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EDUCATION

St Mary's University, Twickenham, London, UK
(Degree awarded by Liverpool Hope University, Liverpool, UK)
Doctor of Philosophy **2021**

Full Studentship

Supervisors: James Crossley, Chris Keith

Thesis: "Titus and Crete: Possible Identities from Reading the Letter to Titus in Light of Crete"

King's College, London, UK

Additional Study **2018**

Coptic

Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, TX

Doctor of Philosophy **2014 – 2017**

Coursework Completed

Major: New Testament

Minors: Old Testament, Archaeology

Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, TX

Master of Divinity **2014**

Concentration: Biblical Languages

GPA: 4.1

The University of Southern Mississippi, Hattiesburg, MS

Bachelor of Music Education **2010**

Highest Honors, GPA: 3.8

Major instrument: French horn

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Pastoral Epistles, Letter to Titus, *Acts of Titus*, Christian Apocrypha, Reception of the New Testament, Early Judaism, Social History of Early Christianity, Social History of Crete, Archaeology, Epigraphy, Social and Cultural Memory Theory, Spatial Theory, Empire and the New Testament

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- Universität Regensburg, Regensburg, Germany
Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (DFG) Eigene Stelle 3/2024 – Present
 Independent Research Position funded by DFG
 Project: “The Social Locations of the *Acts of Titus*: How a Minor ‘Apostle’ Influenced the Identity of a Big Island.”
- Junior Fellow, Beyond Canon Collaborative Research Group** 09/2023 – 3/2024
 Research on the *Acts of Titus*
- Israel Institute of Biblical Studies, eTeacher, online/
 Hebrew University, Jerusalem, Israel
Instructor in Biblical Studies 03/2022 – 10/2023
 Courses taught: Introduction to Biblical Hebrew, Intermediate Biblical Hebrew, Book of Revelation, Jewish Backgrounds to the New Testament
- DioCGC School for Ministry, Pensacola, FL
Instructor in Scripture 08/2021 – 04/2022
 Courses taught: Introduction to the Old Testament and Introduction to New Testament
- Florida State University, Panama City
Adjunct Professor 08/2021 – 12/2021
 Course taught: Introduction to New Testament
- St Mary’s University, Twickenham, London, UK
Associate Lecturer 08/2019 – 02/2020
 Course taught: Biblical Interpretation
- St Mary’s University, Twickenham, London, UK
Guest Lecturer 01/2018 – 03/2020
 Lectured for the following courses online and in-person:
 New Testament Greek (Undergraduate), Biblical Interpretation (Undergraduate),
 Synoptic Gospels (Graduate), Introduction to New Testament (Graduate, Online),
 Religion and Politics (Undergraduate, Online)
- Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, TX
Greek and Hebrew Tutor 01/2015 – 07/2017
 Tutored students seeking doctoral, master’s, and bachelor’s degrees in Greek and Hebrew online and in-person

Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, TX

Teaching Assistant – School of Theology

08/2013 – 07/2017

Faculty assisted: Dr. Paul Hoskins and Dr. John Taylor

Biblical Greek I & II, Hermeneutics – **Guest Lecturer**

Biblical Greek I & II, Greek Exegesis of Romans, Introduction to

New Testament I & II, Hermeneutics (Online and in-classroom),

Translation and Interpretation: Galatians; Colossians - **Grader**

ADDITIONAL TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Summit Christian School, Fort Myers, FL

Bible, History and Music Teacher

08/2022 – Present

Courses taught: Bible, History/Logic, Chapel Leadership,

Music, Choir

Private Instruction, Santa Rosa Beach, FL

Instructor

08/2021 – 12/2021

Course taught: Introduction to the New Testament

Private Instruction, Fort Worth, TX

Private Music Teacher

01/2014 – 07/2017

Taught French horn lessons

Petal School District, Petal, MS

Teaching Intern

08/2010 – 12/2010

Assisted teaching 6th–12th grade band classes

Oak Grove Middle School, Hattiesburg, MS

Teaching Intern

08/2010 – 12/2010

Taught 7th grade intermediate brass band class, and fulfilled various other duties assigned by the band directors

COURSES TAUGHT

Introduction to Biblical Hebrew

Intermediate Biblical Hebrew

Introduction to Biblical Interpretation

Introduction to the New Testament

Introduction to the Old Testament

Book of Revelation

Jewish Backgrounds to the New Testament

Biblical Greek (guest lecture)

Synoptic Gospels (gust lecture)

Bible and Politics (guest lecture)

BOOKS

Reading the Letter to Titus in Light of Crete: Dynamics of Early Christian Identity Construction. Critical Approaches to Early Christianity 3. Leiden: Brill, 2024.

