CURRICULUM VITAE

Nathan A. Finn, Ph.D.

Professor of Faith and Culture Executive Director, Institute for Transformational Leadership North Greenville University Tigerville, SC

Education

Doctor of Philosophy (2007), Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, NC Dissertation: "The Development of Baptist Fundamentalism in the South, 1940–1980" Major Area: Theological Studies (emphasis in Church History)

Master of Divinity (2005), Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, NC Major Area: Christian Ministry

Also studied toward the Master of Divinity at The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, KY (2002–2004)

Bachelor of Arts (2002), Brewton-Parker College, Mount Vernon, GA Major Area: History Minor Area: Christianity

Associate of Arts (1999), Waycross College, Waycross, GA Major Area: Sociology

Professional Experience

Full-Time Teaching

Professor of Faith and Culture, North Greenville University, June 2018-present

Professor of Theological Studies, Union University, July 2015-May 2018

Associate Professor of Historical Theology and Baptist Studies, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, April 2011–June 2015

Fellow, The L. Russ Bush Center for Faith and Culture, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, June 2013–August 2014

Assistant Professor of Church History and Baptist Studies, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, January 2008–April 2011

Instructor of Church History, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, August 2007– December 2007

Adjunct and Visiting Teaching

Adjunct Professor of Historical Theology, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, July 2015–present

Visiting Professor of Church History, The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, August 2016–July 2017, August 2021–July 2022

Adjunct Professor of Biblical Spirituality, The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, August 2013–July 2015

Adjunct Instructor of Church History, The College at Southeastern, August 2006-May 2007

External Fellowships

Senior Fellow, The Land Center for Cultural Engagement, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, May 2022–present

Fellow, The Center for Baptist Renewal, March 2017-present

Research Fellow, Research Institute, The Ethics and Religious Liberty Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, May 2014–present

Fellow, The L. Russ Bush Center for Faith and Culture, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, August 2013–present

Senior Fellow, The Andrew Fuller Center for Baptist Studies, The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, October 2012–December 2020

Administrative Experience

Provost and Dean of the University Faculty, North Greenville University, June 2018–August 2023

Dean, School of Theology and Missions, Union University, July 2015-May 2018

Professional Affiliations

Leadership

Faculty Development Advisory Council, International Alliance for Christian Education, November 2020–present

Past Leadership Experience

Secretary of the Board, The Transdisciplinary Group, September 2018–March 2022.

Continuation Committee, The International Conference on Baptist Studies, July 2012–March 2022.

Society Memberships

Evangelical Theological Society

Fellowship of Baptist Historians

Institutional Service Experience

North Greenville University

Founding Executive Director, Institute for Transformational Leadership, North Greenville University, September 2023–present

Program Coordinator, Master of Arts in Leadership, June 2023-present

Academic Council, August 2019-present

Senior Leadership Council, June 2018–August 2023

Executive Leadership Council, June 2018-August 2023

Senior Budget Committee, June 2018–August 2023

Convener, Learning Communities Team, June 2018–August 2023

Brashier Leadership Team, Tim Brashier Campus, June 2018-August 2023

Co-chair, Spiritual Formation Task Force, June 2018-May 2019

Union University

Council of Academic Deans, July 2015–May 2018

Steering Committee, Lane-Union Collaborative Initiative, September 2015–May 2018

Search Committee, Chair of the Department of Music, November 2016-May 2018

Christian Liberal Arts Core Task Team, August 2017–May 2018

Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary

Founding Director, Center for Spiritual Formation and Evangelical Spirituality, August 2014–June 2015

Curriculum Revision Committee, December 2014–June 2015

Faculty Advisory Committee on Election and Promotion, January 2013–June 2015

Faculty Fellowship Committee, August 2012–July 2014

Theological Advisor and Coordinator, Between the Times, September 2012-August 2014

Quality Enhancement Plan Committee, calendar year 2012

Cross-Listing Advisory Committee, academic year 2012–2013

Endowed Lectureship Committee, academic years 2007–2012 (Chair, 2010–2012)

Ph.D. Revision Committee, academic year 2009-2010

Ed.D. Assessment Committee, calendar year 2010

Reaccreditation Self-Study Committee, academic year 2010–2011 (Chair, Institutional Resources Subcommittee)

Courses Taught

Undergraduate

History of Christianity; Church History: Patristic and Medieval; Church History: Reformation and Modern; Baptist History: Heritage, Identity, Polity; American Religious History; Reformation History and Theology; British Baptist History; Life and Thought of Jonathan Edwards; Christian Doctrine; Sophomore Seminar (Theology and Missions); Sophomore Seminar in Leadership (Honors); Transformational Leadership (Honors); Faith and Human Flourishing (Honors)

Graduate

Church History: Patristic and Medieval; Church History: Reformation and Modern; Baptist History: Heritage, Identity, Polity; American Religious History; Reformation History and Theology; Selected Theologian: Andrew Fuller; Prayer and Spiritual Awakenings; Theology I: God, Revelation, Humanity; Personal Leadership Development; Leadership Theory and Development

