

East Texas Baptist University

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CURRENT POSITION:

Professor of Church History
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B. H. Carroll Theological Seminary at
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EDUCATION:

Doctor of Philosophy, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, 2003
Master of Arts, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, 1998
Bachelor of Arts, University of Arkansas at Little Rock, 1993

Additional doctoral and post-doctoral studies at Baylor University and Boston University.

TEACHING AND ADMINISTRATION EXPERIENCE:

Professor of Church History and Director of PhD Programs
July 2023-current

- Chair of the Doctoral Programs Council, the body responsible for: the administration of the Doctor of Philosophy and Doctor of Ministry degrees; student admissions to doctoral programs; academic policies related to the terminal degrees; prospectus and dissertation defenses; and, student arbitration in the doctoral programs.
- Responsible for scheduling Ph.D. seminars, monitoring student progression, student advising, and coordinating faculty instruction.
- Regularly conduct doctoral prospectus and dissertation oral defenses; document the committee's findings on dissertation defense composite documents.
- Coordinate biannual Ph.D. colloquia.
- Enacted revisions to Ph.D. curriculum to include course numbering and scheduling, as well as course rotations, upon merger with ETBU.
- Served as the Doctoral Programs representative on the Seminary Academic Council while the Seminary was independent.
- Interim Director of Institutional Assessment for Accreditation Self-Study (Association of Theological Schools 10-year Reaffirmation of Accreditation) while the Seminary was independent.
- Conducted authorization and accreditation reporting for the Association of Biblical Higher Education, National Council for State Authorization Reciprocity Agreements (NCSARA), and the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) while the Seminary was independent.

Courses Taught:

FHER 8201: Advanced Research and Writing (Cross-listed with CHRM/SCPT 8201)
HIST 8201: Basic Directed Study and Readings I: Church History
HIST 8202: Basic Directed Study and Readings II: Church History
HIST 8215: American Christianity
HIST 8217: Christianity and Politics
HIST 8218: Fundamentalism and Evangelicalism

Associate Professor for Faith and Heritage

November 2019-July 2023

- Served on the International Programs Committee, Academic Council, Mission Advancement/Development Team (MAT), Master's Program Council, and Doctoral Programs Council.

Courses Taught under Old B. H. Carroll Course Numbering:

FHSEM 7201: Puritans
FHCHS 5112: Christian Heritage II
FHCHS 5113: Christian Heritage III
ACPDV 7201: Spiritual and Professional Development
FHCHS 5143: Revivals and Revivalism
FHCHS 5141: The Reformation

OTHER EXPERIENCE:

Faculty Instructional Mentor, 2006-2025

Liberty University Rawlings School of Divinity, Lynchburg, VA

- Responsible for mentoring 24 faculty members on best practices in online instruction and student engagement.
- Assess faculty performance through annual evaluations.
- Participate in working groups to enhance faculty efficiency and support at Liberty.
- Also taught:

CHHI 510: Survey of the History of Christianity
CHHI 520: Church History I
CHHI 525: Church History II
CHHI 660: American Christianity
CHHI 665: Baptist History
CHHI 695: Puritans, Directed Study
RTCH 500: Research Writing and Ministry Preparation
THES 689: Thesis Proposal and Preparation

Adjunct Professor, 2003-2006

Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, TX

- Served as Graduate Assistant to Drs. Karen Bullock and Stephen Stookey.
- Also

taught:

BPTST 3203: Baptist History
CHAHT 3103: Church History I
CHAHT 3113: Church History II

MEDIA/COMMUNICATIONS EXPERIENCE:

Christus Films LLC, 2011-2018
Fort Worth, TX
Senior Editor, 2015-2016
Christian Examiner, Washington, D.C.

Executive Director of Marketing and Communications, 2007-2012
University of North Texas at Dallas, Dallas, TX

National Correspondent, 2006-2007
Baptist Press, Nashville, TN

Director of Communications and Public Relations, 2003-2006
Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, TX

Associate Director of Communications, 2001-2003
Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, TX

Corporate Writer/Co-Director of Policies and Procedures Division, 1993-1995
National Medical Systems, Inc., Little Rock, AR

SCHOLARLY ACTIVITY

Papers and Conferences:

- The First Freedom: The First Conference in a Series on Baptist Distinctives, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, 2005; Presented paper, "Prophets from Without: Separation of Church and State in Wartime."
- Church Crisis Communications for Ministers Conference, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, 2002-2003; Conference Organizer
- Interfaith Dialogue (Seminararians Interacting) 2000; Presented paper, "A Baptist's Perspective on Suffering: Suffering Gives Birth to Joy"

Journal Articles:

Tomlin, Gregory. "The False Bed of Worship: Roger Williams' Metaphors of Marital Infidelity and Sexual Violence in the Struggle for Liberty of Conscience," *Baptist History & Heritage* 57, no. 1 (Spring 2022): 5-24.

