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**CURRENT POSITION:** Jack C. and Ruth Wright Professor of New Testament

### **EDUCATION**

Bachelor of Arts, Biblical Languages

Abilene Christian University, Abilene, Texas, 1986

Master of Arts, Biblical and Related Studies

Abilene Christian University, Abilene, Texas, 1987

Master of Divinity

Princeton Theological Seminary, Princeton, New Jersey, 1990

Thesis: "Creation and Transcendence in Isaiah 40" (Patrick D. Miller, Jr., Supervisor)

Doctor of Philosophy in Religious Studies (New Testament)

Yale University, New Haven, Connecticut, 1997

Dissertation: "'The Image of the Man from Heaven': Christological Exegesis in 1 Corinthians 15:45-49" (Wayne A. Meeks and Steven D. Fraade, Supervisors)

### **ACADEMIC AWARDS AND HONORS**

Abilene Christian University: Women of ACU Biblical Studies Scholarship, 1983 – 86;  
Outstanding M.A. Student, 1986 – 87

Princeton Theological Seminary: North American Ministerial Fellowship, Fund for Theological Education, 1987 – 88; Henry Snyder Gehman Award in Old Testament Studies, 1989; Thesis Prize in Old Testament, 1990

Yale University: University Fellowship, 1990 – 94; A. Bartlett Giamatti Scholarship, 1990 – 93; H. Stuart Harrison Fellowship, 1991 – 93; Christian Scholarship Foundation Fellowship, 1991 – 93

### **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

1993 – present Austin Graduate School of Theology (formerly the Institute for Christian Studies), Austin, Texas (Assistant Professor, 1993 – 2000; Associate Professor, 2000 – 2007; Wright Chair, 2004 – present)

1998 – 2005 Adjunct Faculty, Episcopal Seminary of the Southwest, Austin, Texas

1998 – 2002 Adjunct Faculty, Classics Department, University of Texas at Austin

1993 – 2005 Adjunct Faculty in Graduate Bible, Abilene Christian University

1992 – 93 Teaching Fellow in New Testament and Ancient Christianity, Yale College

1991 – 92 Teaching Fellow in New Testament Interpretation, Yale Divinity School

1988 – 90 Teaching Assistant in Elementary Biblical Hebrew, Princeton Theological Seminary

1986 – 87 Instructor in Elementary Biblical Hebrew, Abilene Christian University

**ACADEMIC COURSES TAUGHT, 1993 – present**

<b>Undergraduate</b>	Elementary New Testament Greek Jesus and the Gospels Paul and His Letters Acts and the General Letters Readings in Biblical Greek (AGST, University of Texas) British Christian Apologists of the Twentieth Century The Church in the Contemporary World (BA capstone course) Biblical Doctrine of the Church Introduction to Theology Introduction to Homiletics Introduction to the Bible
<b>Graduate</b>	Reading the New Testament (also Advanced Introduction to NT, ACU) Exegetical Courses on Mark, Acts, Romans, 1–2 Corinthians, Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, 1–2 Thessalonians, Isaiah 40–66 New Testament Theology Greek Language and Culture (Episcopal Seminary of the Southwest) Ancient Judaism and Early Christian Theology The New Testament and the Doctrine of the Trinity The Theology of Austin Farrer The Theology of Dorothy Sayers

**ADMINISTRATIVE RESPONSIBILITIES**

Dean of Students, Aug. 2015 – Aug. 2016, Jan. 2005 – Dec. 2008  
 Interim Online BA Program Coordinator, Dec. 2013 – Dec. 2015  
 Faculty Chair, Aug. 2009 – Aug. 2015  
 MA Program Coordinator, Aug. 2001 – Aug. 2011  
 Self-Study Director, Reaffirmation of SACS Accreditation, 2000 – 02

