OK

Intern for Men's Homeless Shelter

- Taught *Anger Management*; worked with counselor for the Men's Recovery Program and Men's Night Shelter.

CONFERENCE/SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS

"Sanctified but not Saved: Paul's Contagious Marital Holiness in 1 Cor 7:14," Society for Pentecostal Studies and Wesleyan Theological Society, Cleveland, TN, 10 March 2018

"Piety and Sacrament: John Wesley and the Practice of Spiritual Disciplines," V17 Values Conference, Florissant, MO, 20 May 2017. [[website](#)]

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- “What would Paul say? ‘Present your bodies as living sacrifices or as a living sacrifice;’ and why should we care? A close read of Romans 12:1-2,” Wesleyan Theological Society, Asbury Theological Seminary, 3-4 March, 2017
- “Don’t Dis the *RUAH*: Jewish Mysticism’s Disregard of *RUAH*’s Theophanic Agency in Ezekiel,” Society of Biblical Literature, San Antonio, Texas, November 2016. [[website](#)]
- “Communal Edification: Paul’s *Unprofitable*? Heavenly Ascent Reconsidered,” Nazarene Theological Seminary Research Seminar, Kansas City, MO, 22 January 2014
- “Reading 2 Cor 3:18 Corporately: Beholding, Transformation, *and* Theosis?” Invited paper, One-Day Theology Conference, Nazarene Theological College, Manchester, UK, 15 June 2013[[website](#)]
- “‘Because of the Angels’: Revisiting Paul’s temple metaphor through the *Songs of the Sabbath Sacrifice*,” Ehrhardt Seminar, University of Manchester, UK, 28 April 2013 [[website](#)]
- “Beholding with One Face: a Communal Reading of 2 Cor 3:18 in light of the Dead Sea Scrolls,” Durham, Manchester, Sheffield Postgraduate Conference, (University of Durham), Durham, UK, 21 March 2013
- “Temple Communities and Communion in Temples: Insights into Paul’s temple metaphor through an angelic liturgy,” Durham, Manchester, Sheffield Postgraduate Conference, (University of Sheffield), Sheffield, UK, 23 April 2012
- “‘Because of the Angels’: Revisiting Paul’s temple metaphor through the *Songs of the Sabbath Sacrifice*,” Nazarene Theological College Postgraduate Research Seminar, Manchester, UK, 20 April 2012
- “The spirit of God in the *Hodayot* as the means of revelation, purification, transformation and union with the heavenly assembly,” Nazarene Theological College Postgraduate Research Seminar, Manchester, UK, 14 January 2011
- “The Role of the Spirit of God in the *Hodayot*,” Durham, Manchester, Sheffield Postgraduate Conference, (University of Manchester), Manchester, UK, 10 March 2011
- “*Ruach* and Mysticism in Ezekiel,” MWRC Colloquium, Manchester, UK, 17 June 2011[[website](#)]

PUBLICATIONS

- “Review of Gordon D. Fee, *Jesus the Lord according to Paul the Apostle: a concise introduction*,” *Spiritus: ORU Journal of Theology* 3.1 (2018): 132–135.
- “Review of Ben C. Blackwell, John K. Goodrich, and Jason Maston, eds., *Reading Romans in Context: Paul and Second Temple Judaism*,” *Wesleyan Theological Journal* 53.1 (Spring 2018): 192–193.
- “Scribe, Critical Issues,” in *The Lexham Bible Dictionary* (ed. John D. Barry and Lazarus Wentz; Bellingham, WA: Lexham Press, 2015).
- “Acrocorinth,” in *The Lexham Bible Dictionary* (ed. John D. Barry and Lazarus Wentz; Bellingham, WA: Lexham Press, 2015).
- “Review of Markus Bockmuehl, *Simon Peter in Scripture and Memory: The New Testament Apostle in the Early Church*,” *Evangelical Quarterly* 86.2 (April 2014): 179–180.
- “Southern Clerical View of Slavery in the Late Antebellum South.” In *The Apprentice Historian* 6 (1999).

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- Faculty Development Workshop: “A Recipe to Strengthen Focus, Working Memory and Sustaining Attention,” Oral Roberts University, 15 February 2018
- Faculty Development Workshop: 10 Ways to Manage Your Time, Oral Roberts University, 22 March 2017
- Faculty Development Workshop: Publish & Flourish: Become a Prolific Scholar, Oral Roberts University, 21 March 2017

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Faculty Development and Resources D2L Training, Oral Roberts University, 7 March – 3 April 2016

Fostering Curiosity in the Class Room, The Eighth Floor, 22 February 2016

A Higher Purpose for Higher Education, Oklahoma Wesleyan University, 30 January 2016

Online Faculty Training (Blackboard), Oklahoma Wesleyan University, 9-29 June 2014

Graduate Teaching Assistant Training, University of Manchester, 2 November 2011

Skills Awareness for Graduate Education (SAGE): Postgraduate Training (over 500 hours 2009-2013)

Participation in Conferences and Seminars:

- Society of Biblical Literature 2016
- Wesleyan Theological Society 2014, 2016, 2017, 2018
- British New Testament Conference 2010, 2011, 2012
- Durham, Manchester, Sheffield Postgraduate Conference 2011, 2012, 2013
- Ehrhardt Seminar (University of Manchester) 2008-2013
- The Centre for Jewish Studies Seminar; Sherman Lectures 2011
- Drysdale Lecture 2010, 2011; Sydney Martin Lecture 2009-2012
- NTC/University of Manchester One Day Theology Conference 2009-2013
- Didsbury Lectures 2008-2012
- NTC Postgraduate Research Seminars 2008-2013
- MWRC Postgraduate Colloquium 2010-2013
- MWRC annual Lecture 2009-2013
- Manchester-Lausanne Seminar 2011
- The University of Manchester Ancient Worlds Postgraduate Conference 2012

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

British New Testament Society (BNTS) 2010-2014

Manchester Wesley Research Centre (MWRC) Junior Research Fellow – Biblical Studies 2010-2013

Society of Biblical Literature (SBL) 2010-2017

Textbook & Academic Authors Association 2017

Wesleyan Theological Society 2014-2018

SELECTED HONOURS AND AWARDS

- The Innovation in Online Teaching Award, Oral Roberts University, 2018.
- The Manchester Wesley Research Centre Junior Fellowship, 2011, 2012, 2013
- Nazarene Theological College Prize for the Highest MA Achievement, 2009
- Didsbury Church Prize for Postgraduate Biblical Studies, 2009
- Church of the Nazarene Council of Education Scholarship, 2009-2010, 2012
- Outstanding Student in History Scholarship Award, 1999
- Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges 1999-2000, 2000-2001
- Phi Alpha Theta (history honors fraternity), Vice President 1999
- The Honors Society of Phi Kappa Phi, 1999-2000
- The National Dean's List, Truman State University Dean's List