

Education

Doctor of Philosophy (Major: Preaching; Minor: Old Testament) Aug 2011–May 2017

- Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary
- Equal amount of coursework for Major and Minor
- Dissertation Title: “Preaching the Satire of a Rogue King: Genre-Sensitive Preaching and the Solomonic Narrative of 1 Kings 10:14–11:13.”

Master of Divinity May 2008–May 2011

- Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary
- Completed 6 hours of Greek and 15 hours of Hebrew

Bachelor of Arts (Major: Psychology; Minor: Biblical Languages) Aug 2004–May 2008

- Louisiana College (Now Louisiana Christian University)
- Magna Cum Laude
- Completed 18 hours of Greek and 9 hours of Hebrew

Academic Experience

Assistant Professor of Expository Preaching Aug 2023–Present

- New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary and Leavell College
- Occupying the JD Grey Chair of Preaching (2024–Present)
- Developed and taught coursework primarily in areas of preaching, pastoral ministry, and Old Testament studies at all levels and in all delivery formats.
- Supervised doctoral students in PhD and DMin studies.

Adjunct Professor Aug 2018–July 2023

- New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary and Leavell College
- Developed and taught coursework primarily in areas of Old Testament studies and Biblical Interpretation for online, extension, and prison courses.

Teaching Assistant Aug 2009–Dec 2015

- Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary
- Old Testament Survey under the direction of Eric A. Mitchell (Aug 2015–Dec 2015).
- Revival Practicum under the direction of Steven W. Smith (Jan 2014–May 2014).
- Hebrew I and Hebrew II under the direction of Eric A. Mitchell. (Aug 2009–May 2010)

Graduate Assistant Aug 2008–Mar 2010

- Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary
- Prepared manuscript for publication, researched materials, managed resources, and transcribed notes for David L. Allen.

Courses Taught or Assisted

<i>Church Level</i>	<i>Graduate Level</i>
Disciple Making	Biblical Hebrew I*
Evangelism	Biblical Hebrew II*
Hermeneutics	Leadership and Administration in Ministry**
<i>Certificate Level</i>	Counseling in Ministry
Hermeneutics	Introduction to Biblical Hermeneutics
Introduction to the Old Testament: The Writings	Old Testament I
Old Testament Survey	Pastoral Ministry
Pastoral Ministry	Proclaiming the Bible
Preaching	Preaching Epistles
<i>Undergraduate Level</i>	Preaching Practicum
Christian Scriptures	Revival Evangelism Practicum*
Critical Thinking	<i>Professional Doctoral Level</i>
Five Books of Moses	Life Issues and Ministry Practice
Hermeneutics	<i>Research Doctoral Level</i>
Introduction to Apologetics	A Survey of Expository Preaching
Introduction to Preaching	Old Testament Exposition
Israel and the Promised Land	<i>*Indicates Teaching Assistant in the course</i>
Israelite Prophecy	<i>**Indicates Course through a Residency Program</i>
New Testament Word Studies	
Old Testament Word Studies	
The Practice of Preaching	
Psalms and the Wisdom of Ancient Israel	

Presentations & Publications

Books

Preaching Christ from Isaiah. Foundations for Expository Sermons. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, forthcoming 2027.

Entries

“Agriculture.” In *The Lexham Theological Wordbook*. Edited by John D. Barry and Doug Mangum. Bellingham, WA: Lexham Press, 2014.

“Pride.” In *The Lexham Theological Wordbook*. Edited by John D. Barry and Doug Mangum. Bellingham, WA: Lexham Press, 2014.

Presentations

“Hebrew Satire: Literary Mirrors to Confront and Correct.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southwest Region of the Evangelical Theological Society. New Orleans, LA, 2 April 2022.

“Practical Theology.” Session Moderated at the Annual Meeting of the Evangelical Theological Society. San Antonio, TX, 14 November 2023.

Reviews

Byasse, John. *Psalms 101–150*. Brazos Theological Commentary on the Bible. *Journal of the Evangelical Theological Society* 62 (2019): 157–59.

DeRouchie, Jason S. *Delighting in the Old Testament: Through Christ and for Christ. Bulletin for Biblical Research* (2025): forthcoming.

Greidanus, Sidney. *Preaching Christ from Leviticus. Foundations for Expository Sermons. Bulletin for Biblical Research* 32 (2022): 202–03.

Hamilton, Jr., James. *Psalms. Evangelical Theological Commentary. 2 volumes. Journal of the Evangelical Theological Society* 65 (2022): 360–62.