**PUBLICATIONS**

*Folly to Gentiles: Jesus' Death and Resurrection in the Faith of the First Christians*, Baker Academic Press, forthcoming  
 "From Passover to Eucharist: The *Didache* and Early Eucharistic Observance," in *Eucharist and Ecclesiology: Essays in Honor of Everett Ferguson* (ed. Wendell Willis), Wipf & Stock, forthcoming, 2017  
 "Confessions of Faith in the New Testament," *Christian Studies* 28 (2016): 37–45  
 (<http://tiny.cc/mo29gy>)  
*Marcan Priority Without Q: Explorations in the Farrer Hypothesis* (co-editor, with John C. Poirier), Library of New Testament Studies 455, T & T Clark, 2015  
 "Matthew's Ending and the Genesis of Luke-Acts: The Farrer Hypothesis and the Birth of Christian History," in *Marcan Priority Without Q*, 140–59 (<http://tiny.cc/aeu07x>)  
 "Biblical 'Restorationism': A Response to Mark Shipp," *Christian Studies* 27 (2015): 31–38  
 (<http://tiny.cc/6eu07x>)  
 "On Earth As It Is in Heaven," in *Lord, Teach Us to Pray: The Lord's Prayer for Today's Church* (ed. M. R. Weed, K. D. Stanglin, and M. T. Hall), Christian Studies Press, 2015  
 "Redeeming the Time: The Christian Year and Life in the Risen Christ," *Christian Studies* 26 (2013–14): 33–46 (<http://tiny.cc/8hu07x>)  
 Guest Editor, *Journal of Early Christian Studies* 20/3 (Fall 2012), "Everett Ferguson's *Baptism in the Early Church: A Forum*" (<http://tiny.cc/ly817x>)

- “What Should Christian Do? Revisiting John Howard Yoder’s *What Would You Do?*”  
*Christian Studies* 25 (2011–12): 61–78 (<http://tiny.cc/lju07x>)
- “‘All the Things I Have Commanded’: Matthew’s Conclusion and the Life of the Church,”  
*Leaven* 19/2 (2011), Art. 9 (<http://tiny.cc/6ku07x>)
- “The Sacrifice of Praise,” *Christian Studies* 24 (2010): 43–54 (<http://tiny.cc/8lu07x>)
- “The First and Second Tables of the Law in the New Testament,” *Christian Studies* 23 (2009):  
47–58 (<http://tiny.cc/ipu07x>)
- “Philippians,” in *The Transforming Word: A Restoration Bible Commentary* (ed. Mark W.  
Hamilton), ACU Press, 2008, 965–71 (<http://tiny.cc/qsu07x>)
- “The Image of God in Pauline Preaching,” *Leaven* 16 (2008): 82–85 (<http://tiny.cc/rtu07x>)
- Renewing the Tradition: Studies in Honor of James W. Thompson* (co-editor, with Mark W.  
Hamilton and Thomas H. Olbricht), Princeton Theological Monograph Series 65,  
Wipf & Stock, 2006
- “Christ Our Pasch: Shaping Christian Identity in Corinth,” in *Renewing the Tradition*, 133–44
- “A Reply to Leroy Garrett,” *Christian Studies* 21 (2005–06): 57–78 (<http://tiny.cc/juu07x>)
- “The Extent of Christian Theological Diversity: Pauline Evidence,” *Restoration Quarterly* 48  
(2005): 1–14 (<http://tiny.cc/0uu07x>)
- “Order in the Double Tradition and the Existence of Q,” in *Questioning Q* (ed. Mark S.  
Goodacre and Nicholas Perrin, SPCK, 2004), 28–43 (<http://tiny.cc/xvu07x>)
- “Living as Sacrifices: Walking in Accordance with the Spirit in Romans 12–15,” *Christian  
Studies* 20 (2004): 33–42
- “‘The Circumcision of the Christ’: The Significance of Baptism in the Letter to the  
Colossians and the Churches of the Restoration,” *Restoration Quarterly* 43 (2001): 65–  
77
- “Three Things That Matter: A Sermon,” *Christian Studies* 18 (2000–2001): 61–68
- “A Pioneer Narrative Critic and His Synoptic Hypothesis: Austin Farrer and Gospel  
Interpretation,” *SBL 2000 Seminar Papers* (Atlanta: SBL, 2000), 651–672
- Things That Matter: A Guide to Christian Faith* (contributor and co-editor, with Michael R.  
Weed), 3rd ed., Christian Studies Press, 2000
- “Preaching Technique: Ministry of the Word in a Wired World,” *Christian Studies* 17 (1999):  
47–56
- “Spirit of Holiness or Spirit of the Age? The Holy Spirit in the Teaching of Paul,” *Christian  
Studies* 16 (1996–97): 17–32
- “Whatever You Ask in My Name,” *Leaven* 3 (1994): 7–9
- “‘How Shall the Seeker Say Amen?’ The ‘Seeker’ and the Service in 1 Corinthians 14,”  
*Christian Studies* 13 (1993): 22–31
- Reviews in *Review of Biblical Literature*, *Religious Studies Review*, *Restoration Quarterly*, *Christian  
Studies*, *Libraries and Culture*, and the *Christian Chronicle*
- Contributor, Austin Graduate School of Theology “Christian Studies” Blog, June 2015 –  
present (<http://tiny.cc/vwu07x>)

