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ACADEMIC TRAINING

- Ph.D. Liberty University - Lynchburg, VA (2020)
Theology and Apologetics, Graduate with High Distinction
Cognates: Theology, Philosophy/Apologetics, History
Dissertation Topic: *Big Things Start Small: A Survey of the Role of Small Groups in Christianity's Major Spiritual Awakenings*
Dissertation Chair: Dr. Edward Smither - Dean of College of Intercultural Studies, Columbia International University
- Ed.D. Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary - Wake Forest, NC (2010)
Cognates: Christian Ministry, K-12 Education, Higher Education
Dissertation Topic: *The Caregiving Ministry of the Local Church: Measuring the Satisfaction of Members with the Caregiving Model Employed*
Dissertation Chair: Dr. Kenneth Coley - Director of Ed.D. Studies, SEBTS
- M.Div. Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary - Wake Forest, NC (2006)
Special Notation: Biblical Languages
- M.A. Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary - Wake Forest, NC (2000)
Cognate: Christian Education
- B.A. Wingate University - Wingate, NC (1995)
Major: Communications; Minor: Religion

Scholarships Awarded for Higher Education

Irwin Belk Academic Scholarship, Wingate University, Fall, 1991 - Spring, 1995

Areas of Study Academically Qualified to Teach

Undergraduate Level: *Religious Studies, World Religions, Biblical Studies, Old Testament Studies, New Testament Studies, Church History, Theology, Education, Leadership Studies, Philosophy/Apologetics*

Graduate Level: *Religious Studies, Biblical Studies, Old Testament Studies, New Testament Studies, Church History, Theology, Education, Leadership Studies, Philosophy/Apologetics*

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Professional Experience in Academia

Liberty University School of Divinity - Lynchburg, VA

Assistant Professor (Adjunct; August, 2012 - Present)

*Courses Taught (Online): THEO 201 - Theology Survey 1,
BIBL 104 - Survey of the Old & New Testaments*

Ed.D. Dissertation Committee Member (September, 2016 - Current)

D.Min. Thesis Project Mentor (May, 2020 - Current)

Sampson Community College - Clinton, NC

Instructor in Religion (Adjunct; August, 2011 - Present)

*Courses Taught (Face-to-Face and Online): World Religions,
Religion in America,
Introduction to the Old Testament,
Introduction to the New Testament*

Mid-Continent University - Mayfield, KY

Online Instructor (Adjunct; July, 2011 - June, 2014)

Courses Taught (Online): Biblical Worldview

Coastal Carolina Community College - Jacksonville, NC

Instructor in Religion (Adjunct; August - December, 2009)

Courses Taught (Face-to-Face): Introduction to the Old Testament

Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, NC

Course Facilitator, Great Commission Equipping Network (August, 2009 - May, 2013)

Professional Experience in Church Ministry

Minister of Discipleship

Northside Church - Wilmington, NC
(August, 2014 - Present)

Associate Pastor of Education
and Church Administration

Mount Vernon Baptist Church - Raleigh, NC
(August, 2007 - July 2014)

Minister of Education

Northside Church - Wilmington, NC
(January, 1999 - May, 2006)

International Theological and Ministry Training

Guest Instructor	Sponsor: Touch the World Ministry Eldoret, Kenya (2009)
Guest Instructor	Sponsors: Ghana Urban Missions/University of Ghana Accra, Ghana (2010, 2013); Kumasi, Ghana (2010)
Guest Lecturer	Sponsors: Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary/ Government of Guyana Georgetown, Guyana (2012)
Guest Instructor	Sponsors: Touch the World Ministry/ Baptist Association of Drobeta-Turnu Severin Drobeta-Turnu Severin, Romania (2012; 2013)
Guest Lecturer	Sponsor: Grace Baptist Convention of Haiti Port-au-Prince, Haiti (2019)

Administration in the Christian School

School Board Member	Neuse Christian Academy, Raleigh, NC (July, 2009 - July, 2014)
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PUBLICATIONS

"Big Things Start Small: How Small Groups Helped Ignite Christianity's Greatest Spiritual Awakenings." Eugene, OR: Wipf & Stock, 2021.

"From the Pulpit to the People: A Comparative Survey of Jonathan Edwards' Pastoral Leadership in Northampton and Stockbridge," *Theology of Leadership Journal* 1, no. 2 (December 1, 2018): 30-39.

PRESENTATIONS

"The Two Affections of the Will as Elements of the *Imago Dei*," March 2021, Evangelical Theological Society Southeast Region Annual Meeting, Charleston, South Carolina.

"The Sign of Jonah in the Teachings of Christ: An Exegetical Analysis of the Use of Jonah in Jesus' Discourse in Matthew 12:38-42, 16:1-4, and Luke 11:29-32," November 2019, Evangelical Theological Society Annual Meeting, San Diego, California.

"A Defender of the Faith from Two Different Worlds: A Survey of Hippolytus's Life and Ideology in Light of His Refutation of All Heresies," March 2019, Evangelical Theological Society Southeast Region Annual Meeting, Greenville, South Carolina.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Society of Biblical Literature
Evangelical Theological Society
Society of Professors in Christian Education