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PERSONAL

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Home church: Highland Church of Christ, 425 Highland Avenue, Abilene, TX 79605

EXPERIENCE

Abilene Christian University

1600 Campus Court, Abilene, TX 79699

July 1996 — present

Carmichael-Walling Chair of NT and Early Christianity (2005 – present)

Associate Professor (2002 – present)

Awarded tenure (2002)

Assistant Professor (1996 – 2002)

- ▶ Interim Dean, College of Biblical Studies (2008).
- ▶ Cullen Research Grant recipient, “Humility, Knowledge, and Scholarship in Liber Graduum” (2007).
- ▶ Organizer, Carmichael-Walling Lectures (2005 – present).
- ▶ Cullen Research Grant recipient, “Introduction to the Life of Porphyry” (2005).
- ▶ NEH Summer Stipend recipient, “Syriac Version of John Chrysostom’s Homilies 1–30” (2004).
- ▶ New Faculty Mentor (2002 – 2005).
- ▶ CATLab Director (1999 – 2001).
- ▶ Spring Break Campaign mentor (1999 – 2003, 2005).
- ▶ Faculty Sponsor, Seekers of the Word student drama ministry (1998 – 2001).
- ▶ Restoration Quarterly Board member (2000 – present).
- ▶ Friends of the ACU Library Board member (2001 – 2005).
- ▶ Honors Professor of the Year (1997 – 1998).
- ▶ College of Biblical Studies Professor of the Year (1997 – 1998).
- ▶ Extensive diverse GST, CBS, and ACU committee involvement.
- ▶ Regular participant in ACU’s Study Abroad program (1997 – present).
- ▶ Various advisory roles, interdisciplinary activities, faculty development resource, pedagogical workshops, student mentoring and supervision
- ▶ Supervision and examination of M.A. Theses, D.Min. Project Theses, Comprehensive Exams
- ▶ Undergraduate courses include: Life & Teachings of Jesus (Honors), Acts–Revelation (Honors), Genesis–Esther, Job–Malachi, Story of Christian Spirituality, Church History, Intermediate New Testament Greek, Exegetical Greek Seminar, Christian Worship, Old Testament Theology, University Seminar (Honors), Symposium on Faith & Literature in Oxford.
- ▶ Graduate courses include: Church History I: Ancient & Medieval, Introductory Greek, Elementary Greek Readings, Elementary Syriac, Intermediate Syriac, Hermeneutics: History & Practice, Mission and Expansion of Christianity, New Testament Textual Criticism, Readings in Christian Spirituality, Theological Reflection in Practice, Issues in Hermeneutics, Christian Spiritual Formation, Missional Ecclesiology

Faculty of Oriental Studies, University of Oxford Oriental Institute, Pusey Lane, Oxford OX1 2LE
 1993 — 1996

Syriac Instructor

- ▶ Taught Syriac language classes and conducted Syriac studies tutorials.
- ▶ Undergraduate and postgraduate students.

Oxford Church of Christ St Mary's Road, Cowley, Oxford
 1992 — 1996

Volunteer

- ▶ Preaching, intergenerational teaching, worship leading.
- ▶ leadership and congregational development.

Jeanette Street Church of Christ 1701 West Elliott, Breckenridge, TX 76424
 1988 — 1992

Minister

- ▶ Weekly preaching, teaching.
- ▶ Comprehensive pastoral care.
- ▶ Leadership and congregational development.

West Alameda Church of Christ 2807 West Alameda, Roswell, NM 88203
 1986

Youth Intern

- ▶ Youth work, preaching, teaching.

Graybar Electric Company 13131 N Promenade Blvd Stafford, TX 77477
 1985 — 1986

Counter Service

- ▶ Counter sales, shipping and stocking, warehousing, inventory management.

TIMCO Construction Bakersfield, CA
 1985

Welder's Assistant; Electrician's Assistant

J & L Electric Bakersfield, CA
 1982 — 1984

Residential Wireman

- ▶ Residential and commercial apprentice electrical work, new and remodel.

EDUCATION

University of Oxford, Oxford, U.K.

