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EDUCATION

PH.D.	Drew University Area: Historical Theology October 2003	Madison, NJ

Dissertation: "A Response to Grace: The Sacramental Theology of Balthasar Hubmaier"
Committee: Donald W. Dayton (chair), James F. White, and H. Wayne Pipkin

M.PHIL.	Drew University Area: Historical Theology May 2000	Madison, NJ
TH.M.	Princeton Theological Seminary Area: Preaching and Worship May 1997	Princeton, NJ
Theological German Study	Princeton University Summer 1996	Princeton, NJ
M.DIV.	George W. Truett Theological Seminary Baylor University May 1997 (completed May 1996) *Summa Cum Laude*	Waco, TX
Additional Seminary Study	Brite Divinity School Autumn 1995	Fort Worth, TX
	Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary September 1993-May 1994	Fort Worth, TX
B.A.	Baylor University Area: Religion May 1993	Waco, TX

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

Associate Professor of Christian Theology, George W. Truett Theological Seminary, Baylor University, Waco, TX (August 2013 – present)

Assistant Professor of Christian Theology, George W. Truett Theological Seminary, Baylor University, Waco, TX (June 2007 – July 2013)

Adjunct Professor of History, Fairleigh Dickinson University, Madison, NJ (Fall 2000).

Graduate Research Assistant, *Ancient Christian Commentary on Scripture* Project, Drew University (Sept. 1997-May 1999).

Faculty Assistant, George W. Truett Theological Seminary, Baylor University (Jan. – May 1996).

CHURCH EXPERIENCE

Interim Pastor, First Baptist Church, Round Rock, TX (April 2014-present)

Interim Pastor, Woodlawn Baptist Church, Austin, TX (September 2012-December 2013)

Interim Pastor, Central Baptist Church, Livingston, TX (February 2011-March 2012)

Senior Pastor, Northminster Baptist Church, Jackson, MS (September 2005-May 2007)

Senior Pastor, Spring Creek Baptist Church, Oklahoma City, OK (April 2001- August 2005)

Pastoral Intern, Wilshire Baptist Church, Dallas, TX (June 1995 – December 1995)

Youth Director, Westminster Presbyterian Church, Fort Worth, TX (June 1994-August 1995)

Youth Director, Grace Presbyterian Church, Temple, TX (May 1992 – May 1993)

RESEARCH & TEACHING INTERESTS

Reformation History
Theology of Martin Luther
Sacramental Theology
Anabaptist History & Theology
Early Baptist History & Theology
Liturgical & Homiletical Theology

COURSES TAUGHT

Continental Reformation – Martin Luther (Ph.D. seminar – Baylor Religion Dept.)

Studies in Historical Theology – Martin Luther (Truett Seminary)

Studies in Historical Theology - Anabaptist Theology (Truett Seminary)

Christian Texts and Traditions 2 (Reformation and Post-Reformation Period) (Truett)

Studies in Systematic Theology - Reformation Martyrdom (Truett Seminary)

Studies in Twentieth Century Theology – Karl Barth (Truett Seminary)

Research for Ministry and Spiritual Formation (D.Min. seminar – Truett Seminary)

Theological Capstone – Baptism (Truett Seminary)

Theological Capstone – Death and Resurrection (Truett Seminary)

Introduction to Christian Theology (Truett Seminary)

Introduction to Western Civilization: Foundations of the Modern World (Fairleigh Dickinson University)

PUBLICATIONS – BOOKS

A Pledge of Love: The Anabaptist Sacramental Theology of Balthasar Hubmaier, Studies in Christian History and Thought Monograph Series. Milton Keynes, England: Paternoster Press, 2012.

ed., *Distinctly Baptist: Proclaiming Identity in a New Generation.* Valley Forge: Judson Press, 2011.

PUBLICATIONS - ARTICLES, BOOK CHAPTERS, & ENCYLOPEDIA ENTRIES

"Zwingli's Early Anabaptist Convictions: History or Mythology?," *Mennonite Quarterly Review* (under review).

