

Stephen Brett Eccher
seccher@sebts.edu
sbeccher@aol.com

EDUCATION:

- Oct 2006 - Nov 2011 **Doctor of Philosophy**
University of St. Andrews, Reformation Studies Institute
St. Andrews, Scotland, United Kingdom
- Oct 2005 - Sept 2006 **Master of Letters in Reformation Studies (*Cum Laude*)**
University of St. Andrews, Reformation Studies Institute
St. Andrews, Scotland, United Kingdom
- Aug 2000 - May 2004 **Master of Divinity with Biblical Languages**
Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary; Wake Forest, NC
- Jan 1997 - May 1999 **Bachelor of Arts in Religion**
Minor in Christian Social Ministry
Palm Beach Atlantic College; West Palm Beach, FL

TEACHING EXPERIENCE:

- June 2013 – Present **Associate Professor of Church History and Reformation Studies**
Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary

Elected to the Faculty: August 2015
Promoted to Associate Professor: April 2020

Courses Taught: Calvin and the Reformed Tradition, Church History 1 and 2 (both on campus and hybrid/online formats), Historical Theology, Baptist History, The History and Theology of the Reformation, Theology of the Reformers, and Practicums in both International and North American Evangelism and Missions

Doctoral Courses Taught: Seminar in Reformation Theology, Seminar in the Theology of the Radical Reformation, Seminar on Selected Theologian: Martin Luther, Seminar in History and Theology of the Spiritual Awakenings, and Reading Seminar 1 and 2

- Jan 2012 – May 2013 **Adjunct Professor of Historical Theology**
Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary and
The College at Southeastern

Courses Taught: Christian Theology 1, 2, and 3; Church History 1 and 2, The Reformation, The History and Theology of the and The Theology of the Reformers

Oct 2006 – Jan 2007

Tutor

The University of St. Andrews, Reformation Studies Institute;
St. Andrews, Scotland, United Kingdom

Courses Taught: Early Modern Europe, 1450-1650

BOOKS:

2024 *Zwingli the Pastor: A Life in Conflict*. Bellingham: Lexham Press

CHAPTERS:

2024 “**Balthasar Hubmaier (1480-1528)**”, in Jennifer Powell McNutt and Herman Selderhuis (editors), *The Oxford Handbook for the Bible and the Reformation* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2024)

2023 “**Reformation Theology**”, co-authored with J. Andrew Dickerson, in Daniel Akin, Nathan Finn, and David S. Dockery (editors), *A Handbook of Theology for the People of God* (Nashville: B&H Academic, 2023)

2021 “Unit Three: Theology in the Reformation Era (1500-1700); **Chapter 9: Salvation**”, in Jason Duesing and Nathan Finn (editors), *Historical Theology for the Church* (Nashville: B&H Academic, 2021)

2020 “**Introduction: The Historical Context**”, in Walter R. Strickland II and Dayton Hartman (editors), *For God So Loved the World: A Blueprint for Kingdom Diversity* (Nashville: B&H Academic, 2020)

2019 “**Priesthood of All Believers: The Theological Intention of the Reformers and a Subsequent Crisis in Application**”, in *Legacy of the Reformation* (Nashville: B&H Academic, 2019)

JOURNAL ARTICLES:

2017 “**Huldrych Zwingli: Reformation in Conflict**”; *Perichoresis: The Theological Journal of Emanuel University*, volume 15, Issue 4 December 2017

2014 “**A Return to Christ’s Kingdom: Early Swiss Anabaptist Understanding and Temporal Application of the Kingdom of God**”; *Southeastern Theological Review*, volume 5, no. 2 Winter 2014

DICTIONARY ENTRIES:

2022 “**Zwingli, Ulrich**” in *Lexham Dictionary of Church History* (Bellingham: Lexham Press, *forthcoming*).

ESSAYS:

2017 **A Walk with the Reformers: Reformation Reflections from Southeastern Seminary’s Reformation 500 Study Tour of Germany and Switzerland**
Southeastern Theological Review, volume 8, no. 2 Fall 2017

2017 “**Of Striving and Struggle: The Story of the Reformation**”; *Barnabus Magazine*, Summer 2017

BOOK ENDORSEMENTS:

Robert L. Gallagher and Edward L. Smither (editors). *Sixteenth Century Mission: Explorations in Protestant and Roman Catholic Theology and Practice*. Bellingham: Lexham Press, 2021.

