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**Education:**

Ph.D. in English Literature, Film and Media Studies, Texas Tech University (2014)  
Dissertation: Cinema as Salvation: Christ-Figures, Conventions, and the Christian-Spectator  
Committee: Director, Dr. Scott Baugh, Dr. Mike Schoenecke, and Dr. Wendell Aycock

M.A. Modern and Postmodern British Fiction, University of East Anglia (2004)

M.A. Intercultural Ministry, Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary (2000)

B.A. Religion and Philosophy, Wayland Baptist University (1997)

**Academic Appointments:**

East Texas Baptist University, Associate Professor, English and Chair, Department of Languages and Literature (Fall 2014-Present)

The University of Mary Hardin-Baylor, Adjunct Professor, English (Fall 2013-Spring 2014)

Wayland Baptist University, Assistant Professor, English (Fall 2007-Spring 2013)

Wayland Baptist University, Moffat Bible College, Kenya, TESL (Fall 2012)

Texas Tech University, Graduate Instructor (Fall 2005-Spring 2007)

IAIN - State Islamic Institute of Indonesia, EFL Instructor (Fall 2002-Spring 2003)

**Course Topics:**

East Texas Baptist University

ENGL 1301 Rhetoric and Composition I  
ENGL 1302 Rhetoric and Composition II  
ENGL 2331 Introduction to World Literature  
ENGL 2333 Studies in Literature: Film as Literature  
ENGL 2304 Introduction to Cinema  
ENGL 3361 Advanced Studies in Cinema  
ENGL 4340 20<sup>th</sup> Century British Literature  
EDUC 5340 Language Acquisition  
HUMA 2301 Service Learning in the Humanities  
LEAD 1100 Learning and Leading

The University of Mary Hardin-Baylor

ENGL 1321 Rhetoric and Composition

ENGL 1322 Rhetoric and Composition II  
ESOL 1391 Advanced Reading and Writing

Wayland Baptist University

ENGL 1301 Rhetoric and Composition  
ENGL 2303 World Literature  
ENGL 2306 American Literature  
ENGL 4345 Teaching English as a Second Language

Texas Tech University

ENGL 1301 Essentials of College Rhetoric  
ENGL 1302 Advanced College Rhetoric  
ENGL 2307 Introduction to Fiction

**Research Presentations:**

The Character of the University, 2019 Baylor Symposium on Faith and Culture, Waco, TX  
(October 2019): “Character Formation in the English Department”

Popular Culture Association, New Orleans, LA (April 2015): “The Priesthood of the Keys: Wes  
Anderson’s *The Grand Budapest Hotel* as Hagiopic.”

Southwest/Texas Popular Culture Association, Albuquerque, NM (February 2014):  
“The Cinematic Christ-figure and the Revered Gaze”

Southwest/Texas Popular Culture Association, Albuquerque, NM (February 2012):  
“Neo is the One: Messianic Myth from Inception to Reception”

LA Film Studies Center, Transcendence Cinema Studies Conference, Los Angeles, CA (April  
2011): “Superman and Soteriology: The Redemptive Role of High Christology in  
*Superman*”

**Service to University:**

Group Mentor, Thrive Mentoring Program (2019-20)

Director, TEAM Tiger Mentoring Program (Fall 2019)

Member, Faculty Development Committee (2017-2019)

Member, Honors Committee (2016-2018)

Editor, SACSCOC Accreditation Document (Summer/Fall 2018)

Member, Teacher Education Committee (Spring 2016-Present)

Chair, Department of Languages and Literature (Spring 2016-Present)

Sigma Tau Delta, Sponsor, East Texas Baptist University (Spring 2015)

East Texas Baptist University, Division of English Search Committee (2015, 2016, 2018)

Faculty blogger, The Intersection: Faith and Learning Project, East Texas Baptist University (Spring 2015)

Wayland Baptist University (WBU), Departmental Search Committee (2010 and 2013)

WBU, Technology Committee (2007-2009, 2012-2013)

WBU, Scholarship Committee (2012-2013)

WBU, Honors Council (2011-2012)

WBU, Faculty Senate (2010-2012)

WBU, Judicial Council (2008-2010), Chair of Judicial Council (2009-2010)

**Service to Community:**

Men's Discipleship Leader, Marshall, TX (2018-present)

Member, Downtown Association, Marshall, TX (2017-present)

Small Group Leader, Mobberly Baptist Church, Marshall, TX (2014-2015 and 2016-present)

Cinema as Salvation: Religion and Film Discussion Group, UMHB (Spring 2014)

Transcendence: Darkness and Light in Film, A Film-Studies Discussion Group, WBU (2012-13)

Licensed Foster Parent, Texas Department of Family Services (2006-2008 and 2013-2014)

Host, Plainview Community Poetry Reading (2008-2012)

Member, Main Street Committee, Plainview, TX (2008-2010)

Small-group Bible Study Leader, Stonebridge Fellowship Church, Plainview, TX (2005-2006)

Volunteer Aid Worker and Team leader, K्रेसи Tsunami Disaster Relief, Tennessee Baptist Convention, Aceh, Indonesia (Spring/Summer 2005)

International Service Corp Volunteer, International Mission Board, Indonesia (2001-2003)

Founder and Volunteer, Global Conversations Cafe, Conversation English Group, San Francisco State University (1998-2001)

**Organizations:**

Sigma Tau Delta

SW/TX Popular Culture Association

PCA/ACA