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Career Objective:

To become a contributing member of a faculty that values effective teaching in an environment that stimulates and supports research and writing.

Academic Experience:

Associate Professor of Religion and Director of the Quality Enhancement Plan Campbellsville University, Campbellsville, Kentucky .....................Fall 2009-Present Classes Taught: New Testament Survey, Old Testament Survey, Church History (Undergraduate and Graduate), Contemporary Theology (Undergraduate and Graduate), Philosophy (Undergraduate and Graduate), Christian Theology (Undergraduate and Graduate), Baptist History (Undergraduate and Graduate in Fall 2012), Ethics of Christ (Graduate), Introduction to Ethics (Undergraduate in Spring 2016). Quality Enhancement Responsibilities Include: Writing the QEP, serving as the QEP representative for SACSCOC on sight visit, training faculty, administrating all aspects of the QEP, writing the Five-Year Review, and attending all SACSCOC annual meetings (2012-Present).

Assistant Professor of Religion University of the Cumberlands,

Williamsburg, Kentucky.....................................................Spring 2004-Fall 2009

Classes Taught: New Testament Survey, Old Testament Survey, Church History, Baptist Theologians, Historical

Theology, Reformation, Baptist History, American Christianity

Visiting Assistant Professor of Religion / Post-Doctoral Fellow

Baylor University, Waco Texas ..........................................Fall 2002 - Spring 2004

Assistant to the Director of the Program in Baptist Studies. My responsibilities for the Ordination Colloquium

were: to correspond with all presenters and edit their materials prior to their presentations, develop an outline for the program, develop a list and invite various groups, assist with housing and other special activities for presenters, responders, and other groups in attendance, develop a database of potential guests for future events. Classes Taught: New Testament, Christian Heritage.

Teaching Assistant (Master’s Program), Southwestern Baptist Theological

Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas.............................................Fall 2001 -Spring 2002

Classes Taught: History of Christianity I, Substitute Teacher and Grader for Dr. H. L. McBeth

Adjunct Professor (Masters and Diploma Program), Midwestern Baptist Theological

Seminary, Kansas City, Missouri .......................................Fall 1997- Spring 1999

Classes Taught: Study Skills, History of Christianity I, History of Christianity II, Baptist History, The

Southern Baptist Convention, New Testament Survey I, New Testament Survey II, Cultural Settings, Theological German.

Education:

Doctor of Philosophy .......................... Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary May, 2002 Fort Worth, Texas Dissertation Topic: “The Hayden Controversy: A Detailed Examination of the First Major Internal

Altercation of the Baptist General Convention of Texas”

Master of Divinity.................................. Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary

May, 1997 Kansas City, Missouri

Bachelor of Science: Political Science......................................Cumberland College

May, 1993 Williamsburg, Kentucky

Additional Studies:

German.......................... Maple Woods College, Kansas City, Missouri, 1995-1996

French ........................... Maple Woods College, Kansas City, Missouri, 1997-1998

Honors:

Who’s Who 1993 ..................................................................Cumberland College

Hugh Wamble Award for Church History

Graduated Cum Laude ........................... Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, 1997

Faculty Servant Leadership Award...........................Campbellsville University,

Spring 2012

Professional Memberships:

Baptist History and Heritage (member of the editorial committee), East Texas Historical Association, West Texas Historical Association, Texas Historical Association, Baptist World Alliance (member of Commission on Baptist Heritage and Identity), North American Baptist Fellowship, Tennessee Baptist Historical Association, Kentucky Baptist Historical Association, American Academy of Religion, National Association of Baptist Professors of Religion (Not all memberships are current).

Publications:

Books

*The Building of a Church: The Centennial History of South Main Baptist Church, Houston, Texas* (Waco: Terrace Publishing, 2004).

*A Texas Baptist History Sourcebook* (Denton: University of North Texas Press, 2004).

*A Handbook of Texas Baptist Biography* (Bloomington, IN.: Authorhouse, 2004).

