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Education

Doctor of Philosophy, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, December 2014

Master of Divinity, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, December 2007

Bachelor of Science, Virginia Tech, August 1995

Professional Experience

Associate Professor of Global Missions, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, 2021-present

Director, Global Mission Center, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, 2021-present

Prepare Anywhere Theological Initiative, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, 2025-present

Collegiate Partnerships, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, 2024-2025

Divisional Associate Dean, Church Ministry Division, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, 2022-2024

Assistant Professor of Global Studies, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary and The College at Southeastern, 2014-2021

Associate Director of International Missions, The Lewis A. Drummond Center for Great Commission Studies, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, 2009-2021

Program Coordinator, MDiv International Church Planting (2009-2021); MA Church Planting (2017-2021), Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary

Faculty Advisor, Judson House, The College at Southeastern, 2016-2021

Acting Director, The Lewis A. Drummond Center for Great Commission Studies, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, 2009

Senior Administrative Assistant, The Lewis A. Drummond Center for Great Commission Studies, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, 2008–2009

Office Manager, The Lewis A. Drummond Center for Great Commission Studies, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, 2007–2008

Adjunct Professor, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary and The College at Southeastern, 2008–2014. Taught a variety of courses relating to world religions, cross-cultural communication, ethics, spiritual formation and evangelism.

Grader and Research Fellow, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, 2008–2014. Various professors for a variety of courses in missions, ethics, and theology.

Appointed Missionary, International Mission Board (Middle East), 2003–2007

Academic Experience

Courses taught: Introduction to Missions; Introduction to Great Commission Studies; Cross-Cultural Communication; Church Planting; Cross-Cultural Disciplemaking; Current Topics; Developing a Global Missions Strategy; Eastern Religions and Contexts; Islam, Evangelism; Judaism, and Contexts; Worldviews; Missional Student Ministry; Practicum courses; Strategic Leadership and the Practice of Mission; Theology of Mission; Life and Work of a Missionary; Introduction to Christian Ethics; Comparative Religious Ethics

Adjunct Professor, 2020–2021 (HLGU)

Supervise MA; ThM students, 2014–present (SEBTS, NOBTS)

Supervise DMin students, 2016–present (SEBTS, NOBTS)

Supervise PhD students, 2018–present (SEBTS, CIU, NOBTS)

Ministry Experience

Elder and Pastor, Lakeshore Church New Orleans, 2021–present

Pastor, Young Professionals Ministry, Richland Creek Community Church, 2018–2020

Elder and LifeChange Teacher, North Wake Baptist Church, 2010–2018

Manager and Travel Consultant, Arise Travel (Oman), 2004–2006. The only American-run Adventure Tourism business in Oman. Worked closely with the government and many local companies in this Muslim country.

College and Career Ministry, Bethesda Baptist Church, 2001–2002. Led student ministries, retreat speaker, assisted in teaching and counseling.

Campus Field Staff, Campus Crusade for Christ (Penn State University), 1997–2000. Led multiple Bible studies, participated in discipleship, assisted in teaching and speaking, helped facilitate a weekly meeting of 150+ students.

Ph.D. Dissertation

“A Critical Analysis of the Relationship Between Virtue Ethics and Missionary Practice Employing the Works of David J. Bosch, Christopher J. H. Wright, and John M. Frame” (Ph.D. diss., Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, December 2014).

Publications and Papers

Facing the Change: Challenges and Opportunities for an American Missiology: A Study Guide (Mustang, Okla.: Tate Publishing, 2013). Contributed the chapter, “The Gospel and Contextualization: Worldviews Matter.”

“Reconsidering the Formative Role of Ethics within Missiological Practice,” March 2015, at the Southeast Regional Evangelical Missiological Society (Columbia, SC).

“Reconsidering the Formative Role of Ethics within Missiological Practice,” September 2015, at the National Evangelical Missiological Society (Dallas, TX).

“3 Steps to Engaging Muslims in Your Community,” LifeWay Research. October 2015.

“Majority World Leadership Development: A Case Study of The Global Theological Initiatives at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary,” March 2017 at the Southeast Regional Evangelical Missiological Society (Columbia, SC).

Controversies in Missions: Theology, People, And Practice of Mission in the 21st Century (William Carey Library, *Evangelical Missiological Society Series*, no. 24, 2016). Contributed the chapter, “Reconsidering the Formative Role of Ethics within Missiological Practice.”

Review of *One Gospel for All Nations: A Practical Approach to Biblical Contextualization*, by Jackson Wu. *Southeastern Theological Review* 7.1 (2016): 137–140.

Review of *No God But One: Allah or Jesus? A Former Muslim Investigates the Evidence for Islam and Christianity* by Nabeel Qureshi. *Southeastern Theological Review* 9.1 (2018): 139–141.

Guest Editor, *Southeastern Theological Review* 9.2 (2018).

