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EDUCATION:

- Ph.D., Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas, 1994.
    - Dissertation: "Cries of Distress: The Voices of Complaint in the Wilderness Narratives," supervised by Dr. Boo Heflin.
    - Major: Old Testament; Major Seminars: Old Testament Prophecy, Hebrew History, The Pentateuch, and Old Testament Theology.
    - Minors: New Testament and Archaeology; Minor Seminars: The Synoptic Gospels and Palestinian-Syrian Archaeology.
    - Elective Seminar: Evangelism in the Early Church.
- Graduate Study, Brite Divinity School, Texas Christian University, Fort Worth, Texas, 1992.
- M.Div., Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas, 1988.
- B.A., Central Baptist College, Conway, Arkansas, 1984: Major: Bible; Minor: Religious Education.
- Undergraduate Study, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, Arkansas, 1980.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE:

- Professor of Religion (Old Testament), East Texas Baptist University, Marshall, Texas, 2003-present.
- Associate Professor of Religion (Old Testament), East Texas Baptist University, Marshall, Texas, 2000-2003.
- Assistant Professor of Religion, East Texas Baptist University, Marshall, Texas, 1995-2000.
- Teaching Fellow, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas, 1990-1993
    - Courses taught: The Book of Exodus and Introduction to the Old Testament.
- Graduate Assistant to Dr. F. B. Huey, Jr., Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas, 1987-1994.

OTHER WORK EXPERIENCE:

- Quality Enhancement Plan Director, East Texas Baptist University, 2006-present.
- Dean of the School of Christian Studies, East Texas Baptist University, 2001-present.
- Member of the Baptist General Convention of Texas Vocational Theological Education Committee, 2001-present.
- Interim Division Chair, East Texas Baptist University, 2001.
- Chair of the Religion Department, East Texas Baptist University, 2000-present.
- Interim Pastor, Memorial Baptist Church, Gladewater, Texas, 1998-1999.
- Interim Pastor, First Southern Baptist Church, Laneville, Texas, 1996-1997.
- Tarrant Baptist Association Vacation Bible School Leader for Pastors and Experienced Workers, 1995.
- Associate Pastor, Rush Creek Baptist Church, Arlington, Texas, 1990-1995.
- Pastor, First Baptist Church, Lakeside Village, Texas, 1989-1990.
- Single Adult Pastor, Lamar Baptist Church, Arlington, Texas, 1985-1986.
- Interim Pastor, Monticello Baptist Church, Monticello, Arkansas, 1984.
- Interim Pastor, Mount Calvary Baptist Church, Conway, Arkansas, 1983-1984.
- Minister of Evangelism, Mount Calvary Baptist Church, Conway, Arkansas, 1982-1984.
- Youth Pastor, Moore Baptist Church, Berryville, Arkansas, 1980-1981.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT EXPERIENCES:

- Annual SACS Meeting, Dallas, December 2012
- National Society of Biblical Literature, Chicago, November 2012
- Annual SACS Meeting, Orlando, Florida, December 2011
- National Society of Biblical Literature, San Francisco, November 2011
- Regional Society of Biblical Literature, March 2011.
- National Association of Baptist Professors of Religion, March 2011.
- Annual SACS Meeting, Louisville, Kentucky, December 2010.
- National Society of Biblical Literature, Atlanta, November 2010.
- Regional Society of Biblical Literature, March 2010.
- National Association of Baptist Professors of Religion, March 2010.
- Annual SACS Meeting, Atlanta, December 2009
- Annual SACS Meeting, San Antonio, December 2008
- Annual SACS Meeting, New Orleans, December 2007
- Annual SACS Meeting, Atlanta, Georgia, 2007
- Annual Society of Biblical Literature Meeting, 1995-2009
- Regional National Association of Baptist Professors of Religion, 1996-2007
- Regional Society of Biblical Literature Meeting, 1996-2007
- Annual SACS Meeting, Orlando Florida, 2006
- Annual SACS Meeting, Atlanta, Georgia, 2005
- Annual SACS Meeting, San Antonia, 2004

- Music, Mood, and Celebration in the Classroom Workshop, East Texas Baptist University, 2002
- Beginning Scanning and Importing Pictures and Images Workshop, East Texas Baptist University, 2002
- Faculty Toolbox Workshop, East Texas Baptist University, 2002
- Core Curriculum Meeting, University of Dallas, 2001

PRESENTATIONS AND PUBLICATIONS:

