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EDUCATION

- Ph.D., 2019 Baylor University, Waco, Texas
Hebrew Bible/Old Testament
Dissertation: “The Interlocutors in the Book of Malachi”
Supervisor: James Nogalski, Ph.D.
Languages: Hebrew, Greek, Aramaic, French, and German
- M.Div., 2013 Duke University Divinity School, Durham, North Carolina (*summa cum laude*)
- B.A., 2010 Baylor University, Waco, Texas (*summa cum laude*)
Major: Religion; Minor: Greek
Junior Semester Abroad (2009): University of St Andrews, St Andrews, Scotland

PUBLICATIONS

Articles (Peer Reviewed)

- 2022 (With T. Laine Scales). “Lessons from Malachi for Christian Doctoral Students.” *Christian Higher Education* 21 (2022): 402–12.
- 2022 “The Comparison of Jesus and Jacob in the Fourth Gospel and the Question of Samaritan Influence on the Johannine Community.” *Revue Biblique* 129 (2022): 68–87.
- 2020 “Yedaniah’s Identity as Priest or Lay Person and the Rhetoric of the Letter from the Judean Garrison of Elephantine to Bagavahya.” *Journal of Biblical Literature* 139 (2020): 521–41.
- 2020 “Humility and Instruction in Zephaniah 3.1-7.” *Journal for the Study of the Old Testament* 44 (2020): 472–89.
- 2018 “Family Disintegration in Judges 17–18.” *Catholic Biblical Quarterly* 80 (2018): 373–92.
- 2018 “The Redactional Reassertion of the Priestly Role in Leviticus 10–16.” *Zeitschrift für die alttestamentliche Wissenschaft* 130 (2018): 175–88.
- 2017 “Orphanhood and Parenthood in Joseph and Aseneth.” *Journal for the Study of the Pseudepigrapha* 27 (2017): 25–46.

Book Chapter

- 2019 Parsons, Mikeal C., and Nathan Hays. “Scholarship” (part of book chapter). Pages 139–59 in Mikeal C. Parsons, *Crawford Howell Toy: The Man, The Scholar, the Teacher*. Macon, GA: Mercer University Press, 2019.

Book Reviews

- Forthcoming Review of *Proverbs: Pathways to Wisdom*, by Dominick S. Hernández. *Review & Expositor* (forthcoming).
- Forthcoming Review of *Family Systems and Congregational Life: A Map for Ministry*, by R. Robert Creech. *Review & Expositor* 118 (2022): 560–61.
- 2022 Review of *Discovering Isaiah: Content, Interpretation, Reception*, by Andrew T. Abernethy. *Catholic Books Review* (<http://catholicbooksreview.org/2022/Abernethy.html>).
- 2016 Review of *What They Don't Tell You: A Survivor's Guide to Biblical Studies*, second edition, by Michael Joseph Brown. *Review & Expositor* 113 (2016): 254–56.
- 2015 Review of *From the Maccabees to the Mishnah*, third edition, by Shaye J. D. Cohen. *Review & Expositor* 112 (2015): 627–28.

Dictionary Articles

- 2015 “Delphi,” “Ivory,” “Fayum.” *Lexham Bible Dictionary*. Edited by John D. Barry *et al.* Bellingham, WA: Lexham, 2015. Online: <http://lexhambibledictionary.com>.

PAPERS PRESENTED

1. “Advanced Note-Taking: Personal Knowledge Management through the Zettelkasten System.” Baylor University Grad Pathways for Success Workshop. November 15, 2022.
2. “Simulations as a Tool in Teaching Scripture: A Case Study from Eighth-Century BCE Israel.” National Association of Baptist Professors of Religion Annual Meeting (Zoom). May 19, 2021.
3. “Seminar for Excellence in Teaching: Teaching with Library Special Collections” (co-presenter). Zoom seminar hosted by Baylor University’s Academy for Teaching & Learning (https://mediaspace.baylor.edu/media/SET+Spring+2021+-+Teaching+with+Special+Collections/1_s55j67qs/95374461). March 9, 2021.
4. “Mirror-Reading Polemical Prophetic Literature: Malachi as a Test Case.” Southwest Commission on Religious Studies Regional Society of Biblical Literature Conference. Irving, Texas. February 29, 2020.
5. “Rhetorical Elements of the First and Second Drafts of the Letter from the Judean Garrison of Elephantine to Bagohi (TAD A4.7 and 8).” Society of Biblical Literature National Conference. San Diego, California. November 25, 2019.
6. “Prideful Ninevites, Boastful Jerusalemites: The Characterization of Assyria and the Aim of Zephaniah 3:1–7 in Inculcating Scribal Humility.” Southwest Commission on Religious Studies Regional Society of Biblical Literature Conference. Irving, Texas. March 9, 2019.
7. “The Coherent Ideology of the Interlocutors in the book of Malachi.” Central Texas Colloquium on Religion. Austin, Texas. February 23, 2019.
8. “Priestly Contempt for the Cult in Malachi? The Interlocutors in Mal 1:7b, 12b.” Society of Biblical Literature National Conference. Denver, Colorado. November 20, 2018.