DISSERTATIONS:

Apr 2011 “**The Bernese Disputations of 1532 and 1538: A Historical and Theological Analysis**”; Doctor of Philosophy Dissertation
The University of St. Andrews

Supervisor: F. Bruce Gordon, Yale Divinity School at Yale University and
The Reformation Studies Institute at the University of St. Andrews

Examiners: Mark Elliott, School of Divinity at The University of St. Andrews
and Kevin Gould, Nottingham Trent University

Aug 2006 “**Michael Sattler and the Schleithem Confession: An Analysis of the Historical Setting of the Brotherly Union and its Radical Call to Separation**”; Master of Letters Dissertation
The University of St. Andrews, Reformation Studies Institute

ACADEMIC CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS:

Nov 2023 “**Manna From Heaven: Huldrych Zwingli’s Eucharistic Reversal**”
Evangelical Theological Society (San Antonio, TX)

- Oct 2023 **“God’s Heavenly Pledge: The Eucharistic Reversal of Huldrych Zwingli’s Mass at Zurich”**
Sixteenth Century Society and Conference (Baltimore, MD)
- Oct 2022 **“If They Are Now Sons: Huldrych Zwingli’s Gospel/Law Symmetry”**
Sixteenth Century Society and Conference (Minneapolis, MN)
- Sept 2017 **“Priesthood of All Believers: The Theological Intention of the Reformers and a Subsequent Crisis in Application”**
Legacy of the Reformation Conference (Lynchburg, VA)
- Oct 2011 **“The Bernese Disputations of 1532 and 1538: Redundant Futility or Independent Contributions?”**
Sixteenth Century Society and Conference (St. Louis, MO)
- Oct 2007 **“The Bernese Disputations of the 1520’s and 1530’s”**
Reformation Studies Institute Seminar Series (St. Andrews, Scotland)
- Nov 2006 **“Swiss Anabaptism: Current Research and Future Opportunities”**
Reformation Studies Institute Seminar Series (St. Andrews, Scotland)

BOOK REVIEWS:

- FEB 2024 Review of Matthew Barrett. “The Reformation as Renewal: Retrieving the One, Holy, Apostolic Church”, in *Themelios*, vol. 49, issue 1.
- APR 2016 Review of Luca Baschera, Bruce Gordon and Christian Moser (eds.). “Following Zwingli: Applying the Past in Reformation Zurich”, in *Themelios*, vol. 41, issue 1.
- APR 2014 Review of John D. Woodbridge and Frank A. James III. “Church History: From Pre-Reformation to the Present Day”, vol. 2, in *Themelios*, vol. 39, issue 1.
- Winter 2013 Review of Mark A. Noll. “Turning Points: Decisive Moments in the History of Christianity”, 3rd edition in *Southeastern Theological Review*, Vol. 4 no. 2, Winter 2013
- Summer 2013 Review of J. Stevenson and W.H.C Frend. “Creeds, Councils, and Controversies: Documents Illustrating the History of the Church, AD 337-461” in *Southeastern Theological Review*, Vol. 4 no. 1, Summer 2013

AWARDS:

- Summer 2021 **Southeastern Faculty Summer Research Grant**
Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary

- Oct 2006 **School of History Ph.D. Scholarship**
The University of St. Andrews
- May 2004 **Southeastern Leadership Award**
Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary
- Oct 1996 **Congressional Invitee to National Student Leadership
Forum on Faith and Values**
Washington, D.C.

