

**EDWARD W. WATSON, PhD**

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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***

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

***Oral Roberts University, M.A. in Biblical Literature, 1989-94***

- 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***

- President of the New Student Council
- Won Leadership Scholarship
- Served on Student Senate

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE AND SERVICE:**

### **2011-Present**

- ***Senior Professor of Biblical Literature and Practical Theology, Graduate School of Theology and Ministry, Oral Roberts University,***
- Teach courses in the Graduate School and Undergraduate Department of Theology and Ministry in both the residential and modular formats.
- Oversee Projects in the DMin program.
- Winner of the ORU President's Scholar Award (2016)
- Voted Outstanding Faculty Member of the Year in the College of Theology and Ministry (2015)
- Granted Tenure (2015) and currently serve at the rank of Senior Professor.
- 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)

### **2006-2012**

- ***Chair of the Undergraduate Department of the College of Theology and Ministry***
- 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 secured faculty and staff
  - Oversaw faculty loads
  - Oversaw faculty and departmental development
  - Oversaw all assessment and development of curriculum
  - Led 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 Undergraduate Department of Theology in the College of Theology and Ministry.

### **2007-2011**

- ***Associate Professor of Biblical Literature and Practical Theology, Graduate School of Theology and Ministry, Oral Roberts University***
- Served as Chair of the Undergraduate Department 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.

## **2001-2006**

- ***Assistant Professor of Biblical Literature and Practical Theology, Oral Roberts University***
- Elected Outstanding Faculty Member 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. Served as adviser of majors in Local Church Pastor and Ministry. Taught Advanced Sermon Prep and Preaching.
- Gave charge to the graduates, Undergraduate Theology Hooding Service, ORU, 2001, 2006.

## **2000-01**

- ***Teaching Staff, Baylor University***
- 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, Articles, and Reference Entries) according to pub date**

- *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 Exegetical 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 New Modern English Version*, Charisma House Publishers (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).
- *Quoting Corinthians: Identifying Slogans and Quotations in 1 Corinthians*. Pickwick Pub. (Dec. 2018).
- Served as the Editor-in-Chief of the New Testament for *The Modern English Version (MEV)*, Completed Work on Second Edition. Passio Press (ca 2021/2022).
- *Studying the New Testament*, Oral Roberts University (2021; fourth edition at press).
- *Confronted By The Living Word: Character Studies on Discipleship in John’s Gospel* (manuscript complete and currently with editor; publication projection of 2021).

## **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 for 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition* by Ben Witherington. Oxford University Press, 2015.

## **PROJECTS IN PROCESS**

- *Encountered by the Living Word: Character Studies on Discipleship in John's Gospel* (Manuscript is complete and at the editor to be published 2021).
- *Pentecostalism and Bible Translation* (chapter for a book I have agreed to write)
- *The Spirit of Adoption* (rewriting published academic manuscript for a more ministerial audience ([est. 2023/24])
- Currently Translating Gospel of John for *The New Tyndale Version Bible Translation*. Manuscript to be completed by end of 2020 (Publication date unknown).

## **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 Outstanding 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)
- Eagle Scout (1977) with Special God and Country Award (1976)

## **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**

- *Faculty Grievance—Chair*
- *Modular Committee*
- *Spiritual Oversight Committee*
- *Graduate Curriculum Committee*
- *University Standards and Evaluation Committee*
- *Standardization Committee*
- *College of Theology Promotion Committee*

## **MINISTRY EXPERIENCE:**

- ***Member:*** *Asbury United Methodist Church (Tulsa OK)*
- ***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

**References available upon request**