

Curriculum Vitae

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Education

- **Ph.D.**, *Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary*, Fort Worth, Texas (concentration in biblical textual criticism) 1992
- **M.A.**, *University of Stellenbosch* (Department of Ancient Near Eastern Studies), South Africa 1993
- **M.Div.**, *Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary* 1985
- **Hons.-B.A.**, *University of Stellenbosch* (Department of Semitic Languages and Cultures) 1989
- **B.S.**, *Trinity University*, San Antonio, Texas (major: Computer and Information Sciences; minor: Math) 1980
- Study, *Rice University*, Houston, Texas 1978-1979

Awards, Achievements, and Certifications

- Texas Educator Certification in Math 8-12, Social Studies 8-12, Computer Science 8-12, 2009
- Project Director, Lilly Endowment, Inc., Grant for development of ATLAS Journal Digitization Project, 1999
- Recipient and Coordinator, Society of Biblical Literature Technology Grant for development of *TC: A Journal of Biblical Textual Criticism*, 1998
- Technology Coordinator, Electronic Book Technologies Education Grant for purchase of software to be used in SELA Electronic Journals Project (co-sponsored by Scholars Press and Emory University Libraries), 1996
- Technology Coordinator, Andrew W. Mellon Foundation Grant for development of SELA Electronic Journals Project (co-sponsored by Scholars Press and Emory University Libraries), 1995
- Outstanding Young Men of America 1985
- Brown Scholarship, Rice University 1978-1979
- National Merit Scholar 1978
- Eagle Scout 1973

Teaching Experience

- Lecturer II, *University of Texas at San Antonio* 2012-present
- Adjunct Professor, *Logsdon Seminary, Hardin-Simmons University* 2011-2014
- Assistant Professor, *Baptist University of the Americas* 2004-2009
- Adjunct Professor, *B. H. Carroll Theological Institute* 2004-2009
- Adjunct Professor, *Mercer University* 1996-2004
- Adjunct Professor, *Texas Christian University* 1993
- Math/Science Teacher, *New Lives School*, Fort Worth 1992-1994
- Teaching Fellow, *Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary* 1986-1988, 1990-1991
- Lecturer, *Baptist Theological College, Cape Town* (South Africa) 1988-1989

Selection of Research and Publications

- "Life Under a Fickle Sun: Solar Images in the Hebrew Bible." Chapter in *The Quiet Born from*

