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Education _____

Ph.D. University of Kentucky, 1991

Field: U.S. history with a specialty in Southern history

Dissertation title: "Southern Baptists and Social Christianity, 1890-1920"

M.A. Murray State University, 1986

Field: U.S. history

M.A. Thesis title: "The Historical Context for the Rise of Old Landmarkism"

B.A. Lexington Baptist College, 1980

Major: Theology

Current Position _____

Senior Professor of Baptist Studies, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary- Spring 2016, Duties: Teaching Baptist history and U.S. religious history electives

Series Editor for America's Baptists, The University of Tennessee Press

Teaching Experience _____

Professor of Baptist Studies, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary

Fall 2003 - Spring 2016

Duties: Teaching Baptist history and U. S. religious history

Assistant/Associate Professor of Church History, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fall, 1996 – 2003

Duties: Teaching Church history, Baptist history and U.S. religious history

Assistant/Associate Professor of History, Mississippi College-Fall, 1991-Spring, 1996-- Tenured-1994 Duties: Teaching both halves of U.S. history survey, Western Civilization and upper division course in U.S. religious history and Southern history

Visiting Professor of Baptist History, Emmanuel Bible Institute, Oradia, Romania, Spring, 1999

Publications _____

Books

Between Fetters and Freedom: African-American Baptists Since Emancipation, co-edited with Edward R. Crowther, Mercer University Press, 2015.
Nominated for the Will D. Campbell Award for Creative Nonfiction

Through a Glass Darkly: Changing Perceptions of Baptist Identity, Tuscaloosa, The University of Alabama Press, 2012.

American Denominational History: Perspectives on the Past, Prospects for the Future. Tuscaloosa, The University of Alabama Press, 2008.

Domestic Slavery, co-edited with Nathan A. Finn. Macon, Mercer University Press, 2008.

Esteemed Reproach: The Lives of Rev. James Ireland and Rev. Joseph Craig, co-edited with C. Martin Jacumin. Macon, Mercer University Press, 2005.

Rescue the Perishing: Selected Letters from Annie Armstrong and Other Writings. Macon, Mercer University Press, 2004.

Send the Light: Lottie Moon's Letters and Other Writings. Macon, Mercer University Press, 2002.

Then and Now: A Compilation and Celebration of Fifty Years at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, co-authored with Steven A. McKinion. Wake Forest, NC: Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, 2000.

The Quality of Mercy: Southern Baptists and Social Christianity, 1890-1920. Tuscaloosa, The University of Alabama Press, 1996.
Nominated for the Francis B. Simkins Award, 1996.

Book Chapters/ Etc.

“The Truth is Everything’: The Confederate Catechism and Perpetuating the Lost Cause,” for *The Enduring Lost Cause*, Edward R. Crowther (ed.); University of Tennessee Press. Forthcoming.

“Disestablishment of Religion in Kentucky,” for *Disestablishment and Dissent: Church-State Relations in the New American States, 1776-1833*, Carl H. Esbeck and Jonathan Den Hartog, (eds.); University of Missouri Press. Forthcoming.

“From the Margin to the Middle to Somewhere in Between,” and “Introduction,” for *American Denominational History: Perspectives on the Past, Prospect for the Future*, edited by Keith Harper. Tuscaloosa: The University of Alabama Press, 2008.

“Foreword” to a new edition of *Power, Authority, and the Origins of American Denominational Order: The English Churches in the Delaware Valley, 168-1730* by Jon Butler. Tuscaloosa: The University of Alabama Press, 2008.

“Private Hells, Public Warfare: J. B. Gambrell’s Campaign Against Alcohol in Mississippi, 1877-1891” in *Here I Stand: Essays in Honor of Paige Patterson*, edited by Stephen Prescott, David Black and Allen Moseley. Yorba Linda, CA: Davidson Press, 2000.

“Plain Truth” in *Popular Religious Magazines of the United States*, edited by P. Mark Fackler and Charles H. Lippy. A volume in The Historical Guides to the World’s Periodicals and Newspapers series. Westport: Greenwood Press, 1995, pp. 401-404.

