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EDUCATION:

Ph.D. in English, Baylor University, 2013
M.A. in English, University of Florida, 2007
B.A. in English and Political Science, University of Florida, 2004

TEACHING EXPERIENCE:

Professor, East Texas Baptist University, 2015–present
Assistant Professor, LeTourneau University, 2013–2015
Adjunct Instructor, Santa Fe College, 2011–2012
Teacher of Record, Baylor University, 2008–2011 and 2012–2013
Teacher of Record, University of Florida, 2004–2006

OTHER WORK EXPERIENCE:

Director of the Honors Program, East Texas Baptist University, 2015–present
Resident Tutor of Arts & Letters, Brooks College at Baylor U., 2009–2011
Project Assistant, Affiliated Engineers, Inc., 2007–2008
Policy Screener, Nationwide Insurance, 2006–2007

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT EXPERIENCES:

Faculty Development Workshop led by Dr. Laurie Schriener of Azusa Pacific U, ETBU, 2023
Faculty Development Workshop led by Quentin Schultze, ETBU, 2023
Committee to develop Quality Enhancement Plan for SACSCOC Reaccreditation, ETBU, 2017-2018
Faculty Development Workshop, led by Dr. Rishi Shriram of Baylor University, ETBU, 2015
Summer Institute at the Christian Study Center of Gainesville led by Dr. James K. A. Smith of Calvin College, June 2015
New Faculty Faith Integration Luncheon Series. LeTourneau University, 2014
Faculty Workshop on Faith Integration led by Dr. Perry Glanzer, Baylor U. LeTourneau University, 2013
Conyers Graduate Scholars Program. Baylor University, 2010–2011
Communio, the faculty retreat for Baylor's Institute for Faith and Learning. 2010
Editor for *Reconsiderations*, the quarterly periodical of the Christian Study Center of Gainesville. 2005–2006
Internship. University Press of Florida, 2002

PRESENTATIONS AND PUBLICATIONS:

- “Christian Interpretive Communities: Learning to Read with Jesus,” Southeast Conference on Christianity and Literature, Anderson University, October 2025
- “The Christian Reader’s Posture: Regard and Tension in Reading According to the Commandment of Love,” Southwest Conference on Christianity and Literature, University of Dallas, November 2024
- “Is There a Virtue in This Text? Reading Well through Interpretive Community,” *Intégrité: A Journal of Faith and Learning*, vol. 19, no. 2, Fall 2020, pp. 34-43.
- “The Four Loves and Thornton Wilder’s *Bridge of San Luis Rey*”; Southwest Conference on Christianity and Literature (online), Dallas Baptist University, October 2020
- “Is There a Virtue in This Text? Karen Swallow Prior, Stanley Fish, and Reading Literature for Character Formation.” Baylor University Institute for Faith and Learning Conference, October 2019
- “The Modernist Miracle in Willa Cather’s *Death Comes for the Archbishop*.” Southwest Conference on Christianity and Literature, Oklahoma Baptist University, September 2018
- “‘What’s a cathedral without people?’ Hospitality and the Sacraments in Raymond Carver’s *Cathedral*.” Southwest Conference on Christianity and Literature, Abilene Christian University—Dallas Campus, October 2017
- “Taking Responsibility for Invisible Writers” with Dr. Troy White. *CCTE Studies*, vol. LXXXII, 2017.
- “Reaching Out to the Tested Out: Investigating the Preparedness of Students Enrolling with Prior Composition Credit” with Dr. Troy White. Conference of College Teachers of English, Tarrant County College, March 2017
- The Intersection*. Weblog. Weekly contributor for 15 weeks. Center for Teaching Excellence, ETBU, 2015
- “*Saving Mr. Banks* and the Role of the Storyteller.” Symposium on Faith and Culture, Baylor University, 2014
- “Integrating *Mishpat*, *Hesed*, and *Shalom* into the Comp II Curriculum.” Excellence in Teaching Conference, LeTourneau University, 2014
- “Decolonizing the Christian Mind: Reconsidering Ngũgĩ wa Thiong’o.” International Society for Religion, Literature, and Culture Conference, Oxford University, 2010
- “Jesus Christ Parable: A Barthesian Analysis.” Southwest Conference on Christianity and Literature, Houston Baptist University, 2009
- “Wonders of the World: Christianity, Architecture, and Johnson’s *Rasselas*.” Graduate Scholars Forum, University of Florida, 2005

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS:

ETBU Nominee for the statewide Minnie Stevens Piper Award, 2024

OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

ETBU Faculty Senate Chair 2022-2023
Modern Language Association member
Phi Beta Kappa member