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EDUCATION:

Ph.D., Baylor University, Department of Religion, New Testament. 2023. Dissertation: “Women Patrons and Mothers in Greco-Roman Associations and the New Testament.” Supervised by Mikeal C. Parsons, Ph.D., and Bruce W. Longenecker, Ph.D.

Th.M., Duke Divinity School, New Testament. 2017. Master Thesis: “Sufficiency and Renunciation: Lukan Economic Ethics Functioning as Good News for the Poor.” Thesis Advisor: Joel Marcus, Ph.D.

M.Div. Fuller Theological Seminary, CA. 2010.

B.A. Vanguard University of Southern California, Religion. 2001.

PUBLICATIONS:

Edited Volume:

“Women Benefactors and Early Christ Groups,” pages 155–69 in *Greco-Roman Associations, Deities, & Early Christianity*. Edited by Bruce W. Longenecker. Waco, TX: Baylor University Press, October 2022.

Under Review:

“Making Use of the Sacred Dead: Stephen’s Speech and the Rewritten History of Sarah’s Tomb.” *Catholic Biblical Association Emerging Scholar’s Conference Proceedings*.

AWARDS AND HONORS:

Baylor University Post-Doctoral Teaching Fellowship: 2023–2024.

Baylor Graduate School Dean’s Fellowship: 2018–2023.

Baylor University Press Stipend Enhancement: 2019–2022.

Glenn O. and Martell B. Hilburn Endowed Graduate Research Scholarship Fund. Spring 2022.
Research Travel to Asia Minor for Dissertation Research.

Graduate School Travel Award, Baylor University. Spring 2022.

Graduate Religion Department Travel Award, Baylor University. Spring 2022, SWCRS Regional Meeting.

Graduate School Travel Award, Baylor University. Fall 2021.

Graduate Religion Department Travel Award, Baylor University. Fall 2021, SBL Annual Meeting.

Graduate School Travel Award, Baylor University. Spring 2020.

Graduate Religion Department Travel Award, Baylor University. Spring 2020, SWCRS Regional Meeting.

Eddie and Velma Dwyer Scholarship Fund for Graduate Students in Religion. Baylor Graduate School, Summer 2019.

Graduate School Travel Award, Baylor University. Fall 2018.

Graduate Religion Department Travel Award, Baylor University. Fall 2018, SBL Annual Meeting.

C. D. and V. D. Shepperd Memorial Fund Stipend, Baylor Graduate School. Summer 2018.

Seminary Committee Scholarship, Menlo Church. 2004–2010.

CONFERENCE ACTIVITY:

Papers Presented or Accepted:

“Imagining Phoebe in Light of Women Patrons and Mothers of Greco-Roman Associations.” SBL Annual Meeting, San Antonio Texas, November 2023. Women in the Biblical World Section.

“What Do Oxen, Donkeys, and Sons Have in Common? Jesus, Jewish Halakah, and Lukan Sabbath Controversies.” SBL Annual Meeting, San Antonio, Texas. November 2023. Intertextuality in the New Testament Section.

“Making Use of the Sacred Dead: Sarah’s Tomb, Patriarchs’ Bones, and Stephen’s Speech.” Innovation, Emerging Scholarship Conference, Catholic Biblical Association. April 2023.

“Economic Virtues in Nichomachean Ethics and the Synoptic Gospels.” SBL Regional Meeting, Dallas, Texas. March 2022. New Testament and Early Christianity Section.

“Wives and Mothers: A Women’s Reading of Romans 12:9–21.” SBL Annual Meeting, San Antonio, Texas. November 2021. Social Science Criticism of the New Testament Section.

“The Mixed Chreia of Luke 20:20–26: An Early Christian Chreia and Its Varied Expressions.” SBL Annual Meeting, Virtual. December 2020. Rhetoric and the New Testament Section.

“Sharing with the Poor and *Haplotēs*: Hermas’s Remedies for the Doubleminded.” SBL Regional Meeting, Dallas, Texas. February 2020. New Testament Section.

“Qohelet and Luke’s Rich Fool.” SBL Annual Meeting, Denver, Colorado. November 2018. Gospel of Luke Section.

Presider:

SWCRS New Testament Section, March 2022. Dallas, Texas.

CAMPUS TALKS:

“Women Patrons and Mothers in the Greek East.” New Testament Symposium, Truett Seminary and Baylor University. Presentation and Discussion. February 16, 2023.

