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TEACHING EXPERIENCE

New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary	May 2021–Present
Associate Professor of Old Testament and Hebrew Nelson Price Chair of Distance Learning	
Shorter University - Rome GA	August 2019–May 2021
Associate Professor of Christian Studies Courses Taught: OT Survey, NT Survey, Genesis, Isaiah, Hermeneutics, History of Religion in America, Hebrew, Church History, College Skills and Biblical Worldview	
Shorter University - Rome GA	2017–August 2019
Assistant Professor of Christian Studies Chair, Department of Christian Studies Courses Taught: OT Survey, NT Survey, Genesis, Isaiah, Hermeneutics, History of Religion in America, Hebrew, Church History, Christian Theology in the Writings of C.S. Lewis and J.R.R. Tolkien	
Ministers Certificate Program - Horn of Africa	2019–2020; 2025
Taught Systematic Theology, Hermeneutics, and Old Testament in Partnership with IMB personnel and national partners during 1-week visits.	
New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary - New Orleans, LA	2015–2017
Adjunct Instructor Courses Taught: OT Interpretation: Joshua and Judges; Hermeneutics; Old Testament Survey; OT Interpretation: Psalms; OT Interpretation: Samuel–Chronicles	
Shorter University - Rome, GA	2015–2017
Adjunct Instructor, August 2015–August 2017 Courses Taught: New Testament Survey (Online); Old Testament Survey (Online)	

ACADEMIC ADMINISTRATION

New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary – New Orleans, LA	May 2024–Present
Dean of Graduate Studies	
New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary – New Orleans, LA	August 2023–April 2024
Dean of Doctoral Studies and Distance Learning	
New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary – New Orleans, LA	May 2021–July 2023
Associate Vice President of Distance Learning	
Shorter University - Rome, GA	August 2019–May 2021

Dean of the College of Humanities and Social Sciences	
Shorter University - Rome, GA	August 2017–July 2019
Chair of the School of Christian Studies	
New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary - New Orleans, LA	2014–2017
Associate Dean of Admissions and Assistant Registrar	
LifeWay Campus Store - New Orleans, LA	2012–2014
Textbook Manager	

EDUCATION

New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary - New Orleans, LA	2014–2018
Doctor of Philosophy, Biblical Studies (Old Testament)	
Recipient of the Robert S. Magee Doctoral Fellowship, 2016	
Dissertation Title: “The Space of Eden: An Examination of the Garden of Eden Employing Spatial Theory.” Readers: Dennis Cole, Archie England, Adam Harwood.	
New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary - New Orleans, LA	2016
Master of Theology (ThM)	
New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary - New Orleans, LA	2011–2013
Master of Arts, Biblical Studies (New Testament)	
Recipient of the Zondervan Hebrew Award	
Thesis Title: “From Creed to Canon: An Examination of the Influence of Creedal Language on the Transmission of the New Testament Text.” Advisor: William Warren.	
Shorter College - Rome, GA	2006–2010
Bachelor of Arts, Religion and Philosophy	
Recipient of the Outstanding Senior Religion Major Award, 2010	

PUBLICATIONS

Monographs

Barnes, Cory R. *From Creed to Canon: An Examination of the Influence of Creedal Language on the Transmission of the New Testament Text*. Mountain Home, Ark.: Borderstone Press, 2014.

Barnes, Cory R. with Norris Grubbs *Kingdom Students: Skills to Succeed in Education and Life*. Nashville: Broadman & Holman Academic, August 2020.

Periodical Literature

“The Curious Setting of Eden: The Ethical Implications of the Narrative Setting of Genesis 2–3.” *Christus Cultura* 2, no. 1 (2020): 5–14.

“Testimonies of Faith and Fear: Canaanite Responses to YHWH’s Work in Joshua.” *Themelios* 48 no. 2 (2021): 279–289.

“Ancient Near Eastern Context and Theological Interpretation of Scripture: An Exploration in

Daniel 7:1–14.” *Journal of the Evangelical Theological Society* 65.2 (2022): 307–17
“Procreation as a ‘Good’ Of Marriage According to Genesis 1–2.” *Presbyterion* 50 no. 2 (2024): 85–96.
With DeeDee Williams. “Recreating Creation Narratives: The Reinterpretation of Genesis 1 in *Jubilees* 2.” *Journal of Baptist Theology and Ministry* 22.2 (2025): 271–288.

Chapters and Articles

“Introduction to Isaiah” in *The Hebrew Scriptures*. McGahan Publishing, 2022.

“Echoes of Scripture in the Letters of Paul” for the Center for Evangelical Biblical Theology *Essentials in Biblical Theology Series*. November, 2025. <https://www.cebt.online/essentials-in-biblical-theology/echoes-of-scripture-in-the-letters-of-paul-by-richard-b-hays>

Book Reviews

Review of John Goldingay, *The Theology of the Book of Isaiah*. *Journal for Baptist Theology and Ministry* 12, no. 2 (2015): 67–69.

