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**Charleston, SC 29406**

**EDUCATION**

- Doctor of Philosophy in New Testament May 2008  
Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, NC  
Specialization: Biblical Studies with a concentration in New Testament  
Dissertation: "An Examination of Prayer in the Johannine Literature"
- Master of Divinity with Languages May 1998  
Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, NC
- Bachelor of Science May 1995  
Charleston Southern University, Charleston, SC  
Major: History; Minor: Music

**ADMINISTRATIVE/LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE**

- Vice President for Strategic Planning, Faith Integration and 2019-present  
Christian Leadership, Charleston Southern University
- Strategic Planning*
- Serve as Strategic Planning Officer for university
  - Provide integrated strategic planning, budgeting and assessment
  - Serve as project manager for 2020-2025 Strategic Plan  
([www.charlestonsouthern.edu/about/strategic-plan/](http://www.charlestonsouthern.edu/about/strategic-plan/))
  - Plan and coordinate annual Strategic Planning Retreat
- Faith Integration*
- See Faith and Learning Institute under Christian Leadership
- Christian Leadership (Whitfield Center for Christian Leadership)*
- The Whitfield Center for Christian Leadership, a leadership center that equips individuals with the biblical worldview and develops Christian leaders, consists of four institutes: Biblical Worldview Institute, Faith and Learning Institute, Marketplace Ministry Institute and Leadership Institute.
- Biblical Worldview Institute*
- Plan, coordinate and host conferences and events that promote the biblical worldview
  - Encourage and support faculty in their efforts to host events that promote the biblical worldview in their discipline

### *Faith and Learning Institute*

- Provide executive leadership for the Faith and Learning Institute's three subcommittee: Faculty Development, Faculty Resources and New Faculty
- Serve as co-chair of New Faculty subcommittee which leads the New Faculty Orientation meeting in August and the monthly Faith and Learning Excellence training sessions for new faculty throughout the year
- Plan and coordinate faith and learning events for faculty (e.g., Dr. David Dockery, "Challenge, Change and Conviction: Distinctive Christian Higher Education in the 21st Century" and "Christian Worldview and Christian Higher Education," March 4, 2020)
- Research and implement higher education ideas and practices found at institutions committed to excellence

### *Leadership Institute*

- Promote the university's commitment to prepare servant leaders who will live lives of significance
- Teach leadership seminars in the Christian Leadership Institute, a three-semester student leadership development program that equips students with the essentials of Christian leadership for success in their future vocation
- Facilitate leadership development training for members of the President's Cabinet once a month

### *Marketplace Ministry Institute*

- Promote the application of kingdom principles among Christians serving in the marketplace
- Build relationships with marketplace leaders and Charleston Southern University to accomplish the institution's mission and vision
- Host and support events and programs that provide opportunities for discipleship, leadership development and networking for mutual encouragement among marketplace leaders (e.g., South Carolina Christian Chamber of Commerce, Life Works Charleston, annual Charleston Leadership Foundation Prayer Breakfast)
- Serve as a resource for Christian leaders called to marketplace ministry

### *Church Relations*

- Plan and coordinate events for churches
- Assist Director of Church Relations with building relationships with churches
- Represent the university at Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) and South Carolina Baptist Convention (SCBC)-related events

*Presidential Transition*

- Assisted with Dr. Jairy C. Hunter's departure
  - Worked with President and senior officers to review and evaluate personnel, departments, programs and strategies to achieve greater effectiveness and efficiency
- Assisted with Dr. Dondi E. Costin's arrival
  - Prepared and implemented 60-Day Strategic Agenda
  - Prepared and implemented Relationship Maps (external and internal)

*Strategic Planning*

- Served as Strategic Planning Officer for university
- Managed 2013-2018 Strategic Plan
- Served as chair of Strategic Planning Committee to prepare 2020-2025 Strategic Plan (2018-2019)

*Enrollment/Retention*

- Chaired Christian Marketing Committee to develop and implement strategic marketing plan for selected organizations and institutions
- Served on Metrics Committee related to Enrollment/Retention efforts

*Marketing and Communication*

- Provided executive leadership for Marketing and Communication department
- Worked with Marketing and Communication to prepare annual strategic marketing plan and budget for university
- Worked with Marketing and Communication on numerous projects/events (e.g., President's Summer Update, President's End of Year Update, CSU Magazine)

*Campus Security*

- Worked with Campus Security and senior officers to improve security
- Worked with Campus Security to provide ongoing security training for faculty, staff and students
- Worked with Campus Security to respond to security issues
- Revised essential security documents