9. "Reading from Left to Right: Malachi's Orienting Role." North Texas Colloquium on Biblical Studies. Fort Worth, Texas. October 12, 2018.
10. "The Josephan Daniel and the Jewish Food Laws." Southwest Commission on Religious Studies Regional Society of Biblical Literature Conference. Irving, Texas. March 12, 2018.
11. "Reading Leviticus in Light of the Priestly Commission to Teach in Leviticus 10:8–11." Society of Biblical Literature National Conference. Boston, Massachusetts. November 20, 2017.
12. "Achshah versus Micah: Reading Judges 17–18 as Counterpoint to the Achshah Narrative in Judges 1." National Association of Baptist Professors of Religion Annual Meeting. Nashville, Tennessee. May 23, 2017.
13. "The Display of the Book of the Law in Deut 31:26 in Light of the Tell Tayinat Copy of Esarhaddon's Succession Treaty." Southwest Commission on Religious Studies Regional Society of Biblical Literature Conference. Irving, Texas. March 12, 2017.
14. "Genesis 1–3 as Orientation to the Canon." Houston Baptist University Theology Conference. Houston, Texas. March 3, 2017.
15. "The Significance of the Second Draft of the Letter from the Jewish Garrison of Elephantine to Bagohi (TAD A4.8)." Central Texas Colloquium on Religion. Austin, Texas. February 25, 2017.
16. "Land as an Identity Marker in Isaiah 56–66." Society of Biblical Literature National Conference. San Antonio, Texas. November 19, 2016.
17. "The Text-Critical Problem of Psalm 40:7a [LXX 39:7a]." North Texas Colloquium on Biblical Studies. Fort Worth, Texas. October 21, 2016.
18. "Orphanhood and Parenthood in Joseph and Aseneth." Sixth Enoch Graduate Seminar. Austin, Texas. May 24, 2016.
19. "Greater than Jacob: The Johannine Community and the Samaritans in Dialogue." Southwest Commission on Religious Studies Regional Society of Biblical Literature Conference. Irving, Texas. March 12, 2016.
20. "Canaanites and Judeans in the Polemical Rhetoric of Isaiah 56–66." Central Texas Colloquium on Religion. Austin, Texas. February 20, 2016.
21. "What Hath Babylon to Do with Jerusalem? Isaiah 54:13 in Light of the Contrast between Lady Babylon and Lady Zion." Society of Biblical Literature National Conference. Atlanta, Georgia. November 22, 2015.
22. "Education and Anti-Babylonian Polemic in Isaiah 54." National Association of Baptist Professors of Religion Annual Meeting. Raleigh, North Carolina. May 20, 2015.
23. "Two Images of Joshua in Joshua 13–23." Central Texas Colloquium on Religion. Austin, Texas. February 21, 2015.
24. "The Scottish Church and the Enlightenment." Southwest Commission on Religious Studies Regional American Academy of Religion Conference. Dallas, Texas. March 14, 2010.

GRANTS

Summer 2019 Special Collections Teaching Fellow (Baylor). Stipend of \$1,000 to develop and disseminate teaching activities using the library's special collections.

SELECT AWARDS AND HONORS

2018 Stipend from the Eddie L. and Velma Rich Dwyer Endowed Scholarship Fund (Baylor)

2015–2019 Travel awards from the Baylor Religion Department and/or Graduate School for fifteen conferences

2014–2019 Graduate School Fellowship (Baylor)

2014–2019 Baptist General Convention of Texas Stipend (Baylor)

2012–2013 W. C. English Foundation Scholarship (Duke Divinity School Baptist House of Studies)

2011–2012 Duke Divinity School Baptist House of Studies Scholarship

2010–2011 Carlyle Marney Scholarship (Duke Divinity School Baptist House of Studies)

2010–2013 Distinguished Service Scholarship (Duke)

2010 Inducted into Alpha Chi National Honor Society (Baylor)

2010 Graduated as Honors Scholar with Distinction because senior honors thesis, “Adam’s Literary Afterlife: From Primordial History to Apocalyptic Eschatology” under the supervision of Kenneth Jones (History Department), received highest possible rating (“outstanding”) from thesis committee

2010 Inducted into Phi Beta Kappa

2010 Selected by faculty as one of two outstanding Baylor Religion students to be recognized at the annual university-wide Academic Honors Convocation

2009 Theta Alpha Kappa Award for Excellence in Research

2009 Article titled “The Scottish Church and the Enlightenment” accepted into Baylor’s undergraduate journal *The Pulse* 7:1 (2009): 16–31.

