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I lead an academic library, working with teams of librarians, information specialists, media specialists, programmers, technologists, designers, editors, and other scholars to realize the library's full potential for advancing the university and the broader society.

Education

Ph.D., 2004

Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia

Primary Areas: History and Literature of the Ancient Mediterranean World and Early Christianity

Graduated with distinction

M.L.I.S., 2004

University of South Carolina, Columbia, South Carolina

Primary Areas: Digital Libraries, Special Collections, and Archives

M.A., 1998

University of Chicago Divinity School, Chicago, Illinois

Primary Areas: History and Religion of Israel, Christian Origins

B.A., 1995

University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, Arkansas

Primary Areas: Double Major in Classical Studies and Philosophy

Graduated Summa cum Laude, Class Valedictorian, Phi Beta Kappa

Employment

Dean of Library Services and Educational Technology
Abilene Christian University, Abilene, Texas
8/11 – Present

Professor of Library and Information Science
Abilene Christian University, Abilene, TX
8/11 – Present

Visiting Professor of Church History
Candler School of Theology, Course of Study
Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia
9/04 – Present

Library Director
The Burke Theological Library, Columbia University, New York
8/09 – 8/11

Professor of Theological Librarianship
Union Theological Seminary, New York, NY
8/09 – 8/11

Head of Public Services and Reference Librarian
Pitts Theology Library, Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia.
5/05 – 7/09

Adjunct Professor of New Testament
Emory University
1/06 – 7/09

Reference and Periodicals Librarian
Pitts Theology Library, Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia.
7/04 – 5/05

Publications: Books

Spiritual Disciplines in Digital Culture (Manuscript completed with publication forthcoming).

Reading for Faith and Learning (Book under contract with Abilene Christian University Press)

Plots of Epiphany: Prison Escape in Acts of the Apostles. Zeitschrift für die neutestamentliche Wissenschaft 131. Berlin and New York: Walter de Gruyter, 2004.

Publications: Essays and Articles

“The Bible in Digital Culture,” in *Oxford Handbook of the Bible in America* (Oxford University Press, forthcoming).

“Transforming Practice: American Bible Reading in Digital Culture,” in *The Bible in American Life* (Oxford University Press, forthcoming)

“UXperimentation: The Library as Design Studio.” *ATLA Summary of Proceedings* (2016, Forthcoming).

“The American Theological Library Association (ATLA) as Community of Faith: Surveying Members’ Relationship to Religious Faith.” *ATLA Summary of Proceedings* (2015, Forthcoming).

“Libraries, Makerspaces, and Constructionist Learning: The Maker Lab at Abilene Christian University.” *ATLA Summary of Proceedings* 68 (2014): 126-131.

“TCAL Task Force on Shared Print Collections: Report to the Board of the Texas Council of Academic Libraries (TCAL).” June 2, 2014. <http://bit.ly/1mD6ljy>.

“The Theological Library in the Age of Technology.” *In Trust Magazine* (Summer 2013).

“Trust in Libraries: 2012 ATLA Presidential Address.” *ATLA Summary of Proceedings* 66 (2012): 9-15.

“Technology for ministry: pedagogy for theological practices with new media.” *ATLA Summary of Proceedings* (2011): 195-196.

“Accordance Bible Software in Reading and Teaching: The Difference a Digital Text Makes.” *Advances in the Study of Information and Religion* 1 (2011): 225-231.

“BibleWorks Software in Reading and Teaching: The Difference a Digital Text Makes.” *ATLA Summary of Proceedings* 64 (2010): 225-240.

“Theological Libraries and The Next Christendom: Connecting North American Theological Education to Uses of the Book in the Global South,” *Theological Librarianship* 1.2 (Winter 2008): 38-48.

"The Noble and Good Heart: Kalokagathia in Luke's Parable of the Sower," in *Scripture and Traditions: Essays on Early Judaism and Christianity in Honor of Carl R. Holladay*. Edited by Patrick Gray and Gail R.O'Day. Leiden: Brill, 2008, 151-171.