ACADEMIC MEMBERSHIPS:

Sixteenth Century Society and Conference
Mennonite Historical Society
The Evangelical Theological Society

EDITORIAL WORK:

- July 2015 – July 2017 Book Review Editor, Church History and Historical Theology,
Themelios

MISSION TRIPS LED:

- March 2016 **Jupiter and Miami, Florida**
Providence Road Baptist Church / Southeastern Seminary
- March 2015 **Toronto, Canada**
Trinity Life Church / Southeastern Seminary
- June 2014 **Baltimore, Maryland**
Crossover 2014 / Southeastern Seminary
- Mar 2014 **Edinburgh, Scotland**
Niddrie Community Church and 20schemes / Southeastern Seminary
- Oct 2013 **Oaxaca, Mexico**
Seminario Teológico Bautista Dr. GH Lacy / Southeastern Seminary
- Jul 2013 **Seattle, WA**
Essential Church; Bellevue, WA / Southeastern Seminary

STUDY TOURS LED:

- July 2015, 2016, 2018
2019, 2022, 2023 **Oxford Study Tour**
Southeastern Baptist Seminary in concert with Southwestern Baptist
Seminary and Mid-Western Baptist Theological Seminary
- June 2017 **Reformation 500 Study Tour**
Southeastern Baptist Seminary; Germany and Switzerland
- June 2016 **Rome to Paris Study Tour**
Southeastern Baptist Seminary; Italy, Vatican City, Switzerland and
France

SPEAKING INVITATIONS:

- Oct 9, 2019 **Hobbs Lecture Series, “Sola Scriptura and the Reformation:
Scripture, Tradition, and Authority.”** Oklahoma Baptist
University; Shawnee, OK
- Aug 26, 2017 **Seminar Series, “The Reformation: A Complicated Celebration.”**
Mt. Zion Church; Cary, NC
- Aug 20, 2017 **Preaching, History of Missions, Evangelism and the Sacraments**
Open Door Baptist Church; Raleigh, NC
- Dec 28, 2014 **Pulpit Supply**
Duke Memorial Baptist Church; Spring Hope, NC
- June 19, 2014 **Theology Thursday: Short-term Mission Trips**
Called2Action Radio
- Oct 8-10, 2013 **Identidad Bautista: Quienes So Mos, Que Hace Mos?**
Seminario Teológico Bautista Dr. GH Lacy; Oaxaca, Mexico
- Aug 17, 2013 **Seminar Series, “Denominational Divisions,”**
Mt. Zion Church; Cary, NC
- Feb 2012 - Mar 2012 **Sunday Evening Series, “The Reformation,”**
Good Hope Baptist Church; Youngsville, NC

MINISTRY SERVICE:

- January 2023 - Present **Elder**
Open Door Baptist Church; Raleigh, NC

Aug 2013 - Present **Care Group Leader**
Open Door Baptist Church; Raleigh, NC

Aug 2013 - Present **Mentor – Equip Center**
Open Door Baptist Church; Raleigh, NC and Southeastern Seminary

Aug 2017 – Sept 2017 **Teacher – Reformation: Celebrating 500 Years of the Gospel”**
Open Door Baptist Church; Raleigh, NC

Oct 2013 - Nov 2013 **Teacher - Evening Discipleship Class, “Understanding the End Times,”** Open Door Baptist Church; Raleigh, NC

Jan 2012 **Teacher - Evening Discipleship Class, “Baptist Heritage,”**
Open Door Baptist Church; Raleigh, NC

Oct 2011 - Dec 2011 **Teacher - Evening Discipleship Class, “The Reformation,”**
Open Door Baptist Church; Raleigh, NC

Oct 2006 - Dec 2006 **Leader and Organizer – College Bible Study**
Saint Andrews Baptist Church; St. Andrews, Scotland

Apr 2006 **Coordinator and Instructor - Evangelism Training Series**
Saint Andrews Baptist Church; St. Andrews, Scotland

Mar 2006 **Guest Preacher**
Saint Andrews Baptist Church; St. Andrews, Scotland

Apr 2001 - Dec 2005 **Teacher - Adult Bible Fellowship Class**
Open Door Baptist Church; Raleigh, NC

LOCAL CHURCH MEMBERSHIP:

2000 – Present Open Door Baptist Church; Raleigh, NC

FAMILY:

Wife: Cara Brooke Eccher (married July 1999)

Daughters: Victoria Angelina (17), Emma Alessandra (13), Sophia Isabella (13), and Juliana Antonella (11)