Tomlin, Gregory. "Eschatological Fulfillment and Ecclesiology in Roger Williams," *Baptist History & Heritage* 55:1 (Spring 2020): 4-18.

Book Reviews:

Tomlin, Gregory. Review of Linford D. Fisher, J. Stanley Lemons, and Lucas Mason-Brown, *Decoding Roger Williams: The Lost Essay of Rhode Island's Founding Father*, in *Baptist History & Heritage* 55, no. 2 (Summer 2020): 112-13.

Tomlin, Gregory. Review of Douglas A. Foster, *A Life of Alexander Campbell*, in *Baptist History & Heritage* 58, no. 1 (Fall 2023): 85-87.

Dictionary Articles:

Holman Illustrated Bible Dictionary (2015 ed.), s.v., "Babel (Tower of)."

Holman Illustrated Bible Dictionary (2015 ed.), s.v., "Dan."

Holman Illustrated Bible Dictionary (2015 ed.), s.v., "Herodium."

Holman Illustrated Bible Dictionary (2015 ed.), s.v., "Pagan Temples."

Newspaper Opinion Editorials and Online Writing:

Baptist News Global (online), "Wingfield wrong about 'performative Christianity.'" May 11, 2022

Baptist Standard (online), "Time to kill the Equality Act." May 7, 2021

Baptist Standard (online), "The willow, the pain of discipline, and memories of the past." June 26, 2020

Christian Examiner, "You voted in the election, but the choice was God's to make." Nov. 10, 2016

Christian Examiner, "In refusing to endorse Trump, Cruz has higher laws in mind." 27 July 2016

Christian Examiner, "An atheist group's foray into Texas is like 'a skunk at a lawn party.'" June 21, 2016

Christian Examiner, "Transgenders kidnap Jesus." May 19, 2016

Christian Examiner, "Lessons reinforced in a noxious primary." May 4, 2016

Christian Examiner, "North Carolina restroom law not about transgenders, but state power (and public safety)." April 6, 2016

Christian Examiner, “Super Tuesday defied explanation, as did Christians’ support for Trump.” March 2, 2016

Christian Examiner, “Scalia slams socialism as ‘death to Christian virtue.’” Feb. 15, 2016

Christian Examiner, “Tithing as a qualification for office? Nonsense.” Jan. 22, 2016

Christian Examiner, “The message of the bells.” Dec. 25, 2015

Christian Examiner, “Trump in the middle.” Dec. 11, 2015

Christian Examiner, “On gun control, prayer, and tolerance.” Dec. 4, 2015

Christian Examiner, “Christ crucified for the refugee.” Nov. 26, 2015

Christian Examiner, “How the Grinch stole Christmas—at Dover Air Force Base.” Oct. 28, 2015

Christian Examiner, “Trump, the PCUSA and false teaching on immigration.” Oct. 7, 2015

Christian Examiner, “An open letter to Louis Farrakhan,” Aug. 28, 2015

Baptist Press, “Churches of refuge a bad idea.” May 25, 2007

Baptist Press, “History, inquiries and predictions for the CBF.” June 26, 2006

Fort Worth Star-Telegram, “Remembering the Virginian (Thomas Jefferson).” May 21, 2006; appeared in *Akron (Ohio) Beacon Journal* May 29, 2006; *Arkansas Democrat-Gazette* May 28, 2006; *Pittsburgh Tribune-Review* May 28, 2006; *Fort Wayne News-Sentinel* May 23, 2006; *San Luis Obispo (Calif.) Tribune* May 23, 2006

Baptist Press, “First Person: Do all roads really lead to heaven?” Dec. 19, 2005

Baptist Press, “First Person: Reality TV meets the local church.” July 21, 2005 ; appeared on *Australian Christian Channel* July 23, 2005 (www.actv.com/au)

Baptist Press, “First Person: Eventually, freedom will come to Vietnam.” Appeared in the *Fort Worth Star-Telegram* May 2, 2005, as “The tree of liberty often grows slowly.”