Articles (Journal)

“A Heart to Heart Talk With you Over this Matter”: Richard Henry Boyd, Elias Camp Morris, James Marion Frost and the Black Baptist Schism of 1915, co-authored with Edward R. Crowther, *Journal of History Research*, Vol. 7, Number. 1, Jan.-Feb. 2017.

“Thomas Jefferson, North American Baptists and ... *Home Missions?* Reflections on Unintended Consequences, *American Baptist Quarterly*, Forthcoming

“Panel Discussion on Denominational History,” *Fides et Historia*, Forthcoming

“‘A Strange Kind of Christian:’ David Barrow and Involuntary, Unmerited, Perpetual, Absolute, Hereditary Slavery Examined; on the Principles of Nature, Reason, Justice, Policy, and Scripture,” *Ohio Valley History*, Fall 2015.

“Decently and in Order: The Philadelphia Association and the Search for a Usable Polity,” *American Baptist Quarterly*, Vol. XXXII, Fall/Winter 2013.

“What’s Wrong with This Picture? James P. Boyce, John A. Broadus, and Reflections on the Lost Cause,” *The Journal of Southern Religion*, Vol 17, 2015.

“The Causes...Yet Existed, and Were Increased:” William Hickman and the Problem of Slavery in Early Nineteenth-century Kentucky Baptist Churches,” under review at *The Register of the Kentucky Historical Society*

“And All the Baptists in Kentucky took the Name *United Baptists*”: The Union of Kentucky’s Separate and Regular Baptists,” *Register of the Kentucky Historical Society*, Winter 2012, Vol. 110, No.1.

“Downwind from the New England Rat: John Taylor, Organized Missions and the Regionalization of Religious Identity on the American Frontier,” *Ohio Valley History*, Fall 2009, Vol. 9, No. 3.

“They Twain Shall be One Flesh:” The Courtship and Marriage of Tom Hudson and Mary Aulick, Baptist Missionaries in China in the 1890s,” *The Journal of the Historical Society*, September 2009, Vol. 9, No. 3.

“‘An Assurance that Somebody Cares:’ The Baptist Home for Business Girls, Louisville, Kentucky, 1923-1928,” *The Register of the Kentucky Historical Society*, Winter 2000, Vol. 98, No. 1.

“‘For of Such is the Kingdom of Heaven’: Institutionalizing Youth Benevolence Among Southern Baptists,” *Baptist History and Heritage*, Spring, 2000, Vol. XXXV, No. 2.

“The Master Christian Library, Version 6.0,” A review essay for *Faith & Mission*, Winter, 1999

“The Louisville Baptist Orphans Home: The Early Years,” *The Register of the Kentucky Historical Society*, Summer 1992, Vol. 90, No. 3.

“Old Landmarkism: An Historiographical Appraisal,” *Baptist History and Heritage*, Vol. XXV, April 1990, No. 2, pp. 31-39.

“The Whitsitt Controversy and the 1905 Division of the Southern Baptist Convention,” *Kentucky History Journal*, Vol. 3, 1988, pp. 27-47.

Articles (Encyclopedia)

“Baptists: Sectarian,” for *The Encyclopedia of Religion in America*, edited by Peter W. Williams and Charles H. Lippy. Washington, D.C.: CQ Press, 2010.

“Landmark Movement,” “Martin, T. T.,” “Graves, James Robinson,” “New Hampshire Confession of Faith,” and “Baptist Denomination,” edited and updated for the *Encyclopedia of Religion in the South*, Second edition, edited by Samuel S. Hill and Charles Lippy. Macon: Mercer University Press, 2005.

“Bourbonism” for the *Historical Dictionary of the Gilded Age*, edited by Leonard Schrup and James G. Ryan. Armonk, NY: M.E. Sharp, Inc., 2003.

“Fundamentalism, Religious” and “Religious Right” for *Encyclopedia of Social Issues*, 6 Vol., edited by John K. Roth. Pasadena: Salem Press, 1997.

“Women in the Temperance Movement,” and “Pro Life” for *Ready Reference: Women's*

Issues, 3 Vol., Margaret McFadden, Consulting Editor. Pasadena: Salem Press, 1997.

“Abolitionist Movement,” “Black Codes,” “Temperance Movement,” for McGill's *Ready Reference: American Justice*, 3 Vol., edited by Joseph M. Bessette. Pasadena: Salem Press, 1996.