- "Jehu's Reign in Israel." Biblical Illustrator 37 (Winter 2010-2011): 18-21.
- "The Book of Jonah in its Historical Setting." Biblical Illustrator (Summer 2009): 14-17.
- "Damascus During Paul's Day." Biblical Illustrator (Summer 2008): 31-35.
- "The Day of the LORD." Biblical Illustrator (Summer 2007): 52-55.
- "From Slaves to Soldiers." Biblical Illustrator (Fall 2006):10-13.
- "The Sons of God." Biblical Illustrator (Fall 2005): 69-72.
- "The Mount of Olives." Biblical Illustrator (Winter 2004-05): 52-55.
- Co-Presented at the annual BGCT Meeting in San Antonio, Texas. This seminar addressed the "Laments of Jeremiah and Ministerial Crisis."
- "The Structure of the Family in Ancient Israel." Biblical Illustrator (Winter 2003-04): 54-58.
- Garrett, James Leo, Jr., ed. The Legacy of Southwestern: Writings That Shaped a Tradition. "F. B. Huey, Jr.," 287-95. North Richland Hills, Texas: Smithfield Press, 2002.
- ETBU Freshman Seminar Workbook. "Dollars and Sense: Money and the University Student," 30-34. Marshall: East Texas Baptist University, 2002.
- "An Exposition of Gen. 2:4-11:32." Southwestern Baptist Theological Journal 44 (Fall 2001): 39-55.
- "Baptist Polity." Baptist Way (June, July, August 2001): 4.
- Delivered the devotional at the National Association of Baptist Professors of Religion Meeting, Dallas, Texas, March 2001.
- Freedman, David Noel, Allen C. Myers, and Astrid B. Beck, eds. Eerdmans Dictionary of the Bible. Grand Rapids: Wm. B. Eerdmans, 2000. S.v., "Ahithophel," "En-Rogel," Laban (the Person)," and "Murmuring."
- "Judges in Ancient Israel." Biblical Illustrator (Spring 2000): 34-36.
- New Testament 1: The Interbiblical Period and the Four Gospels. Acton, Massachusetts: Copley Publishing Group, 1999.
- Old Testament 1: Genesis to Esther. Acton, Massachusetts: Copley Publishing Group, 1999.
- Old Testament 2: Job to Malachi. Acton, Massachusetts: Copley Publishing Group, 1999.
- "Thank Offerings." Biblical Illustrator (Summer 1997): 28-30.
- A Review of The Prophets as Preachers. Biblical Illustrator (Spring 1996): 82.

OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

Professional Affiliations

- Society of Biblical Literature
- National Association of Baptist Professors of Religion
- National Association of Professors of Hebrew

Professional/Civic Experience

- Participant, Optimist Club Golf Tournament, May 2012.
- Participant, Optimist Club Golf Tournament, May 2011.
- Participant, Optimist Club Golf Tournament, May 2010.
- Single Adult Teacher, Central Baptist Church, August 2009-present.
- Participant, Optimist Club Golf Tournament, May 2009.
- Participant, Optimist Club Golf Tournament, May 2008.
- 2d Vice-President, Harrison County United Way, 2008-2009.
- President, Marshall Soccer Booster Club, Marshall High School, 2005-2006.
- Member of the Board of Directors, Harrison County United Way, 2003-2009.
- Member of the Marshall Soccer Booster Club, 2003-present.
- Sub-Committee Chair, Thanksgiving Day Ministry, 2003-present.
- Referee for the Upward Basketball program, First Baptist Church, Marshall, 2002-present.
- Director of the ETBU Annual United Way Fund Campaign; Harrison County United Way, 2002-present.
- Co-Lecturer/Presenter at the annual Baptist General Convention of Texas, November 2004. Topic was "A Wound Incurable: Jeremiah, A Resource for Ministers in Difficult Situations."
- Member of the Marshall High School PTA.
- Host for Disciple Now, First Baptist Church, Marshall, 2002.
- Cook for the Youth Missions Trip to Leakey, Texas, First Baptist Church, Marshall, 2002.
- Member of the Marshall Junior High School PTA, 2000-2001.
- Bible-Study Leader, Winter Bible Study, First Baptist Church, Kyle, Texas, 2000.
- Bible-Study Leader, Winter Bible Study, First Baptist Church, Tyler, Texas, 1999-2000.
- Speaker, National Association of Baptist Professors of Religion, Southwest Regional Meeting, March 13-14, 1998.
- Bible-Study Leader, Winter Bible Study, Annual Senior Adult Camp, Pineywoods Baptist Encampment, Texas, 1997.
- Co-Bible Study Leader, East Texas Baptist University Winter Bible Study Seminar, 1995-1999.
- Annual Society of Biblical Literature Meeting, 1995-2001.
- Regional Society of Biblical Literature Meeting, 1993-2001.

- Bible-Study Leader, Winter Bible Study, First Southern Baptist Church, Laneville, 1996.
- Bible-Study Leader, Winter Bible Study, First Baptist Church, Tyler, Texas, 1996.
- Bible-Study Leader, Winter Bible Study, First Baptist Church, Jefferson, Texas, 1996.
- Den Leader, Cub Scouts of America, 1995-1996.
- Upward Basketball Coach, First through Third Grade, First Baptist Church, Tyler, 1995-1996, 1996-1997.

Honors

- Harrison County Service Award, 2007-2008.
- Empire Who’s Who Among Executives and Professionals in Education, 2005-2006.
- Who’s Who Among American’s Teachers, 2000, 2002, 2004, 2005.
- ETBU Favorite Professor, Tiger Awards, 2001.
- Ward Walker Lecturer, East Texas Baptist University, 2000.
- Honorary Member of Pi Sigma Epsilon, 1999-2000.
- Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas, 1991-1993.
- National Dean's List, School of Theology, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas, 1986-1987.
- Outstanding Scholarship Award, Central Baptist College, Conway, Arkansas, 1984.
- Who's Who Among Students of American Universities and Colleges, Central Baptist College, Conway, Arkansas, 1983-1984.