“Matrons of Associations, Early Christianity, and Identity in the Roman World.” Invited Presentation, course of Bruce W. Longenecker, Ph.D. February 2022. Baylor University.

“Qohelet on Possessions and Luke’s Rich Fool.” Summary Presentation, Allen D. Verhey Memorial Student Colloquium, Invited Presentation. April 2018. Duke Divinity School.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE:

Baylor University:

Current role: Lecturer (Full Time), Ministry Guidance and Religion. Beginning August 2023.
Part time Lecturer, Christian Scriptures, Christian Heritage. August 2022–May 2023.

Duke Divinity School:

Preceptor, Introduction to New Testament, with Richard Hays, Ph.D. January–May 2018.

Preceptor, Exegesis of Revelation, with Beth Sheppard, Ph.D. January–May 2018.

Preceptor, 2 Sections, Introduction to Old Testament Interpretation, with Stephen Chapman, Ph.D. August–December 2017.

Fuller Theological Seminary:

Teaching Assistant, Homiletics, with Kevin Murphy, D.Min. April–June 2013.

Professional Development (Teaching):

TeaCHE Certification: Teaching Capstone in Higher Education. Baylor University. October 2021–August 2022.

Designing for Online Teaching Success (DOTS). Baylor University. September–October 2021.

Foundations for Teaching Workshop. Baylor University. May 2019.

Wabash Center Teaching Initiative Participant. Baylor University. September 2018–May 2019.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE:

Graduate Assistant, Associate Editor of *Perspectives in Religious Studies*, June 2019–August 2022.

Receipt of submissions, organization of publication issues, correspondence with authors and editors, article copyediting, producing issues and covers for publication.

Graduate Assistant, Beverly Gaventa, Ph.D., Baylor University. June 2018–May 2019.

New Testament, ancient primary documents, translation from original languages, secondary sources, proofing pages. Online course LMS management.

Research Assistant, Brittany Wilson, Ph.D., Duke Divinity School. January 2017–August 2017.

New Testament, ancient primary documents, secondary sources.

SERVICE:

Department/University:

2019 Department of Religion, Preview Weekend Host (Doctoral Program Recruitment)

2020 Department of Religion, Preview Weekend Host (Doctoral Program Recruitment)

2021 Department of Religion, Virtual Preview Weekend Zoom Host (Doctoral Recruitment)

Guild:

SBL Regional Representative, Graduate Student. 2019–2022.

RELATED NON-ACADEMIC WORK:

Academic Publishing:

Freelance Manuscript Proofreader, December 2022–January 2023. For *Disunion Among Ourselves: The Perilous Politics of the American Revolution*, by Eli Merritt. University of Missouri Press.

Freelance Manuscript Proofreader. Baylor University Press. July 2022. For *Jesus Among the Gods: Early Christology in the Greco-Roman World*, by Michael F. Bird.

Manuscript Indexer, Baylor University Press. May–June 2020. April–May 2021. February–April 2022. Indexed *Greek Genres and Jewish Authors* by Sean A. Adams (2020); *The Politics of Persecution* by Mitri Raheb (2021); and *Christianity Remade: The Rise of Indian-Initiated Churches* by Paul Joshua (August 2022).

Church Ministry:

Minister of Lay (Pastoral) Care. Menlo Church, Menlo Park, California. September 2012–August 2013.

Connection Center Coordinator. Menlo Church, Menlo Park, California. September 2011–August 2012.

Pastoral Chaplain Intern. Stanford Hospital Spiritual Care Services, Palo Alto, California. June–August 2009.

Assistant Director of High School Ministries. Menlo Church, Menlo Park, California. September 2003–June 2009.

Pastor of Student Ministries. Mariners Community Church, Half Moon Bay, California. May 2002–August 2003.

Student Ministries Administrator. Mariners Community Church, Half Moon Bay, California. September 2001–April 2002.

TEACHING AREAS:

Christian Scriptures, Baylor University. Fall 2022, Fall 2023.

Christian Heritage, Baylor University. Spring 2023, Spring 2024.

Intro to Ministry. Fall 2023.

LANGUAGES:

Greek, translation proficiency.

Hebrew, translation proficiency.

German, reading proficiency.

French, reading proficiency.

Spanish, conversational speaking and reading proficiency.

Latin, can read with dictionary.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS:

Society of Biblical Literature. 2015–2023.