

JOHN W. SWAILS III

- Extensive knowledge and have taught classes in: Twentieth Century Middle East, Radical Islam, Modern Israel, World War I in the Middle East, World War II and the Holocaust, Ancient Near East, History of Quantitative Thought, American History, Western Civilization, Humanities, Old and New Testament, Church History, Historical Geography of Bible Lands, Biblical Hebrew
- Have studied: Modern Hebrew, French, German, Arabic, ancient Greek, Akkadian, and Egyptian
- Leader of group tours through East and Western Europe, Israel and other parts of the Middle East
- Chairman and administrator of academic department for seven years

EDUCATION

1983 University of Georgia Athens, GA

Ph.D., History

- Major: “British Empire in the Near East”
- Minor: Modern Europe, Medieval Intellectual, Modern American Diplomatic, Middle American (Antebellum South) Dissertation: *Austin Henry Layard and the Near East, 1839-1880*

1975 Brandeis University Boston, MA

M.A., Near East Studies

- Major: Akkadian language, Mari texts, Old Babylonian letters and inscriptions, El-Amarna texts, and texts from Ugarit
- Minor: Bible and Hebrew
- Languages: Akkadian, Hebrew, Ugaritic, Egyptian, and North-West Semitic. Audited courses in Arabic, Hittite, and Sumerian
- ABD in Ancient Near East

1972 University of Georgia Athens, GA

M.A., History

- Major: Modern Europe
- Thesis: *Parliamentary Attitudes Toward the Removal of Jewish Disabilities, 1847-1858*

1969 University of Georgia Athens, GA

A.B., History

- Major: Modern Europe
- Minor: North Africa and Islam
- Languages: French, German, Greek

Additional Studies

1969 Hebrew University Jerusalem, Israel

Modern Hebrew

- Summer Ulpan – intensive language course with immersion in cultural and society

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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| 2008-Present | Oral Roberts University | Tulsa, OK |
| <i>Director, Center for Israel and Middle East Studies</i> | | |
| 1998-2007 | Oral Roberts University | Tulsa, OK |
| <i>Chairman of the Department of History, Humanities, and Government</i> | | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Expanded the department from 56 majors to over 300 and still counting.▪ Completely revamped the Humanities course instruction, focusing on improved teaching and Charismatic/Christian worldview▪ Developed the Public Service mission statement and hands-on training of students in political campaigning and engagements▪ Expanded the study trips to include the Middle East, China, and Latin America in addition to Europe▪ Added the International Community Development program to the already existing majors▪ Worked with student leaders to found the pro-Israel lobbying club | | |
| 1993-1998 | Oral Roberts University | Tulsa, OK |
| <i>Professor</i> | | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ 1998 Teacher of the Year for Arts and Sciences▪ Developed the courses on Middle East and Israel▪ Raised awareness throughout campus of the Middle East and Israel▪ Served on committees in addition to teaching duties | | |
| 1989-1993 | Beth Messiah Fellowship | Tallahassee, FL |
| <i>President</i> | | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Served as teacher and administrator of church▪ Traveled and promoted study center in the Middle East | | |
| 1986-1988 | Christian Heritage Church | Tallahassee, FL |
| <i>Associate Pastor</i> | | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Responsible for counseling, visitation, teaching, and preaching | | |
| 1975-1982 | Emmanuel College | Franklin Springs, GA |
| <i>Instructor</i> | | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Taught Old and New Testament, Western Civilization, American History, Church History, Hebrew | | |

PUBLICATIONS

- 2005 – Collaborative article in online journal *FrontPagemag.com* on the Ukraine election and World War IV.
- 2004 – Article published in the online journal *American Thinker*.
- 2002 - Manuscript with W. D. Jones, *The Ancient Near East* (forthcoming).
- 2006 - Article, “Ahmadinejad Waits for the Hidden Imam,” appeared in *The American Thinker*, Jan 26

- 2001 – Manuscript, *Austin Henry Layard and the Near East*, accepted for publication, university Press of America, to appear in spring of 2009.
- 1997 – Manuscript with W. D. Jones, *Egypt and the Ancient Near East* (forthcoming).
- 1996 – Read paper “Mighty Guns” and “In God’s Name” for conference on Arab-Israel Conflict, Jewish Community Center, Tulsa, OK.
- 1986 – Read paper “The Copts in British Egypt” at the annual meeting of the British Studies Society, Appalachian State University, Boone, NC.
- 1978 – Read paper “When Did Prophecy End” at Annual Meeting of the Society for Pentecostal Studies.

ADDITIONAL PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCES

2014

- March, 2014, attended AIPAC Policy Conference in DC
- May, 2014, attended Christian Solidarity event at the Israeli Embassy in DC
- July, 2014, attended CUFI Summit in DC
- July, 2014, attended luncheon at the Israeli Embassy welcoming incoming Head of Public Diplomacy

2013

- July, 2013, attended AIPAC conference in Costa Mesa, CA
- February 2013, was an international observer for the Presidential election in Yerevan, Armenia
- January, 2013, traveled with Christians United for Israel to Washington, DC to present the case for Israel to U.S. Senators
- January, 2013 chosen as a Board member for Oklahoma Israel Exchange - OKIE in Tulsa, OK
- Traveled to Israel with Professor Ornelas

2012

- October, 2012, was an international observer for the Parliamentary election in the Ukraine. Observed in the Crimean cities of Yalta and Alushta
- May, 2012, was an international observer for the Parliamentary elections in Armenia

2011

- November, 2011, hosted a group from the International Fellowship of Christians and Jews on campus to discuss future co-operation
- May, 2011, attended the Policy Conference of the American-Israel Public Affairs Committee in Washington, DC
- May, 2011, attended the Stand for Israel Solidarity Event hosted by the Israeli Embassy in Washington, DC where ORU President Mark Rutland addressed the attendees