Postgraduate

Ph.D. Mentorship I; Ph.D. Mentorship II; Seminar on a Selected Theologian: Andrew Fuller (PhD); Seminar on the History and Theology of Spiritual Awakenings (PhD); Seminar on the Spirituality of Jonathan Edwards (PhD); Readings in Historical Theology II (PhD); Seminar on 20th-Century Protestant Spirituality (PhD); Seminar on Baptist Theology (PhD); Seminar on American Fundamentalism and Evangelicalism (PhD); Integrative Seminar on the Introduction to Historical Research (PhD); The Minister as Theologian (DMin); Seminar on The Controversy in the Southern Baptist Convention, 1979–2000 (PhD)

Independent Studies, Conference Courses, and Travel Courses

English Nonconformity (1550–1700); American Colonial Christianity; The Conservative Resurgence in the Southern Baptist Convention; The Life of Ann Judson; Early Quaker Thought; The Southern Baptist Convention Annual Meeting (conference course); Practicum in International Evangelism (travel course); Theology of John Owen; Puritan Theology; Together for the Gospel (conference course); Oxford Study Tour: Baptist Heritage (travel course); Church Membership and Church Discipline in Christian History (conference course); Special Topics in Baptist Ecclesiology; Abraham Kuyper and the Neo-Calvinist Tradition; Patristic Pneumatology; Postwar Evangelicalism in America, 1945 to 2000; Theology I: God, Revelation, Humanity; Biblical Interpretation; Biblical Counseling; Theology and Life; Baptist Ecclesiology; English Baptist History

Publications

Books (Authored)

History: A Student's Guide. Reclaiming the Christian Intellectual Tradition. Wheaton, IL: Crossway, 2016.

The Baptist Story: From English Sect to Global Movement. Nashville: B&H Academic, 2015. Co-authored with Anthony L. Chute and Michael A. G. Haykin.

Books (Edited)

A Handbook of Theology, Theology for the People of God. Co-edited with Daniel L. Akin and David S. Dockery. Nashville, TN: B&H Academic, 2023.

Understanding Andrew Fuller: Reflections on His Life, Thought, and Legacy, vol. 1. Co-edited with Jeffrey Robinson and Shane Shaddix. Dundas, Ontario: H&E, 2021.

Understanding Andrew Fuller: Reflections on His Life, Thought, and Legacy, vol. 2. Co-edited with Jeffrey Robinson and Shane Shaddix. Dundas, Ontario: H&E, 2021.

Historical Theology for the Church. Co-edited with Jason G. Duesing. Nashville, TN: B&H Academic, 2021.

The Sum and Substance of the Gospel: The Christ-Centered Piety of Charles Haddon Spurgeon, Profiles in Reformed Spirituality. Co-edited with Aaron Lumpkin. Grand Rapids, MI: Reformation Heritage, 2020.

A Reader's Guide to the Major Writings of Jonathan Edwards. Co-edited with Jeremy Kimble. Wheaton, IL: Crossway, 2017.

Spirituality for the Sent: A New Vision for the Missional Church. Co-edited with Keith Whitfield. Downers Grove, IL: IVP Academic, 2017.

Andrew Fuller, *Apologetic Writings, Volume 5: Strictures on Sandemanianism*, The Complete Works of Andrew Fuller, vol. 9. Edited by Nathan A. Finn. Berlin, Germany and Boston, MA: Walter de Gruyter, 2016.

Ministry by His Grace and for His Glory: Essays in Honor of Thomas J. Nettles. Co-edited with Thomas K. Ascol. Cape Coral, FL: Founders Press, 2011.

Robert Hall Sr., *Help to Zion's Travellers*, updated edition. Edited by Nathan A. Finn. Mountain Hope, AR: BorderStone Press, 2011.

Richard Fuller and Francis Wayland, *Domestic Slavery: The Correspondence of Richard Fuller* and Francis Wayland. Co-edited with Keith Harper. Macon: Mercer University Press, 2008.

Contributed Chapters

"The Christian Right: From Reagan to Trump," in *Baptist Political Theology*, eds. Andrew Walker, Paul Miller, and Thomas Kidd, pp. 431–58. Nashville, TN: B&H Academic, 2023.

"Introduction," in *A Handbook of Theology*, Theology for the People of God, eds. Daniel L. Akin, David S. Dockery, and Nathan A. Finn, pp. 1–10. Nashville, TN: B&H Academic, 2023. Co-authored With Daniel L. Akin and David S. Dockery.

"Sanctification," in *A Handbook of Theology*, Theology for the People of God, eds. Daniel L. Akin, David S. Dockery, and Nathan A. Finn, pp. 365–77. Nashville, TN: B&H Academic, 2023.

"On Observing Southern Baptists: Literature since 1993" in *Southern Baptists Re-Observed: Perspectives on Race, Gender, and Politics*, America's Baptists, ed. Keith Harper, pp. 3–17. Knoxville, TN: University of Tennessee Press, 2022.

