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Profile: Regardless of job title, I view all of life as ministry, and seek to live all of life and fulfil every task *coram Deo*. I desire to help others recognize the Lordship of Christ over every academic discipline and cultural sphere and desire to equip them to participate in His mission of restoring all things to Himself. Specifically, in the academic context I aim to challenge the mind, stir the heart, and motivate the hands and feet to love God and neighbor.

Personal: Born in Corinth, MS, Aug 10, 1982
Married to Ashley E. Quinn (2004)
4 children (Emma Claire, Campbell Schafers, Dawson Alexander, Fletcher Riley)

Current and Previous Academic Positions:

- 08/2014 – Present **Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary and the College at Southeastern**
- Associate Dean for Institutional Effectiveness**
Assistant Professor of Theology and History of Ideas
Program Coordinator for Gen. Ed., Theology, A.A., A.Div.
Coordinator for Southeastern Collegiate Partnership
- Develop strategic partnerships with high schools and parachurch ministries
 - Represent the College at Southeastern when the Dean of the College is unavailable
 - Oversee accreditation requirements for above programs and partnerships
 - Gather and assess artefacts for program maintenance
 - Report program data to Vice President for Institutional Effectiveness and relevant Deans
- 2017 – Present **Biblemesh Institute**
- Academic Director**
- Oversight of programs
 - Recruiting and hiring faculty
 - General vision and administration
- 08/2013 – 7/2014 **Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary and the College at Southeastern**
- Program Coordinator for Humanities major**
- Oversee accreditation requirements for the Humanities major
 - Gather and assess artefacts for program maintenance
 - Report program data to Vice President for Institutional Effectiveness and relevant Deans
- 06/2013 – 12/2015 **Liberty University Online**
- Instructor in the School of Religion**
- Teach introductory courses in Theology
 - Teach introductory courses in Bible
- 06/2012 – 7/2014 **Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary and the College at Southeastern**
- Instructor of Theology and History of Ideas**
- Teach introductory theology courses and electives as needed, grad and undergrad
 - Teach undergraduate History of Ideas courses and seminars
 - Serve on various committees as needed and fill all required faculty obligations

08/2010 – 05/2012

Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary

Teaching Assistant to Dr. Bruce Ashford, Provost and Dean of Faculty, SEBTS

- Co-teach classes as determined by Dr. Ashford
- Substitute teach in Dr. Ashford's absence
- Develop syllabi for certain courses
- Grade graduate and undergraduate assignments and facilitate online needs

1/2012 – 5/2012

Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary

Assistant to the Director of the L. Russ Bush Center for Faith and Culture

- Manage CFC's blog and content
- Liaise with students on behalf of the Director for the Center
- Assist with event planning and logistics coordination
- Assist the Director with MA Philosophy of Religion responsibilities
- Miscellaneous as needed by the Director

Education:

2014—Ph.D., Theology, Trinity College, University of Bristol, UK

Thesis: "Augustine's *Sapiential* Theology: An Exploration and Assessment of *Sapientia* in the Thought of St. Augustine" Supervisor: Rev. Dr. Craig Bartholomew (Trinity College, Bristol), 2nd Supervisor, Lewis Ayres, University of Durham (UK)

2010—Th.M., Christian Ethics, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, NC

Project Title: *A Study in the Doctrine of Wisdom with Particular Emphasis in Augustine's Thought*
Supervisor: Dr. Mark Liederbach (SEBTS)

2008—M.Div., Christian Ministry, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, NC

2005—B.A., Biblical Studies, Union University, Jackson, TN

Teaching Experience:

Historical Theology, Design, teach and facilitate the course as lead professor in accordance with guidelines set for the College at Southeastern curriculum

Theology of Work/Vocation (Funded by the Kern Family Foundation), Co-Taught and co-developed with Prof. Walter Strickland.

Contemporary Theological Issues: Augustine and Wisdom, Design, teach, and facilitate the course in accordance with both graduate and undergraduate expectations set for by Southeastern.

Readings in Christian Theology, Design, teach, and facilitate the course as lead professor in accordance with guidelines set for in the College at Southeastern curriculum.

History of Ideas I, Design, teach, and facilitate the course as lead professor in accordance with guidelines set for in the College at Southeastern curriculum.

History of Ideas II, Design, teach, and facilitate the course as lead professor in accordance with guidelines set forth in the College at Southeastern curriculum.

History of Ideas IV, Design, teach, and facilitate the course as lead professor in accordance with guidelines set forth in the College at Southeastern curriculum.

Theology and Culture, Teach and facilitate the course as lead professor in accordance with guidelines set forth in the College at Southeastern/SEBTS curriculum.

Christian Theology I, II, and III, Teach and facilitate the course as lead professor in accordance with guidelines set forth in the SEBTS catalogue. First sections of Theo II and III to be taught in Fall 2015 and Spring 2016 respectively.

Study of a Selected Theologian (20th Century Theologians), Available to teach when needed, helped develop curriculum, syllabi, and exams.

Theology of Worship (both undergraduate course and PhD seminar), Design, teach, and facilitate the course as lead professor in accordance with guidelines set forth in SEBTS catalogue. First undergrad section to be taught in Spring, 2016.

Contemporary Theological Issues: Conversing with the Culture, Co-Taught with Dr. Bruce Ashford. Developed curriculum, reading list, exams, and instructed.

Contemporary Theological Issues: Doctrine of Scripture, Co-Taught with Dr. Bruce Ashford. Developed curriculum, reading list, exams, and instructed.

Related Academic Experience:

2004-05—Ryan Center for Biblical Studies. Jackson, TN. Served as student assistant to Director of the Center fulfilling various tasks.