1992 - 1996 Received D.Phil., Syriac Studies, June 1996; received M.St. (with Distinction), Syriac Studies, July 1993

Abilene Christian University, Abilene, TX

1988 - 1992 Received M.Div., May 1992; received M.A., New Testament Greek, July 1992 (Thesis: The Acts of the Apostles in the Old Georgian Version; Graduate Students Association award for Most Outstanding Scholarship in Graduate Studies, 1992); received B.A., Bible and Ministry, May 1989

San Jacinto Junior College, Pasadena, TX
1986 - 1988 Received A.A., English Literature, May 1988

South Houston Bible Institute, South Houston, TX
1985 - 1988 Received certificate of completion and ministerial ordination, May 1988

ORGANIZATIONS

Society of Biblical Literature (1996 – present)
North American Patristics Society (1996 – present)
American Academy of Religion (2001 – present)
Canadian Society of Syriac Studies (2001 – present)

PUBLICATIONS

Academic Publications

- “Virtuous Reading: Aphrahat’s Approach to Scripture.” In *Malphono w-Rabo d-Malphone: Studies in Honor of Sebastian P. Brock*, George Kiraz, ed. (Gorgias Eastern Christian Studies 3; Piscataway, NJ: Gorgias, 2008), 43–70.
- “Jacob Baradeus,” “Lebanese Christianity,” “Malankara Orthodox Syrian Church,” “Mandaeans.” Articles in *Encyclopedia of Christian Civilization*, George T. Kurian, ed. (Oxford: Blackwell) forthcoming.
- “Disciple of Scripture: Character and Exegesis in Aphrahat.” In *The Bible in Eastern and Oriental Orthodox Traditions*, ed. Vahan Hovhannessian (Turnhout: Brepols) forthcoming.
- “The Bible in the Languages of the East: Georgian.” In *New Cambridge History of the Bible*, vol. 4, *From c. 600 to c. 1450*, ed. Richard Marsden and E. Ann Matter (Cambridge: University Press) forthcoming.
- “A Broken Mind: The Path to Knowledge in Liber Graduum.” In *‘Breaking the Mind:’ New Perspectives on the Syriac Liber Graduum*, ed. Robert Kitchen and Kristian Heal (CUA Studies in Early Christianity; Washington, D.C.) forthcoming.
- “Abdisho bar Berikha,” “Abraham of Nathpar,” “Ananisho,” “Barhadbeshabba,” “Clement of Rome and Pseudo-Clementine Literature,” “Gregory of Cyprus,” “Henana,” “John bar Aphtenaya,” “John Chrysostom,” “Mani,” “Sian Fu,” “Thomas, Acts of.” Articles in *Encyclopedic Dictionary of the Syrac Heritage*, George Kiraz, ed. (Piscataway, NJ: Gorgias) forthcoming.
- “‘We Must Seek the Truth.’ Theological Scholarship in the Early Syriac Tradition.” *Restoration Quarterly* 49 (2007) 193–216.
- “‘Humility Begets Wisdom and Discernment’: Character and True Knowledge in Aphrahat.” In *Studia Patristica XLI*, ed. F. Young, M. Edwards, and P. Parvis (Leuven: Peeters, 2006) 13–22.
- “A Reluctant Bride: Finding a Life for Damaris of Athens (Acts 17:34).” In *Renewing Tradition: Studies in Texts and Contexts*, ed. Mark W. Hamilton, Thomas H. Olbricht, and Jeffrey Peterson (Princeton Theological Monograph Series; Eugene, OR: Pickwick, 2006) 207–35.
- ed. with D. C. Parker. *Transmission and Reception: New Testament Text-Critical and Exegetical Studies*. Texts and Studies 3.4. Piscataway, NJ: Gorgias, 2006.
- “The Life of Porphyry: Clarifying the Relationship of the Greek and Georgian Versions through the Study of New Testament Citations.” In *Transmission and Reception: New Testament Text-Critical and Exegetical Studies*, ed. J. W. Childers and D. C. Parker (Texts and Studies 3.4; Piscataway, NJ: Gorgias, 2006) 154–78.
- “Reading the Bible with Old Friends: The Value of Patristic Bible Interpretations for Ministry.” *Restoration Quarterly*

45 (2003) 65-84.