- Talk: Festschrift for Wendy Barker*, ed. Catherine Kasper. San Antonio: Creative Writing Program UTSA, 2015.
- “Fundamentals of the Faith,” “Butterfly Collection,” “Retirement,” and other poems, short prose, and reviews published in *Voices de la Luna: A Quarterly Poetry & Arts Magazine* (2010-present).
 - *Introducing Christianity*. London: Routledge, 2008.
 - “Technology and the Transmission of the Biblical Text.” *SBL Forum* (April 2004).
 - “Creating and Maintaining a Premier Electronic Journal.” Chapter in *Bible and Computer: The Stellenbosch AIBI-6 Conference. Proceedings of the Association Internationale Bible et Informatique From Alpha to Byte. University of Stellenbosch 17-21 July, 2000*. Leiden: Brill, 2002.
 - “In Memoriam Dominique Barthélemy.” *Bulletin of the International Organization of Septuagint and Cognate Studies* 34 (2001): 34-36.
 - *An Inductive Method for Reconstructing the Biblical Text Illustrated by an Analysis of 1 Samuel 3*. Journal of Northwest Semitic Languages Supplement Series. Stellenbosch: Department of Ancient Studies, University of Stellenbosch, 2000.
 - “Abdon,” “Alalakh,” “Codex Sinaiticus,” “Hexapla,” “Jesse,” “Man of God,” “Muratorian Fragment,” “Nash Papyrus,” “Oracle,” “Sackcloth,” “Uncial,” *Eerdmans Dictionary of the Bible*. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2000.
 - “Light from Below: Canonical and Theological Implications of Textual Criticism.” *Old Testament Essays* 11 (1998): 9-23.
 - “TC: A Journal of Biblical Textual Criticism: A Model for Successful Electronic Publishing.” *Journal of Northwest Semitic Languages* 23 (1997): 235-242.
 - “Literal and Free Translations: A Proposal for a More Descriptive Terminology.” *Journal of Northwest Semitic Languages* 23 (1997): 143-171.
 - “TC: A Journal of Biblical Textual Criticism: A Modern Experiment in Studying the Ancients.” *Journal of Electronic Publishing* 3 (1997).
 - “Old and New in Textual Criticism: Similarities, Differences, and Prospects for Cooperation.” *TC: A Journal of Biblical Textual Criticism* 1 (1996).
 - “A Methodology for Using the Versions in the Textual Criticism of the Old Testament.” *Journal of Northwest Semitic Languages* 20 (1994): 111-142.
- Review of *Latin@ Rising*, by Matthew David Goodwin, ed., (San Antonio: Wings, 2017) *Voices de la Luna: A Quarterly Literature & Arts Magazine* 10.1, 40.
 - Review of *Words on the Move*, by John McWhorter (New York: Henry Holt, 2016) and *Word by Word*, by Kory Stamper (New York: Pantheon, 2017), *Voices de la Luna: A Quarterly Literature & Arts Magazine* 10.1 (November 2017), 40.
 - Review of *Holy Literary License*, by Robert Flynn (San Antonio: Wings, 2016), *Voices de la Luna: A Quarterly Literature & Arts Magazine* 9.4 (August 2017), 40.
 - Review of *Half-Earth: Our Planet’s Fight for Life*, by Edward O. Wilson (New York: Liveright, 2016), *Voices de la Luna: A Quarterly Poetry & Arts Magazine* 9.2 (February 2017), 10.
 - Review of *Outcasts: A Novel of Mary Shelley*, by Sarah Stegall (San Antonio: Wings, 2016), *Voices de la Luna: A Quarterly Poetry & Arts Magazine* 9.1 (November 2016), 10.
 - Review of *The High Mountains of Portugal*, by Yann Martel (New York: Spiegel & Grau, 2016), *Voices de la Luna: A Quarterly Poetry & Arts Magazine* 8.4 (August 2016), 11.
 - Review of *Thomas Jefferson’s Qur’an: Islam and the Founders*, by Denise A. Spellberg (New York: Random House, 2013), *Voices de la Luna: A Quarterly Poetry & Arts Magazine* 8.3 (May 2016), 11.
 - Review of *The Strange Case of the Rickety Cossack and Other Cautionary Tales from Human Evolution*, by Ian Tattersall (New York: St. Martin’s Press, 2015), *Voices de la Luna: A Quarterly Poetry & Arts Magazine* 8.2 (February 2016), 12.
 - Review of *Go Set a Watchman*, by Harper Lee (New York: HarperCollins, 2015), *Voices de la*

