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## Education:

### Ph.D. Baylor University, Department of Religion, 2021

Advisor: Dr. James Nogalski

Dissertation: Reforging History: The Divine Warrior in Persian Period Expansions in the Twelve.

Course work included: Book of the Twelve, Ezekiel, Jeremiah, Ezra/Nehemiah, Chronicles, Psalms, Formation of the Pentateuch, History of Ancient Israel, Old Testament Theology, Ugaritic, Imperial Aramaic, Ancient Near Eastern Peoples, The Phenomenon of Ancient Prophecy, Luke, Mark, and New Testament Theology.

### M.A. Abilene Christian University, Graduate School of Theology, 2016

Advisor: Dr. Mark Hamilton

Thesis: Intertextual Discourse and the Problem of God: The Intersection of the Speeches of Job and the Book of Deuteronomy.

Course work included: Hebrew Bible Text, Ancient Near Eastern Myth and Religion, Old Testament Theology, Advanced Hebrew, Hebrew Poetry, Ge'ez/Ethiopic, Syriac/Biblical Aramaic, Ugaritic, German and Dead Sea Scrolls.

### M.Div. Abilene Christian University, Graduate School of Theology, 2015

Advisor: Dr. Tim Sensing

Course work included: Hebrew Bible, New Testament, Greek, Hebrew, Theology, Preaching, Pastoral Counseling, Church History, Stone-Campbell Movement History, Missions, and Ministry.

### B.A. Abilene Christian University, Department of Bible, Missions, and Ministry, 2011

Major: Biblical Text

Course work included: Hebrew Bible, New Testament, Biblical Languages and Interpretation, Church History, Theology, General Ministry, Campus Ministry, Preaching, Missions, and Counseling.

## Courses Taught:

(Syllabi and student evaluations available upon request)

Baylor University:

HEB 2310 – Intermediate Hebrew Readings I

HEB 2320 – Intermediate Hebrew Readings II

REL 1310 – Introduction to Christian Scripture

REL 1350 – Introduction to Christian Heritage

Abilene Christian University and ACU Dallas

BIBL 101 – Jesus: His Life and Teachings

BIBO 454 – Prophetic Literature of the Old Testament (“Subject Matter Expert” for course creation)

Pepperdine University

REL 101 – The Old Testament in Context

### **Awards and Scholarships:**

Baylor Academic Fellowship (2016-2021)  
Allie Ray Neal Christian Scholarship Foundation Fellowship (2018–2020)  
Phillips Scholarship (2018–2020)  
Nominated for Best Thesis Award, ACU GST (2016)  
Stone-Campbell Promising Scholar Award (2015)  
ACU GST Academic Achievement Award (2015)  
Prentice and Barbara Meador Scholarship (2014–2015)  
Byrd Ray, Lucile Walls-Lewis Scholarship (2012–2015)  
ACU GST Scholarship (2011–2015)  
Magna Cum Laude (2011)  
Deans Honor Roll (2008–2011)  
A. B. Barrett Scholarship (2008–2011)

### **Other Academic Employment**

Graduate Assistant to Dr. Lynn Tatum, Waco, TX (Fall 2020)

Responsibilities include: Technological management of two hybrid classes using Zoom and Canvas.

Graduate Assistant to Dr. James Kennedy, Waco, TX (2018–2020)

Coteaching HEB 2310 & 2320: Intermediate Hebrew I & II (Fall 2019–Spring 2020, syllabi available upon request)

Graduate Assistant to Dr. Chris van Gorder, Waco, TX (2019–2020)

Responsibilities included: Teaching, administration and grading exams, editing books, and publications.

Graduate Assistant to Dr. David Moseman, Waco, TX (2016–2019)

Responsibilities included: Coteaching HEB 2310 & 2320: Intermediate Hebrew I & II (Fall 2018–Spring 2019, syllabi available upon request), lecturing in Dr. Moseman's absence, grading of Hebrew tests and quizzes, administration of tests.

Graduate Assistant, Abilene Christian University, Abilene, TX (2011–2015)

Assisted Mr. Robert Oglesby (2011–12), Dr. Melinda Thompson (2012–14), and Dr. Glenn Pemberton (2014–15). Responsibilities included but not limited to: Instructing Hebrew (seminary level), assisting in research, writing Hebrew exams, tutoring in Greek and Hebrew, lecturing in general education courses (undergrad level), class administration and management, special event coordination, and ministry readiness test administration. I assisted with research for Pemberton, Glenn. *The God Who Saves: An Introduction to the Message of the Old Testament*. Abilene: ACU Press, 2015.

