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Oklahoma Baptist University
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EDUCATION

Ph.D. Theology, Ridley College (2020)

- Thesis: *Vision of the Triune God: Reading Revelation through the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit*
- Supervisors: Michael F. Bird and Scott Harrower
- Examiners: Lewis Ayres, Peter J. Leithart, and David I. Starling
- Honors: Full Scholarship; High Distinction

Grad.Cert. Theology, Ridley College (2016)

- Thesis: *Revelation 1-3: Trinitarian Persons and Relations*
- Supervisor: Michael F. Bird; Examiner: Alan J. Thompson
- Honors: High Distinction

M.A. Theological and Biblical Studies, Criswell College (2015)

- Systematic and Historical Theology track
- Honors: *Magna Cum Laude*; Outstanding Graduate in Theology; Distinguished Scholar Oxford Study

B.A. Biblical Studies, Dallas Baptist University (2012)

- Honors: Theta Alpha Kappa Honor Society

EXPERIENCE

Academic

Oklahoma Baptist University (2023-present)

- Chair of the Herschel H. Hobbs School of Theology and Ministry
- Associate Professor of Theology and Early Christianity
- Dickinson Chair of Religion
- Director of Graduate Theology and Ministry Programs
- Administrator of the Hobbs Lectureship and Symposium

Cedarville University (2019-2023)

- Assistant Professor of Theology and New Testament
- Director of Theta Alpha Kappa Honor Society
- Honors: VPA Research Grant 2022-2023

Miscellaneous Professorates (2015-present)

- Gateway Seminary (2025)
- Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary (2024)

- Emmaus Theological Seminary (2019-2020)
- California Baptist University (2015-2019)
- Criswell College (2015)

Criswell College (2012-2015)

- Associate Editor of the *Criswell Theological Review* (2014-2015)
- Member of President's Cabinet (2013-2015)
- Director of Communications (2013-2015)
- Admissions Coordinator (2012-2013)

Publishing

Holman Bibles & Reference (2015-2019)

- Managing Editor and Marketing Manager for the Christian Standard Bible
- Member of the LifeWay Theological Community of Practice

Patheos (2015-2017)

- Evangelical Columnist ("Church Grammar")

Church Ministry

Immanuel Baptist Church – Shawnee, OK (2024-present)

- Home Group Leader and Sunday School Teacher

Grace Baptist Church – Cedarville, Ohio (2019-2023)

- Small Group Leader and Sunday School Teacher

City Church – Murfreesboro, Tennessee (2015-2019)

- Lay Pastor/Elder and Small Group Leader

CityView Church – Fort Worth, Texas (2012-2015)

- Pastoral Resident

First Baptist Church – Ben Wheeler, Texas (2011-2012)

- Associate Pastor

Woodbridge Bible Fellowship – Wylie, Texas (2010-2011)

- Co-Planter, Associate Pastor, and Elder

Audubon Park Baptist Church – Garland, Texas (2010)

- Interim College/Youth Minister

Christ Wesleyan Church – Bedford, Texas (2007-2009)

- Director of Student Ministries

Miscellaneous

North American Mission Board (2022-2024)

- Masterclass Teacher (2024)
- Editor, Apologetics and Preaching Resources (2022-2023)

Evangelical Theological Society (2022-present)

- Member of the Hermeneutics Steering Committee

***The Hanover Review* (2022-present)**

- Editorial Board

Institute for Biblical Research (2020-2024)

- Co-Chair with Stephen Presley of the Theology, Hermeneutics, and Biblical Interpretation Research Group

Dissertations and Theses Supervised or Read

- Bradley Eaves, TBD. Primary supervisor for Ph.D. dissertation, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary (2025-present).
- Corbin Smith, “A Theological Hermeneutic of Time: History, Mimesis, and Divine Referentiality in Figural Interpretation.” External reader for Ph.D. dissertation, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary (2025).
- Eric Roseberry, “There Is One Body: The Unity of the Church in the Paul’s Trinitarian Theology.” Second supervisor for Ph.D. dissertation, Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary (2022–present).
- Cody Glen Barnhart, “‘Rising Up to Spiritual Realities’: The Use of Partitive Exegesis in Gregory of Nazianzus’s *Orations* 29 and 30 and His Anti-Eunomian Rhetoric.” External reader for undergraduate thesis, Spurgeon College (2020). Winner of NAPS Student Prize (2021).