- Luna: A Quarterly Poetry & Arts Magazine* 8.1 (October 2015), 11.
- Review of *The Marchers: A Novel*, by Mo H Saidi (San Antonio: Word Design Press, 2015), in *Voices de la Luna: A Quarterly Poetry & Arts Magazine* 7.4 (July 2015), 10.
 - Review of *The Quiet Born from Talk: Festschrift for Wendy Barker*, ed. Catherine Kasper (San Antonio: Creative Writing Program UTSA, 2011), 10.
 - Review of *Death of a Texas Ranger: A True Story of Murder and Vengeance on the Texas Frontier*, by Cynthia Leal Massey (Guilford, CT: Globe Pequot Press, 2014), in *Voices de la Luna: A Quarterly Poetry & Arts Magazine* 7.3 (April 2015), 10.
 - Review of *Zealot: The Life and Times of Jesus of Nazareth*, by Reza Aslan (New York: Random House, 2013), in *Voices de la Luna: A Quarterly Poetry & Arts Magazine* 6.3 (April 2014), 13.
 - Review of *Body and Bread*, by Nan Cuba (Indianapolis: Engine Books, 2013), in *Voices de la Luna: A Quarterly Poetry & Arts Magazine* 5.3 (April 2013), 10.
 - Review of *Jade: The Law*, by Robert Flynn (JoSara MeDia, 2011), in *Voices de la Luna: A Quarterly Poetry & Arts Magazine* 5.2 (January 2013).
 - Review of *23 Things They Don't Tell You about Capitalism*, by Ha-Joon Chang (New York: Bloomsbury, 2010), in *Voices de la Luna: A Quarterly Poetry & Arts Magazine* 4.4 (October 2012).
 - Review of *The Swerve: How the World Became Modern*, by Stephen Greenblatt (New York: W. W. Norton, 2011), in *Voices de la Luna: A Quarterly Poetry & Arts Magazine* 4.3 (April 2012): 11.
 - Lucy, Ardi, and the Rest of Our Family Tree, Review of *Human Evolution: A Very Short Introduction*, by Bernard Wood (London: Oxford University Press, 2005); *The First Human*, by Ann Gibbons (New York: Doubleday, 2006); *The Last Human*, by G. J. Sawyer and Victor Deak, et al. (New Haven: Yale University Press, 2007); and *From Lucy to Language*, by Donald Johanson and Blake Edgar, rev. ed. (New York: Simon & Schuster, 2006); in *Voices de la Luna: A Quarterly Poetry & Arts Magazine* 4.1 (October 2011): 8.
 - Review of *The Leningrad Codex: A Facsimile Edition*, by David Noel Freedman, ed., et al., (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1998; Leiden: Brill, 1998), in *TC: A Journal of Biblical Textual Criticism* 3 (1998).
 - Review of *A Text-Critical Study of the Epistle of Jude*, by Charles Landon, JSNTS 135 (Sheffield: Sheffield Academic Press, 1996), in *TC: A Journal of Biblical Textual Criticism* 2 (1997).
 - Review of *Books and Readers in the Early Church: A History of Early Christian Texts*, by Harry Y. Gamble (New Haven and London: Yale University Press, 1995), in *TC: A Journal of Biblical Textual Criticism* 2 (1997).
 - Review of *New Testament Textual Criticism, Exegesis and Church History*, ed. by B. Aland and J. Delobel (Kampen: Kok Pharos, 1994), in *TC: A Journal of Biblical Textual Criticism* 1 (1996).
 - Review of *Textual Criticism of the Hebrew Bible*, by Emanuel Tov (Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 1992; Assen/Maastricht: Van Gorcum, 1992), in *Critical Review of Books in Religion* 8 (1995): 107-108.
 - Review of *Ancient Hebrew Inscriptions*, by G. I. Davies (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1991), in *Biblical Archaeologist* 57 (1994): 247.
- Editor, *Voices de la Luna: A Quarterly Literature & Arts Magazine*, 2012-present.
 - Technical Editor, *Voices de la Luna: A Quarterly Poetry & Arts Magazine*, 2010-2012.
 - Founder and Editor of *TC: A Journal of Biblical Textual Criticism*, 1996-present.
 - Editor of the Society of Biblical Literature Text-Critical Studies monograph series, 1997-2004.
 - Co-Editor of Offline column, *Religious Studies News*, 1995-2000.
 - Technical Editor of SELA Electronic Journals Project, 1995-1998.
 - Managing Editor of TELA: The Scholars Press World Wide Web Site, 1994-1998.
 - Member of Advisory Board, *DavarLogos: Revista Bíblico-Teológica de la Facultad de*

Teología de la Universidad Adventista del Plata 2002-2008.

- Proof reader for the *Comparative Edition of the Syriac Gospels*, edited by George Kiraz (Leiden: E. J. Brill, 1995).
- Research Assistant, Qumran Database Project, University of Stellenbosch (supervisor: Johann Cook) 1988-1989.