*Student Services*

- Provided executive leadership for Student Services programs that included Campus Life, Campus Ministries, Chapel, Student Activities and Student Discipline
- Addressed housing issues
- Led committee to revise Student Handbook

*Church Relations*

- Represented the university at SCBC meetings and events (e.g., Executive Board; Budget, Finance & Audit Committee; Nominations Committee; SC Baptist Pastors Conference; SCBC)

*Diversity*

- Served as senior officer for diversity at university
- Worked with diversity officer to develop diversity program, prepare diversity strategic plan and coordinate diversity-related events

*Title IX*

- Worked with Title IX committee to implement new Title IX policy for university
- Attended multiple Title IX training sessions (One-day training, Workplace Answers, Two-day Title IX training)
- Prepared Title IX Educational Plan for university

Founding Dean, College of Christian Studies, Charleston Southern University 2013-2016

Chair, Religion Department, Charleston Southern University 2012-2013

**PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

Institute for Educational Management (Harvard Graduate School of Education) July 2019  
Harvard University, Cambridge, MA

Seminar on Academic Leadership in Baptist Universities May 2013  
Baylor University, Waco, TX

**TEACHING**

Tenured Professor, Charleston Southern University 2018-present

Professor of Christian Studies, Charleston Southern University 2016-2018

Associate Professor of Christian Studies, Charleston Southern University 2013-2016

Assistant Professor of Religion, Charleston Southern University 2008-2013

Visiting Lecturer, Evangelical Theological College July 2012  
Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

Adjunctive Instructor of NT, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary Spring 2012  
Wake Forest, NC

Adjunctive Instructor of NT, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary Wake Forest, NC	Fall 2011
Visiting Lecturer, Uganda Baptist Seminary Jinja, Uganda	July 2008
Visiting Lecturer, Uganda Baptist Seminary Jinja, Uganda	January 2006
Visiting Lecturer, Cameroon Baptist Theological Seminary Ndu, Cameroon	January 2004
Visiting Lecturer, Moldova Bible Seminary Chisinau, Moldova	January 2002

**COURSES TAUGHT**

Survey of the Old Testament, Survey of the New Testament, Evangelism, Discipleship, Hermeneutics, Ethics, World Religions, Book Studies (Matthew, Acts, 1 Corinthians, Philippians, Revelation), Christian Studies Internship, Biblical Teaching and Preaching, Introduction to Christian Ministry

**WCCL EVENTS/DIRECTORSHIPS**

Director, Center for Church Renewal, Charleston Southern University	2015-present
Director, The Lens Conference/Staley Lecture Series	2011-2015

**SELECTED SERVICE COMMITTEES**

Christian Leadership Council, Chair (2011-2013)  
Offered faith integration training for new faculty during New Faculty Orientation sessions and throughout the year

Faculty Senate, Chair (2011-2012)

Student Life, Chair (2010-2011)

**AWARDS**

2012 Excellence in Teaching Award (South Carolina Independent Colleges and Universities)

Charleston Southern University College of Adult and Professional Studies  
Outstanding Faculty of the Year Award (2010-2011)

Charleston Southern University Promising Teacher Award (2010-2011)

## **PUBLICATIONS**

- Study Notes for Mark, Luke and Acts, *Worldview Study Bible (Holman Christian Standard Bible)*, ed. David S. Dockery (Holman Bible Publishers, 2018).
- “Allen, David Oliver,” *Encyclopedia of Christianity in the United States*, ed. George Thomas Kurian and Mark A. Lamport, vol. 1 (Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, 2016), 47.
- “Ballantine, Henry,” *Encyclopedia of Christianity in the United States*, ed. George Thomas Kurian and Mark A. Lamport, vol. 1 (Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, 2016), 178.
- “Collins, Judson Dwight,” *Encyclopedia of Christianity in the United States*, ed. George Thomas Kurian and Mark A. Lamport, vol. 2 (Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, 2016), 614.
- “Edwins, August William,” *Encyclopedia of Christianity in the United States*, ed. George Thomas Kurian and Mark A. Lamport, vol. 2 (Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, 2016), 773.
- “Furman, Charles Truman,” *Encyclopedia of Christianity in the United States*, ed. George Thomas Kurian and Mark A. Lamport, vol. 2 (Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, 2016), 938-939.
- “Young, Samuel Hall,” *Encyclopedia of Christianity in the United States*, ed. George Thomas Kurian and Mark A. Lamport, vol. 5 (Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, 2016), 2553.
- “Annotated Bibliography: Johannine Epistles (2000-2005),” *Faith and Mission* 23/1 (Fall 2005): 83-89.