"Narratives of Reading in Luke-Acts," in *Theological Librarianship* 1.1 (June 2008): 22-37.

"New Faces, New Readers: Uses of the Book in the "Next Christendom," *ATLA Summary of Proceedings* 62 (2008): 234-246

"Inspiring Places: Cultivating a Culture of Customer Service in Theological Libraries," *ATLA Summary of Proceedings* (2008).

"Assessing the Reference Librarian as a Collaborative Knowledge Worker." *ATLA Summary of Proceedings* 61 (2007): 172-177.

"Raising the Standard: Library Workshops and the Requirements for ATS Accreditation." *ATLA Summary of Proceedings* 61 (2007): p 22-26.

"Assessment of Atlanta Theological Association (ATA) Library Resources for Joint THD in World Christianity." (Commissioned report submitted to ATA, 5/1/2007).

"Special Collections and the Seeds of Virtue and Knowledge," *ATLA Summary of Proceedings* (2006): 207-13.

"Search Engines, Databases, and the Contexts of Information Literacy Instruction," *ATLA Summary of Proceedings* (2006): 234-40.

"Models for Information Literacy," *ATLA Summary of Proceedings* (2005): 159.

"Teaching the Unity of Luke-Acts," Pages 330-331 in *Teaching the Bible: Practical Strategies for Classroom Instruction*. Edited by Mark Roncace and Patrick Gray. Atlanta: Society of Biblical Literature, 2005.

"The Nature of History in Acts of the Apostles," Pages 335-336 in *Teaching the Bible: Practical Strategies for Classroom Instruction*. Edited by Mark Roncace and Patrick Gray. Atlanta: Society of Biblical Literature, 2005.

Publications: Book Reviews

Review of William Sanger Campbell, *The "We" Passages in the Acts of the Apostles: The Narrator as Narrative Character* (Atlanta: Society of Biblical Literature, 2007). *Religious Studies Review*.

Review of Jaroslav Pelikan, *Acts, Brazos Theological Commentary on the Bible* (Grand Rapids: Brazos, 2006), in *Calvin Theological Journal* 41.2 (2006): 358-9.

Review of Michael Battles, *Library: An Unquiet History* (W. W. Norton, 2003), in *Theological Education* 40.1 (2004): 131-133.

Selected Presentations

“Baptism as Sacrament and/or Command.” Paper presentation at ACU Summit. Abilene, TX. September 21, 2016.

“The Sacramental Command.” Sermon at Candler School of Theology. Atlanta, GA. July 15, 2016.

“Spiritual Disciplines in the Archive.” Keynote presentation at Colloquy on Pedagogy of the Archive. Grapevine, TX. March 10, 2016.

“Digital Storytelling as an Educational and Spiritual Practice.” Roundtable presentation for the Abilene Writers Guild. Abilene, TX. September 23, 2015.

“Big Data Futures: Cloud Based Research and Instruction for Higher Education.” Presentation for Go-to-Market Think-Tank Meeting. Adobe Systems Inc. New York, NY. September 17, 2015.

“The Story of Christian Spirituality: Its Creative Power for Management.” Paper presentation at the Spirituality and Creativity in Management World Congress. Barcelona, Spain. April 24, 2015.

“The Library as Culture Maker.” Keynote Presentation at Library Futures Colloquium, “Embrace the Change: Transforming Libraries in the 21st Century.” Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, November 13, 2014.

“The Library Building and Learning Spaces.” Presentation to the Board of Trustees of Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, Pittsburgh, PA, November 12, 2014.

“TCAL Task Force on Shared Print Collections. Report to the Board of the Texas Council of Academic Libraries (TCAL).” TCAL Annual Meeting. Austin, TX, September 22, 2014.

“The Introduction to Theological Bibliography and Research: The Past, Present, and Future of a Genre.” Discussion group presentation for the American Theological Librarian Association, Annual Conference, New Orleans, LA, June 20, 2014.

“New Horizons for 3D Scanning and Printing in Academic Libraries.” Lightning round presentation for Smithsonian X 3D Conference, Washington, D.C., Nov 14, 2013.