“Patristic Citations and Versional Evidence: The Syriac Version(s) of Chrysostom’s Homilies on Matthew and the Old Syriac Text.” *Le Muséon* 115 (2002) 129–56.

“The Georgian Life of Porphyry of Gaza.” In *Studia Patristica XXXV*, ed. M.F. Wiles and E.J. Yarnold (Leuven: Peeters, 2001) 374–84.

“The Syriac Evidence for the ‘Pre-Johannine Text’ of the Gospel: A Study in Method.” In *Studies in the Early Text of the Gospels and Acts*, ed. D.G.K. Taylor (Texts and Studies, 3.1; Birmingham: University Press, 1999) 49–85.

“Chrysostom’s Exegetical Homilies on the New Testament in Syriac Translation.” In *Studia Patristica XXXIII*, ed. E.A. Livingstone (Leuven: Peeters, 1997) 509–16.

“Dvin, Synod of,” “Eustathius the Cobbler,” “Funerary Practices,” “Kyrion,” “Peter the Iberian,” “Refrigerium,” “Shushanik.” *Articles in Encyclopedia of Early Christianity*, ed. Everett Ferguson, 2 vols. (2d ed.; New York: Garland Publishing, 1997).

“The Old Georgian Acts of the Apostles: A Progress Report.” *New Testament Studies* 42 (1996) 55–74.

with L. Curt Niccum. “Anti-feminist Tendency in the ‘Western’ Text of Acts.” In *Essays on Women in Earliest Christianity*. Ed. Carroll D. Osburn (Joplin, Missouri: College Press, 1993) 1.469–92.

“Corrigenda to Gérard Garitte’s Edition of the Old Georgian Acts,” *Oriens Christianus* 77 (1993) 243–8.

Reviews

Kees den Biesen. *Simple and Bold. Ephrem’s Art of Symbolic Thought*. Gorgias Dissertations 26, Early Christian Studies 6, Piscataway, NJ: Gorgias, 2006. In *Journal of Early Christian Studies* (forthcoming).

Graham N. Stanton, Bruce W. Longenecker, and Stephen C. Barton, eds. *The Holy Spirit and Christian Origins. Essays in Honor of James D.G. Dunn*. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2004. In *Restoration Quarterly* 49 (2007) 247–49.

Anthony C. Thiselton. *Thiselton on Heremeneutics. Collected Works with New Essays*. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2006. In *Restoration Quarterly* 49 (2007) 183–86.

William C. Weinrich, ed. *Revelation*. Ancient Christian Commentary on Scripture. New Testament XII. Downers Grove, Illinois: IVP, 2005. Judith L. Kovacs, ed. and trans. *1 Corinthians, Interpreted by Early Christian and Medieval Commentators*. The Church’s Bible. Grand Rapids, Michigan: Eerdmans, 2005. In *Restoration Quarterly* 49 (2007) 117–19.

Wayne C. Kannaday. *Apologetic Discourse and the Scribal Tradition. Evidence for the Influence of Apologetic Interests on the Text of the Canonical Gospels*. Text Critical Studies 5, Atlanta: SBL, 2004. In *Journal of Early Christian Studies* 14 (2006) 118–20.

Wayne Walden, ed. *Encyclopedia of the Formation of the Bible. Manuscripts and Translations*. Pub. by the editor, Wayne Walden, P.O. Box 1794, Nashville, TN 37011. In *Restoration Quarterly* 48 (2006) 123.

Mark Sheridan, ed. *Genesis 12–50*. Ancient Christian Commentary on Scripture. Old Testament II. Downers Grove, Illinois: IVP, 2002. Arthur A. Just Jr., ed. *Luke*. Ancient Christian Commentary on Scripture. New Testament III. Downers Grove, Illinois: IVP, 2003. Richard A. Norris Jr., ed. and trans. *The Song of Songs, Interpreted by Early Christian and Medieval Commentators*. The Church’s Bible. Grand Rapids, Michigan: Eerdmans, 2003. In *Restoration Quarterly* 47 (2005) 129-31.