Marlowe, W. Creighton and Charles H. Savelle, Jr. *Psalms: Volume 1: The Wisdom Psalms: A Commentary for Biblical Preaching and Teaching. Kerux. Bulletin for Biblical Research* 34 (2024): 247–49.

McConville, J. Gordon. *The Suffering Servant: Isaiah 53 for the Life of the Church. Touchstone Texts. Bulletin for Biblical Research* (2026): forthcoming.

Miles, Veronice. *Embodied Hope: A Homiletical Theology Reflection. Journal of the Evangelical Homiletics Society* 23 (2023): 140–41.

Schreiner, David B. and Lee Compson. *1 & 2 Kings: A Commentary for Biblical Preaching and Teaching. Kerux. Journal of the Evangelical Theological Society* 66 (2023): 171–72.

Vermeulen, Karolien & Elizabeth R. Hayes. *How We Read the Bible: A Guide to Scripture's Style & Meaning. Bulletin for Biblical Research* 34 (2024): 114–16.

Other Writing

Aided in research and manuscript preparation for Allen, David L. *Hebrews. New American Commentary*, vol. 35. Nashville: B&H, 2010.

Academic Administration Experience

<i>Associate Dean of the Church Ministries Division</i>	<i>Aug 2024–Present</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary - Supervised all academic programs related to Chaplaincy, Christian Education, Christian Leadership, Church Administration, Church Music, Evangelism, Pastoral Ministries, Preaching, Missiology, and Social Work. 	
<i>Director of Mentoring Programs</i>	<i>May 2024–Present</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary - Oversaw all aspects related to Mentoring Programs. 	
<i>Associate Vice President of Auxiliary Services & Operations</i>	<i>Feb 2023–July 2024</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary - Oversaw all aspects related to Student Housing, Guest Housing, Cafeteria, Café, Post Office, and all Facilities and Maintenance. - Assisted in the execution of special projects. 	
<i>Assistant Director of Housing</i>	<i>Mar 2010–May 2013</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary - Oversaw all aspects primarily related dormitory maintenance and assignment and code compliance between the school and the City of Fort Worth. 	

Various Student Roles	Aug 2006–May 2008
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Louisiana College (Now Louisiana Christian University) - Resident Director (Aug 2006–May 2008) - Student/ Church Liaison (Jan 2008–May 2008) - Resident Assistant (Aug 2005–May 2006) - Union Board Member (Aug 2004–2005) 	
Accreditation & Committee Experience	
<i>NOBTS ATS Sub-Committee- Standard 3 & 4</i>	<i>Aug 2025–Present</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Co-writer of self-study standard 3.1–3.5 	
<i>NOBTS Graduate Growth Team</i>	<i>Mar 2025–Present</i>
<i>NOBTS Academic Leadership Council</i>	<i>Aug 2024–Present</i>
<i>NOBTS Assessment Oversight Committee</i>	<i>Aug 2024–Present</i>
<i>NOBTS Graduate Dean's Council</i>	<i>May 2024–Present</i>
<i>Louisiana College Provisional Admissions Committee</i>	<i>Aug 2007–May 2008</i>
Ministry Experience	
<i>Pastor of Youth & College/ Director of Residency</i>	<i>Aug 2025–Present</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - First Baptist Church of New Orleans, LA - Provided pastoral care and leadership to students, parents, and volunteers associated with the ministry. - Established a Residency program in partnership with NOBTS. 	
<i>Itinerant Preacher & Interim Pastor</i>	<i>Feb 2023–July 2025, July 2003–May 2013</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Churches in AR, CO, LA, OK, TX, and WV - Interims Completed: First Baptist Church, Kenner, LA (Apr 2025–July 2025). 	
<i>Volunteer Teacher</i>	<i>Aug 2023–July 2025, Aug 2006–May 2011</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Connect Group Leader at First Baptist Church, New Orleans (Aug 2023–July 2025) - Evangelism Training Leader at The Cross Baptist Church, Fort Worth, TX (Aug 2009–May 10) and Louisiana College (Now Louisiana Christian University) (Aug 2007–May 08). - Freshman Leadership Team Leader at Louisiana College (Now Louisiana Christian University) (Aug 2005–May 08). 	
<i>Lead Pastor</i>	<i>Jan 2017–Feb 2023</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Galilee Baptist Church, Zachary, LA - Preached weekly expositional sermons through 21 books of the Bible in addition to portions of 16 others. - Strengthened and developed an intentional small group discipleship model. - Facilitated the revision of existing Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws, and Operating Manual, as well as a more efficient and clear budgeting methodology. 	