“Moses,” for McGill's *Ready Reference: Ethics*, 3 Vol., John K. Roth. Pasadena: Salem Press, 1994.

“Nazarenes in Kentucky,” and “Mennonites in Kentucky,” for the *Kentucky History Encyclopedia*, edited by John Kleber. Lexington: University of Kentucky Press, 1991.

Book Reviews

Southern Religion and Christian Diversity in the Twentieth Century for the *North Carolina Historical Review*, forthcoming

The Sacred Mirror: Evangelicalism, Honor, and Identity in the Deep South, 1790-1860, Robert Elder for *Journal of Southern Religion*, <http://jsreligion.org/vol18/>

Strangers Below: Primitive Baptists and American Culture by Joshua Guthman for *North Carolina Historical Review*, January 2016, Vol. XCIII, No. 1.

Conceived in Doubt: Religion and Politics in the New American Nation, Amanda Porterfield for *North Carolina Historical Review*, July 2014, Vol. XCI, No. 3.

Into the Pulpit: Southern Baptist Women and Power since World War II, Elizabeth H. Flowers for *Fides et Historia*, Summer/Fall 2013, Vol. 45, No. 2.

God of Liberty: A Religious History of the American Revolution, by Thomas S. Kidd for *North Carolina Historical Review*, October 2011, Vol. LXVIII, No. 4.

Religion and the Making of Nat Turner's Virginia: Baptist Community and Conflict, 1740-1840, by Randolph Ferguson Scully for *North Carolina Historical Review*, April 2010, Vol. LXXXVII, No. 2.

In Search of the New Testament Church: The Baptist Story, by C. Douglas Weaver for *The Journal of Southern History*, February 2010, Vol. LXXVI, No. 1.

Evangelizing the South: A Social History of Church and State, Monica Najjar and *Virginians Reborn: Anglican Monopoly, Evangelical Dissent and the Rise of the Baptists in the Late Eighteenth Century*, by Jewell Spangler for *North Carolina Historical Review*, January 2009, Vol. LXXXVI, No. 1.

Freedom's Coming: Religious Culture and the Shaping of the South for the Civil War

Through the Civil Rights Era, Paul Harvey for *North Carolina Historical Review*. July 2005, Vol. LXXXII, No. 3.

Isaac Taylor Tichenor: The Creation of the Baptist New South, by Michael E. Williams, Sr. for *North Carolina Historical Review*, January 2006, Vol. LXXXIII, No. 1

The Mind of the Master Class: History and Faith in the Southern Slaveholders' Worldview, by Elizabeth Fox-Genovese and Eugene D. Genovese for *North Carolina Historical Review*, April 2006, Vol. LXXXIII, No.1.

All According to God's Plan: Southern Baptist Missions and Race, 1945-1970, by Alan Scot Willis for *North Carolina Historical Review*, April 2005, Vol. LXXXII, No. 2.

When Slavery Was Called Freedom: Evangelicalism, Proslavery, and the Causes of the Civil War by John Patrick Daily for *North Carolina Historical Review*. July 2003, Vol. LXXX, Vol. 3.

Moral Reconstruction: Christian Lobbyists and the Federal Legislation of Morality, 1865-1920, by Gaines M. Foster for *North Carolina Historical Review*. January 2003, Vol LXXX, No.1.

Getting Right With God: Southern Baptists and Desegregation, 1845-1995, by Mark A. Newman for *Church History*, September 2002, Vol. 71, No. 3.

The Roots of Appalachian Christianity: The Life and Legacy of Elder Shubal Stearns, by Elder John Sparks for the *North Carolina Historical Review*, April 2002, Vol. LXXIX, No. 4.

Avenues of Faith: Shaping the Urban Religious Culture of Richmond, Virginia, 1900-1929, by Samuel C. Shepherd, Jr. for the *Virginia Magazine of History and Biography*, September 2001, Vol. 101, No. 3.

Chaplain to the Confederacy: Basil Manly and Baptist Life in the Old South, by A. James Fuller for the *Journal of Mississippi History*, Spring 2002, Vol. LXIV, No.1.

