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Professional experience

Louisiana State University	Professor and Chair	2010-
Louisiana State University	Associate Professor	1999-2010
Louisiana State University	Assistant Professor	1996-1999
Lebanon Valley College	Assistant Professor	1993-1996
Lancaster Theological Seminary	Adjunct Faculty	1993-1994
Appalachian State University	Lecturer	1990-1993
Western Kentucky University	Visiting Assistant Professor	1989-1990

Education

Ph.D., New Testament and Christian Origins	Duke University	1989
Master of Theological Studies	Harvard Divinity School	1973
B.A., Koine Greek	Abilene Christian College	1971

RESEARCH AND PUBLICATIONS

Forthcoming

The Blackwell Companion to Jesus. Edited by Delbert Burkett. Wiley-Blackwell, forthcoming in 2010. A 250,000-word resource with thirty contributors.

"Images of Jesus: An Overview." In Delbert Burkett, ed. *The Blackwell Companion to Jesus*. Wiley-Blackwell, forthcoming in 2010.

"Jesus in Luke-Acts." In Delbert Burkett, ed. *The Blackwell Companion to Jesus*. Wiley-Blackwell, forthcoming in 2010.

Books

- Rethinking the Gospel Sources, Volume 2: The Unity and Plurality of Q. Early Christianity and Its Literature 1.* Atlanta: Society of Biblical Literature, 2009.
- Rethinking the Gospel Sources: From Proto-Mark to Mark.* New York: T&T Clark International, 2004.
- An Introduction to the New Testament and the Origins of Christianity.* Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2002.
- The Son of Man Debate: A History and Evaluation.* SNTS Monograph Series 107. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1999.
- The Son of the Man in the Gospel of John.* JSNT Supplement Series 56. Sheffield Academic Press, 1991.

Journal articles

- "The Return of Proto-Mark: A Response to David Neville." *Ephemeridæ Theologicae Lovanienses* 85/1 (2009) 129-49.
- "Constructing a Meaningful Alternative." Review of Walter Wink, *The Human Being: Jesus and the Enigma of the Son of Man*. In *CrossCurrents* 53 (2003) 279-85.
- "The Nontitular Son of Man: A History and Critique." *New Testament Studies* 40 (1994) 504-21.
- "Two Accounts of Lazarus' Resurrection in John 11." *Novum Testamentum* 36 (1994) 209-32.
- "Four Sahidic Songs to St. John the Evangelist." *Coptic Church Review* 9 (1988) 83-86.

Invited book reviews

- Review of Dieter Sänger, ed., *Gottessohn und Menschensohn: Exegetische Studien zu zwei Paradigmen biblischer Intertextualität*. *Review of Biblical Literature* [<http://www.bookreviews.org>] (3/24/2007).
- Review of Larry Hurtado, *Lord Jesus Christ: Devotion to Jesus in Earliest Christianity*. In *Journal of the American Oriental Society* 124 (2004) 128-29.
- "Our man Jesus." Review of Walter Wink, *The Human Being: Jesus and the Enigma of the Son of Man*. In *The Christian Century* 119, 11 (May 22-29, 2002) 43-46.
- Review of M. M. Pazdan, *The Son of Man*. In *Interpretation* 47 (1993) 196.
- Review of Douglas Hare, *The Son of Man Tradition*. In *Heythrop Journal* 33 (1992) 447-48.

Work in progress

- Rethinking the Gospel Sources, Volume 3: M and the Other Sources of Matthew*. I received a sabbatical and an ATLAS grant for 2009-10 to write this book.

Conference papers

- "Images of Jesus: An Overview." Presented at the conference "Jesus in Global and Historical Perspective," sponsored by the Modern History Colloquium, Department of History, Louisiana State University, March 5, 2010.