"Theological Libraries Negotiating Digital Culture: A North American Perspective." Keynote address for 42nd General Assembly of Bibliothèques Européennes de Théologie (BETH), Paris, France, September 14, 2013.

"The Pedagogies of Teaching Technology for Christian Ministry." ACCESS Conference. Abilene Christian University. March 4, 2013.

"The Future of Educational Technology." American Theological Library Database Consultation. Chicago, IL. Dec 19, 2012.

"The Future of Education on the Web." Lilly Endowment Websites Consultation. Durham, NC. Oct. 8 2012.

"The Library and Biblical Hospitality." ACU Summit, Abilene Christian University. Abilene Texas. September 2012.

"A Future for Christian University Partnerships." Panel presentation for the Christian Scholars Conference, Nashville, TN. June 8, 2012.

"Restorative Conservation of Rare Books and Manuscripts." Panel presentation for the American Theological Librarian Association, Annual Conference, Chicago, IL, June 17, 2011.

"Insights From U.S. Academic Library Directors." Lecture at the Adams Center for Teaching and Learning, Abilene Christian University, April 11, 2011.

"Uncovering a Hidden Collection: The Archives of the Missionary Research Library." Council of Columbia Library and Information Professionals, January 21, 2010.

"A Threefold Strategy for Assessing Library Services and Spaces," Columbia University Libraries Assessment Forum, New York, NY, July 7, 2010."

"From Good to Great: Organizational Principles Guiding The Burke Library." Council of Columbia Library and Information Professionals, April 9, 2010.

"Glocal Futures: The Burke Library and Theologies of New York City." Friends of The Burke Library Lecture. Union Theological Seminary, New York, NY, November 2009.

"Digitization of Library and Archives Materials: A Multimodal Approach." Workshop presentation for the American Theological Librarian Association, Annual Conference, St Louis, MO, June 2009.

"Next Generation Library Systems for Theological and Religious Studies." Panel presentation proposal for the American Theological Librarian Association, Annual Conference, St Louis, MO, June 2009.

“The Hermeneutics of Hospitality: Luke 24 and Understanding the Strange(r).” Paper presentation for the American Biblical Hermeneutics section of the Southeast Regional Society of Biblical Literature and American Schools of Oriental Research Meeting, Atlanta, GA, March 8, 2008.

“Assessing the Reference Librarian as a Collaborative Knowledge Worker.” Paper presentation for a panel discussion on Refereed Reference: Measuring and Enhancing Library Services Through a Web-Based Tracking System. American Theological Librarian Association, Annual Conference, Philadelphia, PA, June 15 2007.

“Raising the Standard: Library Workshops and the Requirements for ATS Accreditation.” Paper presentation for a pre-conference workshop on The Library Workshop: Theology, Pedagogy, and Promotion. American Theological Librarian Association, Annual Conference, Philadelphia, PA, June 13, 2007.

“Ancient Nobility and the Anthropology of Faith in Acts 17.” Paper presentation for the New Testament section of the Southeast Regional Society of Biblical Literature and American Schools of Oriental Research Meeting, Nashville, TN, March 17, 2007.

“Integrating Special Collections into the Graduate Curriculum.” Paper presentation for a panel discussion on Innovative Uses of Archival Primary Source Material across the Curriculum. Georgia Conference on Information Literacy, Savannah, GA, October 6, 2006.

“The Politics of Epiphany in the Dionysian Resistance Myths.” Society of Biblical Literature, Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA, November 24, 2003.

“Mythistory in Luke-Acts and Artapanus’ Concerning the Jews.” Society of Biblical Literature, Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA, November 23, 2003.

