

**Curriculum Vitae
of
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Current Position

Professor of English
Senior Fellow, L. Russ Bush Center for Faith and Culture
Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, NC

Education

- Ph.D. Michigan State University, March 1985
Major: English
Dissertation Title: "The Devotional Experience in the Poetry of John Milton," a study of Milton's ethics as applied to the major poems
- Dip.Ed. University of Western Ontario (London, Ontario, Canada), 1972
Diploma in Education Post-Baccalaureate
- M.A. McMaster University (Hamilton, Ontario, Canada), 1971
Major: English
Thesis Title: "The Myth of Canadian Virtue,"
a study in the influences of the land on Canadian literature, 1880-1920
- B.A. McMaster University, 1970
4-year Honours degree
Major: English

Faculty and Administrative Appointments

- 2010 Professor of English
Senior Fellow, L. Russ Bush Center for Faith and Culture
Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, NC
- 2008-2010 Vice President for Academic Affairs, Louisiana College and
Dean of the College
Accreditation Liaison for the Commission on Colleges of
Southern Association of Colleges and Schools

Senior Research Fellow, L. Russ Bush Center for Faith and Culture,
Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, NC

2002-2008	Professor of English, The College at Southeastern, A School of Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary
1993-2002	Professor of English, Mississippi College (Chair, Department of English, 1993-1999)
1989-93	Professor of English, Cornerstone College (MI)
1982-89	Assistant and later Associate Professor of English, Liberty University
1979-82	Assistant Professor of English, Cornerstone University (MI)
1972-79	Secondary School English Teacher, Niagara Falls Collegiate Vocational Institute, Niagara Falls, Ontario, Canada

Other Administrative Appointments

1993-1999	Chair, Department of English, Mississippi College
1991-1993	Chair, Division of Humanities, Cornerstone University (MI)
1975-1979	Chair, Department of English, Niagara Falls Collegiate Vocational Institute, Niagara Falls, Ontario, Canada

Classes Taught

Undergraduate	C. S. Lewis, Literature of the Bible, Shakespeare, Milton, English Composition I and II, British Literature Survey, World Literature Survey, Classical Literature, History of the English Language, Seventeenth- Century English Literature, Senior Seminar, Literary Theory, History of Ideas 211 and 212
Graduate	C. S. Lewis, Literature of the Bible, Milton, Seventeenth-Century English Literature, Literary Theory.

Books

- *C. S. Lewis Views from Wake Forest: Essays on C. S. Lewis*. Wayne, PA: Zossima Press, 2008 (Editor).
- *Face to Face With God: Human Images of God in the Bible*. Co-authored with Richard D. Patterson. Richardson, TX: Biblical Studies Press, 2008.
- *Encountering God in the Psalms*. Grand Rapids, MI: Kregel, 2003
- *The Devotional Experience in the Poetry of John Milton*. Queenston: Edwin Mellen, 1988

Articles, Chapters in Books

- “The Third Day Motif,” co-authored with Richard D. Patterson. bible.org, 2008.
- “*The Abolition of Man: C. S. Lewis’s Philosophy of History*,” in *C. S. Lewis: Life, Works, Legacy*, Vol. 3, Ed. Bruce Edwards. Westport: Praeger Perspectives, 2007, 107-132.
- “The Letters of C. S. Lewis: C. S. Lewis as Correspondent,” in *C. S. Lewis: Life, Works, Legacy*, Vol. 4, Ed. Bruce Edwards. Westport: Praeger Perspectives, 2007, 19-48.
- “The Use of Figures of Speech in the Bible,” *Bibliotheca Sacra* 164, No. 655 (July-September 2007) 277-290.
- “The Apple of My Eye” (article on the eye of God in Scripture), bible.org, 2007.
- “Hear My Prayer, O God” (article on the ear of God in Scripture), bible.org, 2007.
- “I Will Praise You, O Lord, With All My Heart” (article on the heart of God in Scripture), bible.org, 2007.
- “I Have Sought Your Face with All My Heart,” bible.org, 2007.
- Book Review of *Gilead*, by Marilynne Robinson: Farrar, Strauss, Giroud, 2004. *Reformation 21*
http://www.reformation21.org/Past_Issues/September_2005_Home/Shelf_Life/71/.
- Patterson, Richard D. and Michael E. Travers. “Contours of the Exodus Motif in Jesus’ Earthly Ministry.” *Westminster Theological Journal* 66:1 (Spring 2004): 25-47.
- “Psalm 45: A Wedding and an Invitation.” *Faith and Mission* 20:2 (2003): 3-15.
- Review of *I Am In Fact a Hobbit: An Introduction to the Life and Work of J. R. R. Tolkien* (Mercer UP), by Perry C. Bramlett, *Faith and Mission* 20:2 (2003): 130-131.
- Review of *Sleuthing C. S. Lewis: More Light in the Shadowlands* (Mercer UP), by Kathryn Lindskoog, *Faith and Mission* 20:2 (2003): 133.
- Review of *The Word of God in English: Criteria for Excellence in Bible Translation* (Crossway Books), by Leland Ryken, *Faith and Mission* 20:2 (2003): 104-106.
- “Formalism” and “Poetry.” Articles in *Dictionary for Theological Interpretation of the Bible*. Ed. Kevin J. Vanhoozer. Grand Rapids: Baker Academic, 2005.
- Five articles. *A Dictionary of Biblical Imagery*. Downers Grove: InterVarsity Press, 1998.
- “Literary Forms and Interpretation.” Chapter in *Cracking Old Testament Codes*. Ed. Sandy, D. Brent and Ronald Geise. Nashville: Broadman and Holman, 1995. (co-authored with Branson Woodard). 29-44.
- “Luke.” Chapter in *A Complete Literary Guide to the Bible*. Ed. Longman, Tremper III and Leland Ryken. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1993. 398-408.
- Article with Richard D. Patterson. “Nahum: Poet Laureate of the Minor Prophets.” *Journal of the Evangelical Theological Society* 33/4 (Dec. 1990). 437-44.
- Article with Richard D. Patterson. “Literary Analysis and the Unity of Nahum.” *Grace Theological Journal* 9/1 (1988). 45-58.