"Gen Z as a Compartmentalized Generation: Cultivating a Holistic Worldview through a Synthesis of Truth, Narrative, and the Affections," in *Know, Be, Live: A 360 Degree Approach to Discipleship in a Post-Christian Era*, ed. John D. Basie, pp. 66–77. Brentwood, TN: Forefront, 2021.

"Evangelical by Conviction, Baptist by Tradition: David Dockery's Vision for Southern Baptist Higher Education," in *Baptists and Culture: Proceedings on the Sixth Annual International Conference on Baptist Studies*, ed. William L. Pitts, pp. 279–94. Macon, GA: Mercer University Press, 2021.

"Introduction," in Understanding Andrew Fuller: Reflections on His Life, Thought, and Legacy, vol. 1, eds. Nathan A. Finn, Jeffrey Robinson, and Shane Shaddix, pp. 1–3. Dundas, Ontario: H&E, 2021.

"Andrew Fuller and the Future of Baptist Theology," in *Understanding Andrew Fuller: Reflections on His Life, Thought, and Legacy*, vol. 1, eds. Nathan A. Finn, Jeffrey Robinson, and Shane Shaddix, pp. 151–64. Dundas, Ontario: H&E, 2021.

"Scripture and Authority," in *Historical Theology for the Church*, co-eds. Jason G. Duesing and Nathan A. Finn, pp. 251–71. Nashville, TN: B&H Academic, 2021.

"Conclusion," in *Historical Theology for the Church*, co-eds. Jason G. Duesing and Nathan A. Finn, pp. 387–92. Nashville, TN: B&H Academic, 2021.

"Baptist Associationalism: A Historical Overview," in *Baptist Associations: Serving Churches and Advancing the Gospel*, ed. Ray Gentry, pp. 29–36. Spring Hill, TN: Rainer Publishing, 2020.

"Baptists and the Benedict Option in American Babylon," in *Christian Cultural Engagement: A Crash Course in Contemporary Issues*, eds. Josh Chatraw and Karen Swallow Prior, pp. 230–34. Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 2019.

"Retrieving the Reformation for the Renewal of Evangelical Spirituality," in *Celebrating the Legacy of the Reformation*, eds. Kevin L. King, Edward E. Hindson, Benjamin K. Forrest, pp. 78–103. Nashville: B&H Academic, 2019.

"What in the World Is Holiness? Christian Spiritualities in the Modern World," in *Biblical Spirituality: God's Holiness and Our Spirituality*, Theology in Community, ed. Christopher Morgan, pp. 215–38. Wheaton, IL: Crossway, 2019.

"Knowing and Loving God: Toward a Theology of Christian Higher Education," in *Christian Higher Education: Teaching and Learning in the Evangelical Tradition*, eds. David S. Dockery and Christopher W. Morgan, pp. 39–58. Wheaton, IL: Crossway, 2018.

"The Particular Baptist Battle over Sandemanianism," in "A New Divinity": Transatlantic Reformed Evangelical Debates During the Long Eighteenth Century, Reformed Historical Theology Series, eds. Michael A. G. Haykin and Mark Jones, pp. 177–92. Gottingen, Germany: Vandenhoeck & Ruprecht, forthcoming 2018.

"Personal Writings," in *A Reader's Guide to the Major Writings of Jonathan Edwards*, eds. Nathan A. Finn and Jeremy Kimble, pp. 41–58. Wheaton, IL: Crossway, 2017.

"The Missional Church and Spiritual Formation," co-authored with Keith Whitfield, in *Spirituality for the Sent: A New Vision for the Missional Church*, co-edited with Keith Whitfield, pp. 9–29. Downers Grove, IL: IVP Academic, 2017.

"Debating Baptist Identities: Description and Prescription in the American South," in *Mirrors and Microscopes: Historical Perceptions of Baptists*, ed. C. Douglas Weaver, pp. 173–87. Bletchley, Milton Keynes, UK: Paternoster, 2015.

"Baptists and the War in Vietnam: Responses to 'America's Longest War," in *Baptists and War: Essays on Baptists and Military Conflict, 1640s–1690s*, McMaster General Studies Series, vol. 2, eds. Gordon L. Heath and Michael A. G. Haykin, pp. 203–29. Eugene, OR: Pickwick, 2015.

"The Rule of Elders: The Presbyterian Angle on Church Leadership," in *Shepherding God's Flock: Biblical Leadership in the New Testament and Beyond*, eds. Benjamin L. Merkle and Thomas R. Schreiner, pp. 197–222. Grand Rapids, MI: Kregel Ministry, 2014.

"Andrew Fuller's Edwardsean Spirituality," in *The Pure Flame of Devotion: The History of Christian Spirituality, Essays in Honour of Michael A. G. Haykin*, eds. Steve Weaver and Ian Clary, pp. 387–408. Dundas, Ontario: Joshua Press, 2013.

"Until All Burma Worships the Eternal God': Judson the Missionary, 1812–1850," in *Adoniram Judson: The Bicentennial Celebration of America's First Missionary, 1812–2012*, ed. Jason G. Duesing, pp. 77–100. Nashville: B&H Academic, 2012.