- "Make Friends with Unrighteous Mammon (Luke 16:9): A Form of Early Christian Fundraising." Accepted for the 2009 Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, New Orleans, Louisiana, November 21-24, 2009.
- "Did the Evangelist Compose Matthew 13:36-43 and 13:49-50?" Presented at the 2009 meeting of the Southeastern Commission for the Study of Religion, Chapel Hill, North Carolina, March 13-15, 2009.
- "Did Matthew Influence the Two Ways Tractate Used in the *Didache*?" Presented at the 2009 meeting of the Southwest Commission on Religious Studies, Dallas, Texas, March 7-8, 2009.
- "Make Friends with Unrighteous Mammon (Luke 16:9): A Form of Early Christian Fundraising." Presented at the 2009 Hawaii International Conference on Arts and Humanities. Honolulu, Hawaii, January 12, 2009.
- "Q Material Unique to Luke." Presented at the annual meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature. Boston, Massachusetts, November 21-25, 2008.
- "Q Material Unique to Matthew." Presented at the annual meeting of the Society for New Testament Studies, Lund, Sweden, July 29-August 2, 2008
- "The Core of Q." Presented at the international meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature. Auckland, New Zealand, July 6-11, 2008.
- "Arguments for Q Revisited." Presented at the 2008 meeting of the Southwest Commission on Religious Studies, Irving, Texas, March 15-16, 2008.
- "Conflation in Luke's Version of 'The Centurion's Boy.'" Presented at the 2008 meeting of the Southeastern Commission for the Study of Religion, Atlanta, Georgia, March 7-9, 2008.
- "Two Versions of 'The Centurion's Boy' in Luke." Presented at the international meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, Vienna, Austria, July 26, 2007.
- "Review of *The Human Being* by Walter Wink." Presented by invitation at the annual meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, Toronto Canada, November 24, 2002. Published as "Constructing a Meaningful Alternative" in *CrossCurrents* 53 (2003) 279-85.
- "Evidence Against Markan Priority: Recurring Features of Mark Absent from Matthew and Luke." Presented at the international meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, Helsinki/Lahti Finland, July 16-21, 1999.
- "New Evidence Against Markan Priority." Presented at the 1999 meeting of the Southeastern Commission for the Study of Religion, Chapel Hill, NC, March 12-14, 1999.
- "The Quest for Modern Apocalyptic." Presented by invitation at the 1997 meeting of the Southeastern Commission for the Study of Religion, Macon Georgia, March 15, 1997.

Research support/grant activities

- ATLAS grant for 2009-2010 (April 8, 2009)
Sabbatical leave from LSU for 2009-2010
Sabbatical leave from LSU for Fall 2002
Applied for NEH Fellowship (May 1, 2001), but did not receive it
LSU Council on Research Summer Research Stipend (2000)
LSU Council on Research Summer Research Stipend (1997)

Travel grant, Southern Regional Education Board (1992)

Awards or other recognition of scholarship

Appointed as holder of Seynaeve Professorship of Biblical Studies (August 18, 2008)

Elected to Studiorum Novi Testamenti Societas, the international society for New Testament scholars (August, 2000)

Societies

American Academy of Religion
Society of Biblical Literature
Studiorum Novi Testamenti Societas

TEACHING

Courses developed and/or taught at LSU

REL 1005 New Testament
REL 2006 Honors: Jesus in History and Tradition
REL 3051 Apocalypse: Then and Now
REL 4010 Apocryphal Gospels and Acts
REL 4050 A History of God
REL 4060 Ideas of the Afterlife
HNRS 1001 Seminar in Ancient Western Civilization
HNRS 1003 Lecture in Ancient Western Civilization
HNRS 3030 Humanities Colloquium: The Synoptic Gospels

Other courses taught

Introduction to Religion
Religion in America
Eastern Religions
Western Religions
History of Christianity
New Testament Literature
Old Testament Literature
The Hebrew Prophets
Biblical Hebrew
Beginning Greek

Teaching awards

Tiger Athletic Foundation Undergraduate Teaching Award, Honors College, May 8, 2007
Alpha Lambda Delta Freshman Honor Society award for "superior instruction of freshman students," Fall 2003
Alpha Lambda Delta Freshman Honor Society award for "superior instruction of freshman students," Fall 1999

Dissertation committees

Member of six dissertation committees outside of Religious Studies (an undergraduate program)

Local instructional activity (guest lectures)