Freelance Editor, ACU Press, Abilene, TX (2013)

Ancient Languages Editor for: Ferguson, Everett. *The Early Church and Today vol 2*, Abilene: ACU Press, 2014.

Teaching Assistant, Abilene Christian University, Abilene, TX (2012–13)

Responsibilities included: Class Administration, lecturing/teaching once per week, Instructor/Class: Mike Cope/ BIBL 101: Life and Teachings of Jesus (Fall 2012) Randy Harris/ BIBL 102: Acts–Revelation (Spring 2013).

### **Ecclesial Employment:**

Campus Minister, Southern Hills Church of Christ, Abilene, TX (2014–2016)

Responsibilities included: Organizational supervision for the Southern Hills Campus Ministry, teaching, administration.

Preaching Minister, Maryneal Church of Christ, Maryneal, TX (2014)

Responsibilities included: Weekly preaching and teaching.

Ministry Internships at Fellowship Church of Christ, Orange, TX (2009, 2010) and Southern Hills Church of Christ, Abilene, TX (2010–11, 2012, 2013).

### **Languages**

Fluent:

English

High Proficiency:

Classical Hebrew, Imperial/Biblical Aramaic, Classical Syriac, and Koine Greek

Reading Knowledge:

German, French, Spanish (Mexican), Ethiopic (Ge'ez), Ecclesiastical Latin, Ugaritic, Targamic Aramaic, and Moabite

Beginner's Knowledge:

Akkadian (Old Babylonian)

### **Primary Research Projects:**

The Textual History of the Ethiopic Old Testament Project (THEOT)

Primary Investigator for the Book of Joel (2011–pres)

Project Organizers: Dr. Steven Delamarter and Dr. Curt Niccum

Supervisor: Dr. Curt Niccum

The International Greek New Testament Project (IGNTP)

Collator of the Gospel of John in MS 2364 (2010)

Supervisor: Dr. Curt Niccum

### **Publications:**

Swinney, Kipp. "Forged by Fire—Consumed by the Flames: The Sword and the Making of an Allegory in Ezekiel 21," in *Metaphors in Ezekiel*. Edited by Antje Labahn and Joel Kemp. *Library of Hebrew Bible/Old Testament Studies*. London: Bloomsbury, (Forthcoming).

Swinney, Kipp. "Jonah," in *Adaptable for Life: The Message of the Old Testament for Contemporary Readers*. Edited by Kilnam Cha, Melinda Thompson, and Kevin Youngblood. Eugene, OR: Wipf & Stock, (Forthcoming).

Swinney, Kipp. "Joel," in *Adaptable for Life: The Message of the Old Testament for Contemporary Readers*. Edited by Kilnam Cha, Melinda Thompson, and Kevin Youngblood. Eugene, OR: Wipf & Stock, (Forthcoming).

Delamarter, Steve, et al. "The Text of the Ethiopic Bible: The Book of the Twelve." A digital resource for Accordance Bible Software. Altamonte: Oaktree Software, 2016.

Brown, Jeremy, Curt Niccum, and Kipp Swinney. "Joel: The Text in the Ethiopic Tradition." In *Biblia Veteris Testamenti Aethiopica*. Edited by Ran HaCohen (Forthcoming e-publication).

Delamarter, Steve, with Jeremy Brown, Anke Dorman, Curt Niccum, and Kipp Swinney. "The Minor Prophets." In vol 1a of *The Textual History of the Bible*. 2 vols. Edited by A. Lange and E. Tov, Leiden: Brill, 2016.

Delamarter, Steve, Anke Dorman; Curt Niccum; Kipp Swinney; Jeremy Brown. "6–9.2.3.4 Minor Prophets." *Textual History of the Bible*. General Editor Armin Lange. Leiden: Brill Online, 2015.

Swinney, Kipp. "The Most Ancient Order: Alexander Campbell and the Book of Job." *Restoration Quarterly* 57 (2015): 213–24.

### Conference Presentations

"Inundation and Prophetic Inspiration: Noah's Flood and the Tower of Babel Traditions within Prophetic Literature." 2022 Christian Scholars Conference, Hermeneutics and Unity in and after Scripture Session, Nashville, TN, June 2022 (Future Presentation).

"Treading Upon the Heights: Hebrew Linguistics and Editing in the Twelve," 2021 Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, The Book of the Twelve Prophets session, San Antonio, TX, November 2021 (Future Presentation).

