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Education

Doctor of Philosophy

Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, 1991
New Testament Studies
Dissertation: *The Structure of Hebrews: A Text-linguistic Analysis*
Published in *Supplements to Novum Testamentum* monograph series

Master of Theology

Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, 1989
New Testament Studies

Master of Divinity

Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, 1984

Bachelor of Arts

Union University, 1981

Teaching & Duties

Benjamin W. Perry Professor of Bible (1999-Present); Associate Professor of Christian Studies (1997-1999), Assistant Professor of Religion and Philosophy, 1991-1996; Instructor in Religion and Philosophy, 1990-1991.

Department Chair (1993-August 2005); Department of Christian Studies, Union University, Jackson, TN. During tenure as chair, the department grew from approximately 70 to 230 majors (including double majors), and the faculty more than doubled in size.

Affiliated Faculty Member. Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, Ph.D. program, 2008-Present. Currently supervising 3 Ph.D. candidates.

Member, International and Intercultural Advisory Council, Union University, 2006-2013.

Chair, Intercultural Community Council, Union University, Fall 2008-2013.

Chair, Pew Summer Research for College Faculty Grant Committee, Union University, 1995-1998.

Member, Chapel Task Team, 1996-1998.

Sponsor, Alpha Chi, 1993-1995.

Chair, Arts and Sciences Council, Union University, 1995-1996.

Member, Chapel Committee, 1994-1996.

Graduate Assistant, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, 1986-1989.

Visiting Professorships, Courses, & Fellowships

Taught a Pastors' Class on "2 Corinthians," Oak Hill College, London, Summer 2015.

Visiting Professor, Israel College of the Bible, Netanya, Israel, "Hebrews," January 2013; January 2015 (worked with Jewish and Arab pastors for an intensive course in Nazareth on the Book of Hebrews).

Lecturer; taught "Hebrews" for Timothy Training International, a ministry to house church pastors in mainland China, 2006, 2008. Taught 2 Corinthians, January 2015.

"Hebrews," Mobile Ed. Logos Bible Software. Video shot July 2014. Scheduled to shoot 2 Corinthians in 2016.

Visiting Professor, Central Baptist Theological Seminary, Virginia Beach, "Hebrews," VA, June 2013.

Visiting Professor of New Testament. Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Summer 2009. Taught Ph.D. seminar on "Hebrews in Early Jewish Christianity."

Visiting Professor. Freie Theologische Hochschule, Giessen Germany, January 2009. Taught Hebrews.

Visiting Research Fellow, Institute for Early Christianity in the Graeco-Roman World, Tyndale House, Cambridge, England, Spring 2005.

Sabbatical, Tyndale House Library, Cambridge, England, July 2013-January 2014.

Visiting Professor of New Testament Studies, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Summer 1995, taught “Hebrews.” Again in January 2002 and January 2004.

Visiting Professor, Canadian Southern Baptist Seminary, March 2003. Taught “Hebrews.” May 2015 taught “2 Corinthians.”

Visiting Professor, Golden Gate Baptist Seminary, January 2001. Taught “Hebrews” to Masters Level Students.

Visiting Professor, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, June 1998. Taught “Hebrews” to Masters Level Students.

Visiting Professor, Trinity Western University, ACTS Seminary Studies Program, Langley, British Columbia, Canada; taught “Issues in Hermeneutics” to Masters Level students, April 1998,

Teaching Fellow, Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, Dr. Robert Coleman (on a grant by the World Discipleship Development Foundation), 1985-1986.

External Reader of Dissertations

External Reader for “Chiastic Structures in Hebrews: A Study of Form and Function in Biblical Discourse,” by David M. Heath, University of Stellenbosch, South Africa, Fall 2010.

External Reader for “The Theology of the Mosaic Law in Heb. 7:1-10:18,” by Barry Joslin, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fall 2005.

External Reader for “The Unity of the Farewell Discourse: The Literary Integrity of John 13:1-16:33,” by Scott Kellum, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fall 2002.

External Reader for “A Textlinguistic Investigation into the Discourse Structure of James,” by Mark Taylor, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Spring 2001.

External Reader for a dissertation on the structure of 1 John by Daniel Wu, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Spring 1998.

Consultations for Departments of Biblical and Theological Studies

Program Review Consultation. Department of Biblical and Theological Studies, Ouachita Baptist University, 2002.

Ten-Year Review Consultation. Department of Biblical and Theological Studies And Youth Ministries. Gordon College, Wenham, MA, 2007.

Review of Bachelor of Applied Theology Program, California Baptist University, Riverside, CA, Spring 2015.

Publications

Books Published

2 Corinthians. Baker Exegetical Commentary on the New Testament. Baker Academic, April 2015.

Read the Bible for Life: Your Guide to Understanding & Living God's Word, Broadman & Holman Publishers, January 1, 2011. Chinese, Korean, Indonesian, Portuguese.