Jesus Through the Centuries: His Place in Culture by Jaroslav Pelican, an electronic review for H-Net.

A Genealogy of Dissent: Southern Baptists Protest in the Twentieth Century, by David Stricklin for the *North Carolina Historical Review*, July 2000, Vol. 79, No. 3.

Faith and Meaning in the Southern Uplands, by Loyal Jones for *The Register of the Kentucky Historical Society*, Winter 2000, Vol. 98, No. 1.

Primitive Baptists of the Wiregrass South: 1815 to the Present, by John G. Crowley for *The American Historical Review*, June 2000, Vol. 105, No. 3.

Historical Dictionary of the Baptists, by William H. Brackney for *Religious Studies Review*, Vol. 26, p. 293.

Baptist Roots: A Reader in the Theology of a Free People, by Curtis W. Freeman, et. al. for *Religious Studies Review*, Vol. 26, p. 293.

Revive Us Again: the Reawakening of American Fundamentalism, by Joel A. Carpenter for *The Register of the Kentucky Historical Society*, Spring 1999, Vol. 97, No. 2.

Local Baptists, Local Politics: Churched and Communities in the Middle and Uplands South, by Clifford A. Grammich, Jr. for *Religious Studies Review*, Vol. 26, p. 203.

Alabama Baptists: Southern Baptists in the Heart of Dixie, by Wayne Flynt for *Journal of Church and State*, Spring 1999, Vol. 41, No. 2.

Taking Christianity to China: Alabama Missionaries in the Middle Kingdom by Gerald W. Berkley and Wayne Flynt for *Church History*, June 1999, Vol. 68, No. 2.

The Root of All Evil: The Protestant Clergy and the Economic Mind of the Old South, by Kenneth Moore Startup for *The Register of the Kentucky Historical Society*, Autumn 1998, Vol. 96, No. 4.

In the Hands of A Happy God: The "No-Hellers" of Central Appalachia, by Howard C. Dorgan for *Fides Et Historia*, Summer/Fall 1999, 31, No. 2

Redeeming the South: Religious Cultures and Racial Identities Among Southern Baptists, 1865-1925, by Paul Harvey for *The American Historical Review*, Feb. 1998, Vol. 103, No. 1.

God's Rascal: J. Frank Norris and the Beginnings of Southern Fundamentalism, by Barry Hankins, for *The Gulf Coast Historical Review*, Spring 1999, Vol. 14, No. 2.

A Decade of Debate and Division: Georgia Baptists and the Formation of the Southern Baptist Convention, by Robert G. Gardner, for *The Gulf Coast Historical Review*. Spring 1998, Vol. 13, No. 2.

The Changing Shape of Protestantism in the South, by Marion D. Aldridge and Kevin Lewis (eds.), for *The Journal of Southern History*, February 1998, Vol. 64, No. 1.

Resurgent Evangelicalism in the United States: Mapping Cultural Change since 1970, by Mark A. Shibley, for *The Journal of Southern History*, February 1998, Vol. 64, No. 1.

The Southern Baptist Convention and The Judgment of History: The Taint of an Original Sin, by E. Luther Copeland and *Southern Baptists and Evangelicals: The Conversation Continues*, by David S. Dockery (ed.); a comparative review for *The*

Journal of the Evangelical Theological Society. December 1998, Vol. 41, No. 4.

Religion and Politics in the Early Republic: Jasper Adams and the Church-State Debate. Daniel L. Driesbach (Ed.), for *The Journal of Southern History*, November 1997, Vol. LXIII, No. 4.

New Africa in America: The Blending of African and American Religious and Social Traditions Among Black People in Meridian, Mississippi, and Surrounding Counties, by Mozella G. Mitchell, for *The Journal of Mississippi History*, Fall, 1996, Vol. 58, No. 3.

The Irony of Southern Religion, by John B. Boles, for *The Register of The Kentucky Historical Society*, Autumn 1995, Vol. 93, No. 4.

The Southern Baptist Convention: A Sesquicentennial History, by Jesse C. Fletcher, for *Fides Et Historia*, Summer 1995, XXVII, No. 2.