Senior Pastor May 2013-Dec 2016

- Bluegrove Baptist Church, Henrietta, TX
- Preached weekly expositional sermons through 16 books of the Bible in addition to portions of 14 others.
- Led the church to write and adopt a Constitution, Bylaws, and Operating Budget for the first time in her 135-year history.

Missions Experience

<i>London, England</i>	<i>June 2025</i>
<i>Volunteer Chaplain- Lane Regional Medical Center of Zachary, LA</i>	<i>Aug 2021–Feb 2023</i>
<i>La Romana, Dominican Republic</i>	<i>Sep 2019, Feb 2023</i>
- Site coordinator for Advanced International (Jan 2021–Feb 2023)	
<i>Disaster Relief</i>	<i>Aug 2005–Feb 2023</i>
<i>Byalynichy, Belarus</i>	<i>July 2017</i>
<i>Faith Mission of Wichita Falls, TX</i>	<i>Dec 2014–Nov 2017</i>
<i>Guadalajara, Mexico</i>	<i>July 2006</i>

Church Membership & Denominational Service

<i>Church Member</i>	<i>Jan 1993–Present</i>
- First Baptist Church, New Orleans (2023–Present)	
- Galilee Baptist Church, Zachary, LA (2017–23)	
- Bluegrove Baptist Church, Bluegrove, TX (2013–17)	
- Southcliff Baptist Church, Fort Worth, TX (2010–13)	
- The Cross Church, Fort Worth, TX (2008–10)	
- Riverview Baptist Church, Alexandria, LA (2005–08)	
- Toledo Bend Bible Baptist Church, Anacoco, LA (1993–2005)	
<i>Louisiana Baptist Convention</i>	<i>Apr 2022–Dec 2023</i>
- Committee on Nominations (2022–2023)	
<i>William Wallace Baptist Association</i>	<i>Apr 2021–Feb 2023</i>
- Moderator (2021–23)	
- Interim Vice Moderator (2021)	
<i>Baptist Collegiate Ministry Advisory Board</i>	<i>Aug 2016–Feb 2023</i>
- Louisiana State University and A&M College (2021–23)	
- Southern University and A&M College (2018–23)	
- Midwestern State University (2016–17)	
<i>Baptist Collegiate Ministry</i>	<i>June 2006–May 2008</i>
- State Vice President- Louisiana (2007–08)	
- State Board Representative- Louisiana (2006–07)	

Ministry & Professional Credentials

<i>Sexual Abuse Training</i>	<i>Feb 2019–Present</i>
- Safe Hiring Solutions- Safe Ministry	<i>Aug 2024, Sept 2025</i>
- Ministry Safe	<i>Feb 2019, Jun 2022, July 2025</i>
- IMB Safe and Secure	<i>July 2025</i>
- Child Protection Training	<i>July 2021</i>
<i>Class B Commercial Driver's License</i>	<i>Apr 2018</i>
- School Bus, Passenger, & Airbrake Endorsements	

<i>Ordination</i>	<i>Apr 2008</i>
- Riverview Baptist Church, Alexandria, LA	
<i>Licensed</i>	<i>May 2004</i>
- Toledo Bend Bible Baptist Church, Anacoco, LA	
Professional Memberships	
<i>Evangelical Theological Society</i>	<i>2008–Present</i>
<i>Evangelical Homiletics Society</i>	<i>2014–Present</i>
<i>Institute for Biblical Research</i>	<i>2021–Present</i>
Awards & Honors	
<i>Ola Farmer Lenaz Grant Recipient</i>	<i>2024</i>
- New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary	
<i>Presidential Scholar</i>	<i>2008–2011</i>
- Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary	
<i>Dean's List</i>	<i>2004–2008</i>
- Louisiana College (Now Louisiana Christian University)	
<i>Zondervan Greek Award</i>	<i>2007</i>
- Louisiana College (Now Louisiana Christian University)	
<i>Union Board Freshman of the Year</i>	<i>2005</i>
- Louisiana College (Now Louisiana Christian University)	
Personal	
<i>Married to "DeeDee" Reading of Van Buren, AR (Ma 13, 2010)</i>	
- PhD in Biblical Theology from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary (2025)	
- Masters of Divinity with concentration in Biblical Languages from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary (2012)	
- Bachelor of Arts from Ouachita Baptist University (2001)	
<i>Father of Two Daughters and One Son</i>	
- McKenzie Fontaine Williams	
- Wyatt Andrew Williams	
- Madelyn Paige Williams	