Southwestern News, “On the other side of our wall.” Spring 2005

Baptist Press, “First Person: Militant Islam vs. Democracy.” March 4, 2005

Baptist Press, “First Person: The ministry of parenthood.” Jan. 21, 2004; appeared on *Crosswalk.com*. 28, 2005; *Pastors.com*, May 11, 2005

Baptist Press, “First Person: We’re not as dumb as they think.” Dec. 3, 2004

Baptist Press, “First Person: Time to table discussion of Vietnam.” Aug. 31, 2004; appeared in *Fort Worth Star-Telegram* as “In the shadow of Southeast Asia: A tale of two men, then and now.” Sept. 2, 2004

Baptist Press, “First Person: The church and the homosexuality debate.” June 30, 2004

Studying in America: The magazine for living and studying in the USA, “Secular school of religion or Southern Baptist seminary?” Empire Publishing, Vol. 7:6, pg. 4-5.

Baptist Press, “First Person: A glimpse into the womb.” May 26, 2004; appeared on *Crosswalk.com*, Oct. 1, 2004; *Pastors.com*, Jan. 26, 2005

Baptist Press, "First Person: Remember the poor this election season." May 4, 2004

Southwestern News, "What are you prepared to lose?" Spring 2004; appeared in *Fort Worth Star-Telegram* as "A price for speaking out." June 21, 2004

Baptist Press, "First Person: Truth worth dying for." March 29, 2004; appeared in *Fort Worth Star-Telegram* as "Risking death in the best of causes." April 11, 2004; *ChristianityToday.com* as "Risking death in the best of causes." April 14, 2004

Fort Worth Star-Telegram, "California Constitution? What's that?" Feb. 20, 2004; appeared on *Baptist Press* (bpnews.net), Feb. 23, 2004, as "First Person: Time to discipline the mayor of San Francisco."

Baptist Press, "Analysis: How the Dem. candidates view same-sex 'marriage.'" Feb. 4, 2004

Baptist Press, "Analysis: Abortion still a vital issue in presidential campaign." Feb. 3, 2004

Baptist Press, Opinion editorial, "First Person: Once a city upon a hill." Nov. 19, 2003; appeared on *LifeWay.com*, Nov. 19, 2003; *Florida Baptist Witness*, Nov. 27, 2003, as "Historical look at Massachusetts supreme court decision."

Florida Baptist Witness, "Baptist individualism and the kingdom of priests." Oct. 9, 2003

Southwestern News, "Lest we forget." Fall 2003; appeared on *Baptist Press* as "First Person: Some things we should never forget." Oct. 27, 2003; *LifeWay.com*, Oct. 28, 2003

Baptist Press, "First Person: The law that cannot be moved." Sept. 8, 2003; appeared in the *Oklahoma Baptist Messenger*, Sept. 18, 2003

Baptist Press, "First Person: Off the deep end in Charlotte." July 3, 2003

Southwestern News, "Our oppressive old master." Summer 2003; appeared on *Baptist Press*, April 6, 2004; *Georgia Christian Index*, April 22, 2004

Baptist Press, "First Person: Something's afoot in New Hampshire." June 12, 2003

Southwestern News, "A man of integrity." Spring 2003; Appeared on *Baptist Press*, April 4, 2003

Baptist Press, "First Person: From Oscar to Central Command." March 26, 2003; appeared on *LifeWay.com*, March 27, 2003

Fort Worth Star-Telegram, "Sacrificing lives in Yemen." Jan. 13, 2003; appeared as "The difference" on *Baptist Press*, Jan. 30, 2003

Southwestern News, "A wave of contempt for God's word." Winter 2002; appeared on *Baptist Press*, Dec. 5, 2002; *LifeWay.com*, Dec. 6, 2002; *Canadian Convention of Southern Baptists News Stand*, www.ccsb.ca, Dec. 10, 2002

Baptist Press, "First Person: Living relics." Nov. 12, 2002; appeared on *LifeWay.com*, Nov. 13, 2002; *Arkansas Baptist News*, Nov. 21, 2002