"Church Membership in Church History: An Analysis," in *Those Who Must Give an Account: A Study of Church Membership and Church Discipline*, eds. John S. Hammett and Benjamin Merkle, pp. 53–80. Nashville: B&H Academic, 2012.

"Baptists and the Bible Revisited: The History of a History Book," in Ministry by His Grace and for His Glory: Essays in Honor of Thomas J. Nettles, eds. Thomas K. Ascol and Nathan A. Finn, pp. 3–16. Cape Coral, FL: Founders Press, 2011.

"Thomas J. Nettles: A Bibliography," in *Ministry by His Grace and for His Glory: Essays in Honor of Thomas J. Nettles*, co-authored with Matthew Emerson, eds. Thomas K. Ascol and Nathan A. Finn. Cape Coral, FL: Founders Press, 2011. Co-authored with Matthew Emerson.

"Southern Baptists and Evangelicals: Passing on the Faith to the Next Generation," in *Southern Baptists, Evangelicals, and the Future of Denominationalism*, ed. David S. Dockery, with Ray Van Neste and Jerry Tidwell, pp. 231–60. Nashville: B&H Academic, 2011.

"Southern Baptist History: A Great Commission Reading," in *The Great Commission Resurgence: Fulfilling God's Mandate in Our Time*, eds. Chuck Lawless and Adam Greenway, pp. 51–76. Nashville: B&H Academic, 2010.

"Priorities for a Post-Resurgence Convention," in *Southern Baptist Identity: The Future of an Evangelical Denomination*, ed. David S. Dockery, pp. 257–80. Wheaton: Crossway, 2009.

"Assessing a Better Paradigm: The Case for a Third Way," in *A Better Paradigm for the Study of Baptist History?* Ed. R. L. Vaughn, pp. 17–20. Mount Enterprise, TX: Waymark Publications, 2009.

"Southern Baptist Calvinism: Setting the Record Straight," in *Calvinism: A Southern Baptist Dialog*, eds. E. Ray Clendenen and Brad Waggoner, pp. 171–94. Nashville: B&H Academic, 2008.

Scholarly Essays (asterisk indicates a refereed journal)

* "Theological Commitments of Distinctively Christ-Centered Higher Education," *Evangelical Review of Theology* 47.3 (August 2023): 235–49.

"Convictionally Baptist and Confessionally Evangelical," *Southwestern Journal of Theology* 65.2 (Spring 2023): 95–107.

"The Separation of Church and State: A Southern Baptist Perspective," *Southwestern Journal of Theology* 64.2 (Spring 2022): 51–66.

"Academic Discipleship and the Baptist University," *Southwestern Journal of Theology* 62.2 (Spring 2020): 35–51.

Guest co-editor with Amy Whitfield of spring 2020 issue of *The Journal of Baptist Theology and Ministry*, issue theme Southern Baptist Complementarianism: Perspectives and Prospects. Contributed editorial "Southern Baptist Complementarianism: Perspectives and Prospects," *The Journal of Baptist Theology and Ministry* 17.1 (Spring 2020): 1–4.

* "Baptist Identity as Reformational Identity," *Southeastern Theological Review* 8.2 (Fall 2017): 29–49.

"Baptists and the Benedict Option in American Babylon," *Christianity in the Academy* 13 (2016): 156–67.

"Contours for a Healthy Baptist Spirituality," in *Criswell Theological Review* 12.1 (Fall 2014): 3–22.

* "John R. Rice, Bob Jones Jr. and the 'Mechanical Dictation' Controversy: Finalizing the Fracturing of Independent Fundamentalism," in *The Journal of Baptist Studies* 6 (2014): 60–75.

* "John R. Rice, Billy Graham, and the Dilemma of Ecclesiastical Separation," *American Baptist Quarterly* 33.2 (Summer 2014): 229–52.

"Curb Youth Enthusiasm: Martin Luther's Critique of Anabaptism," in *Southwestern Journal of Theology* 56.2 (Spring 2014): 163–81.

"On the 'Traditionalist Statement': Some Friendly Reflections from a Calvinistic Southern Baptist," *Journal for Baptist Theology and Ministry* 10.1 (Spring 2013): 64–70.

* "The Renaissance in Andrew Fuller Studies: A Bibliographic Essay," *The Southern Baptist Journal of Theology* 17.2 (Summer 2013): 44–61.

"The Use of William Carey in Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board Publications, 1846-1885," *The Andrew Fuller Center Review* 4 (Fall 2012): 5–15.

* "The Making of a Baptist Universalist: The Curious Case of Elhanan Winchester," *Baptist History and Heritage* 47 (Fall 2012): 6–18.

"Surely it is Worth While': William Carey's Personal Application of His *Enquiry*," *Puritan Reformed Journal* 2.2 (July 2010): 286–300.