Religion in the Contemporary South: Diversity, Community, and Identity, O. Kendall White Jr. and Daryl White, eds, for *The Gulf Coast Historical Review*, Fall 1997, Vol. 1, No.13.

On Jordan's Stormy Banks - Evangelicalism in Mississippi, 1773- 1876, by Randy J. Sparks, for *The Register of the Kentucky Historical Society*, Summer 1995, Vol. XC, No. 3.

The Evolution Controversy in America, by George E. Webb, for *The Register of the Kentucky Historical Society*, Winter 1995, Vol. XCIII, No. 1.

Selling Radio: The Commercialization of American Broadcasting, 1920-1934, by Susan Smulyan, for *The Journal of Mississippi History*, August 1994, Vol. LVI, No. 3.

Between Slavery and Freedom: Philosophy and American Slavery, by Howard McGary and Bill E. Lawson, for *Journal of Negro History*. (Forthcoming)

In the South the Baptists Are the Center of Gravity: Southern Baptists and Social Change, 1930-1980, by Edward L. Queen, II, for *Fides Et Historia*, Fall 1993, Vol. XXV, No. 3, pp. 140-141.

The Thought Occurred to Me - A Book About Owen Cooper, by Don McGregor, for *Baptist History and Heritage*, July 1993, Vol. XXVII, No. 3, pp. 61-62.

Cultural Perspectives on the American South, Vol. 5: Religion, Charles Reagan Wilson, ed, for *The Register of the Kentucky Historical Society*, Autumn 1992, Vol. XCII, No.4.

Work in the Spirit - Toward a Theology of Work, by Miroslav Volf, for *The Journal of the Evangelical Theological Society*, September 1993, Vol. XXXVI, No. 3, pp. 386-387.

Lincoln the President; Last Full Measure, by J. G. Randall and Richard N. Current, for *The Journal of Mississippi History*, February 1992, Vol. LIV, No. 1, pp. 118-119.

Truth and Continuity: Diversity and its Limits in the Ecumenical Movement, by Michael Kinnamon, for *The Christian Librarian*, August 1990, Vol. 33, No. 4, p. 120.

Prison Life Among the Rebels, edited by Edward D. Jervey, for *The Journal of Mississippi History*, August 1990, Vol. LII, No. 3, pp. 256-257.

Poor But Proud - Alabama's Poor Whites, by Wayne Flynt, for *The Register of the Kentucky Historical Society*, Summer 1990, Vol. 88, No. 3, pp. 341-342.

On the Threshold of Freedom: Masters and Slaves in Civil War Georgia, by Clarence Mohr, for *The Journal of Mississippi History*, August 1987, pp. 247-249.

Papers Presented _____

“I touched him where he was vulnerable, Dr. Frost:’ Denominational Politics and Interracial Relations in the Early Twentieth Century,” presented at the Conference on Faith and History meeting, October 2016.

“One Size Fits All? James P. Boyce, John A. Broadus, and Reflections on the Lost Cause,” presented at the Southern Intellectual History Conference, February 2015.

“A Revolution within the Revolution? The Philadelphia Association and the Search for a Usable Polity, 1707-1807,” presented at the Andrew Fuller Center’s conference on Baptists and War, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, KY, September 26, 2011.

“Theological Social History: A Brief Discourse on Method,” presented at the Evangelical Theological Society, Providence, RI, November, 2008.

“I Occasionally Become Kaflummoxed:’ Annie Armstrong, the Woman’s Missionary Union and the Formation of Denominational Identity among Southern Baptists,” presented at the Southern Historical Association, Memphis, TN, November, 2004.

“I Smell the New England Rat:’ Thoughts on John Taylor and the Rise of the Anti-Missionary Baptists” presented at the Ohio Valley History Conference, Eastern Kentucky University, Richmond, Kentucky - October, 2003.

