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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:

Professor of Theology and Director of the Quality Enhancement Plan Campbellsville University, Campbellsville, KentuckyFall 2009-Present Classes Taught: (Undergraduate) New Testament Survey, Old Testament Survey, Ethics, Renaissance and Reformation, Church History; (Undergraduate and Graduate) Contemporary Theology, Philosophy, Christian Theology, Baptist History; (Graduate) Ethics of Christ, Church History to the Reformation, Church History Post- Reformation, Christian Theology I, Christian Theology II. 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, KentuckySpring 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 TexasFall 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, TexasFall 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, MissouriFall 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

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 1997 Midwestern Baptist
Theological Seminary

Graduated Cum Laude Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary,
1997

Faculty Servant Leadership Award Campbellsville University,
Spring 2012

Tenured Faculty Award Campbellsville University,
Spring 2019

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).

(Korean Version) A History of Christianity: An Introductory Survey (Nashville: Broadman Press, 2021).

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 *Journal for Baptist Theology and Ministry* (Fall 2016).
- Review, "Baptists in American 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).
- "Southern Baptist Women's Place in the Church, Home, and Society, 1950-1979." *Baptist History and Heritage Journal* (Fall 2018).
- "According to Luther: The Nature, Role, and Purpose of Women." *Journal for Baptist Theology and Ministry* (Spring 2019).
- "Father Michael Muldoon: Stephen F. Austin's Priest." *Campbellsville Review* (Spring 2019).
- "The Role, Place, and Purpose of Southern Baptist Women, 1979-1987." *Baptist History and Heritage* (Summer 2019).

- “From Permissible to Intolerable: Southern Baptists and the Abortion Debate in the 1970s.” *Baptist History and Heritage*, (Summer 2020) Vol. 55, No 2.
- “Harriett Livermore: Prophet and Preacher.” *Journal of Liberal Arts and Humanities*, Vol. 2; No. 1; January 2021.
- “Fundamentalism and the Birth of the Northern Baptist Convention.” *American Baptist Quarterly*, (Summer 2020), Vol. XXXIX, No. 2.
- “Philo of Alexandria’s Concept of Women.” *Journal for Baptist Theology and Ministry*, (Spring 2021) Vol. 18, No. 1.

Current Projects for Publication

Book: *Religious Life in Austin’s Colony*—Unpublished Manuscript

Book: *You are Still Eve: The Subjection of Women in the Judeo-Christian Tradition*

(The work is complete and I have several offers to publish it. Forthcoming ca. Fall 2023.)

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 Cumberland, 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 Church’d: 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, Atlanta, Georgia (May 27, 2008).

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

“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 Association —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).

“Philo of Alexandria’s Concept of Women and Its Influence on Christian Theological Anthropology.” National Association of Baptist Professors of Religion—Raleigh, North Carolina. (May 21, 2019).

“The Role, Place, and Purpose of Southern Baptist Women, 1979-1987.” Baptist History and Heritage Society—Raleigh, North Carolina. (May 21, 2019).

“Fundamentalism and the Birth of the Northern Baptist Convention.” Campbellsville University Baptist History Lecture Series—Campbellsville, Kentucky (April 20, 2021).

“Harriett Livermore: The Prophetess Who Preached to Congress.” National Association of Baptist Professors of Religion—via Zoom (May 18, 2021).

“From Permissible to Indefensible: The Abortion Issue in the Southern Baptist Convention, 1970-1984.” Baptist History and Heritage Society—Via Zoom (May 28, 2021).

“Social Media in the Classroom.” Appalachian College Association, Summit (September 24, 2021).

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

2019—Southern Baptist Historical Library and Archives Grant—Used to Study Women in Baptist Life

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

2019—Present—Director Baptist Heritage Series

2019—Present—Honors Faculty—Campbellsville University

2019—Present—Member of the Promotion and Tenure Committee, Chair 2021—

2021—2022—Chair of Faculty Forum

2021—Chair of Promotion and Tenure Committee

Southern Association of Colleges, Commission on Colleges Responsibilities

2013-Present—Member of the Campbellsville University SACSCOC Steering Committee

2013-Present—Director of the Campbellsville University 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 Reaffirmation Team—Texas

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

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

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

2020—December 5—Presentation—“Selecting and Starting a Quality Enhancement Plan”

2021—February 16-18—On-Site SACSCOC Reaffirmation Team—Tennessee

Other University Service

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.

April 2019—Member of the Kentucky Baptist Fellowship Coordinating Committee