"Robert Hall's Contributions to Evangelical Renewal in the Northamptonshire Baptist Association," *Midwestern Journal of Theology* 6.1 (Fall 2007): 19–34. Reprinted as the introduction to Robert Hall Sr., *Help to Zion's Travellers*, updated edition, pp. xi–xilv. Mountain Hope, AR: BorderStone Press, 2011.

* "Youth for Calvin: Reformed Theology and Southern Baptist Collegians," *Baptist History and Heritage* 39 (Spring 2004): 19–41. Co-authored with C. Douglas Weaver.

Book Review Essays (Asterisk indicates a refereed journal)

* "*Restoring the Soul of the University* – An Extended Review," *Christian Scholar's Review* 47.4 (Winter 2018): 455–61.

* "Contesting *Contesting Catholicity*: Some Conservative Reflections on Curtis Freeman's Theology for 'Other Baptists," *Southeastern Theological Review* 6.2 (Winter 2015): 151–70.

* "Evangelical History after George Marsden: A Review Essay," *Themelios* 40.1 (Spring 2015): 63–77.

* "Now Let Us Praise Faithful Moderates: A Review Essay of Three Recent *Festschriften*," *The Journal of Baptist Studies* 4 (2010): 46–68.

Reference Articles

Christian Worldview Handbook, eds. David S. Dockery and Trevin Wax, pp. 320–24. Nashville, TN: Holman Reference, 2019. Contributed article on "A Response to Eastern and New Age Views of History."

Christian Worldview Study Bible, eds. David S. Dockery and Trevin Wax. Nashville: B&H Reference, 2018. Contributed article on "A Critique of Eastern Views of Historical Progress."

A Jonathan Edwards Encyclopedia, eds. Harry S. Stout, Kenneth Minkema, and Adriaane Neele. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, November 2017. "Fullerism," and "*Some Thoughts Concerning Revival*."

Encyclopedia of Christianity in the United States, 3 vols, eds. George Thomas Kurian and Mark Lamport. Lanham, MD: Rowman and Littlefield, 2016. Contributed entries on "Dagg, John Leadley"; "New Lights"; "New Measures"" "Seminaries, Southern Baptist Convention."

Forewords, Reflections, and Misc. Essays

"Foreword" to Matthew D. Haste, *Helped On Our Way to Heaven: Eighteenth-Century English Baptists on Marriage*, pp. ix–x. Eugene, OR: Pickwick, 2023.

"Foreword" to Tim McKnight, No Better Gospel: George Whitefield's Theology and Methodology of Evangelism, pp. xix-xxi. Florence, SC: Seed, 2017.

"SBJT Forum: John Owen," *The Southern Baptist Journal of Theology* 20.4 (2016): 115–16. Answered question, "Why has there been a resurgence of interest in John Owen in recent decades?"

"Historical and Theological Forum," *Midwestern Journal of Theology* 14.1 (2015): 55–61. Contributed reflections on John Wyclif, Andrew Fuller, and Marches on Selma, AL.

"Irenic Conservative, Orthodox Baptist," in Gregory Thornbury, Ben Mitchell, and Carla Sanderson, eds., *Convictional Civility: Essays in Honor of David S. Dockery*, pp. 145–47. Nashville, TN: B&H Academic, 2014.

"Foreword" to Andrew M. Davis, *An Infinite Journey: Growing Toward Christlikeness*, pp. 13–14. Greenville, SC: Ambassador International, 2014.

Popular Essays

Essays published for *WORLD* Opinions; Baptist Press; The Gospel Coalition; The Land Center for Cultural Engagement; *Church Matters: A Journal for Pastors*; International Alliance for Christian Education; Ethics and Religious Liberty Commission; Baptist 21; International Mission Board; Center for Baptist Renewal; *Light Magazine; Baptist & Reflector; Baptist Courier*; Canon and Culture; *Towers; Expositor; Facts and Trends; SBC LIFE; The Great Commission Magazine of Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary*; The Imaginative Conservative; *Tabletalk; Biblical Recorder*; ChurchLeaders.com; *Credo Magazine; The Baptist Messenger; Boundless Webzine; The Gospel Witness; The Pathway; Founders Journal*; Crosswalk.com; Desiring God

Book Reviews (Asterisk indicates a refereed journal)

Reviews published for *Journal of the Evangelical Theological Society; *Themelios; *Southern Baptist Journal of Theology; *Southeastern Theological Review; *Journal of Spiritual Formation and Soul Care; *The Journal of Baptist Studies; *Baptist History and Heritage; Southwestern Journal of Theology; *North Carolina Historical Review; Journal of Baptist Theology and Ministry; Integration: A Journal of Faith and Learning; The Andrew Fuller Review: The Bulletin of the Andrew Fuller Center for Baptist Studies; Christianity Today; The Journal of Biblical Manhood and Womanhood; The City: A Publication of Houston Baptist University; The Baptist Messenger; Founders Journal; Faith and Mission; The Journal of the Florida Baptist Historical Society; The Gospel Coalition; The Land Center for Cultural Engagement; Public Discourse; Books at a Glance; Canon and Culture; The Anxious Bench; LifeWay Pastors

Select Papers and Invited Lectures

"How God Has Used Colleges and Universities in Spiritual Awakenings and Mission Mobilization." Plenary address for the IACE Missions, Evangelism, and Apologetics Conference, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas, September 21, 2023. "The Faith: The Professor as Academic Disciple-Maker." Plenary address for the Fall Faculty Celebration, Charleston Southern University, North Charleston, South Carolina, August 17, 2023.

