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PERSONAL:

Born: January 18, 1984, San José, California  
Married: Joy Simmons, June 23, 2007

EDUCATION:

Ph.D., Church History & Historical Theology  
Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, 2020  
Dissertation: “Christianity at the Crossroads: William Louis Poteat and Liberal Religion in the Baptist South”  
Supervisor: Gregory A. Wills

Th.M., Historical & Theological Studies  
Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, 2020

Th.M., Church History & Historical Theology  
Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, 2014

M.A., Theology  
New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, 2012  
Thesis: “A Modern Analysis of John L. Dagg’s *Manual of Theology*”

B.A., Major: Bible & Theology, Minor: History  
Evangel University (formerly Central Bible College), 2009

FELLOWSHIPS:

St. John Fellowship – Center for Pastor Theologians, 2020–Present  
Archie K. Davis Fellowship of the North Caroliniana Society, 2019–2020

HONORS AND AWARDS: Central Bible College: Outstanding History Student Award, 2009

PUBLICATIONS:

*California Dreaming: Evangelical Christianity and American Culture in the Golden State* (under contract with Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing)

Chapter: “The Latino Church: A Story of Complexity and Its Challenges Today” in *Confronting Racial Injustice: Theory and Praxis for the Church*. Eugene, OR: Cascade, 2022

*The Spirituality of Love in Andrew Fuller’s Ordination Sermons*. Louisville, KY: Andrew Fuller Center for Baptist Studies, 2018

#### PAPERS:

“Bible-Belt Baptists on the West Coast: California as a Southern Baptist State.” Annual Meeting of the Evangelical Theological Society, San Diego, CA (November 20, 2024)

“Facing the Challenges of Modernity: William L. Poteat and Augustus H. Strong in Contrast.” Annual Meeting of the Evangelical Theological Society, San Antonio, TX (November 15, 2023)

“The Mission of Social Righteousness: the Social Gospel Impulse among Southern Baptists.” Annual Meeting of the Evangelical Theological Society, Denver, CO (November 15, 2022)

“A Spirituality of Love: Andrew Fuller and the Virtue of Love in Pastoral Ministry.” St. John Symposium, Center for Pastor Theologians, June 8, 2021

“A Southern Prophet for Evolution: Early Theistic Evolution Among Southern Baptists.” Southeastern Regional Conference of the Evangelical Theological Society, virtual meeting, March 19, 2021

“The Triumph of a Southern Baptist Liberal: William Louis Poteat and the Fundamentalist-Modernist Controversy in North Carolina.” Evangelical Theological Society, virtual meeting, November 16, 2020

“Pentecostalism’s Pioneering Doctrine: Charles Parham’s Theology of Holy Spirit Baptism.” Delivered at the Annual Meeting of the Evangelical Theological Society, Denver, CO, November 14, 2018

#### JOURNAL ARTICLES:

“To Love the Souls of the People: Andrew Fuller and the Virtue of Love in Pastoral Ministry.” *Bulletin of Ecclesial Theology*, Vol 9.1 (September 2022): 85-99

#### BOOK REVIEWS:

Daniel G. Hummel, *The Rise and Fall of Dispensationalism: How the Evangelical Battle over the End Times Shaped a Nation* (Eerdmans 2023) at London Lyceum (March 29, 2024) <https://thelondonlyceum.com/book-review-the-rise-and-fall-of-dispensationalism/>

Keith Harper, ed. *Southern Baptists Re-Observed: Perspectives on Race, Gender, and Politics*, in *Journal of Southern History* 89.4 (November 2023): 786-787

James C. Ungureanu, *Science, Religion, and the Protestant Tradition: Retracing the Origins of Conflict*, in *Fides et Historia* 42.2 (Summer/Fall 2022): 178-180

J. Stanley Lemons, *Retracing Baptists in Rhode Island: Identity, Formation, and History*, in *The Southern Baptist Journal of Theology* 24.3 (Fall 2020): 167-170

Darren E. Grem, Ted Ownby, and James G. Thomas, Jr., eds, *Southern Religion, Southern Culture: Essays Honoring Charles Reagan Wilson*, in *Journal for Baptist Theology and Ministry* 16.2 (Fall 2019): 104-106

Brian J. Arnold, *Cyprian of Carthage: His Life & Impact* for Books at a Glance (June 6, 2018) <http://www.booksataglance.com/book-reviews/cyprian-of-carthage-his-life-and-impact-by-brian-j-arnold/>

Peter J. Morden, *The Life and Thought of Andrew Fuller (1754-1815)* at Books at a Glance (March 6, 2017) <http://www.booksataglance.com/book-reviews/life-thought-andrew-fuller-1754-1815-peter-morden/>

John D. Wilsey, *American Exceptionalism and Civil Religion*, in *Journal for Baptist Theology and Ministry* 13 (Fall 2016): 121-122