Church Grammar Podcast and YouTube Channel (2019-present)

- Proprietor and Host

The Center for Baptist Renewal (2017-present)

- Co-Founder and Board Member

The Center for Ancient Christian Studies (2018-2020)

- Junior Research Fellow

Word Matters Podcast (2016-2019)

- Co-Host with Trevin Wax

Gospel-Centered Discipleship (2013-2016)

- Board Member (2015-2016)
- Executive Director (2013-2014)
- Contributing Editor (2013)

BIBLIOGRAPHY

Books

Beholding the Triune God: The Inseparable Work of the Father, Son, and Spirit, co-authored with Matthew Y. Emerson (Crossway, 2024).

Taught By God: Ancient Hermeneutics for the Modern Church (B&H Academic, 2024).

The Biblical Trinity: Encountering the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit in Scripture (Lexham Press, 2023).

The Trinity in the Book of Revelation: Seeing Father, Son, and Holy Spirit in John's Apocalypse, Studies in Christian Doctrine and Scripture (IVP Academic, 2022).

They Spoke of Me: How Jesus Unlocks the Old Testament, co-authored with Everett Berry (Rainer Publishing, 2018).

Rooted: Theology for Growing Christians, co-authored with J. A. Medders (Rainer Publishing, 2016).

Books/Series Edited

The Trinity in the Canon: A Biblical, Theological, Historical, and Practical Proposal (B&H Academic, 2023). Editor.

- Winner, The Gospel Coalition Book Award for Academic Theology (2023).
- Honorable Mention, *Southwest Journal of Theology* Book Award for Book of the Year (2023).
- Finalist, Christianity Today Book Award for Theology (Academic) (2024).

Dogmatics with the Believers' Church series (Baker Academic, projected 2025-2035). Advisory Board.

Christian Standard Commentary Series (CSC), 43 vols. (Holman Bible Publishers, projected 2020-2040). Co-General Editor with Andrew M. King.

The CSB Ancient Faith Study Bible (Holman Bible Publishers, 2019). Editor and Theological Review Board.

- Winner, ECPA Christian Book Award for Bible of the Year (2020).

Make, Mature, Multiply: Becoming Fully-Formed Disciples of Jesus (GCD Books, 2014). Editor.

Book Chapters/Articles

"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing (to the Lamb): Christology, Angels, and Worship in John's Apocalypse," in *Christian Origins and the Formation of the Early Church*, eds. Stanley E. Porter and Andrew W. Pitts (Leiden: Brill, forthcoming).

“Scripture,” co-authored with Steven A. McKinion, in *Confessing Christ: An Invitation to Baptist Dogmatics*, eds. Keith S. Whitfield and Steven A. McKinion (B&H Academic, 2024).

“Revelation,” in *The Trinity in the Canon: A Biblical, Theological, Historical, and Practical Proposal*, ed. Brandon D. Smith (B&H Academic, 2023).

“Eternal Relations of Origin” and “Tertullian,” in *The Ancient Faith Study Bible* (Holman Bible Publishers, 2019).

“God’s Simplicity” and “Rapture,” in *Lexham Survey of Theology* (Lexham Press, 2018).

Published Articles

“Toward a Robust Biblical Trinitarianism: Pro-Nicene Retrieval and the Early High Christology Club,” *Journal of the Evangelical Theological Society* 69/2 (2026).

“Retrieving Athanasius: Ruled Readings and Trinitarian Exegesis,” *Themelios* 51/2 (2026).

“Is Nicaea Enough?: On Moral Revisionism and Appeals to the Creeds,” *Eikon* 7/1 (2025). Co-Author with Matthew Y. Emerson

“Appreciative Reflections on R. B. Jamieson’s Contribution to Theological Exegesis,” *Hanover Review* 3/2 (2025).