*A Texas Baptist Power Struggle: The Hayden Controversy* (Denton: University of North Texas Press, 2005).

*Readings in Baptist History* (Nashville: Broadman and Holman Publishing Group, 2008).

*The Life and Writings of Thomas Helwys: The First English Baptist* (Mercer University Press, 2009).

*A History of Christianity: An Introductory Survey* (Nashville: Broadman Press, 2015).

Manuals

*A Student’s Guide to the New Testament* (Bloomington, IN.: Authorhouse, 2005).

*A Student’s Guide to the Old Testament* (Bloomington, IN.: Authorhouse, 2005).

Articles

“Tennessee Baptists and the Scopes Trial.” *Tennessee Baptist Historical Journal* (Fall 2004). “Daniel Parker: Two-Seeds in the Spirit and Illinois Politics.” *American Baptist Quarterly* (Spring 2004). “Landmarkism: Tennessee Baptists’ Influence on Texas Baptists.” *Tennessee Baptist Historical*

*Journal* (Fall 2004).

“Remembering Shurtleff.” *American Baptist Quarterly* (Spring 2003).

“Israel Campbell: The Father of Black Texas Baptists.” *Baptist History and Heritage Journal* (Fall 2004). “The Schism of the First Baptist Church of Dallas, 1880.” *East Texas Historical Journal* (Fall 2004). Review: “Rescue the Perishing.” *Baptist History and Heritage Journal* (Spring 2005).

Review: “A Genetic History of Baptist Thought.” *Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary Journal*

(Spring 2005).

“The Cotton Grove Resolutions.” *Tennessee Baptist Historical Journal* (Fall 2005). Review: “Baptist Church Discipline.” *Baptist History and Heritage Society* (Fall 2005). Review: “Perspectives on Church Government: Five Views of Polity.” *Baptist History and*

*Heritage Society* (Fall 2005).

“Elder John Clark: Father of Missouri Baptists.” *Midwestern Journal of Theology* (Spring 2006). “Johnston Lykins: Kansas City Baptist and Entrepreneur.” *American Baptist Quarterly* (Spring 2006). “Tennessee Baptists and the Civil War.” *Tennessee Baptist Historical Society Journal* (Fall 2006).

“Richard Henry Boyd: Champion of Black Baptist Identity.” *Baptist History and Heritage* (Summer 2007).

“The Apocalyptic Nature of Thomas Helwys Writings.” *American Baptist Quarterly* (Winter

2009).

“The Cotton Grove Resolutions.” *The Campbellsville Review*. (2012-2014). Vol. 7.

“The Birth and Growth of the Baptist Missionary Association in America*.” Baptist History and*

*Heritage Journal* (Summer 2014).

“John Smyth and Thomas Helwys: Theological Differences.” *Journal for Baptist Theology and*

*Ministry* (Spring 2014).

“Jacob Knapp: Instantaneous Conversion and Immersion.” *American Baptist Quarterly* (Fall-

Winter 2013).

Review, “The Father of Modern Landmarkism: The Life of Ben M. Bogard” *Journal of Southern History* (Spring 2015?).

Review, “Born of Water & Spirit: The Baptist Impulse in Kentucky, 1776-1860” *Baptist History and Heritage Journal* (Fall 2016?).

Review, “[The Baptist Story: From English Sect to Global Movement.” By Anthony L. Chute, Nathan A. Finn, and Michael A. G. Haykin](http://baptistcenter.net/journals/JBTM_13-2_Fall_2016.pdf#page=132) *Journal for Baptist Theology and Ministry* (Fall 2016).

Review, “Baptists in America: A History. By Thomas Kidd and Barry Hankins” *Journal for Baptist Theology and Ministry* (Fall 2016).

Review, “The Beginning of Baptist Ecclesiology: The Foundational Contributions of Thomas Helwys. By Marvin Jones. *Baptist History and Heritage Journal* (Spring 2018).