“For Of Such Is the Kingdom of Heaven’: Institutionalizing Youth Benevolence Among Southern Baptists, 1890-1920” presented at the Social Gospel Conference, Colgate Rochester Divinity School, Rochester, New York - April 24, 1998

"J. B. Gambrell: A Case Study in Southern Evangelical Attitudes Toward Prohibition," presented at the Ohio Valley History Conference, Murray State University, Murray, Kentucky - October, 1995

"Southern Baptists, Social Christianity, and Orphanages," presented at the Southern Historical Association, Fort Worth, Texas - November, 1991

"The Southern Baptists and the Social Gospel," presented at the Ohio Valley History Conference, Murray State University, Murray, Kentucky - October, 1989

"The Legacy of Landmarkism," a series of four papers presented at the Lexington Baptist College, Lexington, Kentucky - February, 1987

Research Interests _____

Southern history, U.S. religious history, especially religious history in the South, U.S. social history, Baptist history

Professional Activities _____

Panel Discussion, Denominational History, Conference on Faith and History, October 2016.

Manuscript review of *Enduring Truth* for Lifeway

Manuscript review of “*The Master-Word: Lily Hardy Hammond and the Social Gospel in the South,*” for the *Journal of Southern Religion*

Manuscript review of “Baptists in the Southland: A Study of Regular and Separate Baptists,” for the *Journal of the Evangelical Theological Society*

Manuscript review of “The Contested Legacy of Lottie Moon,” for *Fides et Historia*

Manuscript review of “*The Excitement of High and Holy Affection: Baptist Revival and Cultural Construction In the Upper Piedmont Georgia Cotton Belt, 1785-1835* for Mercer University Press

Session commentator for "Individual Ambition and Community Exploitation: Local Elites and the Transformation of Appalachia, 1890-1940" at the Southern Historical Association, Little Rock, Arkansas, 1996

Membership Committee of the Southern Historical Association, 1995-1996

Session chair for "Religion and the Trans-Appalachian Experience" at the Ohio Valley History Conference, Murray State University, Murray, Kentucky, October, 1992

Manuscript review of *Reading and Writing American History - A Student Workbook, Vol. 1* for D. C. Heath Co.

Institutional Service and Related Experience _____

Doctor of Education Committee, SEBTS, 2012 – present.

Editor of the 2011-2012 SACS Reaffirmation Self-Study and ATS Certificate of Compliance, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Director of External Studies, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, 1998-2001. Duties: Oversee six seminary extension centers in the Southeastern United States; locate new extension center sites; work with Dean to coordinate scheduling and faculty assignments

Chair, ATS Task Force, SACS/ATS SEBTS Reaccreditation Self-Study, 2000.

Self-Study Steering Committee, for SEBTS reaccreditation with SACS/ATS, 2000.

Chair, Organization and Administration Self-Study Committee, SEBTS, 2000.

Chair, Library Committee, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, 1997 - 1998.

Library Committee, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, 1996 - 1998.

Mississippi College, Sponsor Black Student Association, 1995 - 1996.

Mississippi College, Co-Sponsor Black Student Association, 1994 - 1995.

Mississippi College, Teacher Education Committee, 1995 - 1996.

Mississippi College, Student Disciplinary Committee, 1993 - 1996.

Mississippi College, Vice-president of the Faculty Council, 1992 - 1993

Professional **O**rganization **M**embership _____

The American Society of Church History

The Conference on Faith and History

The Southern Historical Association

Scholarships and **A**wards _____

Earhart Foundation Research and Writing Fellowship 2013-2014

Kentucky Historical Society Research Fellowship, 2014

Co-edited volume, *Between Fetters and Freedom: African American Baptists since Emancipation* nominated for the Will D. Campbell Award for Creative Nonfiction, 2014

Kentucky Historical Society Research Fellowship, 2009

Young Scholars in American Religion Seminar, Duke University, 1997-1998

Book, *The Quality of Mercy*, nominated for the Francis B. Simkins Award, 1996

Wye Faculty Fellowship at the Aspen Institute, Queenstown, Maryland, 1992

Research Grant from the Center on Philanthropy's Governance of Nonprofit Organizations Fellowship Program - 1992

Nominated for a University of Kentucky "Distinguished Teacher's Award" - 1990

Doctoral Research Award through U.K. Graduate School - 1990

Hallam Research Travel Grant through U.K. History Dept. - 1990

Southern Baptist Historical Society Research Grant - 1989

U.K. Graduate School Travel Grant - 1989

U.K. Tuition Scholarship - 1987-1990

Naval ROTC Scholarship, University of Louisville - 1975-1977