"My Faith: The Professor as Academic Disciple." Plenary address for the Fall Faculty Celebration, Charleston Southern University, North Charleston, South Carolina, August 17, 2023.

"The Importance of Spiritual Formation for Faculty Development." Plenary address for the IACE Faculty Development Conference, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas, May 26, 2023.

"Against 'Establishmentarian' Baptist Political Theology." Carver-Barnes Lecture, L. Russ Bush Center for Faith and Culture, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, North Carolina, March 21, 2023.

"Against 'Establishmentarian' Baptist Political Theology." Lecture delivered to the Land Center for Cultural Engagement Fellows Colloquium, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas, February 7, 2023.

"What is Spiritual Formation?" Lecture delivered to the Southern Baptists and Scientists Symposium, Bush Center for Faith and Culture, New Orleans, Louisiana, January 19, 2023.

Invited panelist, "The Future of Christian Higher Education and Theological Education." Evangelical Theological Society Annual Meeting, Denver, Colorado, November 16, 2022.

Paper respondent, "Charles Hodge, Francis Grimké, and the Doctrine of Human Unity in the Critique of Race Prejudice." American Christianity Section, Evangelical Theological Society Annual Meeting, Denver, Colorado, November 15, 2022.

Invited panelist, "Evangelicalism and the Bebbington Quadrilateral." Center for Baptist Renewal, Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee, Oklahoma, November 1, 2022.

"Evangelical by Conviction, Baptist by Tradition: David Dockery's Vision for Southern Baptist Higher Education." Land Center for Cultural Engagement Lecture Series, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas, October 24, 2022.

"Church-State Separation: A Southern Baptist Perspective." Land Center for Cultural Engagement Lecture Series, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas, October 24, 2022.

"Southern Baptists and Darwinism: The Evolution of a Perennial Controversy." Land Center for Cultural Engagement Lecture Series, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas, October 24, 2022.

"Theological Commitments of Distinctively Christ-Centered Education." Plenary address for the IACE Faculty Development Conference, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas, May 25–27, 2022.

"Church-State Separation: A Southern Baptist Perspective." David and Lanese Dockery Lectures in Baptist Heritage and Thought, Union University, Jackson, Tennessee, March 10, 2022.

"Toward a Holistic Interpretation of Southern Baptist History." David and Lanese Dockery Lectures in Baptist Heritage and Thought, Union University, Jackson, Tennessee, March 10, 2022.

"Excellence in Scholarship, Research, and Writing." Plenary address for the IACE Faculty Development Conference, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas, June 27–30, 2021.

"Response to 'Confession—The Practice of Dogmatic Theology." Paper for the Baptist Dogmatics Roundtable, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, North Carolina, June 23–24, 2021.

"Biography as Theology Reconsidered: The Role of Biography in Cultivating Theological Wisdom." Lecture delivered to the Regional Convivium of the Davenant Institute, Landrum, South Carolina, March 26–27, 2021.

"Southern Baptists and Darwinism: The Evolution of a Perennial Controversy." Plenary address for the Science and the Christian Faith: Moments that Shaped History, L. Russ Bush Center for Faith and Culture, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, North Carolina, February 22, 2020.

"On Baptist Politicians and Politicians Who Are Baptist." Paper for the 2019 ERLC Research Institute, Dallas, Texas, October 2, 2019.

"Evangelical by Conviction, Baptist by Tradition: David Dockery's Vision for Southern Baptist Higher Education." Paper for the Southeast Regional Meeting of the Evangelical Theological Society, North Greenville University, Tigerville, South Carolina, March 16, 2019.

"Evangelical by Conviction, Baptist by Tradition: David Dockery's Vision for Southern Baptist Higher Education." Paper for the International Conference on Baptist Studies, Baylor University, Waco, Texas, July 20, 2018.

"Is the Reformation Over? Two Trajectories within Evangelical Spiritual Formation." Paper for the American Christianity Section, Evangelical Theological Society Annual Meeting, Providence, Rhode Island, November 16, 2017.

"Retrieving the Reformation for the Renewal of Evangelical Spirituality." Breakout session paper for The Legacy of the Reformation Conference, Liberty University, Lynchburg, Virginia, September 28, 2017. "Baptist Identity as Reformational Identity." Breakout paper, Reformation 500 Festival, Union University, Jackson, Tennessee, March 11, 2017.

"Reforming the Reformation: The Baptist 'Mark' of the Church." Plenary session, 500 Festival, Union University, Jackson, Tennessee, March 10, 2017.