Current Projects for Publication Book: *Religious Life in Austin’s Colony*—Unpublished Manuscript

Book: *Blame it on Eve: The Role, Nature, and Purpose of Woman Throughout History as Depicted by Christianity’s Greatest Theologians*

Presentations

“The Schism of the First Baptist Church of Dallas, 1880.” East Texas Historical Society, Nacogdoches, Texas (September 10, 2003).

“The Pilgrim Predestinarian Church: The First Protestant Church in Austin’s Colony.” East

Texas Historical Society, San Augustine, Texas (February 20, 2004).

“The Virgin Goddess in the Early Church.” Faculty Lecture Series- Cumberland College, Williamsburg, Kentucky (April 1, 2004).

“Israel Campbell: Pastor of the First Independent Black Baptist Church in Texas.” Baptist

History and Heritage, Vancouver, Washington (May 28, 2004).

“The Eleven Baptists in Austin’s Old 300.” East Texas Historical Society, Nacogdoches, Texas

(September 26, 2005).

“Baptist Distinctives.” Delivered four times in Summer 2004.

“The Myth of the Da Vinci Code.” Theta Alpha Kappa Lecture, Cumberland College (November 11, 2004); Laurel County Book Club; First Baptist Church, London, Kentucky; Main Street Baptist Church, Williamsburg, Kentucky.

“Gail Borden: Galveston Inventor and Religious Leader.” East Texas Historical Association, Galveston, Texas (February 17, 2005).

“The Cotton Grove Resolutions.” Tennessee Baptist Historical Association, Nashville, Tennessee

(February 22, 2005).

“L. R. Millican: Baptist Warhorse of the West.” West Texas Historical Association, Alpine, Texas

(April 2, 2005).

“Father Michael Muldoon: Stephen F. Austin’s Priest.” East Texas Historical Association, Nacogdoches, Texas (September 16, 2005).

“Ancient Christian Rome.” Faculty Lecture Series, University of the Cumberlands, Williamsburg, Kentucky (October 4, 2005).

“The Birth of the Baptist Missionary Association.” East Texas Historical Association, Huntsville, Texas (February 1, 2006).

“Samuel Augustus Hayden.” West Texas Historical Association, Lubbock, Texas (April 1, 2006). “Writing a Non-Fiction Book” and “Writing for Publication” East Texas Christian Writer’s

Conference, Marshall, Texas (June 3, 2006).

“You’ve Been Churched: Three Men who were Removed from the Baptist General Convention of Texas.” East Texas Historical Association, Nacogdoches, Texas (September 23, 2006).

“Brann v. Baylor” East Texas Historical Association—Beaumont, Texas (February 16, 2007). “Owen Clinton Pope.” West Texas Historical Association—Abilene, Texas (March 30, 2007).

“W. E. Penn: The Apostle of Texas.” East Texas Historical Association, Nacogdoches, Texas (September 28, 2007).

“Separation of Church and State: The Opinions of George Washington Truett and W. A. Criswell.” Baptist History and Heritage Society, Atla3nta, Georgia (May 27, 2008).

“Z. N. Morrell: Texas Baptist Trailblazer.” East Texas Historical Association — Nacogdoches, Texas (September 4, 2009).

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“The Christian Heritage of Campbellsville University.” J. H. Spencer Society—Elizabethtown, Kentucky (November 9, 2009).

“B. H. Carroll: Bigger than Texas.” Joint Meeting of the East and West Texas Historical

Assocation —Fort Worth, Texas (February 26, 2010).

“The Apocalyptic Writings of Thomas Helwys.” National Association of Baptist Professors of

Religion —Atlanta, Georgia (May 23, 2010).

“Jacob Knapp: Instant Immersion.” Baptist History and Heritage —Georgetown, Kentucky

(June 3, 2010).