## **POPULAR WRITINGS**

- “Christians and the Old Testament Law,” Knight Printing (November 2019)
- “Vocation,” Church and Gospel ([www.churchandgospel.com](http://www.churchandgospel.com)) (October 30, 2019)
- “Principles for Interpreting Proverbs,” Church and Gospel ([www.churchandgospel.com](http://www.churchandgospel.com)) (June 5, 2017)
- “Introduction to Proverbs,” Church and Gospel ([www.churchandgospel.com](http://www.churchandgospel.com)) (May 29, 2017)
- “Knowing and Doing God’s Will,” Church and Gospel ([www.churchandgospel.com](http://www.churchandgospel.com)) (February 21, 2017)

- “Biblical Principles for Leadership,” Church and Gospel ([www.churchandgospel.com](http://www.churchandgospel.com)) (January 24, 2017)
- “Reading New Testament Letters: Part 4,” Church and Gospel ([www.churchandgospel.com](http://www.churchandgospel.com)) (December 19, 2016)
- “Reading New Testament Letters: Part 3,” Church and Gospel ([www.churchandgospel.com](http://www.churchandgospel.com)) (December 7, 2016)
- “Reading New Testament Letters: Part 2,” Church and Gospel ([www.churchandgospel.com](http://www.churchandgospel.com)) (November 30, 2016)
- “Reading New Testament Letters: Part 1,” Church and Gospel ([www.churchandgospel.com](http://www.churchandgospel.com)) (November 21, 2016)
- “Principles for Reading and Interpreting the Gospels,” Church and Gospel ([www.churchandgospel.com](http://www.churchandgospel.com)) (October 26, 2016)
- “The Essentials of the Gospel,” *The Courier*, Vol. 148 No. 10 (October 2016)
- “Advice to Those Who Lead Music in Corporate Worship,” Church and Gospel ([www.churchandgospel.com](http://www.churchandgospel.com)) (September 23, 2016)
- “The Christian and Speech: Part II,” Church and Gospel ([www.churchandgospel.com](http://www.churchandgospel.com)) (September 5, 2016)
- “The Christian and Speech: Part I,” Church and Gospel ([www.churchandgospel.com](http://www.churchandgospel.com)) (September 2, 2016)
- “Shaping Your Children’s View of Relationships,” *The Courier*, Vol. 148 No. 8, (August 2016)
- “Responding to the Gospel,” For the Church, Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary (May 2015)
- “Spiritual Formation at Charleston Southern University,” *Baptist Educator*, Volume LXXX, No. 2, 2nd Trimester 2015
- “Developing a Christian Worldview,” *The Courier*, Vol. 146 No. 10, October 2014

## ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS

- “The Contribution of C. H. Dodd to Parable Research,” Evangelical Theological Society, Southeast Regional Meeting, North Greenville University, Tigerville, SC, March 16, 2019
- “Continuity and/or Discontinuity: A Study of Matthew’s Presentation of the Old Testament Law in His Gospel,” Evangelical Theological Society, Southeast Regional Meeting, Columbia International University, Columbia, SC, March 18, 2016
- “Motivations for Prayer in the Fourth Gospel,” Evangelical Theological Society, Southeast Regional Meeting, North Greenville University, Tigerville, SC, March 20, 2010

## BOOK REVIEWS

- Bruce W. Longenecker. *In Stone and Story. Early Christianity in the Roman World*. Grand Rapids: Baker Academic, 2020. Reviewed for *Southwestern Journal of Theology* (forthcoming).
- Gerald Sittser. *Resilient Faith: How the Early Christian “Third Way” Changed the World*. Grand Rapids: Brazos Press, 2019. Reviewed for *Southwestern Journal of Theology* 63/1 (Fall 2020): 205-208
- Gregory K. Beale and Benjamin L. Gladd. *The Story Retold: A Biblical-Theological Introduction to the New Testament*. Downers Grove: InterVarsity Press Academic, 2020. Reviewed for *Southwestern Journal of Theology* 62/2 (Spring 2020): 139-141
- Keith T. Marriner. *Following the Lamb: The Theme of Discipleship in the Book of Revelation*. Eugene, Oregon: Wipf & Stock, 2016. Reviewed for *Southeastern Theological Review* 8/1 (Spring 2017): 97-99.
- Robert L. Plummer and Matthew D. Haste. *Held in Honor: Wisdom for Your Marriage from Voices of the Past*. Scotland, UK: Christian Focus, 2015. Reviewed for *Southeastern Theological Review* 6/2 (Winter 2015): 231-233.
- Walter Elwell and Robert W. Yarbrough. *Encountering the New Testament: A Historical and Theological Survey*. 3<sup>rd</sup> ed. Grand Rapids: Baker Academic, 2013. Reviewed for *Southeastern Theological Review* 5/2 (Winter 2014): 235-237.
- David E. Garland. *Luke*. Zondervan Exegetical Commentary on the New Testament. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2011. Reviewed for *Criswell Theological Review* 10/2 (Spring 2013): 113-115.



