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Education

Baylor University, Doctor of Philosophy, 2008

- Area: Theology
- Outside minor: Philosophy
- Dissertation: "Transforming Views of Baptist Political Theology: Baptists and the New Christendom Model of Political Engagement"
Director: Barry Harvey, Ph.D.

Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Master of Divinity, 1999

- Specialization: Biblical Languages

Baylor University, Bachelor of Arts, 1996

- Major: Religion
- Honors Program
- Thesis: "The Kingdom of God: The Impact of Social Factors on Three Twentieth Century Baptist Theologians"
Director: Mikeal Parsons, Ph.D.

Academic Experience

Associate Director, Institute for Faith and Learning, Baylor University, 2009-Present

Adjunct Instructor, Medical Humanities, Baylor University, 2013-Present

- The Human Person, Disability, and Society

Adjunct Instructor, Great Texts Program, Baylor University, 2009-2014

- Great Texts of the Ancient World
- Honors Great Texts of the Ancient World

Part-Time Lecturer, Baylor Interdisciplinary Core, Baylor University, 2008-2009

- World Cultures I
- Social World II

Adjunct Faculty, McLennan Community College, 2008-2009

- Biblical Religions: History and Literature
- Introduction to Christian History and Thought
- Critical Thinking

Teaching Fellow, Department of Religion, Baylor University, 2006-2008

- Christian Scriptures
- Christian Heritage
- Honors Christian Heritage, team taught with Daniel H. Williams

Graduate Assistant, Baylor University, 2003-2006

- Religions of the World
- Christian Scriptures
- Christian Ethics

Research

Publications:

Articles:

“In the Image of God: Receiving Children with Special Needs.” *Review & Expositor* 113:2 (May 2016): 205-216.

“Teaching Attentiveness in the Classroom and Learning to Attend to Persons with Disabilities.” *International Journal of Christianity and Education*. 19 (2015): 215-228.

“A Place for Camille: Blessings from a Special-Needs Child.” *The Christian Century* 132.2 (2015): 24-27.

“The value of virtue: An organizational approach to the challenges of workplace disabilities.” *Industrial and Organizational Psychology: Perspectives on Science and Practice* 7:2(2014): 274-278. Co-authored with Brian D. Cawley, Danielle C. Polage, and Julie E. Yonker.

“Baptism and Profound Intellectual Disability.” *Christian Reflection: A Series in Faith and Ethics* 45 (Disability): 60-67.

“The Baptist Contribution to Liberty.” *Christian Reflection: A Series in Faith and Ethics* 39 (Freedom): 36-43.

“Religious Liberty, English Baptists, and John Locke.” *Perspectives in Religious Studies* 38.4 (2011): 427-442.

Review Articles:

“A Review of *Disability, Providence, and Ethics: Bridging Gaps, Transforming Lives*.” *Journal of Disability and Religion* 19:2 (2015): 168-170.

“*Philosophical Reflections on Disability*, Edited by Christopher D. Ralston and Justin Ho.” *Theoretical Medicine and Bioethics* 34: 5 (2013): 441-446.

“*Fire and Wind: The Holy Spirit in the Church Today*, Edited by Joseph D. Small, and *Gift and Giver: The Holy Spirit for Today*, by Craig S. Keener.” *Perspectives in Religious Studies* (Winter 2006): 478-480.

Conference Papers:

“Calling, Virtue, and the Practice of Medicine,” Conference on Medicine and Religion, March 24-26, 2017, Houston, Texas.

“Fostering Attentiveness and Disability Studies,” Virtues, Vices, and Teaching, October 3-5, 2013, Kuyers Institute for Christian Teaching and Learning, Calvin College, Grand Rapids, Michigan.

“Embracing the Other: Reconciliation and Persons with Profound Intellectual Disability,” Christian Scholars Conference, June 7-9, 2012, Lipscomb University, Nashville, Tennessee.

“Transforming Views of Baptist Ecclesiology: Baptists and the New Christendom Model of Political Engagement,” College Theology Society Annual Meeting-National Association of Baptist Professors of Religion, Region at Large, May 31-June 1, 2008, Salve Regina University, Newport, Rhode Island.

“Moving Beyond Pro-Choice and Pro-Life in the Abortion Debate: The Christian Response of Adoption,” Southwest Commission on Religious Studies, March 4, 2006, Dallas, Texas

Invited Presentations:

“How Do You Succeed at Baylor?” Faculty First Lecture, New Student Orientation, Baylor University, Summer 2017

“What is Your Calling?” Baylor University Line Camp, Summer 2017

“Parenting a Special Needs Child”, Keynote panelist, Baylor University Special Needs Ministry Conference, April 21, 2017

“Vocation and Virtues in Engineering,” Engineers with a Mission, Baylor University, November 7, 2016

“Disability and Health Care,” Phi Theta Pre-OT/PT Organization, Baylor University, October 18, 2016

Judson College Faculty/Staff Institute, August 25, 2016

- “Education as Moral Formation”
- “Practicing Christian Pedagogy”

Baptist General Convention of Texas Preschool and Children’s Ministry Summit, August 12-13, 2016, First Baptist Church, Arlington, Texas