PEER REVIEWED ARTICLES

“1 Timothy in the Memory of Irenaeus, Tertullian, Athanasius, and Chrysostom.” *Religions* 14 (2023): 1123.

“The Problem of Cretan Myths in the Reception of the Letter to Titus in Jerome, Chrysostom, and the *Acts of Titus*.” *Apocrypha*, 33 (2022): 247–63.

“Neophyte Pastors: Can Titus 1 Be Used to Justify Placing New Converts in the Office of Pastor.” *Southwestern Journal of Theology* 57, no. 1 (2014): 77–86.

ESSAYS IN EDITED VOLUMES

“Eve in the New Testament.” In Katie B. Edwards and Caroline Blyth (eds.) *The Routledge Companion to Eve*. Routledge, 2024.

“Pauline Pseudepigrapha as *Lieux de Mémoire*: Using and Applying Pseudepigraphic Texts in the Church.” In David Capes (ed.) *Does It Matter Who Wrote the Bible?* Wipf and Stock, forthcoming.

“Deutero-Pauline Epistles.” In James Crossley and Michelle Fletcher (eds.) *Introduction to the New Testament*. SCM Press, forthcoming.

“Anti-Judaism in the Pastoral Epistles.” In Sarah Rollens, Eric Vanden Eykel, and Meredith Warren (eds.) *Judeophobia in the New Testament: Texts, Contexts, and Pedagogy*. Eerdmans, forthcoming.

“Do Christians Support the Modern State of Israel?” In Robyn Faith Walsh (ed.) *Christianity in Five Minutes*. Equinox, forthcoming.

“What are the Pastoral Epistles.” In Robyn Faith Walsh (ed.) *Christianity in Five Minutes*. Equinox, forthcoming.

“What is Pseudepigraphy?” In Robyn Faith Walsh (ed.) *Christianity in Five Minutes*. Equinox, forthcoming.

PEER REVIEWED DICTIONARY ARTICLES

“Pauline Apocalypticism and the Relationship to the Pastoral Epistles.” In James Crossley and Alastair Lockhart (eds.) *Critical Dictionary of Apocalyptic and Millenarian Movements*. 2021.

“1 & 2 Timothy.” In James Crossley and Alastair Lockhart (eds.) *Critical Dictionary of Apocalyptic and Millenarian Movements*. 2021.

“Titus.” In James Crossley and Alastair Lockhart (eds.) *Critical Dictionary of Apocalyptic and Millenarian Movements*. 2021.

“Mystery.” In *Lexham Theological Wordbook*. Edited by John D. Barry. Bellingham, WA: Logos Bible Software, 2014.

“Discipline.” In *Lexham Theological Wordbook*. Edited by John D. Barry. Bellingham, WA: Logos Bible Software, 2014.

“Divine Revelation.” In *Lexham Theological Wordbook*. Edited by John D. Barry. Bellingham, WA: Logos Bible Software, 2014.

BOOK REVIEWS

- Virtue Ethics in the Letter to Titus: An Inter-disciplinary Study*, by Dogara Ishaya Manomi, in *Review of Biblical Literature* [<http://www.sblcentral.org>] (2024).
- The Letters to Timothy and Titus*, by Robert W. Yarbrough, in *Review of Biblical Literature* [<http://www.sblcentral.org>] (2023).
- Ethnicity and Inclusion: Religion, Race, and Whiteness in Constructions of Early Jewish and Christian Identities*, by David G. Horrell, in *Studies in Religion/Sciences Religieuses* 51, no. 3 (2022): 429–31.
- Persuading Shipwrecked Men: The Rhetorical Strategies of 1 Timothy 1*, by Lyn M. Kidson, in *Review of Biblical Literature* [<http://www.sblcentral.org>] (2021).
- The First Urban Churches 5: Colossae, Hierapolis, and Laodicea*, edited by James R. Harrison and L. L. Welborn, in *Review of Biblical Literature* [<http://www.sblcentral.org>] (2021).
- The Pastoral Epistles: An International Theological Commentary*, by Gerald L. Bray, in *Religious Studies Review* 46, no. 3 (2020): 410.
- The Pastoral Letters: A Handbook on the Greek Text*, by Larry J. Perkins, in *Review of Biblical Literature* [<http://www.sblcentral.org>] (2020).
- Commentary on 1–2 Timothy and Titus*, by Andreas J. Köstenberger, in *Review of Biblical Literature* [<http://www.sblcentral.org>] (2019).
- Foundations for Sociorhetorical Exploration: A Rhetoric of Religious Antiquity Reader*, edited by Vernon K. Robbins, Robert H. von Thaden Jr., and Bart B. Bruehler, in *Religious Studies Review* 44, no. 4 (2018): 467–468.
- The Pastorals and Polycarp: Titus, 1–2 Timothy and Polycarp to the Philippians*, by Richard I. Pervo, in *Religious Studies Review* 44, no. 2 (2018): 228–229.
- Exploring Biblical Kinship: Festschrift in Honor of John J. Pilch*, edited by Joan C. Campbell and Patrick J. Hartin, in *Southwestern Journal of Theology* 60, no. 1 (2017): 83–84.
- Paul and the Gift*, by John Barclay, in *Southwestern Journal of Theology* 60, no. 1 (2017): 89–91.
- New Testament Apocrypha: More Noncanonical Scriptures*, edited by Tony Burke and Brent Landau, in *Southwestern Journal of Theology* 60, no. 1 (2017): 91–92.
- Divine Honours for the Caesars: The First Christians’ Responses*, by Bruce Winter, in *Southwestern Journal of Theology* 60, no. 1 (2017): 99–100.
- Studies in the Pauline Epistles: Essays in Honor of Douglas J. Moo*, edited by Matthew S. Harmon and Jay E. Smith, in *Southwestern Journal of Theology* 59, no. 1 (2016): 90–92.