Review of Butler, Trent C. *Joshua 1–12*. Word Biblical Commentary 7A. *Journal for Baptist Theology and Ministry* 13, no. 1 (2016): 102–104.

Review of Butler, Trent C. *Joshua 13–24*. Word Biblical Commentary 7B. *Journal for Baptist Theology and Ministry* 13, no. 1 (2016): 102–104.

Review of Schreiner, Thomas R. *The King in His Beauty: A Biblical Theology of the Old and New Testaments*. *Review and Expositor* 113 (2016): 117–19.

Review of Dozeman, Thomas B. *Joshua 1–12: A New Translation with Introduction and Commentary*. Anchor Bible 6B. *Journal for the Evangelical Study of the Old Testament* 5, no. 1 (2016): 75–77.

Review of Hays, Richard B. *Reading Backwards*. *Journal for Baptist Theology and Ministry* 13, no. 2 (2016): 177–78.

Review of Schipper, Jeremy. *Ruth: A New Translation with Introduction and Commentary*. Anchor Bible 7D. *Journal for the Evangelical Study of the Old Testament* 5, no. 2 (2017): 189–91.

Review of Bauckham, Richard. *The Bible in the Contemporary World: Hermeneutical Ventures*. *Review and Expositor* 114, no. 4 (2017): 601–602.

Review of Porter, Stanley. *Sacred Tradition in The New Testament: Tracing Old Testament Themes in the Gospels and Epistles*. *Review and Expositor* 115, no. 4 (2018): 622–23

Review of Walton, John H. *Old Testament Theology for Christians: From Ancient Context to Enduring Belief*. *Journal for Baptist Theology and Ministry*. 15, no. 2 (2018): 90–93.

Review of Knapp, Andrew. *Royal Apologetic in The Ancient Near East*. *Journal for Biblical and Theological Studies* 4, no. 1 (2019).

Review of Boda, Mark. *Zechariah*. New International Commentary on the Old Testament. *Review and Expositor* 116, no. 4 (2019): 487–88.

Review of Galambush, Julie. *Reading Genesis: A Literary and Theological Commentary*. *Review and Expositor* 117, no. 1 (2019): 158–59.

Review of Senkbeil, Harold L. *The Care of Souls: Cultivating A Pastor’s Heart*. *Journal for Baptist Theology and Ministry* 17, no.1 (2020): 96–97.

Review of Harris, Anaka. *Conscious: A Brief Guide to the Fundamental Mystery of the Mind*. *Journal for Baptist Theology and Ministry* 17, no. 1 (2020): 109–112.

Review of Claassens, L. Juliana and Carolyn J. Sharp eds. *Feminist Frameworks and the Bible: Power, Ambiguity, and Intersectionality*. *Review and Expositor* 117 no. 4 (2020): 576–78.

Review of Richter, Sandra L. *Stewards of Eden: What Scripture Says About the Environment and Why It Matters*. *Journal for Baptist Theology and Ministry* 18 no. 1 (2021): 130–32.

Review of Stubbs, David Leon. *Table and Temple: The Christian Eucharist and Its Jewish Roots*. *Journal of the Evangelical Theological Society* 64 no. 1 (2021): 172–73.

Review of Hearson, N. Blake. *Go Now to Shiloh: A Biblical Theology of Sacred Space*. *Journal for Baptist Theology and Ministry* 19 no. 1 (2022):181–83

Review of James Hamilton. *Typology: Understanding the Bible’s Promise-Shaped Patterns*. *Journal for Baptist Theology and Ministry* 19.2 (2022): 420–22.

Review of Abernathy, Andrew T. and Gregory Goswell. *God’s Messiah in the Old Testament: Expectations of a Coming King*. *Review and Expositor* 120 no. 2 (2023).

Review of Douglas W. Kennard. *A Biblical Theology of the Book of Isaiah*. *Journal of the Evangelical Theological Society* 67 no. 2 (2024): 168–70.

ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS

“An Examination of C.S. Lewis’ *Till We Have Faces*,” Celebrate Shorter Student Colloquium, Rome, GA, April 2010.

“Recreating Creation Narrative: The Use of Genesis 1 in *Jubilees* 2,” Southwest Regional Meeting of the Evangelical Theological Society, New Orleans, LA April 2015.

“How Does a Kinsman Become a Brother?: Tracing the Expansion of Levirate Marriage from Deuteronomy 25 to the Book of Ruth,” National Meeting of the Evangelical Theological Society, Atlanta, GA November 2015.

“The Startling Elevation of the Son of Man: The Use of Ancient Near Eastern Intertexts in Daniel 7,” National Meeting of the Evangelical Theological Society, Atlanta, GA November 2015.

“Do You Hear What I Hear?: Texts of Canaanite Hearing in the Book of Joshua,” Student Theological Fellowship, New Orleans, LA December 2015.