Read the Bible for Life: Listen. Understand. Respond. Video Curriculum, LifeWay, January 2011.

Reading God's Story: A Chronological Daily Bible, Broadman & Holman, 2011.

Reader's Guide to the Bible, LifeWay, 2011.

Hebrews: Running the Race Before Us (Bringing the Bible to Life), co-authored-edited with Janet Nygren. Zondervan, 2008.

Hebrews in Commentary on the New Testament Use of the Old Testament, edited by D. A. Carson and G. K. Beale, Baker Academic, 2007.

James, in Hebrews-Revelation. Revised Expositors Bible Commentary. Zondervan, 2006.

Holman Guide to Interpreting the Bible, co-authored with David S. Dockery, Broadman & Holman, 2004. Spanish Translation: *Guia Holman De Interpretacion Biblica*, May 2005.

Hebrews. In Hebrews-Revelation. Zondervan Illustrated Backgrounds Commentary. Zondervan, Spring 2002.

Hebrews. NIV Application Commentary Series. Zondervan. 1998.

Translated into Chinese, 2006. Spanish, 2014.

Biblical Greek Exegesis: An Inductive Approach to Learning Intermediate and Advanced Greek, co-authored with J. Scott Duvall, Zondervan Publishers, June 1998.

The Structure of Hebrews: A Text-linguistic Analysis. Supplements to Novum Testamentum, 73. Leiden: E. J. Brill, 1994. Preface by J. P. Louw. Released in paperback by Baker Book House, Fall 1998.

Works Under Contract or Forthcoming:

Philippians, Zondervan Exegetical Commentary, Zondervan.

The Theology of Hebrews, Zondervan New Testament Theology Series, Zondervan.

2 Corinthians. Baker Backgrounds Commentary. Baker Academic.

Articles, Reviews, and Book Chapters

“Bible Interpretation” in the *Worldview Study Bible*. B&H Publishers, forthcoming.

“Paul's Triumphant Procession Imagery (2 Cor 2.14–16a): Neglected Points of Background.” *New Testament Studies* 61 (January 2015): 79-91.

Review of David Gushee, *Changing Our Mind*, The Gospel Coalition Blog, January 2015.

“God’s Power through Human Weakness,” *The Baker Illustrated Bible Handbook*, edited by J. Daniel Hays and J. Scott Duvall (Baker, 2011).

“The Jewish High Priest,” *The Baker Illustrated Bible Handbook*, edited by J. Daniel Hays and J. Scott Duvall (Baker, 2011).

“The Triumphant Procession,” *The Baker Illustrated Bible Handbook*, edited by J. Daniel Hays and J. Scott Duvall (Baker, 2011).

“The Warning Passages of Hebrews,” *The Baker Illustrated Bible Handbook*, edited by J. Daniel Hays and J. Scott Duvall (Baker, 2011).

Review of David Allen, *Lukan Authorship of Hebrews* (Broadman & Holman, 2010), in the *Journal for the Evangelical Theological Society* 54, no. 4 (2011): 858-60.

Review of L. T. Johnson, *Hebrews: A Commentary* in *Bulletin of Biblical Research* 20.3 (2010): 459-61.

“Rest.” *New Interpreter’s Dictionary of the Bible*, vol. 4. Abingdon Press, 2009.

“Hebrews,” “James,” in *What the New Testament Authors Really Cared About*, ed. Matt Williams and Ken Bearding, Kregel, 2008.

“The Warnings Passages in Hebrews: Final Reflections” in *Four Views on the Warning Passages in Hebrews*, ed. Herb Bateman. Kregel Publishers, 2007.

Review of Robert W. Yarbrough, *The Salvation Historical Fallacy? Reassessing the History of New Testament Theology* (History of Biblical Interpretation Series 2). Leiden, Deo Publishing 2004 in the journal *Biblica* 87 (2006): 442-46.

“The Structure of James,” co-authored with Mark D. Taylor, *Catholic Biblical Quarterly* 68 (2006): 681-705.

“A Discourse Analysis of the Use of Psalm 8:4-6 in Hebrews 2:5-9,” co-authored with Russell D. Quinn, *Journal of the Evangelical Theological Society* 49 (June 2006): 235-46.

Review of *The Book Study Concordance of the Greek New Testament* by Andreas Köstenberger and Raymond Bouchoc (Broadman & Holman, 2003) in *Journal for the Evangelical Theological Society* 48 (March 2005): 689-90.

“Hebrews in Its First Century Contexts: Recent Research,” pp. 414-43, in *The Face of NT Studies*, ed. Grant Osborne and Scot McKnight. Baker Books, 2004.