Conference Papers

- Fall 2010 “Severe Delight’: The Paradox of Praise in Confession of Sin,” The Evangelical Theological Society National Conference, Atlanta, GA
- Fall 2009 “The Eye and Ear of God,” Evangelical Theological Society Annual Conference, New Orleans, LA
- June 2009 “Choice or Compulsion: The Moral Ground of Events in C. S. Lewis’s *Perelandra*. *Perelandra* Colloquium, Oxford University, Oxford, England.
- Fall 2005 “Joy, the Tao, and Free Will: Some Contours of C. S. Lewis’s Theodicy,” *Past Watchful Dragons* Conference, Belmont University, Nashville, TN.
- Fall 2005 Respondent to Literature of the Bible Papers
Evangelical Theological Society national conference, Gettysburg, PA
- Fall 2004 “Imagination as a Principle of Truth in the Bible”
Evangelical Theological Society national conference, San Antonio, TX
Literature of the Bible Subgroup
- Fall 2003 “Contours of the Exodus Motif in Jesus’ Earthly Life and Ministry”
Co-authored with Richard D. Patterson
Evangelical Theological Society national conference, Atlanta, GA
- Fall 2002 “Exaltation in Psalm 45”
Evangelical Theological Society national conference, Toronto, ON
- Fall 1999 Evangelical Theological Society national conference, Danbury, MA
- July 1998 “Motive for Myth: Exile and Longing in C. S. Lewis’s Fiction”
C. S. Lewis Centenary Conference, Wheaton (IL)
- July 1998 Panel Member, Discussion of C. S. Lewis
C. S. Lewis Centenary Conference, Wheaton (IL)
- Fall 1997 “Myth into Fact”: C. S. Lewis’s Art of Storytelling
Mississippi College Humanities Scholar Lecture
- July 1997 Presenter at C. S. Lewis Workshop, Bowling Green State University (OH)
- Fall 1996 “The Book of Ruth: Pattern and Pressure”
Evangelical Theological Society national conference, Jackson, MS
- Spring 1996 “‘Lycidas’ in the Context of the Thirteen English Elegies for Edward King”
South Central Conference on Christianity and Literature, Longview, TX
- Spring 1994 “‘His merits / To save them, not their own’: Love, Gratitude and Redemption in *Paradise Lost*”
Southeastern Conference on Christianity and Literature, Jackson, MS
- Fall 1991 “Luke,” a paper by invitation
Wheaton College English Department Conference
- Spring 1986 “The Suburbs of Jerusalem: Literary Theory in Christian Perspective”
Southeastern Conference on Christianity and Literature, Lynchburg, VA

Selected Honors Since January 1, 1997

- April 2009 Invited to deliver the annual Lipsey Lecture at Mississippi College (Clinton, MS), the oldest endowed lecture on the campus; spoke on the topic, “A Man for All Readers: the Correspondence of C. S. Lewis”
- Fall 2006 Named a Research Fellow of the L. Russ Bush Center for Faith and Culture Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary
- Fall 2000 Selected by the Faculty Council as the “distinguished scholar” from Mississippi College to serve on the committee to name an endowed faculty chair at the Mississippi College Law School
- Fall 1999 Named a Clyde S. Kilby Research Fellow at the Marion E. Wade Rare Books Center of Wheaton College (IL) for research on a book, “*A Severe Delight*”: *Exile and Longing in C. S. Lewis*.
- 1999 Mississippi College Summer Sabbatical for research at Wheaton College and Bodleian Library, Oxford University, England on C. S. Lewis
- October 1997 Named the 1997 Mississippi Humanities Council (NEH) “Humanities Scholar of the Year” at Mississippi College. Delivered a paper, “Myth into Fact: C. S. Lewis’s Art of Storytelling.”
- July 1997 Awarded a Mississippi College Arts and Sciences Faculty Development Grant to participate in 1997 C. S. Lewis Workshop, Bowling Green State University (OH).

Membership

Evangelical Theological Society
 Serve on the national executive of the Literature of the Bible Subgroup – plan annual meetings, help select papers.

Miscellaneous

- Fall 2006 Organized a C. S. Lewis conference, “C. S. Lewis: The Man and His Work, a 21st Century Legacy,”
 L. Russ Bush Center for Faith and Culture,
 Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary
- August 2006 Presented three seminars on “C. S. Lewis and the Church,” First Baptist Church, Reidsville, NC and also to the Dan Valley Missionary Baptist Pastors Association

- Fall 2005 Presented a seminar on C. S. Lewis, *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*, to Wakefield Middle School students, parents and teachers (Raleigh, NC)
- April 2005 Presented a day-long seminar on C. S. Lewis to a group of businessmen and CEO's
- Multiple Advanced Placement English Literature Examination Grader, 2010, 2008, 2007, 2006, 2005, 2004, 2003, 2002, 1999, 1993, 1992