Modern Research Languages: German, French, Spanish, Dutch, Italian

Ancient Research Languages: Hebrew, Greek, Aramaic, Syriac, Latin, Coptic, Ugaritic

Leadership and Participation in Scholarly Conferences and Other Activities (Selection)

- Panelist, *What Does It Mean to Be an American?* and *Anatomy of a Novel: A Contemporary Perspective*, Gemini Ink Writer's Conference: Writing for Change 2017, San Antonio, TX.
- Member of Board of Directors, *Voices de la Luna: A Quarterly Poetry & Arts Magazine*, 2010-present.
- Vice Chair, Computer Assisted Research Group, Society of Biblical Literature, 2000-2006.
- Member of Steering Committee, Electronic Standards for Biblical Language Texts Seminar, Society of Biblical Literature, 1996-2002.
- Founder and Listowner of tc-list, an electronic academic discussion list of biblical textual criticism, 1995-2004.
- Member of Steering Committee, Computer Assisted Research Group, Society of Biblical Literature, 1995-present.
- Lecturer, SoL Center (adult continuing education on various topics), San Antonio, 2012-present.
- Dr. Strangelove: Or How I Learned to Stop Worrying and Love Textual Variants, paper read to the faculty of the Baptist University of the Americas, 2005.
- Panelist, *Electronic Publishing and the Academy: Goals, Problems, Challenges*, Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting 2002, Computer Assisted Research Section.
- Biblical Textual Criticism in the Internet Age, paper read at the Society of Biblical Literature International Meeting 2001, Rome.
- Using the Web in the Classroom, paper read at the Society of Biblical Literature International Meeting 2000, Cape Town.
- Creating and Maintaining a Premier Electronic Journal, paper read at The Bible and Computers: The Bible from Alpha to Byte, the Sixth Conference of the Association Internationale Bible et Informatique 2000, Stellenbosch, South Africa.
- Promises and Possibilities of Electronic Publications, paper read at the Religion in the American South conference 1999, Emory University.
- The ATLAS Project of the Center for Electronic Texts in Religion: 50 Years of 50 Journals, paper read at the Research Libraries Group Forum: Aspects of Digital Preservation and Archiving meeting 1999, Emory University.
- Panelist, *Electronic Standards for Biblical Language Texts Seminar*, Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting 1997.
- Participant, Center for Electronic Texts in the Humanities Summer Seminar 1995, Princeton University.

Professional and Service Organizations

- Society of Biblical Literature
- American Schools of Oriental Research
- International Organization for Septuagint and Cognate Studies
- President, Association of Peer-Reviewed Electronic Journals in Religion, 1999-2001
- Secretary, Association of Peer-Reviewed Electronic Journals in Religion, 2001-2003

Work History

- Associate Director of Advising Technology, UTSA 2013-present
- Lecturer II, Department of Philosophy and Classics, UTSA 2012-present
- Assistant Director of Academic Advising and Technology Management, UTSA 2009-2013
- Adjunct Professor, Logsdon School of Theology, Hardin-Simmons University 2011-2014
- Assistant Professor and Director of Online Education, Baptist University of the Americas, San Antonio, 2004-2009
- President, Religion and Technology Center, Stone Mountain/San Antonio, 2001-present
- Adjunct Professor, B. H. Carroll Theological Institute, San Antonio, 2004-2009
- Director, ATLA Center for Electronic Resources in Theology and Religion, Stone Mountain, 1999-2001
- Manager of Information Technology Services, Scholars Press, Atlanta, 1994-1998
- Adjunct Professor, Mercer University, Macon, 1996-2004
- Adjunct Professor, Texas Christian University, Fort Worth, 1993
- Associate Pastor, Primera Iglesia Bautista, Fort Worth, 1986-1988, 1990-1994
- Math/Science Teacher, New Lives School, Fort Worth 1992-1994
- Teaching Fellow, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth 1986-1988, 1990-1991
- Lecturer, Baptist Theological College, Cape Town, 1988-1989
- Private Computer Consultant, Fort Worth 1982-1988
- Research Analyst, Southwest Research Institute, San Antonio 1984
- Systems Programmer, Datapoint Corp., San Antonio 1978-1980, 1981-1982
- Research Analyst, Resource Logic, Inc., San Antonio 1980-1981