Christopher R. Seitz, ed. *Nicene Christianity. The Future for a New Ecumenism*. Grand Rapids: Brazos, 2001. In *Restoration Quarterly* 47 (2005) 13–15.

Paul Blowers, et al., eds. In *Dominico Eloquentia—in Lordly Eloquence. Essays on Patristic Exegesis in Honor of Robert Louis Wilken*. Grad Rapids: Eerdmans, 2002. In *Restoration Quarterly* 46 (2004) 259–60.

Margaret M. Mitchell. *The Heavenly Trumpet: John Chrysostom and the Art of Pauline Interpretation*. Louisville: Westminster/John Knox, 2002. In *Interpretation* (July, 2003) 332–34.

- Siegmar Dopp and Wilhelm Geerling, eds. *Dictionary of Early Christian Literature*. New York: Crossroad, 2000. In *Restoration Quarterly* 45 (2003) 210.
- Kent L. Yinger. *Paul, Judaism, and Judgment according to Deeds*. Society for New Testament Studies Monograph Series 105. Cambridge: University Press, 1999. In *Religious Studies Review* 27 (2001) 297.
- Wendy Dabourne. *Purpose and Cause in Pauline Exegesis: Romans 1.16–4.25 and a New Approach to the Letters*. Society for New Testament Studies Monograph Series 104. Cambridge: University Press, 1999. In *Religious Studies Review* 26 (2000) 193.
- William Morrice. *Hidden Sayings of Jesus. Words Attributed to Jesus outside the Four Gospels*. Peabody, Massachusetts: Hendrickson, 1997. In *Restoration Quarterly* 44 (2002) 60–61.
- Anthony Meredith. *Gregory of Nyssa*. London: Routledge, 1999. In *Restoration Quarterly* 43 (2001) 127–28.
- E. Glenn Hinson. *The Church Triumphant. A History of Christianity up to 1300*. Macon, Georgia: Mercer, 1995. In *Restoration Quarterly* 41 (1999) 118–19.
- Clayton N. Jefford. *Reading the Apostolic Fathers. An Introduction*. Peabody, Mass.: Hendrickson, 1996. In *Restoration Quarterly* 41 (1999) 183–4.
- Bruce Manning Metzger. *Reminiscences of a Octogenarian*. Peabody, Mass.: Hendrickson, 1997. In *Restoration Quarterly* 41 (1999) 192.
- Robert H. Stein. *Playing by the Rules. A Basic Guide to Interpreting the Bible*. Grand Rapids: Baker, 1994. In *Restoration Quarterly* 40 (1998) 71–2.
- Jan Joosten. *The Syriac Language of the Peshitta & Old Syriac Versions of Matthew: Syntactic Structure, Inner-Syriac Developments & Translation Technique*. Studies in Semitic Languages and Linguistics XXII. Leiden: Brill, 1996. In *Religious Studies Review* 24 (1998) 302.
- Claude E. Cox. *Aquila, Symmachus and Theodotion in Armenia*. Septuagint and Cognate Studies 42. Atlanta: Scholars Press, 1996. In *Restoration Quarterly* 39 (1997) 187.

Pedagogical

- “iPhone Flash Cards—Greek, Hebrew, and Syriac.” iThinkEd (Fall 2008). <http://ithinked.com/archives/2008/10/iphone-flash-cards—greek-hebrew-syriac-dr-jeff-childers/#more-641> (Accessed 27 October 2008).
- “In-Class Grading with the iPhone/iPod Touch... Almost.” iThinkEd (Fall 2007). <http://ithinked.com/archives/2007/11/in-class-grading-with-the-iphoneipod-touch-almost-jeff-childers> (Accessed 24 September 2008).
- “iPhone Greek Flash Cards.” iThinkEd (Fall 2007). <http://ithinked.com/archives/2007/09/iphone-greek-flash-cards-dr-jeff-childers> (Accessed 24 September 2008).
- “Two Case Studies and Their Use in M.Div. Comprehensive Examinations.” *Journal for the Association of Case Teaching* 14–15 (2004–2005) 75–77.
- “Using Cases in Summative Evaluations in Ministry Formation Programs.” *Journal for the Association of Case Teaching* 12 (2001) 3–25.
- “When in Northumbria, Do as the Romans Do?” *Journal for Case Teaching* 9 (1997/1998) 9–18.