“Hebrews’ Use of the Old Testament: Recent Trends in Research,” *Currents in Biblical Research* 1.2 (April 2003): 271-94.

“The Authority of Scripture,” in *Shaping A Christian Worldview: The Foundations of Christian Higher Education*, ed. David S. Dockery and Gregory Thornbury. Nashville: Broadman and Holman, 2002.

“Discourse Analysis,” in *Interpreting the New Testament: Essays on Methods and Issues*, ed. David Alan Black and David S. Dockery. Nashville: Broadman and Holman, 2001.

“The Case for Apollos as the Author of Hebrews,” *Faith and Mission* 18.2 (2001): 41-56.

“Choosing a College,” *Campus Life Magazine*, Fall 2000.

“Nero.” *Biblical Illustrator*. Winter 1999.

Review of Jonas Holmstrand, *Meaning and Markers in Paul* in *Biblica* 80 (Winter 1999-2000): 144-46.

"The Old Testament in Hebrews." *Dictionary of the Later New Testament and Its Developments*, ed. Ralph P. Martin and Peter H. Davids. Intervarsity, 1997.

"Promise." *Dictionary of the Later New Testament and Its Developments*, ed. Ralph P. Martin and Peter H. Davids. Intervarsity, 1997.

"Exegetical Concerns in Hebrews and the General Epistles." In *Handbook to Exegesis of the New Testament*, ed. Stanley Porter. New Testament Tools and Studies. Leiden: E. J. Brill, 1997.

Review of *New Testament Criticism and Interpretation*, ed. By David Alan Black and David S. Dockery and *Foundations for Biblical Interpretation: A Complete Library of Tools and Resources*, ed. By David S. Dockery, Kenneth A. Matthews, and Robert B. Sloan, *Review and Expositor* 93 (1996): 433-34.

“Boats in the Bay: Reflections on the Use of Linguistics and Literary Analysis in Biblical Studies,” in D. A. Carson and Stanley Porter, eds., *Linguistics and the New Testament: Critical Junctures* (The Library of New Testament Studies). T&T Clark, 1999.

"Cohesion Shifts and Stitches in Philippians." Published in D. A. Carson and Stanley Porter, eds., *On Discourse and Other Topics: Essays on the Greek of the New Testament*, Journal for the Study of the New Testament Sup. Series (Sheffield: Sheffield Academic Press, 1995).

Presentations and Lectureships

“Marriage and Sexuality in Biblical Perspective,” Town and Gown Series, Union University, April 2015.

“Responding to False Forms of Ministry” (2 Cor. 2:14-16), School of Christian Ministries Lecture Series, California Baptist University, March 2015.

“καταργέω and the People of the Shining Face,” presentation at the national meeting of the Evangelical Theological Society, Nov. 2014. To be published in Southern Journal of Theology.

“Paul’s Triumphal Procession Imagery (2 Cor. 2:14-16a),” Oak Hill College, London, England, Fall 2013.

Gheen’s Lectures, “With Christ in the Crucible: Authentic Ministry According to 2 Corinthians,” Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, KY, February 2013.

W. B. West Lectures, “Incarnation & the Tensions of Life (Hebrews 2:5-9),” Harding Graduate School of Theology, Memphis, TN, November 2011.

“Technology and Biblical Studies Research,” Tyndale House Library, Cambridge, England, Fall 2013.

“Mind the Gap: Overcoming the Neglect of Hermeneutics in the SBC,” National Meeting of the Evangelical Theological Society, 2007.

“What Are Scholars Saying About Jesus?,” public lecture, Hong Kong, June, 2006 (with about 400 in attendance).

“Decoding Dan Brown’s Jesus and Gospels,” Union University, May 2006.

Lecture Series on Hebrews, Evangel Seminary, Hong Kong, June, 2006.

Lecture Series on James, Macau Bible Institute, Macau, June, 2006.

“The Structure of Hebrews Revisited,” invited presentation, Hebrews Consultation, National Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, Washington, D. C., November 2006.

“Echoes and Interpretation in Hebrews,” presentation to the New Testament Colloquium, University of Aberdeen, Scotland. Spring 2005.

Devotional at the National Meeting of the Institute for Biblical Research, November, Philadelphia, PA, 2005.

Paper and Panel Discussion, “The Structure of Hebrews: Retrospect and Prospect,” Hebrews Consultation, National Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, November, Philadelphia, PA, 2005.

“To TNIV or Not to TNIV?: Bible Translations and Translation Theory in Perspective.” Presentation to the Christian Studies Colloquium, Union

University, Spring 2003.

“Did You Hear That?: Old Testament Christological Echoes in Hebrews,”
2003 National Meeting of the Evangelical Theological Society, Atlanta, GA.