"'The' vs. 'All:' The Baptist Appropriation and Distortion of Martin Luther's Universal Priesthood," in *The Ecumenical Luther*, Derek Nelson and Piotr Malysz, eds. (Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 2015 [expected]).

"Anabaptist Sacramentalism and Its Contemporary Appropriation," in *Marginal or Mainstream?: Anabaptists, Mennonites and Modernity in European Society*, Mark Jantzen and Mary Sprunger, eds. Cornelius H. Wedel Historical Series, vol. 8 (North Newton: Bethel College, 2014)

"'The Family that Eats Together Stays Together': Reviving the Anabaptist Pledge of Christian Discipline for Baptist Congregations: A Response to Jonathan Trevor" in *Truett Journal of Church and Mission*, Vol. 8 (Spring 2014): 17-21.

"In Memoriam: H. Wayne Walker Pipkin (1939-2014)," in *Mennonite Quarterly Review*, vol. 88, no. 4 (October 2014), 291-292.

"'To Defer and Not to Hasten': The Anabaptist and Baptist Appropriation of Tertullian's Baptismal Theology," *Harvard Theological Review*, vol. 106 (July 2013): 287-308.

"Free Church Sacramentalism: A Surprising Connection Between Baptists and Anabaptists," in *Interfaces: Baptists and Others*, David W. Bebbington and Martin Sutherland, eds. (Milton Keynes, England: Paternoster Press, 2012): 3-28.

"Down in the River to Pray: A Sermon on the Baptist Distinctive of Believer's Baptism," in *Distinctly Baptist: Proclaiming Identity in a New Generation*, Brian C. Brewer, ed. (Valley Forge: Judson Press, 2011): 131-142.

"Evangelical Anglicanism: John Wesley's Dialectical Theology of Baptism," *Evangelical Quarterly*, vol. 83, no. 2 (April, 2011): 107-132.

"A Baptist View of Ordained Ministry: Just a Function, or a Way of Being?," in *Baptist Faith & Witness* (*Book 4*), Baptist World Alliance Quinquennium Publication 2005-2010, Paul Fiddes, ed. (Falls Church: BWA 2011), 142-176.

"Shall We Pray?" in *The Truett Pulpit: The Community and Worship of the People of God* vol. IV (2010-2011): 149-165.

"'These are the Masks of God': Martin Luther and the Protestant Life of Vocation" in *Thriving in Babylon: Essays in Honor of A. J. Conyers*, Princeton Theological Monograph Series, David B. Capes and J. Daryl Charles, eds. (Eugene: Pickwick Publishers, 2010): 178-203.

"Signs of the Covenant: The Development of Sacramental Thought in Baptist Circles," *Perspectives in Religious Studies*, vol. 36, no. 5 (Winter 2010): 407-420.

"Radicalizing Luther: How Balthasar Hubmaier (Mis)Read the 'Father of the Reformation,'" *Mennonite Quarterly Review*, vol. 84, no. 1 (January 2010): 33-53.

"Giorgio Biandrata," in *Westminster Handbook to Theologies of the Reformation,* R. Ward Holder, ed. (Louisville: Westminster/John Knox Press, 2010): 22-23.

"Georg Blaurock," in *Westminster Handbook to Theologies of the Reformation* (Louisville: Westminster/John Knox Press, 2010): 24.

"Commandments," in *Westminster Handbook to Theologies of the Reformation* (Louisville: Westminster/John Knox Press, 2010): 42.

"Dirck Volkertszoon Coornhert," in *Westminster Handbook to Theologies of the Reformation* (Louisville: Westminster/John Knox Press, 2010): 48-49.

"Creation," in *Westminster Handbook to Theologies of the Reformation* (Louisville: Westminster/John Knox Press, 2010): 54.

"Balthasar Hubmaier," in *Westminster Handbook to Theologies of the Reformation* (Louisville: Westminster/John Knox Press, 2010): 84.