“The Holy Spirit’s Eternal Procession in the Book of Revelation: Theological Interpretation in Pro-Nicene Perspective,” *Journal of Theological Interpretation* 17/2 (2023).

“The Sonship of Christ in the Contexts of Mission: Chalcedonian Retrieval as Missiological Necessity among Muslims.” *Southeastern Theological Review* 12/1 (2021). Co-Author with Matthew Aaron Bennett.

“Pro-Nicene Trinitarianism: Where to Start,” *Credo Magazine* 10/3 (2020).

“The Development of Trinitarian Language in the Early Church,” *Criswell Theological Review* 16/2 (2019).

“What Christ Does, God Does: Surveying Recent Scholarship on Christological Monotheism,” *Currents in Biblical Research* 17/2 (2019).

“How the Bible Started Luther’s Revolution,” *Credo Magazine* 7/1 (2018).

“The Identification of Jesus with YHWH in the Book of Revelation: A Brief Sketch,” *Criswell Theological Review* 14/1 (2016).

Bible Studies

“The God of Providence,” in *The Gospel Project: From Creation to Chaos* (LifeWay Christian Resources, 2021).

“Acts 2-7,” in *The Gospel Project: The Mission Begins* (LifeWay Christian Resources, 2020).

“Revelation,” in *The Gospel Project: The God Who Makes All Things New* (LifeWay Christian Resources, 2018).

Echoes of the Reformation: 5 Truths that Shape the Christian Life (The Gospel Coalition/LifeWay Christian Resources, 2017).

Letters of the Revelation: To the One Who Conquers, D. A. Horton with Brandon D. Smith (LifeWay Christian Resources, 2017).

Presentations, Lectures, and Panels

“Sanctification and the Restoration of Humanity,” Scared Truths Conference, Phoenix, AZ (2026).

“Toward a Robust Biblical Trinitarianism: Pro-Nicene Retrieval and the Early High Christology Club,” the Evangelical Theological Society annual meeting, Boston, MA (2025).

“Retrieving Retrieval for Reformation: Post-Nicene Reception of Nicaea and Its Implications for Contemporary Protestant Retrieval Projects,” co-presented with Matthew Y. Emerson, Nicaea 2025: Event, Context, Reception, Rome, Italy (2025).

“Retrieving Athanasius,” plenary address (two papers), the Evangelical Theological Society Northeast regional meeting, Hamilton, MA (2025).

“The LORD Who Is Pierced, Reigning, and Poured Out: Zechariah and the Trinitarian Theology of Revelation,” Hobbs Lecture Symposium, Shawnee, OK (2023).

“*The Paradox of Sonship: The Relationship between Theology and Exegesis*,” Theology, Hermeneutics, and Biblical Interpretation Research Group at the Institute for Biblical Research annual meeting, Denver, CO (2022).

“The Hypostatic Union and Its Fittingness: A Synopsis of Questions 1-3 of the *Tertia Pars*,” The Aquinas Institute at Blackfriars Hall’s Emerging Scholars Workshop, Oxford, UK (2022). *In absentia*.

“The Trinity and the Christian Life,” Spring Theology Conference, Alcoa, TN (2022).

Baptist Dogmatics Workshop, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, NC (2021-2024).

Moderator, “The Relationship between Biblical Theology and the Biblical Canon,” Theology, Hermeneutics, and Biblical Interpretation Research Group at the Institute for Biblical Research annual meeting, San Antonio, TX (2021).

“Seeing the Trinity in the Book of Revelation,” For the Church National Conference, Kansas City, MO (2020).

“Is the BF&M Sufficient for Today?,” panel discussion at the Evangelical Theological Society annual meeting, San Antonio, TX (2016).

Book Reviews

Book reviews in *Bulletin of Biblical Research*, *Trinity Journal*, *Southwestern Journal of Theology*, *Midwestern Journal of Theology*, *Criswell Theological Review*, and *Themelios*.

Online Publications

Popular essays on theology and ministry for Christianity Today, The Gospel Coalition, First Things, Mere Orthodoxy, etc.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

North American Patristics Society (2018-present)

Evangelical Theological Society (2013-present)

Institute for Biblical Research (2017-2024)

Society of Biblical Literature (2017-2024)