Invited panelist, "The Future of the Baptist Faith and Message and the Southern Baptist Academy." B&H Academic Theology Breakfast, annual meeting of the Evangelical Theological Society, San Antonio, Texas, November 16, 2016.

"After 'The Controversy': Toward the Renewal of Southern Baptist Identity." Herschel H. and Frances J. Hobbs Lectureship in Baptist Faith and Heritage, Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee, Oklahoma, October 19, 2016.

"Retrieval as Renewal: The Rediscovery of John Owen among Postwar Reformed and Evangelical Christians." Plenary address for the Andrew Fuller Conference, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky, September 21, 2016.

"Baptists and the Benedict Option in American Babylon." Paper presented at the annual Christianity and the Academy meeting, Memphis, Tennessee, March 5, 2016. Session theme: "Considering Rod Dreher's Benedict Option."

"An Uncommon Union: Interpreting Jonathan and Sarah Edwards." Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Evangelical Theological Society, Atlanta, Georgia, November 18, 2015. Session theme: "Marriage and Family in Church History."

"Communist Persecution of the Church, 1917–1989." Lecture delivered to the annual conference of the Andrew Fuller Center for Baptist Studies, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky, September 15–16, 2015.

"Baptist Magisteria and the Question of Authority." Response to Steve Harmon, "A Free Church Magisterium?" Ph.D. Colloquium, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, March 12, 2015.

"John R. Rice, Bob Jones Jr., and the 'Mechanical Dictation' Controversy: Finalizing the Fracturing of Independent Fundamentalism." Paper presented to the American Christianity Program Unit at the annual meeting of the Evangelical Theological Society, Baltimore, Maryland, November 20, 2013. Session theme: Evangelicals, Inerrancy & Defending the Bible: Snapshots from American Christianity.

"Baptists and the Bible: The History of a History Book." Paper presented to the Baptist Studies Program Unit at the annual meeting of the Evangelical Theological Society, Baltimore, Maryland, November 19, 2013. Session theme: Baptists and the Bible.

"Andrew Fuller's Edwardsean Spirituality." Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Evangelical Theological Society, Baltimore, Maryland, November 19, 2013. Session theme: The Theological Legacy of Andrew Fuller.

"Towards a Missional Spirituality." Lecture delivered to the School of Christian Studies at California Baptist University, Riverside, California, November 5, 2013.

"Andrew Fuller: An Evangelical Theologian." Lecture delivered at the L. Russ Bush Center for Faith and Culture, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, North Carolina, October 18, 2013.

"Andrew Fuller's Critique of Sandemanianism." Plenary lecture delivered at the Andrew Fuller and His Controversies Conference, The Andrew Fuller Center for Baptist Studies, The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky, September 28, 2013.

"Debating Domestic Slavery: The Wayland-Fuller Correspondence in Context." Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Baptist History and Heritage Society, Richmond, Virginia, May 21, 2013.

Respondent to Andrew Atherstone's Lecture "Charles Haddon Spurgeon, Martyn Lloyd-Jones and the British Bible League," Green Scholars Initiative, Charlotte, North Carolina, February 19, 2013.

"Robert Hall Sr.: Andrew Fuller's Mentor." Plenary lecture delivered at the Andrew Fuller and His Friends Conference, The Andrew Fuller Center for Baptist Studies, The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky, September 21, 2012.

"Baptist Identities in Recent Discussion: Description and Prescription." Paper presented at the International Conference on Baptist Studies VI, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, North Carolina, July 13, 2012.

"The Making of a Baptist Universalist: The Curious Case of Elhanan Winchester." Paper presented to the Baptist Studies Program Unit at the annual meeting of the Evangelical Theological Society, San Francisco, California, November 16, 2011. Session theme: Baptists and the Exclusivity of the Gospel.

"Baptists and the War in Vietnam: Responses to 'America's Longest War." Plenary lecture delivered at the Baptists and War Conference, The Andrew Fuller Center for Baptist Studies, The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky, September 27, 2011.

"Christian Higher Education in America: Whence and Whither?" Lecture delivered at the annual Faculty and Staff Workshop, Brewton-Parker College, Mount Vernon, Georgia, August 18, 2010.

"Southern Baptists and Evangelicals: Passing on the Faith to the Next Generation." Plenary lecture delivered at Southern Baptists, Evangelicals, and the Future of Denominationalism, Union University, Jackson, Tennessee, October 6–9, 2009.

"Connections ... Wake Forest to Sozhou: Sophie Lanneau, 1880–1963." Lecture delivered at the spring meeting of the Wake Forest Historical Association, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, March 8, 2009.

"The Pulpit and the Public Square: Some Observations from the Ministry of Charles Haddon Spurgeon." Plenary lecture delivered at The Politics of Jesus: Timeless Answers for Today's Questions, Durham, North Carolina, October 9–10, 2008.

"Southern Baptist Calvinism: Setting the Record Straight." Plenary lecture delivered at Building Bridges: Southern Baptists and Calvinism, Ridgecrest, North Carolina, November 26–28, 2007.