"Hans Hut," in *Westminster Handbook to Theologies of the Reformation* (Louisville: Westminster/John Knox Press, 2010): 86.

"Index Librorum Prohibitorum," in *Westminster Handbook to Theologies of the Reformation* (Louisville: Westminster/John Knox Press, 2010): 89.

"Kingdom of God," in *Westminster Handbook to Theologies of the Reformation* (Louisville: Westminster/John Knox Press, 2010): 98.

"Pilgram Marpeck," in *Westminster Handbook to Theologies of the Reformation* (Louisville: Westminster/John Knox Press, 2010): 107.

"Merit," in *Westminster Handbook to Theologies of the Reformation* (Louisville: Westminster/John Knox Press, 2010): 112-113.

"Münster," in *Westminster Handbook to Theologies of the Reformation* (Louisville: Westminster/John Knox Press, 2010): 115.

"Perfection," in *Westminster Handbook to Theologies of the Reformation* (Louisville: Westminster/John Knox Press, 2010): 123.

"Righteousness," in *Westminster Handbook to Theologies of the Reformation* (Louisville: Westminster/John Knox Press, 2010): 139-40.

"Michael Sattler," in *Westminster Handbook to Theologies of the Reformation* (Louisville: Westminster/John Knox Press, 2010): 145.

"Michael Servetus," in *Westminster Handbook to Theologies of the Reformation* (Louisville: Westminster/John Knox Press, 2010): 150-51.

"A Baptist View of Ordained Ministry: A function or a way of being?," Part 2 *Baptist Quarterly* [London] vol. 43, no. 4 (October 2009): 221-28.

"A Baptist View of Ordained Ministry: A function or a way of being?," Part 1 *Baptist Quarterly* [London] vol. 43, no. 3 (July 2009): 154-69.

"Johann Arndt: Reconsidering the Renovative Lutheran," *Covenant Quarterly* (November 2002): 20-36.

"Hymns of Invitation in the Baptist Tradition: A Historical and Theological Comparison of American and Southern Baptist Hymns," in *The Hymn: A Journal of Congregational Song* (July 2000): 28-37.

PUBLICATIONS IN PROGRESS

Protestantism and the Seven Sacraments: A Reappraisal 500 Years After the Reformation (Grand Rapids: Baker Academic, pending Fall 2015).

"'Diping Y^{e} Body into Y^{e} Water': The History and Significance of Immersion Baptism Since the Sixteenth Century" (to be under review, *Studia Liturgica,* Fall 2014)

SCHEDULED PRESENTATIONS

"Mr. Blunt goes to Amsterdam: The Anabaptist Influence on the Particular Baptists," for the National Baptist Professors of Religion annual meeting (May 2015)

PREVIOUS PRESENTATIONS

"'The' vs. 'All:' The Baptist Appropriation and Distortion of Martin Luther's Universal Priesthood," for "The Ecumenical Luther Conference," Wabash College, August 12, 2014.

"The Once Third Protestant Sacrament: Luther and the Act of Penance," *Sixteenth Century Society and Conference*, San Juan, Puerto Rico, October 29, 2013.

"Was Ulrich Zwingli a Closet Anabaptist?," Tenure Lecture, George W. Truett Theological Seminary, Baylor University, April 9, 2013.

"Proclaiming Baptist Distinctives: How to Do It and Why It's Crucial," workshop for *Go to a New Land: Journeying Toward God*, sponsored by the American Baptist Missionary Board, Orlando, FL, January 24, 2012.

"Zwingli's Early Anabaptist Convictions: History or Mythology?," Sixteenth Century Society and Conference, Ft. Worth, Texas, October 28, 2011.

"'To Defer and Not to Hasten': The Anabaptist and Baptist Appropriation of Tertullian's Baptismal Theology," Reformation Studies Colloquium, University of St. Andrews, St. Andrews, Scotland, September 7, 2010.