“Interview with Dr. George Braswell, Former Missionary to Iran and SEBTS Professor of Missions.” *Southeastern Theological Review* 9.2 (2018): 75–80.

Review of *Paul Rausch in Postwar Japan: Evangelism, Rural Development, and the Battle against Communism*, by Andrew T. MacDonald and Valerie S. MacDonald. *Journal of Southern Religion* 22 (2020).

Review of *Love Lost for the Cause of Christ: Three Missionaries and Their Sacrifices for the Great Commission* by Will Brooks. *Southeastern Theological Review* 11.1 (2020): 138–139.

“The Life of Andrew J. Foster: Gaining a Hearing for the Gospel Among the Deaf of Africa,” March 2021 at the Southeast Regional Evangelical Missiological Society (Virtual).

A History of North American Evangelism in North America (Kregel Academic, 2021). Contributed the chapter, “Bill Bright, Campus Crusade, and University Evangelism.”

“The Sign Says Closed: Four Key Questions about Missions in ‘Closed’ Countries,” Upstream Collective. August 2021.

“The Sign Says Closed: Communicating With Our Sent Ones,” Upstream Collective, August 2021.

Holding the Rope: How the Local Church Can Care for Its Sent Ones by Ryan Martin (Upstream Collective, 2022). Contributed foreword.

Book Endorsement. *Missiological Triage: A Framework for Integrating Theology and Social Sciences in Missiological Methods* by Sarah Lundsford (Pickwick Publications). October 2023.

Peer-review. “Holiness in Islam.” *Southeastern Theological Review*. March 2023.

“The Lord’s Prayer As Model for Education Among Diaspora.” South Central Region, Evangelical Missiological Society. Dallas, TX Apr 1, 2023.

“Debriefing Short-Term Mission Trips,” Upstream Collective. January 2024.

“The Nations in Our Own Backyard,” Upstream Collective. May 2024.

Co-editor and Contributor. *Educating for Contemporary Mission: Theological and Missiological Proposals and Case Studies*. EMS Monograph Series, no. 32. (August 2024)

Book Endorsement. *Serving Jesus without Burning Out: Faithful Ministry for the Long Haul* by D. Scott Hildreth and Steven A. McKinion (B&H Academic). March 2025.

Noblemen Realms Workbook (March 2025). Contributed the chapter, "The Power of Questions."

Mississippi College 2026 Devotional & Journal (Forthcoming). Contributed devotional on Psalm 27.

Baptist Social Ethics (B&H Academic, Forthcoming June 2027). Contributed the chapter, "The Great Commission and Baptist Social Ethics."

Popular Publications and Social Media

Contributor, Parishes To All Peoples Substack, 2026-present

Guest, *To Win the Many Podcast*, Caskey Center, NOBTS: 2022-2024

Co-host, *The Sent Life Podcast*, Wake Forest, NC: 2020-2021

Contributor to *Homelife Magazine*. LifeWay, Nashville, Tenn.: 2014-2018.

Writer, *Open Windows*. LifeWay, Nashville, Tenn.: Spring 2017

Contributor to various blogs on missions, faith, and culture.

Professional and Academic Affiliations

Steering Committee, Diaspora Missions Collective, 2025-present

Assessor, Send Network., 2025-present.

Board Member, Global Maritime Ministries, New Orleans, LA, 2022-2023.

Member, *Evangelical Theological Society (ETS)*

Member, *Evangelical Missiological Society (EMS)*

National Chair Committee, Annual Meeting. Dallas, TX. Oct 13-14, 2023

National Vice Present of Corporate Affairs, 2021-2022

Vice President of Southeast Region, 2017–2021

Regional Leadership Team, Southeast Region, EMS, 2015–2021

Researcher, Global Missionary Research Team (GMRT), *Mission Commission, World Evangelical Alliance*, 2016–2017

Executive Director, GMRT Executive Committee, January 2017–June 2017

Miscellaneous

Co-founder and coordinator of *Greekside*, a ministry to fraternity and sorority members at Penn State University.

Founding partner of Arise Travel, an adventure travel business in Muscat, Oman.

Preacher and Speaker at various conferences, camps, and church services for Southern Baptists and other missions groups.

Speaker at various U.S. college conferences and clubs, and internationally.

Ministered and taught in: Northern Africa & the Middle East (Egypt, Jordan, Israel, Morocco, Oman, UAE, Bahrain, Kuwait, Lebanon, Syria), Africa (Kenya, Tanzania, South Sudan, Madagascar, South Africa), Central Asia (Turkey, Russia, Azerbaijan, Tajikistan), South Asia (India), East Asia (China, Japan) Southeast Asia (Thailand, Indonesia, Malaysia), Europe (England, France, Spain, Italy, Germany, Czech Republic, Ukraine, Gibraltar), Central & South America (Dominican Republic, Mexico, Brazil), and various cities around the U.S.

Personal

Date of Birth: July 03, 1973

Married to Page M. Mathias (September 1996)

Four children: Jordan, Chloe, Caroline, Hadley