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CAREER OBJECTIVE

To inspire students to be passionate learners while engaging in vigorous scholarship and contributing to a supportive community of researchers and educators through writing and speaking.

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

Associate Professor of Old Testament and Hebrew, School of Theology, Campbellsville University, July 2017 – present

- Undergraduate
 - Introduction to the Old Testament
 - Studies in the Prophets
 - Wisdom and Poetic Literature of the Old Testament
 - Studies in the Pentateuch
 - Beginning Hebrew
 - Intermediate Hebrew Exegesis
 - The Art of Reading the Bible
 - Intertestamental Period
 - Ministry of Christian Leadership
 - Pastoral Care and Counseling
- Graduate
 - Old Testament History and Interpretation I
 - Old Testament History and Interpretation II
 - Old Testament Prophets
 - Poetry and Wisdom of the Old Testament
 - Foundations of Biblical Hebrew
 - Selected Texts: Hebrew
 - Ministry of Proclamation and Worship

Guest Lecturer, Seminario Teologico Bautista de Cuba Oriental (Baptist Theological Seminary of Eastern Cuba), March 2024, "Old Testament Poetry and Wisdom Literature."

Adjunct Professor, School of Theology, Campbellsville University, Campbellsville, Kentucky, January 2009 – July 2017

- Undergraduate
 - Introduction to the Old Testament
 - Introduction to the New Testament
 - Studies in Old Testament Prophets
 - Christian Theology
- Graduate
 - Old Testament History and Interpretation I
 - Old Testament History and Interpretation II

Adjunct Professor, Boyce College, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Aug. 2007 - May 2008

- Elementary Greek I
- Elementary Greek II

Adjunct Professor, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, North West Arkansas Extension Center, Fayetteville, AK, January - May 2007

- Introduction to the New Testament I

Adjunct Professor, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Greenville Extension Center, Greenville, South Carolina, August - November 2006

- Introduction to the New Testament II

Adjunct Professor, Campbellsville University, Louisville Education Center, Louisville, KY, May 2006 – July 2013

- Undergraduate
 - Ministry of Proclamation
- Graduate
 - Pastoral Ministries
 - Systematic Theology
 - Christian Theology
 - Contemporary Theology

Adjunct Professor, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Maryville Extension Center, Maryville, TN, August 2003 - May 2005

- Biblical Hermeneutics
- Introduction to the New Testament II
- Elementary Greek
- Greek Syntax and Exegesis

Adjunct Professor, Campbellsville University School of Theology, Campbellsville, KY, August 1996 - July 2001

- Undergraduate
 - New Testament survey
 - Old Testament survey
 - Pastoral ministry
 - Church Administration
- Graduate
 - Leadership Development

Instructor, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, January 1993 - May 1994

- Elementary Hebrew

EDUCATION

Doctor of Philosophy, December 1996

Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, KY

Dissertation: Interpreting Habakkuk as Scripture: An Application of the Canonical Approach of Brevard S. Childs

Advisor: Marvin E. Tate

Areas of Study: Old Testament Theology, Hebrew, New Testament Theology

Master of Divinity with Biblical Languages, December 1990

Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Ft. Worth, TX

Bachelor of Arts, History, with High Distinction, May 1987

University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY

Area of Study: American History

HONORS

Leadership Award, Campbellsville University, September 2014

Garret Fellow, the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, KY 1992-1993

MEMBERSHIPS

Baptist History and Heritage Society

Evangelical Theological Society

Institute for Biblical Research

National Association of Baptist Professors of Religion

Society of Biblical Literature

PUBLICATIONS

Books

Interpreting Habakkuk as Scripture: An Application of the Canonical Approach of Brevard S. Childs. Studies in Biblical Literature, vol. 9. New York: Peter Lang, 2007.

Articles

"Skillfully on the Strings: Psalm 33 as a Song of Exile." *Review and Expositor* (May 2025), volume 122, no. 1-2, 40-53.