Church Related Publications

- “Is Jesus Enough?” *Gospel Tidings* 73 (February 2008) 21–22.
- “When Worlds Collide: Clashing Spiritual Styles in Church.” In *Good Shepherds: More Guidance for the Gentle Art of Pastoring*, ed. David Fleer and Charles Siburt (Abilene, TX: Leafwood, 2007) 63–85.
- “Moving to the Rhythms of Christian Life: Baptism for Children Raised in the Church.” In *Like a Shepherd Lead Us: Guidance for the Gentle Art of Pastoring*, ed. David Fleer and Charles Siburt (Abilene, TX: Leafwood, 2006)

95–122.

With F. Aquino. *At the River's Edge*. Abilene, TX: ACU Press, 2004.

With F. Aquino. *Unveiling Glory: Visions of Christ's Transforming Presence*. Abilene, TX: Abilene University Press, 2003.

With D. A. Foster and J. R. Reese. *The Crux of the Matter: Crisis, Tradition, and the Future of Churches of Christ*. 2d ed. Abilene, TX: ACU Press, 2001.

PRESENTATIONS

Academic

- “Virtuous Reading: Aphrahat’s Approach to Scripture.” “Bible in the Eastern and Oriental Orthodox Traditions” section. AAR/SBL Annual Meeting. San Diego. 17 November 2007
- “A Broken Mind: the Path to Knowledge in Liber Graduum.” 15th International Conference on Patristic Studies. University of Oxford. Oxford, U.K. 7 August 2007
- “A Reluctant Bride: Finding a Life for Damaris of Athens (Acts 17:34).” Christian Scholars Conference, Rochester Christian College. Rochester, Michigan. 22 June 2007
- “‘Breaking One’s Mind’—Theological Scholarship in the Early Syriac Tradition.” GST Faculty Colloquium. Abilene Christian University, Abilene, TX. 28 March 2007
- “Life of Porphyry of Gaza.” North American Patristics Society annual meeting, Chicago, 3 May 2005.
- “‘Christ has Conquered through his Servant:’ Christianizing a Late Antique Pagan Culture,” Faculty Renewal Leave report to ACU faculty, Abilene TX, 25 October 2004.
- “Purity of Vision. Character and True Knowledge in Syriac Theology.” 14th International Conference on Patristic Studies. Oxford, England. August 20, 2003.
- “Thinking about Jesus—Then and Now. The Contemporary Significance of the Christological Controversies in the Restoration Movement.” Restoration Theological Research Forum, Boston, Massachusetts, 20 November 1999.
- “The Lives of St. Porphyry of Gaza.” XIII International Conference on Patristic Studies, University of Oxford, Oxford U.K., August 1999.
- “St. Porphyry of Gaza,” ACU faculty pre-session conference, 18 August 1998.
- “Steps Beyond Perfection: The Syriac ‘Book of Steps’ and Coping with Diversity in the Church,” Restoration Quarterly Breakfast address, ACU, 24 February 1998.
- “Patristic Citations and Versional Evidence: The Syriac Version(s) of Chrysostom’s Homilies on Matthew and the Old Syriac Text,” Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, New Testament Textual Criticism section, San Francisco CA, 22 November 1997.
- “The Syriac Evidence for the ‘Pre-Johannine Text’ of the Gospel: A Study in Method,” Colloquium on the Text Critical Study of the New Testament, University of Birmingham, Birmingham U.K., 16 April 1997.
- “The Influence of St. John Chrysostom’s Exegeses on Syriac-Speaking Christianity,” Patristic and Byzantine Society Meeting, House of St. Gregory and St. Macrina, Oxford U.K., November 1995.
- “Chrysostom’s Exegetical Homilies on the New Testament in Syriac Translation,” XII International Conference on Patristic Studies, University of Oxford, Oxford U.K., August 1995.
- “The Old Georgian Acts of the Apostles,” XI International Conference on Patristic Studies, University of Oxford, Oxford U.K., August 1991.