Matthew Avery Sutton, *American Apocalypse: A History of Modern Evangelicalism* for Books at a Glance (November 2015) <http://booksataglance.com/book-reviews/american-apocalypse-a-history-of-modern-evangelicalism-by-matthew-avery-sutton>

Adam C. English, *The Saint Who Would Be Santa Claus: The True Life and Trials of Nicholas of Myra*, in *Fides et Humilitas: The Journal for Ancient Christian Studies* 2 (Summer 2015): 65-68

Timothy J. Wengert, *Reading the Bible with Martin Luther* for Books at a Glance (February 2015) <http://booksataglance.com/book-reviews/reading-the-bible-with-martin-luther-an-introductory-guide-by-timothy-j-wengert>

#### LECTURES AND PRESENTATIONS:

“What is an Evangelical?” Oklahoma Baptist University Philosophy Forum, Shawnee, OK, September 13, 2024

“Turning Points in American Baptist History,” Immanuel Baptist Church, Shawnee, OK, July 10, 2024

“What is an Evangelical?” Immanuel Baptist Church, Shawnee, OK, June 12, 2024

“Fundamentalism and Neo-Evangelicalism,” for Dr. Rafael Bello, History & Doctrine, Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee, OK, April 26, 2024

“Fundamentalism and Neo-Evangelicalism,” for Dr. Rafael Bello, History & Doctrine, Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee, OK, April 26, 2024

“The Development of the Biblical Canon,” for Dr. Keith Hess, Bible Difficulties, Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee, OK, February 7, 2024

“Loving Your Neighbor in a Complex World: Insights from the Latino Church,” Neighbors Conference, Oklahoma City, OK, October 14, 2023

“How Has the Bible Shaped Politics?” for Dr. Mario Melendez, Intro to Biblical Studies, Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee, OK, March 29, 2023

“What is Non-Denominationalism?” Mars Hills Apologetics Club, Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee, OK, February 22, 2023

“A Fiery Ordeal: Southern Baptists during the Civil War” History & Politics Club, Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee, OK, December 1, 2022

“Reflections on the Latino Church: A Story of Complexity and Its Challenges Today” Breakout session, Center for Pastor Theologians Annual Conference, Oak Park, IL, October 19, 2021

Lectures on Christian theology for indigenous pastors, Reaching and Teaching International, Tambo, Ecuador, September 30–October 4, 2019

Guest lecture on theological liberalism for Dr. John Wilsey, Church History II (25120), Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, KY, April 15, 2019

Guest lecture on slave religion and the growth of the black church for Dr. John Wilsey, Church History II (25120), Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, KY, October 8, 2018

Lectures on preaching and leadership, Mt. Horeb Evangelical Church, San Juan Sacatepéquez, Guatemala, March 29–April 1, 2018

Guest lecture on John Calvin and the Reformed Tradition for Dr. Rick Durst, Church History II (L1112-81), Gateway Seminary, Fremont, CA, February 20, 2017

“The Problem of Evil,” Changing the Channel Collegiate Conference, Breakout session, Frankfort, KY, April 1, 2015

Lecture on theological liberalism, neo-orthodoxy, evangelicalism for Dr. Bruce Ware, Systematic Theology I (27060), Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, KY, Fall 2013

Lecture on Christianity in modern Europe for Dr. Rex Butler, History of Christianity: Reformation to Modern (HIST 5301), New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, New Orleans, LA, November 16, 2011

#### ONLINE ARTICLES:

“Augustine’s Testimony Demonstrates the Grace of Emptiness” Southern Equip (Nov. 13, 2020)  
<https://equip.sbts.edu/article/augustines-testimony-demonstrates-the-grace-of-emptiness/>

“Have You Met Augustine the Evangelist?” The Gospel Coalition (Aug. 4, 2016)  
<https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/article/have-you-met-augustine-the-evangelist>

MEMBERSHIPS: Organization of American Historians, Southern Historical Association, Conference on Faith and History, Evangelical Theological Society (Co-Chair, History of American Christianity)

TEACHING RELATED EXPERIENCE: Assistant Director of Honors Program and Assistant Professor of Religion, Oklahoma Baptist University, 2022–Present; Adjunct Professor, Gateway Seminary, 2022–Present; Adjunct Professor, Boyce College Online, 2020–2022; Adjunct Professor for Online Hispanic Program, SBTS, 2020–2022; Instructional Designer for Online