- Keynote Address with Maggie Whitt, “Receiving God’s Unexpected Gift: the Blessings of Parenting a Child with Special Needs,” August 12, 2016
- Keynote Address, “In God’s Image: Why the Church Needs People with Special Needs,” August 13, 2016
- Breakout session with Maggie Whitt, “Life of the Special Needs Family,” August 13, 2016
- Breakout session, “The Bible and Disability,” August 13, 2016

“Virtues in the Practice of Medicine,” Alpha Epsilon Delta Medical Honor Society End of Year Banquet, April 18, 2016

“Disability, Vocation, and Engineering,” Engineers with a Mission, Baylor University, February 29, 2016

“Disability and Health Care,” Multicultural Association of Prehealth Students, Baylor University, February 22, 2016

“Virtue, Wisdom, and the Christian University,” Success Center Staff Retreat, Baylor University, August 14, 2015

“Friendship that Makes Us,” Baylor Honors Residential College Formation Series, February 5, 2015, Baylor University, Waco, Texas

“Sharing Our Story,” Chapel, October 14, 2013, Baylor University, Waco, Texas.

“Christian Pedagogy and Practices in the Life of the University,” Leadership Instructors Training, Student Life, Baylor University, December 2, 2014

“Christian Pedagogy and Practices in the Life of the University,” Leadership Instructors Training, Student Life, Baylor University, December 10, 2013

“Christian Pedagogy and Practices in the Life of the University,” Campus Living and Learning, Residence Hall Directors Spring Retreat, Baylor University, January 7, 2013

“Persons with Disabilities and the Physician,” Alpha Epsilon Delta Medical Honor Society, Baylor University, September 5, 2012

“Vocation and Higher Education,” Campus Living and Learning, Community Leader Winter Training, Baylor University, January 5, 2011

Seminars:

Network for Vocation in Undergraduate Education Leadership Conference on *At This Time and In This Place*, Small Group Leader, Oblate Retreat Center, February 11-13, 2016, San Antonio, Texas,

“Reflective Pedagogy and Christian Practice,” Calvin Summer Seminar, Director, David I. Smith, June 18-July 1, 2011, Calvin College, Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Honors Theses Directed:

Hannah Fifer, “The Ethics of Using Genetic Technology in Relation to Reproduction,” April 2016

Jeanne Frisbie, “An Examination of Disability Care: Contemporary Practices and Ways L’Arche Communities May Shape Them,” May 2014.

Honors Theses Committees:

Morgan Smith, “Rediscovering *Ars Moriendi* for Modern Medicine and the Church,” April 2017

Alice Knaeble, “Reclaiming Community: The Practice of Christian Friendship,” April 2017

Abby Fahnestock, “The Necessary Hedonism of Disenchantment: Analysis of the Disenchantment of the Universe with Particular Attention to Medicine and Theology,” April 2017

Maggie McGlothlin, “Oral Storytelling and the Irish Identity,” March 2017

Callie Walker, “Discerning the Will of God by Following the Call of Christ Alone: A Christian Response to the Refugee Crisis,” April 2017

Ivy Stejskal, "Death with Dignity: The Future of Catholic Healthcare in Texas Regarding End of Life Policies," March 2015

Brittney Nelson, "Autonomy or Beneficence: An Analysis of End-of-Life Care in Pediatric Patients," November 2016

Research Assistant:

Barr, Beth Allison, Bill J. Leonard, Mikeal C. Parsons, and C. Douglas Weaver, eds., *The Acts of the Apostles: Four Centuries of Baptist Interpretation* (Waco: Baylor University Press, 2009).

Research: Summer 2005, Summer 2006, Summer 2007

Current Areas of Research:

Baptist political theology, church as community, theology of disability

University Service

Board of Directors, Teal Residential College, 2013-Present.

Christian Pre-Health Fellowship, Faculty/Staff Sponsor, 2015-Present

Faculty Master Search Committee, Teal Residential College, Spring 2016

Student Life Search Committee, Coordinator for Student Union Activities, Spring 2012

New Student Orientation Seminar, "So You've Come to a Christian University..." Co-directed with Burt Burleson, University Chaplain, Summer 2010, Summer 2011, Summer 2012, Summer 2013, Summer 2014

Spiritual Life CAS Internal Review Team, Spring 2011

Professional Experience

Chaplain, Providence Hospice, Mexia, Texas, 2009

Contract Worker, Home Studies, Homes4Good Foster/Adoption Agency, 2006-2008

Coordinator of Preview Weekend, Department of Religion, Baylor University, 2004-2008

Pulpit Supply, Various Central Texas churches, 2003-2007

Minister of Youth, University Baptist Church, Fort Worth, Texas, 1996-2003

Field Education Supervisor, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, 1998-2002

Youth Ministry Consulting Team, Tarrant Baptist Association, Fort Worth, Texas, 1999-2002

Summer Youth Minister, First Baptist Church, Gallup, New Mexico, 1995

Certifications

Licensed to Ministry: May 24, 2000, University Baptist Church, Fort Worth, Texas

Ordained to Ministry: November 12, 2000, University Baptist Church, Fort Worth, Texas

Professional Organizations

American Academy of Religion

Awards

Albert Venting, Jr. Memorial Award, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, 2000
Highest Graduate GPA, School of Theology

Phi Beta Kappa, Academic Honor Society, Baylor University 1996

Outstanding Graduate, Department of Religion, Baylor University, 1996