David L. Turner. *Matthew*. Baker Exegetical Commentary on the New Testament. Grand Rapids: Baker, 2008. Reviewed for *Southeastern Theological Review* 1/1 (Winter 2010): 70-71.

Gordon D. Fee. *The First and Second Letters to the Thessalonians*. New International Commentary on the New Testament. Grand Rapids: William B. Eerdmans, 2009. Reviewed for *Criswell Theological Review* 8/1 (Fall 2010): 115-116.

Andreas J. Köstenberger, Charles Quarles, and Scott Kellum. *The Cradle, the Cross, and the Crown: An Introduction to the New Testament*. Nashville: Broadman & Holman Academic, 2009. Reviewed for *Criswell Theological Review* 7/2 (Spring 2010): 104-106.

Craig L. Blomberg. *Jesus and the Gospels*. 2<sup>nd</sup> edition. Nashville: Broadman & Holman, 2009. Reviewed for *Journal for Baptist Theology and Ministry* 7/1 (Spring 2010): 89-90.

David G. Peterson. *The Acts of the Apostles*. Pillar New Testament Commentary. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2009. Reviewed for *Midwestern Journal of Theology* 8.21/9.1 (Spring 2010): 139-141.

Kevin J. Vanhoozer, et al. *Theological Interpretation of the New Testament: A Book-by-Book Survey*. Grand Rapids: Baker Academic, 2008. Reviewed for *Southwestern Journal of Theology* 52/2 (Spring 2010): 233-235.

John A. D'Elia. *A Place at the Table: George Eldon Ladd and the Rehabilitation of Evangelical Scholarship in America*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2008. Reviewed for *Westminster Theological Journal* 71/2 (Fall 2009): 513-515.

Henry A. Virkler and Karelynn Gerber Ayayo. *Principles and Processes of Biblical Interpretation*. 2<sup>nd</sup> edition. Grand Rapids: Baker Academic, 2007. Reviewed for *Criswell Theological Review* 7/1 (Fall 2009): 118-120.

## **ACADEMIC SOCIETIES**

Evangelical Theological Society (current member)

## **CURRENT RESEARCH/WRITING**

*Engaging the Gospels: A Student's Guide to Reading the Gospels*

*Fundamentals of Christian Leadership*

## **LOCAL CHURCH**

Teaching and Preaching

2008-present

Regularly teach and preach in home church (Northwood Baptist Church, North Charleston, SC) and others as requested

Interim Pastor, Hillcrest Baptist Church, North Charleston, SC	Sept and Oct 2020
Pulpit Supply, Cottageville Baptist Church, Cottageville, SC	2014-2015
Interim Pastor, Deep Branch Baptist Church, Varnville, SC	2008-2009
Pastor, Merry Hill Baptist Church, Merry Hill, NC	2000-2008
Interim Music Director, Ransdell Chapel Baptist Church, Louisburg, NC	1999
Youth Director, Flat Rock Baptist Church, Louisburg, NC	1995-1998
Summer Youth Director, Lakewood Baptist Church, Georgetown, SC	1995

### **MISSIONS**

#### Extended

Bangkok, Thailand (SC BSU)	June-August 1994
Nairobi, Kenya (SC BSU)	July-August 1993
Spokane, WA (NAMB)	June-August 1992
Orlando, FL (NAMB)	June-August 1990

#### Short-term

Shewa Robit and Komame, Ethiopia	July 2015
Evangelical Theological College, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia	July 2012
Uganda Baptist Seminary, Jinja, Uganda	July 2008 and January 2006
Cameroon Baptist Theological Seminary, Ndu, Cameroon	January 2004
Moldova Bible Seminary, Chisinau, Moldova	January 2002

### **DENOMINATIONAL ENGAGEMENT**

Charleston Southern University Denominational Liaison for South Carolina Baptist Convention, 2015-2019

History Committee, South Carolina Baptist Convention, 2020-present

Chair, History Committee, South Carolina Baptist Convention, 2014-2017

By-Laws Committee, South Carolina Baptist Convention, 2010-2013

Mission Development Team, West Chowan Baptist Association, NC, 2007

Ordination Council, West Chowan Baptist Association, NC, 2003

Vision Team, West Chowan Baptist Association, NC, 2001-2003

State Vice President, South Carolina BSU, 1994-1995

**ADDITIONAL TRAVEL**

Turkey and Greece Tour, July 2011

Israel Tour, May 2004