2009 J. McGlashan Scott Memorial Prize from the University of St Andrews Divinity School, an award given to one student annually for performance in church history

2008 Inducted into Theta Alpha Kappa Religious Studies and Philosophy National Honor Society

2007–2010 Inducted into Crane Scholars (Baylor). Crane Scholars is a program that encourages undergraduates who are exploring connections between faith and reason.

2006–2010 President’s Scholarship for academic merit (Baylor)

2006–2010 Achievement Scholarship for academic merit (Baylor)

TEACHING ACTIVITY

Courses Taught: George W. Truett Theological Seminary, 2019–2020

- Fall 2020 THEO 7370, Scriptures 1 (fully online, asynchronous), 1 section, 24 students
An introduction to the Pentateuch and Former Prophets
- Spring 2020 THEO 7370, Scriptures 1, 1 section, 20 students
- Fall 2019 THEO 7356, Hebrew I, 1 section, 20 students
An introduction to Hebrew grammar, morphology, and vocabulary

Courses Taught: Baylor University, 2018–2019

- Spring 2019 REL 1350, Christian Heritage course, 1 section, 30 students
An introduction to the history of Christianity
- Fall 2018 REL 1310, Christian Scriptures course, 1 section, 30 students
An introduction to the history and literature of the Hebrew Bible and New Testament

Teaching Assistant

- 2014–2016 Teaching Assistant for James Kennedy (Baylor) in Christian Scriptures (eight sections, regular and honors); Intermediate Hebrew; Biblical Aramaic; Archeology of the Ancient Near East; Old Testament Methodology

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- 2021 “Crucial Conversation.” Two-day workshop on holding high-stakes conversations (Baylor)
- 2019 *Communio* Retreat (Baylor). This retreat focuses on pedagogy and spiritual formation.
- 2018–2019 Participant in the Wabash Teaching Initiative’s “Next Steps” Graduate Student Instructor Mentoring Program (Baylor)
- 2018 Teaching Colloquy, Religion Department (Baylor)
- 2018 Foundations for Teaching Workshop (Baylor)
- 2018 Certification for Designing and Teaching for Online Courses (Baylor)
- 2017–2018 Teaching Capstone in Higher Education (Baylor)
- 2015–2016 Conyers Scholar (Baylor). Conyers Scholars is a one-year program that supports doctoral students interested in exploring the intersection of faith and the academic life.

ACADEMIC SERVICE

- 2021–present Co-advisor for Notion Club, an undergraduate organization (Baylor)
- 2019–2020 Crane Scholars Program Sophomore Class Co-leader
- 2018–2019 Society of Biblical Literature Student Regional Representative
- Summer 2018 Research Assistant for Mikeal C. Parsons (Baylor)
- 2018 Performed copy editing for Parsons, Mikeal C., Elizabeth Struthers Malbon, and Paul N. Anderson, eds. *Anatomies of the Gospels and Beyond: Essays in Honor of R. Alan Culpepper*. Biblical Interpretation Series 164. Leiden: Brill, 2018.

- 2017–2018 Member of the Ministry Guidance Committee, Religion Department (Baylor)
- 2017–2018 Society of Biblical Literature On-Campus Student Representative (Baylor)
- Summer 2016 Transcribed section of Bodmer Papyrus XXIV (Greek Psalms) for Green Scholars Initiative
- 2016–2017 Co-founder and inaugural president of the Society for the Study of Second Temple Judaism (Baylor)
- 2016–2018 Research Assistant for Deirdre Fulton on Tobiads project (Baylor)
- 2016–2018 Graduate Student Leader for Conyers Scholars program (Baylor)
- 2016–2018 Graduate Administrative Fellow for T. Laine Scales, Associate Dean for Graduate and Professional Development (Baylor)
- 2017–2018 Performed copy editing on select chapters of Scales, T. Laine, and Melody Maxwell. *Doing the Word: Southern Baptists' Caver School of Church Social Work and Its Predecessors, 1907–1997*. Knoxville, TN: University of Tennessee Press, 2019.
- 2017 Performed copy editing for Scales, T. Laine, and Jennifer L. Howell, eds. *Christian Faith and University Life: Stewards of the Academy*. New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2018.
- Summer 2015 Primary Organizer of Lectures on First Esdras and Second Esdras by Deirdre Fulton and Bruce Longenecker, respectively
- Summers 2015, 2017 Research Assistant for Joel Burnett (Baylor)
- 2010, 2012–2013 Mentor, Athletic Department (Duke)
- 2008, 2009–2010 Religion Tutor, Student-Athlete Services (Baylor)

MEMBERSHIPS

- 2014–2021 National Association of Baptist Professors of Religion
- 2015–2020 Society of Biblical Literature
- 2004–2010; 2013–2017 Texas Archaeological Society