“W.A. Criswell: The Disintegration of Separation of Church and State.” East Texas Historical Association--Nacogdoches, Texas (September 16-18, 2010).

“Joseph Martin Dawson: Separation of Church and State.” East Texas Historical Association--Nacogdoches, Texas (September 23, 2011).

*“*Noah Byars: Baptist and Armorer for the Republic of Texas.*”* East Texas Historical Association--College Station, Texas (February, 17, 2012).

“Richard Henry Boyd: Shaper of Black Baptist Identity.” Campbellsville University Baptist Heritage Lecture Series—Louisville, Kentucky (October 4, 2012)

“The Apocalyptic Teachings of Thomas Helwys.” Campbellsville University Baptist Heritage Lecture Series—Campbellsville, Ky. (February 26, 2013).

“The Life and Legacy of R.C. Buckner.” East Texas Historical Association—Nacogdoches, Texas (September 27, 2013).

"The Unofficial Beginning of Landmarkism: The Cotton Grove Resolutions." Campbellsville University Baptist Heritage Lecture Series—Campbellsville, Kentucky. (April 2, 2014).

“A Comparison of John Smyth’s and Thomas Helwys’ Theology.” National Association of Baptist Professors of Religion—Atlanta, Georgia. (May 20, 2014).

“Birthed in Controversy: The Withdrawal of the Baptist Missionary Association from the Baptist General Convention of Texas.” Baptist History and Heritage Society—Sioux Fall, South Dakota (June 5, 2014).

“Five of the Most Influential People in Church History.” Campbellsville University Lecture—Campbellsville, Kentucky. (March 2, 2015).

“The Nature, Purpose, and Role of Women, According to Martin Luther.” National Association of Baptist Professor of Religion—Gardner Webb University, Boiling Springs, North Carolina. (May 23, 2018).

“Southern Baptist Women at the Crossroads: 1950-1979.” Baptist History and Heritage Society—Atlanta, Georgia. ( June 1, 2018).

Grants

2006 University of the Cumberlands Immersion Grant—Used to research Thomas Helyws at

Oxford University

2006 Southern Baptist Historical Library and Archives Grant—Used to Study Thomas

Helyws at Southern Baptist Archives, Nashville, Tennessee

2008 University of the Cumberlands Immersion Grant—Used to research in Israel

2008 Southern Baptist Historical Archives and Library—Used to Study Tennessee Women’s

Colleges

Campbellsville University Faculty Committees and Department Responsibilities

2009—Present—Chair of the Baptist Historical Committee

2010-2016—Member of the General Education Committee

2013-Present—Director of the Campbellsville University Quality Enhancement Plan

2013—2017—Chair of Campbellsville University Heritage Day Committee

2013-2017—Recruiter for the Undergraduate Program—School of Theology

2017-2018—Member of the Academic Integrity Committee

Southern Association of Colleges, Commission on Colleges Responsibilities

2013-Present—Member of the SACSCOC Steering Committee

2013-Present—Director of the Quality Enhancement Plan(QEP) SACSCOC

Responsibilities: Developing, Implementing and Overseeing all aspects of the

QEP

2013—Present—Attended all SACSCOC annual Conferences

2015—October 12-15—On-Site SACSCOC Team—Texas

2016—March 6-11—On-Site SACSCOC Team—North Carolina, Florida

2017—April 3-6—On-Site SACSCOC Team—Texas

2018—March 19-22—On-Site SACSCOC Team—Tennessee

Other Universities

April 2015—Served as off-site evaluator for Georgetown College’s Religion Department in preparation for their SACSCOC review.

Community Service

Member of the Spring View Hospital Ethics Committee, Lebanon , Kentucky. Service began July 2017.

October 2018— Co- designed and implemented a support group at Taylor County Public Library for those living with chronic illness and their significant others/ caregivers

January 2018 – Delivered a lecture series on Baptist history at Saloma Baptist Church, Campbellsville, Kentucky.