Teaching Experience

Abilene Christian University, Abilene, TX
Intro. to New Testament: Life and Teachings of Jesus 2015, 2016
Spiritual Disciplines in Digital Culture 2015
What would Jesus Hack? Maker Movement and Christianity 2014
Christian Formation in Digital Culture 2014
Christian Ministry in Digital Culture 2013

Columbia University/Union Theological Seminary, New York, NY
Research Practices for Theological Inquiry 2010
Technology for Ministry 2010

Emory University, Candler School of Theology. Atlanta, GA

Technology for Ministry	2008, 2009
Research Practices for Theological Inquiry	2008, 2009
New Testament and Mission	2008
Introduction to Lexical Greek	2002
Emory University, Candler School of Theology, Course of Study	
Christian Ministry in Digital Culture	2013
Introduction to Hebrew Bible	2007, 2008
Introduction to New Testament	2005, 2007, 2008
Introduction to Social and Personal Ethics	2007
Introduction to Christian History: Reformation	2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016
Introduction to Christian History: Early/Medieval	2006, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016
Emory University, Emory College (Undergraduate)	
Introduction to Religion: Christianity and Islam	2005, 2007, 2008
Introduction to Religious Texts: The Ancient Novel	2003
Mercer University, McAfee School of Theology, Atlanta	
Introduction to Greek	2008

Recent Academic Awards

2016 Large Project Grant, Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning.

2016 Cullen Research Grant, Abilene Christian University.

2014 Pursuit Research Grant for Undergrad Research, Abilene Christian University.

2014 Project Grant for Researchers, Louisville Institute.

2013 American Theological Library Association Publication Grant.

2013 SMU Bridwell Library Research Fellowship.

2008 Building Bridges Award. Islamic Speaker's Bureau of Atlanta.

This award is given to individuals and organizations strategically acting on the value of building bridges of understanding and tolerance in the metro Atlanta community. The ISB (www.isbatlanta.org) is an educational outreach organization established in August of 2001.

Committee/Group Services at Abilene Christian University

ACU Press, Executive Board (2014 – Present)
ACU Center for Heritage and Renewal in Spirituality, Board (2013 – Present)
Deans Council (2011– Present)
Provost Cabinet (2011 – Present)
Library Leadership Team (2011 – Present)
ACU Strategic Planning Task Force (2014 — Present)
Library Strategic Planning Implementation Team (2011 – Present)
ACU Maker Lab Council and Advisory Board (2013 – Present)
Leadership Team, Center for Heritage and Renewal in Spirituality (2012 – Present)
LINK Academic Technology Committee (2011 – Present)
Intellectual Property Policy Task Force (Fall 2013)
Online Learning Task Force (2012-2013)
ACU CitySquare Research and Development Team (5/2012 – 12/2012)
Chairperson for two national searches for senior leadership positions at ACU (2012-2013)

Committee/Group Service at Columbia University:

Distinctive Collections Committee (2009 – Present)
Reference Coordinating Committee (2009 – 2011)
Collections and Services Management Committee (2009 – 2011)
Collection Steering Committee (2009 – 2011)
Academic Affairs Committee (UTS) (2009 – 2011)
Strategic Planning Committee (UTS) (2009 – 2011)
Four Hiring Committees (2009-2011)

Service at Emory University

Committee/Group Next Generation Systems Strategic Planning Group (2005 – 2009)
Digital Projects Working Group, EUL (2007 – 2009)
E-Metrics Working Group, EUL (April 2008 – 2009)
Teaching Technology Task Force, Candler (June 2008 – 2009)
Library, Media, and Technology Committee, Candler (2006 – 2009)
Mission Task Force, Pitts Theology Library (2007 – 2009)
iTunes University Implementation Team, EUL (2007 – 2008)
Hiring Committee for Chief Information Technologist (2007 – 2008)
Client Care Task Force, Pitts Theology Library (2007 – 2008)
Nine Hiring Committees

Professional Societies

American Library Association

American Theological Library Association
Society of Biblical Literature
Texas Council of Academic Libraries
Texas Library Association

Professional Service

TCAL Shared Collections Task Force (2014-2015)
ATLA Board of Directors (2010-13), President (2011-12)
ATLA Annual Conference Committee, Chair & Vice-Chair (2007-08)
ATLA Public Services Interest Group, Steering Committee (2006-09)

Languages

Reading competency in Biblical Hebrew, Greek, Latin, German, and French.