"The More a Person Talks: Analysis of an Unpublished Study of the Book of Job by Clyde T. Francisco." *Perspectives in Religious Studies* (Fall 2023), volume 50, no. 3

"Shoulder to Shoulder: Clyde Francisco, Genesis 1-3, and Modern Science." *Baptist History and Heritage Journal* (Summer 2022), volume 57, no. 2.

"Evernote and Online Archiving: Powerful New Tools for the Pastor." *Preaching* (September-October 2010), volume 26, no. 2, pp. 24-28.

Book Reviews

Numbers, Baker Commentary on the Old Testament: Pentateuch, by Mark Awabdy. *Perspectives in Religious Studies* (Winter 2025), volume 52, no. 4, 413-414.

The Book of Ruth, New International Commentary on the Old Testament 30, by Peter H. W. Lau. RBL (09/2024). [1001769_73168.pdf \(sblcentral.org\)](#)

Between Hearing and Silence: A Study in Old Testament Theology, by John Kessler. *Perspectives in Religious Studies* (Spring 2024), volume 51, no. 1, 112-114.

Re-Membering the Body: The Witness of History, Theology, and the Arts in Honour of Ruth M. B. Gouldbourne, edited by Anthony R. Cross and Brian Haymes. *Baptist History and Heritage* 58 (no. 2, 2023): 98-99

Encountering the Living God in Scripture: Theological and Philosophical Principles for Interpretation, by William M. Wright IV and Francis Martin. RBL (12/2023). [1000319_72736.pdf \(sblcentral.org\)](#)

Presentations

"Overshadowed: The Medium of Endor in Her Own Light," American Academy of Religion Southeastern Region Annual Conference, Furman University, Greenville, South Carolina, February 27-March 1, 2026.

"The Need for a Metaphor: Jonathan Haidt's Use of the Tower of Babel Story," National Association of Baptist Professors of Religion Annual Meeting, Raleigh, North Carolina, May 20-22, 2024

"Treasure Awaiting Discovery: How I Found Resources for Sabbatical Research," Faculty Colloquium, Campbellsville University, April 9, 2024.

"Skillfully on the Strings: Psalm 33 as a Song of Exile," American Academy of Religion Southeastern Region Annual Conference, Mercer University Atlanta, March 10-12, 2023.

"Clyde T. Francisco: Genesis 1-3 and Modern Science," Baptist History and Heritage Annual Conference, virtual, May 26-27, 2022.

"Analysis of an Unpublished Paper by Clyde T. Francisco," National Association of Baptist Professors of Religion Annual Meeting, Nashville, Tennessee, May 23-25, 2022.

FACULTY COMMITTEES AND DEPARTMENT RESPONSIBILITIES

Promotion and Tenure Committee, member, 2023-present

Professional Development Committee, member, 2017-present

Lead Professor, Old Testament Studies, 2017-present

Honors Council, member, 2019-2022

Robertson Worship Committee, member, 2019-present

SACSCOC 2024 Reaffirmation: "10.1 Educational Policies, Procedures, and Practices"
Committee, member

OTHER UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Book Review Editor, *Journal for Faith and Ministry*, faculty journal for the School of Theology,
2025 - present.

Convocation Speaker, Fall 2022

Honors Designated Faculty

"The Vine" student-led worship service speaker, Spring 2022

PASTORAL EXPERIENCE

Lebanon Baptist Church, Lebanon, KY (interim pastor), June 2023 - February 2024.

Beech Grove Baptist Church, Campbellsville, KY (interim pastor), July 2020 - August 2021

Pioneer Baptist Church, Harrodsburg, KY (interim pastor), October 2018 – July 2019

Harrodsburg Baptist Church, Harrodsburg, KY (interim pastor), August 2017 – October 2018

Campbellsville Baptist Church, Campbellsville, KY. August 2013 – July 2017

Hurstbourne Baptist Church, Louisville, KY. March 2005 – July 2013

Smithwood Baptist Church, Knoxville, TN, September 2001 - February 2005

Columbia Baptist Church, Columbia, KY, May 1995 - September 2001

River View Baptist Church, Cox's Creek, KY. October 1991 - April 1995

Garner Baptist Church, Garner, TX. December 1988 - June 1990