2009—Invited attendee of Scripture and Hermeneutics Seminar, A Conversation with Ellen Davis, New Orleans, LA.

2009 – 2011—Director of Student Development, oversaw all recruiting for Graduate and Undergraduate programs, managed approximately 25 staff, developed partnership with like-minded entities in effort to undergird the institutional mission.

2010—Invited attendee of *Dooyeweerdian Philosophy* Seminar with Dr. Henk Geertsema, Paideia Centre for Public Theology, Ancaster, Ontario, Canada.

2010—Invited attendee of Scripture and Hermeneutics Seminar, A Conversation with Edith Humphrey, Atlanta, GA.

2011—Song leader and invited attendee for *Paideia Gathers*, Paideia Centre for Public Theology, Ontario, Canada.

2011—Music leader and invited attendee of Scripture and Hermeneutics, A Conversation with N.T. Wright, San Francisco, CA

2012—Song leader and invited attendee for *Paideia Gathers; The Cosmic Scope of Christ's Redemption*, Paideia Centre for Public Theology, Chattanooga, TN (forthcoming).

2014—Successful examination and defense of dissertation work thus resulting in upgrade to PhD candidate status. Examiners: Oliver O'Donovan and Andrew Goddard.

2014—Invited song leader and attendee of Scripture and Hermeneutics Seminar, A Manifesto for Theological Interpretation, San Diego, CA.

2015—Invited participant in Oikonomia Network Faculty Workshop, Tempe, AZ.

2016—Invited participant in Acton University, Grand Rapids, MI

2016—Chair of Scripture and Doctrine Seminar, Institute for Biblical Research, San Antonio, TX.

2017—Academic Director of the BibleMesh Institute, *institute.biblemesh.com*

2017—Journal Editorial Board, Southeastern Theological Review

Ministerial Experience:

2018-Present, Pastor, Holly Grove Baptist Church, Spring Hope, NC

2010-2018, active member, small group host, and Life Change instructor at North Wake Church, Wake Forest, NC.

2008, Interim Pastor, Holly Grove Baptist Church, Spring Hope, NC

2006-09, Associate Pastor, Holly Grove Baptist Church, Spring Hope, NC (with exception of interim period)

2001—Present, Guest speaker and worship leader at various ministry events.

2001-05, Leader of praise and worship team, InsideOut, for over four years leading a Sunday night student service at Oakland Baptist Church in Corinth, MS.

2002-03, Chaplain of NEMCC football team for the 2002-2003 season

2001-03, FCA president at Northeast Mississippi Community College

Publications/Presentations:

“Augustine’s Wise Preaching of the Psalms.” Article in *Southeastern Theological Review* (Summer 2011), 53-70.

“Augustine’s Wise Preaching of the Psalms.” Paper Presentation at Trinity College, Bristol, UK, June 2011, at the International Students Conference.

“Where Shall Wisdom be Found?’ in Augustine” ETS in San Francisco, CA, November 2011

Review of *Colin Gunton and the Failure of Augustine*, by Bradley Green. *Themelios*, Fall 2012.

“Paper or Plastic? At the Intersection of Creation and Wisdom in Augustine” Paper Presentation at Trinity College Bristol, UK, June 2013, at the International Students Conference.

Review of *The Theology of Augustine: An Introduction to His Most Important Works*, by Matthew Levering, *Themelios*, Fall 2013.

“The Coupling and Conduit of Creation: Thoughts on an Augustinian Accent For Creation Stewardship” Presentation at the GIBS/CFC Second Theocology Symposium To Promote Christian Creation Stewardship, November, 2014.

“Why Every Christian Should Wear a Clerical Collar” Intersect: Wisdom Forum (funded by Kern Family Foundation), Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, February, 2015.

Augustine’s Sapiential Theology: An Exploration and Assessment of Sapientia in the Thought of St. Augustine, Doctoral Thesis, Trinity College, University of Bristol, 2014.

Every Waking Hour: An Introduction to Work and Vocation for Christians, Co-authored with Prof. Walter Strickland. Lexham Press, 2016

The Gospel & Work (Gospel for Life), Co-authored with Dr. Bruce Ashford. Editors Russell Moore and Andrew Walker. Broadman & Holman, 2017.

Worldview and the Christian Life, Co-authored with Dr. Bruce Ashford and Dr. Jamie Dew, (forthcoming)

Learning to Walk Again: an Introduction to Proverbs (working title), Lexham Press, (forthcoming)

“Wisdom and the Good Life: Learning to Walk Again” Intersect: Wisdom Forum (funded by Kern Family Foundation), Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, March, 2018.

“Where Shall Anthropology be Found in Wisdom? : Reflections from Proverbs on Theological Anthropology”. Institute for Biblical Research – Scripture and Doctrine Seminar, November, 2018

Review of *On the Road with Saint Augustine: A Real-World Spirituality for Restless Hearts*, by James K. A. Smith, Brazos Press, Fall 2019. <https://henrycenter.tiu.edu/sapientia>

Review of Herman Bavinck’s “Christian Worldview”, (ERLC) February 2020

Memberships:

Chair of Scripture and Doctrine Seminar / IBR (2016-2019) – Remain member of Steering Committee

Institute for Biblical Research/Society for Biblical Literature

Evangelical Theological Society

Research Interests:

The doctrine of wisdom; Augustine and wisdom; intersection of and relationship between theology and philosophy; theology and culture; Christian worldview; ethics and contemporary ethical concerns; music and theology/philosophy, theological method and how to teach theology in light of the Grand Narrative.

References:

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Durham, DH1 3RS, l.o.ayres@durham.ac.uk

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