ADDITIONAL PUBLICATIONS

- “Index.” In *Poverty in the Early Church and Today: A Conversation*. Edited by Steve Walton and Hannah Swithinbank. London: T&T Clark, 2019.
- “A 5000 Mile Journey of Faith.” *Spire: Hampton Hill’s Parish Magazine* (March 2019): 4–5.

PAPERS PRESENTED

- “Church and Empire in the *Acts of Titus*.” *Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting*. Denver, CO, November 2022.
- “Conceptualizing the Pauline Pseudepigrapha as *Lieux de Mémoire* for Application in Teaching and Preaching.” *Pastoral Implications of Pseudepigraphy and Anonymity in the New Testament Conference*. Lanier Theological Library, Houston, TX, May 2022.
- “Imperial Power Negotiation in the Acts of Titus.” *Securing Power in Sixth-century Constantinople*. Cambridge, UK, December 2021.
- “Titus, Descendant of Minos, Son of Zeus: The Acts of Titus, Pagan Mythology, and Hybrid Identity.” *Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting*. San Antonio, TX, November 2021.
- “No Cretans Allowed? Reading Titus 1:12 and 2:2–10 on Roman Crete.” *European Association of Biblical Studies*. Wuppertal, Germany, August 2021.
- “Cretans, Paradoxes, and Invective: A New Approach to the Liar Paradox in Titus 1:12.” *European Association of Biblical Studies*. Wuppertal, Germany, August 2021.
- “No Cretans Allowed? Reading Titus 1:12 and 2:2–10 on Roman Crete.” *European Association of Biblical Studies*. Wuppertal, Germany, August 2020. (Canceled due to COVID-19)
- “Cretans, Paradoxes, and Invective: A New Approach to the Liar Paradox in Titus 1:12.” *European Association of Biblical Studies*. Wuppertal, Germany, August 2020. (Canceled due to COVID-19)
- “Toward a Mnemo-spatial Hermeneutic.” *European Association of Biblical Studies*. Warsaw, Poland, August 2019.
- “Resistance to Rome in Titus.” *Society of Biblical Literature International Meeting*. Rome, Italy, July, 2019.
- “Apocalypticism in Titus: Fading but not yet Faded.” *The Study of Apocalyptic and Millenarian Movements: Critical and Interdisciplinary Approaches*. Bedford, UK, June 2019.
- “The Letter to Titus as a Site of Memory.” *Bible, Critical Theory, and Reception Seminar*. London, UK, July 2018.
- “The Letter to Titus as a Site of Memory.” *Social-Scientific Criticism and Christian Origins: Past, Present, and Future*. London, UK, May 2018.
- “Cretan Opponents and the Letter to Titus.” *American Schools of Oriental Research, Southwest Regional Meeting*. Irving, TX, March 2017.
- “Melchizedek or Moses: Melchiresha’s Opponent in the Visions of Amram.” *Society of Biblical Literature, Southwest Regional Meeting*. Irving, TX, March 2017.
- “Cretan Opponents and the Letter to Titus.” *Southwestern Archaeological Society*. Fort Worth, TX, February 2017.
- Best Paper Award
- “The Chiastic Structure of 2 Timothy’s Faithful Saying.” *Society of Biblical Literature, Southwest Regional Meeting*. Irving, TX, March 2016.
- “Will He Deny Us? A Reevaluation of the Structure of 2 Timothy 2:11–13.” *North Texas Colloquium on Biblical Studies*. Fort Worth, TX. October 2015.