"Some Sources for Devotional Literature in the Nineteenth Century Baptist South." Paper presented at the Baptist History Celebration, Charleston, South Carolina, August 1–3, 2007.

"Surely it is Worth While': William Carey's Personal Application of his *Enquiry*." Paper presented at the International Conference on Baptist Studies IV, Acadia Divinity School, Acadia, Nova Scotia, July 12–15, 2006.

Professional Development

Certificate in Servant Leadership, Gonzaga University School of Leadership Studies (Fall 2023)

Participant, Leadership Union (Academic year 2017–2018)

Participant, Baylor Seminar in Academic Leadership, Baylor University and International Association of Baptist Colleges and Universities (May 15–18, 2016)

Participant, New Faculty Development Program, Union University (Academic years 2015–2016 and 2016–2017)

Participant, Faculty-Focused Consultation, Association of Theological Schools (March 11-13, 2011)

Participant, Junior Faculty Program, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary (Academic years 2007–2008 and 2008–2009)

Recognitions, Fellowships, and Grants

Awards and Honors

Southeastern Theological Fellowship Award, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary (2018)

Young Alumni of the Year, Brewton-Parker College (2018)

Ministerial Alumni of the Year, Brewton-Parker College (2012)

Stealey Church History Award, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary (2005)

Presidential Scholarship, The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary (2002-2004)

History Award for highest departmental GPA, Brewton-Parker College (2002)

Christian Leadership Award, Brewton-Parker College (2002)

Fellowships and Grants

General Project Grant, "Swimming in Uncharted Waters: Pedagogical Collaboration around Racial Reconciliation and Ethnic Diversity Among Faculty in a Faith-Based HBCU and PWI," awarded by the Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion for a joint project between faculty at Union University and Lane University (2016–2017)

Oikonomia Fellowship, awarded by The Acton Institute for participation in Acton University (2016, 2019)

Lynn E. May Study Grant, awarded by The Southern Baptist Historical Library and Archives for research related to the topic "Baptist Responses to the Vietnam War" (2011)

Editorial and External Evaluation Responsibilities

Series Editorships

Series Co-General Editor, Theology for the People of God, B&H Academic Publications, January 2017–present

Editorial Board, *The Complete Works of Andrew Fuller*, Walter de Gruyter, February 2013present

Series Consulting Editor, Monographs in Baptist History, Pickwick Publications, January 2012-present

Series Consulting Editor, Studies in Baptist Life and Thought, B&H Academic, July 2008–May 2011

Journals and Reference

Senior Editor, Integration: A Journal of Faith and Learning, January 2023-present

Editorial Board, The Journal of Andrew Fuller Studies, March 2020-present

Editorial Board, The Journal of Baptist Studies, January 2013-present

Advisory Board, The Journal of Discipleship and Family Ministry, February 2013-present

Editorial Board, Journal for Baptist Theology and Ministry, January 2014-present

Book Review Editor, Church History and Historical Theology, *Themelios*, August 2010–July 2015.

Editorial Board, The Andrew Fuller Review, October 2012-August 2014

Associate Editor, The Journal of Baptist Studies, January 2007–December 2012

Evaluation and Editing

Judge for The Gospel Coalition Book Awards for the category Church History/Biography (2017, 2018, 2022)

Judge for the *Christianity Today* Book Awards for the categories Spirituality (2015) and History/Biography (2017)

External Doctor of Philosophy dissertation reader, The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary (fall 2012; fall 2015; spring 2017); Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary (spring 2018); Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary (fall 2019)

Manuscript review and peer review work for University of Tennessee Press, B&H Academic, Crossway Publishing, IVP Academic, *Journal of the Evangelical Theological Society*, *Themelios, Southeastern Theological Review*, and *Baptist History and Heritage*

Occasional Contract Content Editor, B&H Academic, 2010–2016.

Denominational Affiliation, Experience, and Service

Ordained Southern Baptist minister (October 2001)

Current church membership: Taylors First Baptist Church, Taylors, SC (serve as Teaching Pastor and direct The Equip Institute)

Previously served six Southern Baptist churches in Georgia and North Carolina in various staff, interim, and pastoral positions

Led study/tourism trips to Great Britain (2014) and Israel (2018)

Led mission trips to the Czech Republic (2008) and Bangladesh (2011, 2012)

Frequent guest preacher/speaker in churches, associational meetings, Bible conferences, men's retreats, marriage retreats

Member of the Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary Society (2013–2015)

Member of the Historical Committee, Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, January 2008–November 2009

Member of the board of directors of the *Biblical Recorder*, Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, September 2011–December 2014 (member of Executive Committee; chair of the Finance Committee, March 2012–September 2013; Vice Chair of the board, September 2013–December 2014)

Vice Chair of the Committee on Resolutions, Southern Baptist Convention, 2021

Member of the SBC Executive Committee Resolutions Task Force, 2022

Recording Secretary, Southern Baptist Convention, 2022-present

Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention (member of Ministry and Missions Committee), 2022–present

Cooperation Group, Southern Baptist Convention, 2023-present

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