"Broken by Yahweh's Weapon: The Warhammer in Jeremiah 51:20–24," 2021 Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, Israelite Prophetic Literature session, San Antonio, TX, November 2021 (Future Presentation).

"Born of Fire, Perfected in War: The Sword and the Making of an Allegory in Ezekiel 21," 2020 Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, joint session between the Theological Perspectives on Ezekiel section and the Metaphor Theory section, Virtual Meeting, December 2020.

"The Divine Warrior and the Shaping of Nahum and Habakkuk for the Twelve and a Yahweh-Centric History," 2020 Christian Scholars Conference, Old Testament Colloquium, Nashville, TN, June 2020. (CANCELLED DUE TO COVID-19)

"Yahweh — Wielder of Nations, Destroyer of Kingdoms: The Warhammer in Jeremiah 51:20–24," 2019 Christian Scholars Conference, Old Testament Colloquium, Lubbock, TX, June 2019.

"Bringing God to Bear: The Theological Claims about Yahweh in Prophetic Rhetoric." 2019 Southwest Commission on Religious Studies Conference, Regional Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, Hebrew Bible Session, Irving, TX, March 2019.

"Theogenesis and Ethnogenesis: The Role of Qaus in the Formation of Edomite Identity." 2018 Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, Religions of Israel and Judah in Their West Asian Environment Session, Denver, CO, November 2018.

- “When Yahweh Goes to War: The Theological Implications of the Divine Warrior Motif in Prophetic Literature.” 2018 Christian Scholars Conference, Old Testament: New Perspectives, Nashville, TN, June 2018.
- “Bending the Bow of Bronze: Understanding Psalm 18:35 [34] from the perspective of Yahweh as a warrior and The Royal Hero as a divinely empowered Agent.” 2018 Southwest Commission on Religious Studies Conference, Regional Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, Hebrew Bible Session, Irving, TX, March 2018.
- “The Divine Armament: Yahweh’s Tools of War in Habakkuk 3:8–15.” 2017 Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, Icons and Iconography Session, Boston, MA, November 2017. Present by David Moseman.
- “Text and Subtext: Job 31 and the Implied Code of Conduct.” 2017 Southwest Commission on Religious Studies Conference, Region Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, Hebrew Bible Session, Irving, TX, March 2017.
- “The Goddess of the Bow: Anat and her Exploits in KTU 1.4 II 3–16.” 2017 Central Texas Colloquium on Religion. Ancient Near Eastern Texts, Austin, TX, February 2017.
- “Job on Moses: References to Deuteronomy in the Speeches of Job.” 2016 Christian Scholars Conference, Old Testament Session: Psalms, Songs, and Theology, Nashville, TN, June 2016.
- “The Most Ancient Order: Alexander Campbell and the Book of Job.” 2015 Stone-Campbell Journal Conference, Reexamining Scholarship in the Stone-Campbell Restoration Movement Study Group, Indianapolis, IN, April 2015.
- “Noise Reduction and Character Selection and Segmentation Methods for Ethiopic.” 2015 Annual Meeting of The Society of Biblical Literature, SBL Ethiopic and Literature Section, Atlanta, GA, November 2015. For James Prather.

### **Book Reviews**

- Tugendhaft, Aaron. *Baal and the Politics of Poetry*. The Ancient Word. New York: Routledge, 2017. Review in *Restoration Quarterly* 61 (2019):244–6.
- Smith, Mark. *Poetic Heroes: Literary Commemorations of Warriors and Warrior Culture in the Early Biblical World*, by Mark Smith, Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans (2014). Review in *Restoration Quarterly* 61 (2019):120–1.
- Jobes, Karen and Moises Silva. *Invitation to the Septuagint*. 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition. Grand Rapids: Baker, 2015. Review in *Restoration Quarterly* 60 (2018):58–9.
- Sneed, Mark. *The Social World of the Sages: An Introduction to Israelite and Jewish Wisdom Literature*. Minneapolis: Fortress, 2015. Review in *Restoration Quarterly* 59 (2017):183–4.