"Anabaptist Sacramentalism and Its Contemporary Appropriation," Marginal or Mainstream?: Anabaptists, Mennonites and Modernity in European Society, Bethel College, North Newton, Kansas, June 25, 2010.

"Free Church Sacramentalism: A Surprising Connection Between Baptists and Anabaptists," Plenary paper given at the International Conference on Baptist Studies, Whitley College, Melbourne, Australia, July 16, 2009.

"Radicalizing Luther: How Balthasar Hubmaier (Mis)Read the 'Father of the Reformation,'" Sixteenth Century Society and Conference, St. Louis, Missouri, Oct. 25, 2008.

"A Baptist View of Ordained Ministry: Just a function, or a way of being?," Joint Session of the Doctrine and Interchurch Commission, the Church Leadership Commission, and the Baptist Heritage and Identity Commission, Baptist World Alliance Annual Meeting, Prague, Czech Republic, July 22, 2008.

"The History of Immersion Baptism Since the Reformation," Baylor Historical Studies Colloquium, March 28, 2008.

"The Pastor as Theologian: What Athanasius Can Teach the Minister," George W. Truett Theological Seminary, Baylor University, January 18, 2007.

"Jesus' Family," Fall Assembly, Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of Mississippi, Twin Lakes Conference Center, Florence, Mississippi, September 30, 2006.

"Evangelical Anglicanism: John Wesley's Dialectical Theology of Baptism," at Southwest Commission on Religious Studies, American Academy of Religion, 2003.

"Of Toy Gardens and Joy: The Psychology of Conversion in the Early Life of C.S. Lewis," at *The Inklings: Religious and Literary Reflections* Conference, Drew University, 1998.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

Footnote Editor. *I & II Corinthians. Ancient Christian Commentary on Scripture,* vol. VII (InterVarsity Press, 1999).

Review. "An Evangelical Theology of Preaching," by Donald English. *Koinonia* (Spring & Fall 1997), 156-159.

PROFESSIONAL HONORS & AFFILIATIONS

Member, Academic and Theological Education Workgroup, Baptist World Alliance (2005-2010)

Member, American Academy of Religion (1999-present)

Member, American Society of Church History (2007-present)

Member, Conference on Faith and History (2008-present)

Member, Doctrine and Interchurch Cooperation Commission, Baptist World Alliance (2005-2010)

Member, Ecclesiastical History Society (2008-present)

Member, Karl Barth Society of North America (1998-present)

Member, Mennonite Historical Society (2007-present)

Member, National Association of Baptist Professors of Religion (2008-present)

Member, Sixteenth Century Society and Conference (2008-present)

AWARDS, GRANTS & CONTINUING EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES

George W. Truett Theological Seminary Outstanding Professor Award (voted by graduating class, May 17, 2013)

Communio Faculty Retreat, Laity Lodge (May 2013)

Joe R. Engle Fellow of Preaching, Princeton Theological Seminary (Summer 2004)

INSTITUTIONAL SERVICE

Member, Civil Rights Issues Resolution Committee, Baylor University (2012-present)

Chair, Committee on Scholarship, Research, and Lectures, George W. Truett Theological Seminary (2011-present)

Member, Kyle Lake Center for Effective Preaching Committee, George W. Truett Theological Seminary (2011-present)

Member, Doctor of Ministry Committee, George W. Truett Theological Seminary, Baylor University (2007-present)

Member, Mentoring Committee, George W. Truett Theological Seminary, Baylor University (2009-2011)

Faculty Member, George W. Truett Theological Seminary Alumni Association Committee (2008-present)

Truett Faculty Liaison/Sponsor, Baylor University Theta Alpha Kappa Chapter (National Honor Society for Religious Studies/Theology) (2009-present)

Supervision of Doctor of Ministry Project - Darren Heil (2009-present)

Supervision of Doctor of Ministry Project - David White (2012-present)

Chair, Baptist Studies Program Advisory Board, Phillips Theological Seminary, Tulsa, OK (2005)

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Member of the Board of Directors, Waco Children's Choir (2011-2012)