INVITED LECTURES

- “The Use of the *Martyrdom of Polycarp* in the *Ten Holy Martyrs of Crete* to Encourage Imitation of Titus.” Beyond Canon Scholars’ Brunch, Universität Regensburg, January, 2024.

- “The Letter to Titus and the *Acts of Titus*.” *New Testament Colloquium*. Universität Leipzig, Leipzig, Germany, November, 2023.
- “Translating the *Martyrdom of the Ten Holy Martyrs of Crete*.” Beyond Canon Scholars’ Brunch, Universität Regensburg, October, 2023.
- “Cretan Identity from Titus to the Acts of Titus.” The University of Nottingham, Nottingham, UK. March 29, 2022.
- “Paul: His Times and Places.” St James’s Church, Hampton Hill, London, UK. July 26, 2018.
- “Ethnography and New Testament Texts.” Qualitative Research Forum, St Mary’s University, Twickenham, London, UK. March 20, 2018.
- “Coffee, Cookies, and Cretans: Crete and the Letter to Titus.” Elliot Coffee Talk. A. Webb Roberts Library, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, TX. November 11, 2016.

GRANTS RECIEVED

Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft

Eigene Stelle

11/2023

Awarded competitive research grant for the project:

“The Social Locations of the *Acts of Titus*: How a minor ‘Apostle’ Influenced the Identity of a Big Island.”

PUBLISHING EXPERIENCE

Bloomsbury Publishing, London, UK

Consultant

10/2019 – Present

Indexing e-books for the T&T Clark Jesus Library digital project and Online Theological Libraries

LANGUAGES

Greek

Hebrew

Aramaic

Latin

Coptic

German (Reading)

French (Reading)

MINISTRY EXPERIENCE

Stadium Drive Baptist Church, Fort Worth, TX

Music Minister

01/2013 – 01/2015

Planned and led Sunday morning service; led Wednesday night rehearsals

Maranatha Baptist Church, Mize, MS

Youth Minister

08/2009 – 05/2011

Taught various Sunday school classes; planned and led Wednesday night youth group gatherings; planned and led Sunday morning youth services; planned and coordinated Disciple Now weekend; organized various youth activities

Robinwood Baptist Church, Saucier, MS

Music/Youth Minister

08/2008 – 07/2009

Planned and led Sunday morning and evening services; led adult choir; led Christmas and Easter musicals; taught Wednesday night youth gatherings; organized various youth activities

First Baptist Church, Ocean Springs, MS

Summer Intern

05/2007 – 08/2008

Assisted ministers in their daily tasks; led youth praise team; developed Sunday evening children's Bible study; organized youth fall retreat

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Society of Biblical Literature

2013 – Present

British New Testament Society

2017 – Present

European Association of Biblical Studies

2019 – Present

SERVICE TO PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES

European Association of Biblical Studies Conference Worker

2019

The Study of Apocalyptic and Millenarian Movements

2019

Conference Worker/Organizer

British New Testament Conference Student Worker Coordinator

2018

Campus Representative to the SBL Student Advisory Board

2015 – 2021

AWARDS AND CERTIFICATIONS

Teaching Certification, MS—Music (K–12), Social Studies (7–12)

2019 – 2025

CSSSB Studentship—St Mary's University

2017 – 2021

Best Paper Award—Southwestern Archaeological Society, Fort Worth, TX

2017

Dean's List—Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary

2011 – 2014

Ordination—Maranatha Baptist Church, Mize, MS

2011

Licensed to Gospel Ministry—First Baptist Church, Ocean Springs, MS

2009

Outstanding Musician—The University of Southern Mississippi

2009

Luckyday Scholar—The University of Southern Mississippi

2006 – 2010

Musical Talent Scholarship—The University of Southern Mississippi

2006 – 2010

Academic Scholarship—The University of Southern Mississippi

2006 – 2010

REFERENCES**Professor James Crossley, PhD**

Professor of Bible, Society and Politics at MF Norwegian School of Theology, Religion, and Society
and Director of the Centre for the Critical Study of Apocalyptic and Millenarian Movements

Doctoral Supervisor

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Research Professor of New Testament and Early Christianity at MF Norwegian School of Theology,
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Doctoral Examiner

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