### **Professional Organizations and Service**

- Chair of the Christian Scholars Conference Hebrew Bible/Old Testament Colloquium (2019–2022)

Member of the *Society of Biblical Literature* (2011–Present)

Member of the *Southwest Commission on Religious Studies* (2012–Present)

Member of the *Stone-Campbell Scholars Community* (2014–2017)

### **Committee/Organizational Work**

Baylor University, Department of Religion, Undergraduate Program Committee (2021-2022)

Crestview Church of Christ Zoom Bible class teacher (April–August 2020)

Crestview Church of Christ Israel trip teacher, partnering with Geoff Carroll and *Travel the Text: Biblical Study Trips* (March 2020)

Crestview Church of Christ Adult Education Curriculum Consultant (2017–2021)

Crestview Church of Christ Life Group Leader (2017–2021)

ACU Graduate School of Theology ATS (Association of Theological Schools) Reaccreditation Sub-Committee, Standard 2 (2015–16)

ACU Semitic languages reading group organizer (2011–16)

Southern Hills Church of Christ Campus Minister Search Committee (2013)

ACU Graduate Chapel-Planning Committee (2011–13)

Student Consultant for the 2012 Graduate School of Theology Visiting Committee (2012)

“We are the Sermon” Day planning team for Southern Hills Church of Christ (2012)

Department of Bible Missions and Ministry Chapel Planning Committee (2010–11)

### **Personal**

Spouse: Kaitlyn Ann Moehlman Swinney (Married 12/28/13)

Children: Nathan Oliver Swinney (6/23/2015), Zechariah Luke Swinney (11/27/2017)  
Gabriel (6/25/2020, Foster Child)

Church Membership: Crestview Church of Christ, Waco, TX

Foster Parent, Licensed through Arrow Child and Family Ministries for Basic, Intermediate, Specialized, and Primary Medical Needs Children (2019–Pres)

Hobbies: Hiking/outdoor adventures, Reading (especially with my children), Listening to Podcasts, pickling/fermenting foods (like sauerkraut, yogurt, peppers, and garlic).

### **Invited Lectures and Sermons**

“I will be the Shepherd of my Sheep (Ezekiel 34).” Sermon delivered at the Crestview Church of Christ, Waco, TX (October 2021).

“The Compassionate and Gracious God (Psalm 103).” Sermon delivered at the Pond Springs Church of Christ, Austin, TX (August 2021).

- “God is Present (Ezekiel 1).” Sermon delivered at the Crestview Church of Christ, Waco, TX (May 2021).
- “On the Desert Road (Acts 8).” Sermon delivered at the Pond Spring Church of Christ, Austin, TX (May 2021).
- “Come Follow Me (Mark 1).” Sermon delivered at the Pond Springs Church of Christ, Austin, TX, (November 2019).
- “The Deadliest Catch: Following Jesus to the Cross.” A two-part sermon for the Crestview Church of Christ College and Young Professionals Fall Retreat, Glenn Rose, TX (October 2019).
- “The Spirit of the Lord is upon You (Isaiah 61).” Sermon Delivered at the Pond Spring Church of Christ, Austin, TX (August 2019).
- “I Forgive Sins for My Own Sake (Isaiah 43).” Sermon Delivered at the Pond Springs Church of Christ, Austin, TX (July 2019).
- “The Song of Christ, The Song of the Church (Philippians 2).” Sermon Delivered at the Pond Springs Church of Christ, Austin, TX (June 2019).
- “The Book of the Twelve/Minor Prophets in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Church.” A three-part sermon series delivered at the First Christian Church, Cameron, TX (July 2018).
- “When A Prophet Speaks (Micah 4).” Sermon delivered at the Pond Springs Church of Christ, Austin, TX (May 2018).
- “An Unruly Prophet and an Unruly God (Jonah 4).” Sermon delivered at the Crestview Church of Christ, Waco, TX (March 2018).
- “Get out of Town Amos! (Amos 7).” Sermon delivered at the Pond Springs Church of Christ, Austin, TX (June 2016).
- “What More Can Be Said? (Exod 24).” Sermon delivered at ACU’s Graduate Chapel, Abilene, TX (April 2014).
- “I am God and not a Man (Hosea 11).” Sermon delivered at the Pond Springs Church of Christ, Austin, TX (December 2012).
- “The Book of Revelation as Apocalyptic Literature.” Three-part lecture series on the book of Revelation given at the Prestoncrest Church of Christ, Dallas, TX (June 2011).
- “Oh LORD, Our Lord (Psalm 8).” Sermon delivered at the Pond Springs Church of Christ, Austin, TX (December 2010).
- “Help Me Overcome My Unbelief! (Mark 9).” Sermon delivered at the Fellowship Church of Christ, Orange, TX (June 2010).

**References:**

Jeff Childers, D.Phil. – Professor of Early Church History and Syriac  
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