"Christian Scripture," presented in REL 2029 (Judaism, Christianity, and Islam) at invitation of Dr. Reem Meshal, February 23, 2006
"Christian Scripture," presented in REL 1000 (World Religions) at invitation of Dr. Ina Fandrich
"Images of Jesus in Early Christianity," presented in REL 4005 (History of the Christian Church: 50-450) at invitation of Dr. Rodger Payne, Fall 1999
"Muhammad and the Qur'an," in REL 1003 (Introduction to Religion), March 30, 1998
"Thomas Paine and Modern Biblical Scholarship," in REL 2001 (Faith and Doubt), at invitation of Dr. John Whittaker, February 5, 1998

SERVICE

Manuscripts refereed, books and proposals reviewed

Review of book proposal, *A Short History of Jesus* by W. Barnes Tatum, for Blackwell Publishing, September 9, 2006
Review of article manuscript, "From Boy to Man: Jesus in the Infancy Gospel of Thomas," for the journal *Thymos: Journal of Boyhood Studies*, August 2006
Review of book proposal, *Cambridge Companion to Early Christian Thought*, for Cambridge University Press, September 2005
Review of book proposal, new version of *The Cambridge History of the Bible*, for Cambridge University Press, June 2004
Review of dissertation manuscript for Society of Biblical Literature's New Testament Dissertation Series, June 2004
Review of book manuscript for Westminster John Knox Press

Selected university service

Chair, Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies, July 2010-

Member, Ad Hoc Committee on Interdisciplinary and Interdepartmental Programs, LSU Faculty Senate, 2007-2008; wrote the portion of the report dealing with interdisciplinary education

Acting president, Arts and Sciences Faculty Senate, Fall, 2008

Acting chair and member, Academic Oversight Committee, Arts and Sciences Faculty Senate, charged with making recommendations concerning the College's promotion and tenure process, 2008-2009

Secretary, Arts and Sciences Faculty Senate, 2008-2009

Member, Academic Oversight Committee, Arts and Sciences Faculty Senate, charged with rewriting the College Bylaws, 2007-2008

Arts and Sciences Faculty Senate, Senator at large, 2007-2010

Second vice-president, Arts and Sciences Faculty Senate, and chair of Academic Freedom and Scholarship Committee, 2000-2001

Arts and Sciences Faculty Senate, 1996-2001

Section head for Religious Studies, 2004-2007: oversaw every aspect of the Religious Studies side of the Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies

Chair of four faculty search committees; member of four others

Chair and member of third-year review committees, promotion and tenure committees, annual performance evaluation committees, scholarship committees

Coordinator for Religious Studies component of departmental Program Review, 2000-2001

Webmaster for Religious Studies, 1999-2005

Advisor to Religious Studies majors and transfer students

Programs for campus organizations

Respondent at program "The God Who Wasn't There," sponsored by Atheists, Humanists and Agnostics of Louisiana State University, April 26, 2006

Lecturer at program, "The Historical Study of the Bible," sponsored by Atheists, Humanists and Agnostics of Louisiana State University, November 3, 2005

Respondent at program, "The Bible and History," sponsored by the Science and Religious Studies Dialogue/Collegium, LSU Union, Sept. 8, 2005

Panel member at program, "Mel Gibson's The Passion of the Christ: Uniting or Dividing," sponsored by LSU Union Program Council, LSU Union, April 1, 2004

"The Gospel of Thomas," Highland Hall, LSU, April 25, 2000

"Islam," East Laville Hall, LSU, November 20, 1997

"Traditions of Easter," Hatcher Hall, LSU, March 20, 1997

Programs for community organizations

"The Historical Jesus," presented at "Coffee Talk" at St. Joseph Cathedral, Baton Rouge LA, February 20, 2000

"The Gnostic Gospels," presented at St. Albans Institute for the Humanities, Baton Rouge Louisiana, October 28, 1997

"The Dead Sea Scrolls," presented at St. Albans Institute for the Humanities, Baton Rouge Louisiana, October 21, 1997

"Introduction to the Bible," a six-hour workshop presented to the Feliciana Institute of Learning, Feliciana Retreat Center, Norwood Louisiana, April 26, 1997

"The Apocalypse in Art" (slide show and lecture), Nicholls State University, Thibodeaux Louisiana, March 10, 1997

Resource for community members

Resource for colleagues, reporters, and other community members with questions concerning early Christian history and literature