Pedagogical

- “Talking Pictures: Podcasting a Slideshow,” Faculty Presentation with Brian Burton, Adams Center, ACU. 16 April 2008.
- “A Broken Mind: The Path to Knowledge in *Liber Graduum*. Implications for Teaching and Mentoring.” Faculty presentation, Adams Center, ACU. 18 February 2008.
- “Why Spiritual Reaffirmation,” Faculty Presentation, Abilene TX, 18 August 2004.
- “Theological Reflection.” Presentation to Psychology Faculty, ACU. 4 March 2003.
- “The Craft of Teaching: What Does it Mean to be an Incarnational Teacher?” ACU Faculty Pre-session Conference, with Fred Aquino. 11 January 2004.
- “If Theology is the Answer, what was the Question?” Friday Faculty Forum presentation. Adams Center for Teaching Excellence. ACU. 11 October 2002.
- “Faith in Learning.” Presentation to Integrating Faith & Theology Discussion Group. Adams Center for Teaching Excellence. ACU. 22 March 2002.
- “Integrating Faith & Learning,” New Faculty mentoring presentation, Center for Teaching Excellence, ACU, March 1999.
- “The Outrageous Idea of Christian Scholarship,” Panelist in Faculty Discussion of George Marsden’s book, Center for Teaching Excellence, ACU, 12 February 1999.
- “Building CATLab Presentations,” Leaders in Christian Education Workshop, ACU, 23 July 1998.
- “Hermeneutics: History and Practice,” presentation on new integrative M.Div. capstone curriculum, College of Biblical Studies Faculty pre-session conference, Camp Butman, 19 August 1998; also as Faculty Development Stipend Report, Center for Teaching Excellence, ACU, April 1998.

Church-related

- ▶ Preaching, Youth Meetings, etc. at numerous U.S. and U.K. congregations.
 - ▶ Highland Church of Christ High School Class Planning Team, 2003–present.
 - ▶ Elementary, Middle School, and High School class teaching, Highland Church of Christ, 2000–present.
- VBS teaching and youth work. Kenai Fellowship Church of Christ. Kenai, AK. 1–7 June 2008.
- “When Worlds Collide: Coping with Clashing Styles of Spirituality.” Kenai Fellowship Church of Christ. Kenai, AK. 1 June 2008.
- “Three Things I Learned on the Job(s).” Honors Program chapel speech. ACU. 17 October 2007.
- “Is Jesus Enough? The Consequences of Reform.” Paper respondent, GraceTalk Conference, Farmers Branch, TX. 5 October 2007.
- “Breach in the Wall;” “The Lost Jesus Tomb.” Jeanette St. Church of Christ. Breckenridge, TX. 4 March 2007.
- “When Worlds Collide: Coping with Clashing Spirituality Styles in Church.” Minter Lane Church of Christ. Abilene, TX. 11 October 2006.
- “Faith Formation: Teaching Children to Dance.” Highland Church of Christ. Abilene, TX. 25 June 2006.
- “Salvation in Oriental Christian Spirituality,” “Unknowing: Learning the Power of Passivity in an Active World,” and “Christians in the Middle East,” 1st Central Presbyterian Church, Abilene TX, 15, 22, 29 September 2004.
- “Visualizing the Picture.” Minter Lane Church of Christ, Abilene TX, 3 March 2004.
- “Story of our Heritage.” Highland Church of Christ. 3 December 2003.
- “The Incarnation,” “The Atonement,” “The Resurrection.” Highland Church of Christ. June 4, 11, 18 2003.
- Green Lectures. Alameda Church of Christ. Norman, Oklahoma. April 4-6, 2003.
- “Picturing your Walk with God: Images of the Spiritual Life.” Three sessions. William M. Green Distinguished