“New Testament Conundrums and Discourse Analysis: Answering Stan
Porter’s Call (A CONTEXTUAL ANALYSIS OF THE USE OF PSALM 8:4-
6 IN HEBREWS 2:5-9),” 2003 National Meeting of the Evangelical
Theological Society, Atlanta, GA.

“Strive to Enter—What?: Hebrews’ Appropriation of the ‘Entering Rest’
Motif,” 2003 National Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, Atlanta,
GA.

“Recent Research on the OT in Hebrews,” ETS regional conference, March
2002.

William Lane Memorial Lectureship, “Hebrews and Community,” Franklin
House, Franklin, TN, March 2001.

“Discourse Analysis,” Southeastern Regional ETS, March 2000.

Southeastern Symposium on New Testament Studies, invited lecture, “The
Case for Apollos” (as the author of Hebrews), March 2000.

“The ‘Rest’ of Hebrews 4,” National ETS, November 1999.

“Boats in the Bay: Reflections on the Use of Linguistics and Literary
Analysis in Biblical Studies,” presentation at the national meeting of the
Society of Biblical Literature, Nov. 1996.

“An Innovative Methodology for Teaching Intermediate and Advanced
Greek,” joint presentation with J. Scott Duvall of Ouachita Baptist at the
national meeting of the Evangelical Theological Society, Nov. 1996.

“Theology in the Fictional Writings of C. S. Lewis.” Presentation at the 1995
Creative Writing Workshop, Union University.

"Cohesion Shifts and Stitches in Philippians." Presentation at the 1993
national meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature.

"Transitions in the Structure of Hebrews." Presentation at the 1992
national meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature.

Translation Work

Consultant/Reviewer of Hebrews-Jude (except 1-3 John), New Century Version (Fall 2004).

Consultant/Reviewer of translation of Hebrews, Broadman and Holman Translation (1999).

Consultant/Reviewer of Hebrews for the English Standard Version (ESV), Spring 1999.

Member: Translation evaluation team for Tyndale Publishers, Gospel of Mark, in *The New Living Translation*, Spring 1998.

Manuscript Evaluations

Member: Editorial Board, *Journal for the Study of the New Testament Supplement Series*, Sheffield Academic Press, Sheffield, England, 1999-2003. (the editorial board is made up of ten New Testament scholars from around the world).

Various other manuscript evaluations for multiple publishers, including IVP, Westminster John Knox, Continuum, etc.

Other Study Resources & Editorial Roles

Author, 6 Sessions. The Gospel Project Curriculum. LifeWay Christian Resources. Summer 2015. (approximate readership: 600,000)

Member, Advisory Board, *Explore the Bible* Curriculum. LifeWay Christian Resources, 2013-present.

Editor, Spring quarter (2015), *Explore the Bible: Minor Prophets*. LifeWay Christian Resources. Approximate readership: 1.2 million.

Introduction and Study Notes, *Hebrews*, NLT Study Bible, Tyndale Publishers, Fall 2008.

“How to Read and Study the Bible,” *HCSB Study Bible*, B&H Publishers, 2011.

Member, Editorial Board for the *Zondervan Exegetical Commentary*, Zondervan Publishers.

Organizations & Honors

Organizational Involvement

Society of Biblical Literature
Institute for Biblical Research
Evangelical Theological Society

Co-chair, Biblical Greek Language and Linguistics Section,
National level of the Society of Biblical Literature, 1996-2001.

Member: Steering Committee, Hebrews Consultation, National Level of
the Society of Biblical Literature, 2005-2010.

Member: Executive Committee, Institute for Biblical Research, 1999-
2002.

Member: Steering Committee, Hebrews Section, Evangelical Theological
Society, 2013-Present.

Honors

Award for Excellence in Evangelical Scholarship. Southeastern Baptist
Seminary, November 2014.

Distinguished Alumnus Award, Union University, 2010.

Faculty of the Year, Union University, 2001-2002.

Innovative Teaching Award, Union University, 1998.

Tigrett Medal. Presented by the faculty of Union University for their
choice of outstanding graduating senior, 1981.

J. C. Olson Leadership Award. Trinity Evangelical Divinity School,
1986.

Outstanding Young Men of America

Outstanding Teachers of America

Who's Who Among America's Teachers

Church

Preacher, conference speaker, interviewee, numerous engagements every year.

Involvement

Founding co-pastor, Northbrook Church, 1993-Jan. 1997; September 1998-2002.

Personal

Born, July 24, 1959 in Memphis, TN.

Licensed to Ministry, 1977, First Baptist Church, Dyersburg, TN.

Ordained to Ministry, 1981, First Baptist Church, Dyersburg, TN.

Married to Patricia A. Buesing, Dec. 12, 1987.

Children: Joshua George, 23 years of age; Anna Elizabeth, 19 years.