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Career Goals: *To provide quality theological education that inspires a practical application.*

Education

Doctor of Philosophy (2005)
Southern Baptist Theological Seminary
Evangelism and Church Growth.
Dissertation: A Missiological Response to the Emergent Latino Population in the United States.

Master of Divinity (1999)
Southern Baptist Theological Seminary
Emphasis: Missions, Evangelism and Church Growth.

Bachelor of Arts (1993)
Middle Tennessee State University
Major: English. Minors: Spanish and Secondary Education.
Graduated cum laude.

Professional

Experience

2007-present Campbellsville University Professor of Christian Missions

Lead Professor for Christian Missions degrees. Teach undergraduate and graduate courses in missions, evangelism, spiritual formation, and Old Testament at main campus, regional centers and online. Develop new courses. Lead students on missions trips. Began as adjunct professor in 2007 and was hired full-time in 2011 as Assistant Professor; promoted to Associate Professor in 2015; awarded tenure in 2017.

- Served as Vice President of Faculty Forum (2016); Served as Faculty Rep. to Admin. Council (2019-21).
- Oversaw grant application and managed 3-year grant for academic success and retention of Latino students.
- Developed a Missions Emphasis Week for the university.
- Formed partnerships between university and an international entity (Buckner International) for missions support.
- Represent the university to the Baptist World Alliance. Serving on the BWA Theological Education Committee 2020-2025.
- Awarded Non-Tenured Faculty Award in 2014; Awarded Servant Leadership Award in 2019; Awarded the Chowning Award for Diversity in 2020.
- Participated in the design on a new International Studies degree and Diversity minor.
- Committee work includes Administrative Council, KHIPP, Chair of Missions Committee, Robertson Worship Endowment Fund, and Diversity Policy Committee. Also served on the IRB committee and as chair of a SACSCOC Accreditation sub-committee.

**2005-present Hispanic Baptist Bible Institute
President**

Founding president of organization. Developed flexible, quality curriculum for delivering quality theological education for Spanish-speaking leaders. Expanded program. Oversee multiple centers both nationally and internationally, as well as online education.

- Grew Institute from two Bible Institutes up to 13 centers in four states and four countries.
- Supervise over 50 faculty and administrative employees.

**1997-2005 Southern Baptist Theological Seminary
Director of Great Commission Ministries (2001–2005)**

Full-time position in Billy Graham School of Missions, Evangelism and Church Growth. This position provided strategic leadership to the missions activities of the seminary including the Great Commission Center, the Church Planting Center, and the development of international partnerships. Taught in the Master of Divinity program. Other achievements include:

--Began the only Master of Divinity program taught entirely in Spanish in the continental United States at the time.

--Coordinated a Master of Divinity program for Vietnamese speakers.

Initiated the seminary's Reaching Out program of working with local churches to do community outreach/evangelism in the churches' areas of influence.

--Participated on a reaccreditation committee for ATS and SACS 10-year visit.

Research Associate (2000-2001)

Part-time position in Billy Graham School of Missions, Evangelism and Church Growth reporting directly to Dean Thom Rainer. Primary responsibilities included leading and directing research team which resulted in the book *The Unchurched Next Door*.

Assistant Director of Academic Counseling (1999-2000)

Full-time position in Registrar's office overseeing the maintenance of student records, transferring credit for undergraduate students, counseling disabled students, and compiling the seminary catalog yearly. Worked directly with the Admissions Office to coordinate the handling of admitted students' files.

Instructor of English as a Second Language

Taught graduate and doctoral students who had not achieved the requisite score on the TOEFL exam (1997-1999).

Ministry Experience

1996-Present

Kentucky

Hispanic Church Planting

I have been involved in church planting of Hispanic churches in different locations in the state of Kentucky. An example of this work is the Iglesia Bautista Ebenezer, started in 2004 in Georgetown, Kentucky and now in the capable hands of a disciplined, Bible Institute-trained former member.

1992-Present

Various locations

Missions Activities

Leadership Development in Cuba, Mexico, and Peru (2011- ongoing); Taught Eschatology at the Seminario Wesleyano in Venezuela (2013); Medical Ministry in Mexico (2007); Leadership Development in Uganda and Kenya (2004); Taught church growth at Baptist Seminary of Ghana (2003); Music

Ministry in Panama (1999); Children's Ministry and evangelistic outreach in Mexico (1998); Argentina (1993-1996; see below); Student Ministry in Chile (1992).

**1993-1996 International Mission Board (Argentina)
Journeyman Missionary**

Developed a youth group of 60 young people who were primarily new Christians. Involved in leadership development at the regional level. Also participated in the organization of a worldwide convention. Taught missionaries' children in a homeschool setting. Taught English as a Second Language.

Publications

Bridgebuilding Between Latino and Anglo Churches (Leader and Participant Guides), 2021.

"Baptist Missions Work among Hispanics in the United States: 1837-1989," *Baptist History and Heritage*, Vol. 54, no. 2. Summer 2019.

"Christianity Does Not Equal U.S.: A Global Perspective" in various blogs and newspapers. 2015.

"The War that Cannot Be Won? Poverty: What the Bible Says," in *the Journal for Baptist Theology and Ministry*, Vol. 10, no. 2. Fall 2013.

"Church Planting: From the Bible to Today" in *World Changers for Christ*. *CrossBooks*, 2012.

"Hispanic Church Planting in the Rural Context," a chapter in *Rural Church Planting: A Missiological Primer*, Atlanta: North American Mission Board, 2012.

A Pastoral Biography in *Plantadores Bivocacionales de Iglesias*, Atlanta: the North American Mission Board, 2009.

"When Life and Ministry Take Over," a chapter in *Ready? Preparing for the Pressures of Church Planting*, Atlanta: North American Mission Board, 2009.

"New Churches: Multi-tasking." *On Mission* magazine. Winter 2009.

"The Great Commission in the Hispanic Community," a chapter in *The Challenge of the Great Commission*, Louisville: Pinnacle Publishers, 2005.

Lead Researcher for *The Unchurched Next Door* written by Thom Rainer. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2003.

Profile of the Greater Louisville Area. Commissioned by the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association prior to crusade in 2000.

Languages

English as native language. Near-native fluency in Spanish (reading, writing, and speaking).

Awards

John Chowning Award for Diversity and Community (Campbellsville University, 2020).

Servant Leadership Award for faculty (Campbellsville University, 2019).

Academic Excellence Award for non-tenured faculty (Campbellsville University,

2014).

Presentations

“An Effective Community Partnership: Campbellsville University and Buckner International,” Appalachian College Association, September 2021.

Moderated a breakout session for the annual meeting of the Baptist History and Heritage Society, May 2021

“A Response to *BICTE*” for the Commission on Theological Education of the Baptist World Alliance, June 2020.

“Latino-Anglo Bridgebuilding (4-part series),” American Baptists of Indiana and Kentucky, 2018-present.

“Baptist Missions Work among Hispanics in the United States,” Baptist History and Heritage Society annual meeting, May 2019.

“Retention of U.S. Based Hispanic Students at Campbellsville University,” Appalachian College Association annual meeting, 2014.

Memberships

Evangelical Missiological Society; Baptist History and Heritage Society, North American Baptist Professors of Religion

References

Available upon request.