“A Gospel Shaped Reading of the Suffering Servant Song: Applying Richard Hays’s Gospel Shaped Hermeneutic to Isaiah 53,” Southwest Regional Meeting of the Evangelical Theological Society, Dallas TX April 2016.

“Baptists and Methodists and Presbyterians, Oh My!: Denominationalism as a Legacy of the Protestant Reformation. Shorter University Reformation Day Symposium, Rome, GA

October 2017.

“A Christian Approach to the Current Immigration Crisis.” Shorter University International Studies Panel Discussion, Rome, GA 2018.

“An Eschatotelic Reading of the Old Testament: How Eschatological Expectations Lead to Christological Application.” SE Regional Meeting of the Evangelical Theological Society, Tigerville, SC. March 2018.

“The Poison of Postmodernism and the Antidote of Fairy Story.” Cornerstone Christian Academy Guest Lecture, Rainsville, AL May 2019.

“Reading Ahead: How OT Eschatological Expectations Lead to Christological Interpretation.” National Meeting of the Evangelical Theological Society, San Diego, CA November 2019.

“If The Norms Were to Cease: An Intertextual Study of Jeremiah 31:35–37.” SE Regional Meeting of the Evangelical Theological Society, Online Meeting, March 2021.

“Ancient Near Eastern Context and Theological Interpretation of Scripture.” National Meeting of the Evangelical Theological Society, Fort Worth, TX November 2021.

“Why Remember the Sabbath Day?” How the Sabbath Shapes Christian Identity.” SW Regional Meeting of the Evangelical Theological Society, New Orleans, LA March 2022.

“Fruitful Multiplication and Theological Anthropology.” National Meeting of the Evangelical Theological Society, San Antonio, TX November 2023.

“Procreation as a Good of Marriage According to Genesis 1–3.” SE Regional Meeting of the Evangelical Theological Society, Gordon Conwell Theological Seminary, South Hamilton MA March 2024.

“The Extraordinary Sons of Lamech: The Genealogy of Cain and a Theology of Human Progress.” National Meeting of the Evangelical Theological Society, San Diego, CA November 2024.

“Moral Vision or Widening Mercy? Evaluating the Biblical Ethical Methodology of Richard Hays.” National Meeting of the Evangelical Theological Society, Boston, MA November 2025.

PROFESSIONAL SOCIETY INVOLVEMENT

Moderator for the 2016 ETS Session “Old Testament: Holy War and Death.” National Meeting of the Evangelical Theological Society, San Antonio, TX November 2016.

Moderator for the 2021 ETS Session “Wealth and Poverty: Old Testament II.” National Meeting of the Evangelical Theological Society, Fort Worth, TX November 2021.

Moderator for the 2023 ETS Session “Theological Anthropology: Old Testament III.” National Meeting of the Evangelical Theological Society, San Antonio, TX November 2023

POPULAR WRITING

Occasional articles for the *Rome News Tribune*, *NW GA News*, *The Christian Index* (GA Baptist Convention), *The Caskey Center for Church Excellence*, *The Gospel Coalition* as well as other online and print sources.

MINISTRY EXPERIENCE

Bridgedale Community Church – New Orleans, LA

Lay Elder

September 2025–Present

First Baptist New Orleans – New Orleans, LA

Discipleship Pastor

November 2021–June 2023

New Antioch Baptist Church - Shannon, GA

Interim Pastor

August 2020–February 2021

First Baptist Church of Cave Spring - Cave Spring, GA

Interim Pastor

December 2019–June 2020

Woodlawn Baptist Church - Rome, GA

Interim Pastor

May 2019–November 2019

Pontchartrain Baptist Church - New Orleans, LA

Interim Pastor

July 2015–February 2016

Led PBC to begin a merger with a NAMB church plant now called Lakeshore Church.

Alabama Baptist State Board of Missions

RA Camp Director, Summers of 2010–2011

RA Camp Counselor, Summers of 2006–2009

2006–2011

ACCREDITATION & COMMITTEE WORK

New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary ATS Steering Committee

Chair March 2025–Present

Shorter University SACSCOC Committee

Vice Chair August 2019–May 2021

Shorter University QEP Taskforce

Committee Member August 2019–May 2021

Shorter University Global Education Committee

Vice Chair 2017–May 2021

Shorter University Curriculum Committee

Ex-Officio Committee Member August 2019–May 2021

NOBTS Quality Enhancement Plan Implementation Committee (SACSCOC)

Committee Member May 2016–June 2017.

NOBTS Quality Enhancement Planning Committee (SACSCOC)

Committee Member October 2014–May 2016.

NOBTS Theological Curriculum Study Team (ATS)
Committee Member September 2014–October 2016.

PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES

Evangelical Theological Society: 2014–Present

PROFESSIONAL REFERENCES

Dr. Daniel Blackaby

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