Fort Worth Star-Telegram, "Threading a hazy moral maze." Oct. 20, 2002

Baptist Press, "First Person: When Ayatollahs speak." Oct. 17, 2002

Baptist Press, “First Person: War with Iraq: Wrestling with peace or indifference.” Sept. 24, 2002; appeared in *Florida Baptist Witness*, Oct. 17, 2002

Baptist Press, Opinion editorial, “First Person: The day the world changed – again.” appeared on *LifeWay.com*, Sept. 10, 2002

Southwestern News, “A nation that preys on its children.” Fall 2002; appeared on *Baptist Press*, Oct. 7, 2002; *LifeWay.com*, Oct. 9, 2002; *The Southern Baptist Texan*, Nov. 1, 2002

Baptist Press, “First Person: O, Elvis, Where art thou?” Aug. 14, 2002

Baptist Press, “First Person: Homosexual group’s biblical gymnastics.” Aug. 8, 2002; appeared on *Crosswalk.com*, Aug. 9, 2002; *Oklahoma Baptist Messenger*, Sept. 5, 2002

Baptist Press, “First Person: A desperate letter from Planned Parenthood.” July 18, 2002; appeared as “How I am perceived.” *Mississippi Baptist Record*, July 25, 2002; *Virginia Baptist Banner*, November/December 2003, Vol. XVI, No. 9

Baptist Press, “First Person: Louis Farrakhan, Iraq, & dreams of world peace.” July 11, 2002

Southwestern News, “Not my father’s Vietnam.” Summer 2002; appeared on *Baptist Press*, July 3, 2002

Baptist Press, “First Person: A man named Martin Burnham.” June 10, 2002; appeared on *Pulpit Helps* (*pulphithelps.com*), August 2002

Baptist Press, “First Person: ‘Do not judge,’ they say.” April 29, 2002; appeared as “‘Do not judge’—in what sense?” in *Fort Worth Star-Telegram*, May 20, 2002; *SBC Life*, October 2002

Baptist Press, “First Person: Abraham’s unruly children.” April 4, 2002; appeared on *Crosswalk.com*, April 5, 2002

Fort Worth Star-Telegram, “Religious liberty is key to a new Afghanistan.” March 4, 2002

Fort Worth Star-Telegram, “Pediatricians stepped over the line in gay family stance.” February 10, 2002; revised, appeared as “Same sex parenting & its toll on children” on *Baptist Press*, Oct. 28, 2002; *Baptist Press* version appeared on *LifeWay.com*, Oct. 29, 2002

MEMBERSHIPS:

Baptist History and Heritage Society
American Society of Church History

AWARDS:

Academic Awards:

The Norman W. Cox Award, for Best Article Published by BH&HS, 2022
DeRose-Hinkhouse Award, Religious Communicators Council Certificate of Merit, 2003
The James Leo and Myrta Ann Garrett Award in Historical Theology, 1997
The Robert A. Baker Award in Church History, 1997

Film Awards:

Dixie Film Fest October 2013, Best Documentary
Glen Rose Neo-Relix Film Festival 2014, Best Documentary
George Lindsey UNA Film Festival 2014, Best Documentary
Bayou City (Houston) Inspirational Film Festival 2014, Best Documentary
San Antonio Independent Christian Film Festival 2013, Best Documentary Finalist
Gwinnett Center International Film Festival 2014, Official Selection, Best Direction and Best Documentary Nominee
Red Dirt International Film Festival 2013, Official Selection
Mississippi Sun & Sand Film Festival 2013, Official Selection
Central Florida Christian Film Festival 2014, Official Selection
Fort Myers Independent Film Festival 2014, Official Selection
Oceanside (California) International Film Festival 2014, Official Selection
Orlando Film Festival 2014, Official Selection

VOLUNTEERISM:

- Hurricane/Disaster Relief Crew
- North Crowley High School, Girls Off-Season Softball Coach
- North Crowley High School, Softball and Tennis Booster Club
- Million Dads March, Crowley ISD
- Cowtown Marathon Crew
- Keep Cowtown Clean Litter Pickup
- Call of the Wild Sportsman's Ministry (Director)
- Arkansas Gold Star Memorial Monument Fundraiser
- Watermark Fort Worth Community Group Leader

TRAVEL:

Canada
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Hong Kong
China
Korea
Taiwan
Malaysia
Singapore
Vietnam