Education, SBTS, Dec. 2019–July 2020; Instructional Design Assistant for Online Education, SBTS, May 2019–Dec. 2019; Online Teaching Assistant (OTA) at SBTS, with Don Whitney, Professor of Biblical Spirituality, 2019–2022; Previously served as OTA for Shawn Wright, John Wilsey, Matt Hall, and Gregg Alison; Adjunct faculty, Gateway Seminary, 2017–Present; Instructor for Ministry Apprenticeship Program, SBTS, 2015–2018; OTA and Instructor for Spanish language program, SBTS, 2016–2017; Garrett Fellow for Gregory Wills, Professor Church History, SBTS, 2014; Garrett Fellow for Bruce Ware, Professor of Theology, SBTS, 2013–2014; Teaching Assistant for Rex Butler, Associate Professor of Church History and Patristics, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, 2011–2012

MINISTRY EXPERIENCE: Ordained, December 19, 2010; Pastor, Starnes Cove Baptist Church, Asheville, NC, 2020–2022; Lead Elder & Preaching Pastor, Emaus Church, San Jose, CA, 2015–2018; Campus Minister, University of Louisville, Kentucky Baptist Convention, 2014–2015; Pastor, Willow Baptist Church, Brooksville, KY, 2013–2014; Pastor, Victory Baptist Church, Estherwood, LA, 2010–2012; Intern, Second Baptist Church, Springfield, MO, 2008; Assistant Pastor, Faith Assembly of God, Forsyth, MO, 2007–2008

TEACHING AND RESEARCH INTERESTS: American religious history, modern thought, evangelicalism, Baptists history and thought, the American South, the American West, California history, Spanish and Mexican colonial North America

LANGUAGES: Spanish, Greek, Hebrew, Latin, German

#### REFERENCES:

David Bebbington, Distinguished Visiting Professor of History, Baylor University

Paul Harvey, Professor of History, University of Colorado, Colorado Springs

Matthew Hall, historian, Provost & Senior Vice President, Biola University

Dominick Hernandez, Professor of Old Testament and Semitics, Biola University

Paul Donnelly, Professor of Criminal Justice, Oklahoma Baptist University

Gregory Wills, Professor of Church History, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary

John Wilsey, Professor of Church History & Philosophy, Chair of History Dept., Southern Baptist Theological Seminary

#### TEACHING:

Oklahoma Baptist University:



Spring 2024

The Modern World – HON 3013 – 3 hours

Baptist History & Theology – HTHE 3613 – 3 hours

Turning Points in American Christianity – HON 2719 – 1 hour

Fall 2024

The Ancient World – HON 1013 – 3 hours

Intro to Christian Theology & Ethics – BIBL 1023 – 3 hours  
Western Civilization: History of the Modern West – HIST 2023 – 3 hours (online)

Summer 2024

Western Civilization: History of European Civilization– HIST 2013 – 3 hours (online)

Spring 2024

Intro to Christian Theology & Ethics – BIBL 1023 – 3 hours

The Classical World – HON 2043 – 3 hours

The Modern World – HON 3013 – 3 hours

Contracted Study – History & Theology of Christian Missions – HON 3779 – 1 hour

Fall 2023

The Ancient World – HON 1013 – 3 hours

Intro to Christian Theology & Ethics – BIBL 1023 – 3 hours

Honors Colloquium: Development of the Biblical Canon – HON 2719 – 1 hour

Summer 2023

European Civilization: History – HIST 1029 – 3 hours

Spring 2023

The Classical World – HON 2043 – 3 hours

The Modern World – HON 3013 – 3 hours

Fall 2022

The Ancient World – HON 1013 – 3 hours

Intro to Christian Theology & Ethics – BIBL 1023 – 3 hours



Gateway Seminary of the Southern Baptist Convention:

Spring 2024

Church History II – L1111-93 – 3 hours (online)

Fall 2023

Church History I – L1111-81 – 3 hours (online)

Spring 2023

Church History II – L1111-93 – 3 hours (online)

Fall 2022

Church History I – L1111-81 – 3 hours (online)

Fall 2017

Church History I – L1111-81 – 3 hours (Bay Area Campus)

Spring 2021

Herencia y Misión Bautista del Sur – 26200HWW – 3 hours

Winter 2020

Baptist History – HS305WW – 3 hours

Summer 2020

Baptist History – HS305WW – 3 hours

Spring 2020

Herencia y Misión Bautista del Sur – 26200HWW – 3 hours

Summer 2017

Herencia y Misión Bautista del Sur – 26200H (Independent study) – 3 hours

Summer 2017

Integrative Seminar I: Leadership – 44790 – 6 hours

Fall 2016

Integrative Seminar III: Outreach – 44936 – 6 hours

Summer 2016

Integrative Seminar II: Proclamation – 44915 – 6 hours

Spring 2016

Integrative Seminar I: Leadership – 44790 – 6 hours

Summer 2015

Integrative Seminar II: Proclamation – 44915 – 6 hours

Spring 2015

Integrative Seminar I: Leadership – 44790 – 6 hours