Member of the Board of Directors, McClennan County Collaborative Abstinence Project (2009- 2010)

CHURCH-RELATED ENGAGEMENTS (2007-present)

Preacher, First Baptist Church, Round Rock, Texas (March 2, 2014 – April 14, 2014 as guest preacher; April 20, 2014-present as Interim Pastor)

Preacher, First Baptist Church, Goldthwaite, Texas (February 23, 2014)

Preacher, Woodlawn Baptist Church, Austin, Texas (July 22, 2012; interim pastor September 2012- December 2013)

Preacher, First Baptist Church, Chilton, Texas (July 1, 2012; Dec. 26, 2010; Dec. 27, 2009; March 15, 2009; October 5 & 12, 2008)

Preacher, DaySpring Baptist Church, Waco, Texas (June 10, 2012; December 2, 9, 16, & 23, 2007; May 18, 2008; August 10, 2008)

Preacher, Central Baptist Church, Livingston, Texas (January 16, 2011; interim pastor February 2011 – March 2012)

Lecturer, "The Reformation: A Rediscovery of Grace, Salvation and Community," The Woodlands United Methodist Church, The Woodlands, Texas (February 24, 2012)

Reformation Sunday Preacher, Fellowship Bible Church, Jacksonville, Texas (October 31, 2010)

Bible Study Leader, Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit, Waco, Texas (September 1, 2010; October 1, 2008)

Preacher, First Baptist Church, College Station, Texas (July 25, 2010)

Preacher, Southside Baptist Church, Palestine, Texas (July 26, 2009)

Preacher, First Baptist Church, Bryan, Texas (July 12, 2009)

Preacher, Spring Creek Baptist Church, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma (June 21, 2009)

Preacher, First Baptist Church, Shreveport, Louisiana (April 5, 2009)

Preacher, First Baptist Church, Brownwood, Texas (March 29, 2009)

Preacher, Agape Baptist Church, Ft. Worth, Texas (January 25, 2009)

Preacher, Memorial Baptist Church, Temple, Texas (November 23, 2008)

Preacher, First Baptist Church, Mineral Wells, Texas (August 31, 2008)

Preacher, Columbus Avenue Baptist Church, Waco, Texas (June 22, 2008)

Preacher, First Baptist Church, Corpus Christi, Texas (June 1, 2008)

Lecturer, "Through the Streets: A Look at Your Personal Precepts," First Baptist Church, Bryan, Texas (April 20 & 27, 2008)

Lenten Series Preacher, First Presbyterian Church, Hillsboro, Texas (March 19 & 20, 2008)

Preacher, First Baptist Church, Mart, Texas (October 21 & December 30, 2007; February 24, 2008)

Preacher, First Baptist Church, Salado, Texas (July 15, 2007)

Sunday School Co-Teacher, *Epistle of James Class*, Dayspring Baptist Church (Spring 2009)

Sunday School Teacher, "Theology of the Incarnation" series, Church-wide Adult Class, DaySpring Baptist Church, Waco, Texas (Advent 2008)

Sunday School Co-Leader/Presenter, Baptist Distinctives Course, DaySpring Baptist Church, Waco, Texas (Spring 2008).

Sunday School Co-Leader/Presenter, Bonhoeffer Course: *Life Together: The Classic Exploration of Christian Community*, DaySpring Baptist Church, Waco, Texas (Fall 2007).

DENOMINATIONAL SERVICE

Member, Coordinating Council, Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of Mississippi (2006-2007)

Member, Personnel Committee, Metro Baptist Association, Jackson, MS (2007)

Moderator, Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of Oklahoma (2005)

Chair, Nominating Committee, CBF of Oklahoma Coordinating Council (2004-05)

Member, General Assembly Committee, CBF of Oklahoma Coordinating Council (2001-04)

MINISTERIAL CREDENTIALS

Ordination to the Gospel Ministry, Wilshire Baptist Church, Dallas, Texas (November 1999)