- Christian Scholar Lecture Program. Pepperdine University, Malibu, California. 21–22 October 2002.
- “The Good Reader Makes for Good Reading.” WB West Lectures, Dialogue with Stafford North on Hermeneutics. Harding Graduate School, Memphis, Tennessee. 7 February 2002.
- “Surveying the Landscape: Various Views on the Role of Women in the Public Assembly.” Highland Church of Christ, Abilene TX. 13 January 2002.
- “A Delightful Inheritance: Telling the Story of your Church Heritage,” Quaker Avenue Church of Christ, Lubbock TX, 17 June 2001.
- “Installing Windows and Mirrors: The Value of Church History for Today’s Church,” Ranger Church of Christ, Ranger TX, 13 June 2001
- “Tuning in to the NBC Network,” Restoration Quarterly luncheon address, Malibu CA, 4 May 2001.
- “A Fresh Start: Beginning the Journey (Acts 2:38–40),” ACU Lectureship Keynote address, Abilene TX, 19 February 2001.
- “Fatherhood of God,” Columbine Church of Christ, Littleton CO, 18 June 2000.
- “Early Christian Spirituality,” Sunset Ridge Church of Christ, San Antonio TX, 9 April 2000.
- “Picturing your Walk with the Lord,” Belton Church of Christ, Belton, TX, 26 March 2000.
- “Beliefs and Practices of the Orthodox Church.” Balkans Summit, ACU, Abilene, TX. 5 November 1999.
- “Syrian Missionaries in China.” Missions Seminar, ACU, Abilene, TX. 9 June 1999.
- “Gospel of John,” Hillcrest, Abilene TX, 5, 12, 19 May 1999.
- “Christian Corporate Spirituality,” 11th & Willis Church of Christ, Abilene, TX, 1 November 1998.
- “Growing Spiritually in the Church,” University Church of Christ, Abilene, TX, 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 September 1998.

WORKSHOPS & SEMINARS

- “Practical Spirituality: Discovering Your Different Spiritual Styles,” “Practical Spirituality: Practicing Spiritual Leadership Where You Are.” Equipping workshop. Kenai Fellowship Church of Christ. Kenai, AK. 3–4 June 2008.
- “When Worlds Collide: Coping with Clashing Styles of Spirituality in Church, Parts I–II.” Elderlink presentations. Rancho Cordova Church of Christ. Sacramento, CA. 2 February 2008.
- “When Worlds Collide: Learning to Cope with Clashing Styles of Spirituality, Parts I–II.” Plenary presentation, Elderlink. Highland Oaks Church of Christ. Dallas, TX. 10 November 2007.
- “Churches of Christ: Who Are We?” Open Forum presentation with Jerry Jones. Quest: Equipping the Local Church. Oklahoma Christian. Oklahoma City, OK. 1 June 2007.
- “Historical-Critical Reading as Spiritual Practice 1: Checking the Self;” “Historical-Critical Reading as Spiritual Practice 2: Exegesis as Humility.” ACU Ministry Summit. Abilene, TX. 20 April 2007.
- “Good Shepherds.” Panel discussion participant. ACU Lectureship. Abilene, TX. 17 September 2007.
- “When Worlds Collide: Learning to Cope with Clashing Styles of Spirituality in Church.” Three sessions. Elderlink. Cascade College, Portland, Oregon. 6–7 October 2006.
- “Deciphering the DaVinci Code and the Gospel of Judas: A Romp through History, Manuscript Discoveries, and the Pathways of Contemporary Culture.” Three presentations. ACU Lectureship. 18–20 September 2006.
- “Jesus and the Da Vinci Code: An Opportunity to Share the Gospel.” Gospel and Culture Coffee House. ACU Lectureship. 17 September 2006.