2010

- May, 2010, attended the Solidarity Stand for Israel Conference hosted by the Israeli Embassy in Washington, DC
- May, 2010, met with the International Christian Embassy Advisory Board in Murfreesboro, TN
- March, 2010 attended the Policy Conference of the American-Israel Public Affairs Committee in Washington, DC

2009

- July, 2009, 2010, 2011 attended the Summit of Christians United for Israel in Washington, DC
- June, 2009, took a group of students to Israel with Professor Ornelas
- May, 2009, met with the International Christian Embassy Advisory Board in Murfreesboro, TN
- May, 2009, attended the Policy Conference of the American-Israel Public Affairs Committee in Washington, DC
- March, 2009, traveled to Israel with Dr. and Mrs. Brad Young

2008

- November, 2008, traveled to Israel with Professor Ornelas

- August, 2008, traveled to Israel to meet with President of Ariel University Center of Samaria regarding the Center for Israel and Middle East Studies
- May, 2008, attended to annual meeting of the International Board of Governors for Ariel University Center of Samaria
- January, 2008, was named Director of the Center for Israel and Middle East Studies at Oral Roberts University

2007

- June, 2007, led a group of ORU students and alumni on Israel trip with Dr. Tim Brooker and Ron and Paula O'Dell
- June, 2007 attended to annual meeting of the International Board of Governors for the College of Judea and Samaria in Ariel, Israel. Became a member of the International Board of Governors of the newly named Ariel University Center of Samaria in Ariel, Israel
- April, 2007, served as the Executive Director for the "Night To Honor Israel" hosted by Victory Christian Center in Tulsa, OK
- March, 2007, traveled to Israel and met with the International Christian Embassy, Jerusalem at their Jerusalem headquarters. Also met with administrators and professors at the College of Judea and Samaria in Ariel, Israel. Also met with the Executive Director of the Jerusalem Summit.
- March, 2007, attended the Policy Conference of the American-Israel Public Affairs Committee in Washington, DC where one of his students, Albert Thompson, received the *Advocate of the Year* Award
- March, 2007, appointed to the U. S. Advisory Board of the International Christian Embassy, Jerusalem

2006

- November, 2006, addressed a group at a synagogue in Atlanta, GA
- September, 2006, addressed *Vistage*, group of CEO's in Atlanta, GA
- May, 2006, appointed as an international editor for the *Israel-Middle East Strategic Assessment*
- March, 2006, awarded honor by the American-Israel Public Affairs Committee as "Ally of the Year"
- February, 2006, present for the founding of Christians United for Israel at Cornerstone Church in San Antonio, TX
- January 25, 2006, published an article, "Ahmadinejad Waits for the Hidden Imam," in *The American Thinker*. This article was quoted on two nationally syndicated radio shows and was republished by The Jerusalem Post and by the Jerusalem Connection, both in March, 2006. That article served as the basis for an interview that appeared as a three part series by Rozane Monteiro, the foreign editor, in the *Jornal de Brasil* published in Rio De Janeiro, Brazil in April and early May, 2006
- January, 2006, he was part of the planning, at Cornerstone Church in San Antonio, TX, for the formation of a new organization named Christians United for Israel

2005

- November, 2005, Peace at Netanya Academic College in Netanya, Israel
- September, 2005, attended the Stand for Israel Conference in September, 2005 in Washington, DC. This conference was sponsored by the International Fellowship of Christians and Jews
- 2005, Channel 8 News TV (the local ABC affiliate) as a Middle East and terrorism expert – Have been interviewed more than forty times on topics of the Middle East, Radical Islam, modern politics, and international terrorism
- 2005, Interviewed also on the local NBC affiliate, CBS affiliate and FOX affiliate
- 2005, Interviewed regularly on the local radio station, KFAQ
- 2005, Appointed to the advisory board of the Academy of Civilizations of the Jerusalem Summit
- 2005, Appointed to the advisory board of the Jerusalem Connection, Washington DC

- December, 2005, served as an international observer for the Presidential election in Kazakhstan
- November, 2005, participated in the Rabin Conference on Middle East Washington, DC
- November, 2005, was an international observer for the Presidential election in Kazakhstan. Observed in Karaganda

2004

- November, 2004, was part of an international observation team for the Presidential election in the Ukraine, the “Orange Revolution”
- 2001-2004 – Regular speaker for the Broken Arrow Historical Society on Radical Islam, Terrorism and Modern Israel
- 2005—Speaker at the Policy Conference for the American-Israel Public Affairs Committee in Washington, DC
- 2004 & 2005 – Participant and Advisory Board member, Jerusalem Summit for Peace
- November 2004 – International observer to the Presidential election in the Ukraine
- May 2004 -- Teaching series on modern Israel for Chinese Christians produced and distributed by Terry Law Ministries

2003

- 2003 – Speaker and Advisory Board member, Jerusalem Summit for Peace
- May 2003 – Led study tour trip to Europe, Italy and Germany.

2002-2001

- October 2001 – Spoke at Emmanuel College on Radical Islam and Islamic Terrorism. Also, spoke at Kingdom Living Ministries in Atlanta on Radical Islam
- February 2003, 2002, 2001 – Taught at Livets Ord University, Uppsala, Sweden on the Islamic Middle East, Modern Israel, and Radical Islam
- Summer 2001 – Led five week ORU Study Abroad group to Jerusalem University College in Israel

2000

- March 2000 – Led ORU Study Abroad group to Israel
- June 2000 – Interview published in *Tulsa World* on international terrorism
- June-July 2000 – Led ORU Study Abroad group to Jerusalem University College in Israel
- February 2000 – Spoke at Gospel Research Foundation annual conference