- “When Worlds Collide. Coping with Clashing Spirituality Styles in Church..” Weekend Leaders Retreat. Meadowlark Rd. Church of Christ. Ft. Collins, CO. 9–11 June 2006.
- “When Worlds Collide. Coping with Clashing Spirituality Styles in Church. 1: A Model for Understanding; 2: A Foundational Theology for Growth; 3: A Workable Approach.” Pepperdine Lectures. 3–5 May 2006.
- “A Matter of Timing. Baptism for Children Raised in the Church.” Pepperdine Lectures. 4 May 2006.
- “A Matter of Timing: Preparing Children for Baptism.” Two presentations. Elderlink Houston, 15–16 April 2005.
- “Let the Little Children Come.” Three presentations, Tulsa Soul-Winning Workshop, 24–26 March 2005.
- “From Birth to Baptism.” Three presentations (with Shelley Nielson). ACU Lectureship. 21–23 February 2005.
- “Who is Jesus?” “Salvation as New Creation,” and “At the River’s Edge.” Conversation 2004 Workshop, Burlington Church of Christ, Burlington MA, 8–9 October 2004.
- “Viewing Jesus from the Riverbank,” and “Children and Baptism,” ACU Summer Workshop Keynote Addresses, Abilene TX, 29, 31 July 2004.
- “Spiritual Formation,” Salvador Mission Team workshop, Continent of Great Cities, Abilene TX, 19 May 2004.
- “The Gospel & the Lord of the Rings.” Gospel & Culture Coffeehouse, ACU Lectureship, 24 February 2004.
- “Discipleship,” “Why Did Jesus Come?” “Pictures of Salvation 1–2,” and “Hope of Resurrection.” Fall Workshop. Rincon Church of Christ, Rincon Georgia. 12–14 October 2003.
- Unveiling Glory presentations. ACU Board of Trustees Retreat. 11–13 July 2003.
- “Unveiling Glory. 1: Exploring Christology with Churches of Christ;” 2: “Different Views of the Atonement;” 3: “The Aim of Transformation.” Pepperdine Lectureship. April 30–2 May 2003.
- Unveiling Glory 1: Will the Real Jesus Please Stand Up?” “Rediscovering Ourselves within God’s Son,” and “Finding Your Life’s Purpose.” ACU Lectureship. 24–26 February 2003.
- The Role of Prayer Communities in the History of Missions. Presentation given in Missions Forum. Abilene, TX. 3 April 2002.
- Language of Kingdom. Presentation/dialogue with Katie Hays at the Ministry Summit. March 26, 2002. ACU.
- “A Winding Road Well-Worn: Struggling to Live the Spiritual Life, 1: Pathway to Practical Spiritual Life,” “2: Spirituality of Depression,” and “3: Role of Godly Tension” February 18, 2002. ACU Lectureship. 18–20 February 2002.
- “The Crux of the Matter: Crisis, Tradition, and the Future of Churches of Christ,” Pepperdine Lectureship classes, Malibu CA, 2–4 May 2001.
- “Tradition,” ACU Board Retreat, Tapatillo Springs TX, 15 July 2000.
- “Cross-Cultural Ministry,” Young Preachers Retreat, Camp Butman TX, 23–25 February 2000.
- “Revelation as a Worship Sourcebook,” Expositors Seminar, Cascade College, Portland OR, 31 January–2 February 2000; also at ACU Lectureship, ACU, 23 February 1999.
- “Preaching with the Church Fathers,” Sermon Seminar, Institute for Christian Studies, Austin TX, 26 May 1999.
- “The Fullness of Christ: Paul’s Vision for Church Growth (Ep 4:1–16),” and “Equipping the Saints for Ministry: Provoking Implications from Ephesians 4:1–16,” South Houston Bible Institute Annual Workshop, Quaker Ave. Church, Lubbock, TX, 16–17 April 1999.
- “Contemporary Worship.” Young Preachers Retreat, Camp Butman, TX. 25 February 1999.
- “Revelation as a Worship Sourcebook,” ACU Lectureship, ACU, 23 February 1999.
- “Indirect Access to John: John’s Gospel and Spirituality,” Bible Teachers Workshop, ACU, 23 July 1998.
- “Jesus: Leading by Example,” and “Jesus: A Nurturing Leader,” Elders and Church Leaders Workshop, ACU, 21–22

July 1998.

“Grace and Law,” in High Wycombe Leadership Seminar, High Wycombe Church of Christ, High Wycombe U.K., June 1995.

“Patristic Theology of Labor,” “Patristic Theology of Music,” “The Significance of Christology,” in “Spirituality through the Ages” seminar, Nottingham U.K., June 1994.

“The Word of God in Your Own Words: Bible Translation, Then and Now,” Quaker Ave. Church, Lubbock TX, March 1991.

CONSULTING (SOME EXAMPLES)

“Digging for the Truth: the ‘Lost Tomb of Jesus.’” Consultation for newspaper article, Abilene Reporter News (16 March 2007)

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