## PAPERS AND ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS

- “The Nuptial Vision of the Christian Bible,” *Restoration Quarterly* Breakfast, SBL Annual  
Meeting, San Antonio, 21 November 2016
- “Get Me Rewrite: Luke’s Transformation of Matthaean Motifs,” SBL Annual Meeting,  
Atlanta, 21 November 2015
- Panel review of *The Origin of Heresy*, by Robert M. Royalty Jr., and *Orthodoxy and Heresy in  
Early Christian Contexts*, ed. Paul Horgan, SBL Annual Meeting, Atlanta, 22  
November 2015

- Panel review of *The Hidden Gospels*, by Philip Jenkins, Christian Scholars Conference, Abilene Christian University, 5 June 2015
- “The ‘Paulinism’ of 1 John and the Nature of Johannine Sectarianism,” SBL Annual Meeting, Baltimore, 24 November 2013
- “The ‘Paulinism’ of 1 John,” SBL International Meeting, University of St. Andrews, Scotland, 8 July 2013
- “Wisdom and Cross in 1 Corinthians,” SBL International Meeting, Pontifical Biblical Institute, Rome, 1 July 2009
- “The First and Second Tables of the Law in the New Testament,” Christian Scholars Conference, Lipscomb University, 27 June 2008
- “Haggadic Concord and Halakhic Conflict in the First Christian Generation,” SBL Annual Meeting, Boston, 22 November 2008
- “Q 1:21 and 22:64: Jesus’ Birth and Passion in the ‘Synoptic Sayings Source,’” Q Section, SBL Annual Meeting, Boston, 23 November 2008
- “One Faith? Haggadic Concord and Halakhic Conflict in the First Christian Generation,” SBL Regional Presidential Address, Irving, Texas, 16 March 2008
- “Wisdom 9:1–12 and the Exegetical Origins of Pre-Existence as a Christological Predicate,” Seminar on the Development of Early Catholic Christianity, Dallas, Texas, 20 September 2007
- “Psalm 110:4 in Hebrews and Prior Christian Exegesis,” Conference on Hebrews and Christian Theology, University of St Andrews, Scotland, Summer 2006
- “Teaching on Force in a Christian University,” Conference on Theology and the Christian University, ACU, Spring 2006
- “Paul, Passover, and Politics: Shaping Christian Identity in Corinth,” SBL Annual Meeting, 21 November 2005
- “From Passover to Eucharist,” Christian Scholars Conference, Pepperdine University, June 2005
- “Dismissing the Sanhedrin: High Priest and Council in the Synoptics,” Synoptics Section, SBL Annual Meeting, San Antonio, 20 November 2004
- “*Cur Deus Homo*: History and Spirituality According to Austin Farrer,” Captured by the Crucified: Austin Farrer Centenary Conference, St. James Center for Spiritual Formation, Baton Rouge, La., 4 November 2004
- “Austin Farrer’s Marcan Criticism: A Fresh Look,” Southwest Biblical Seminar, Brite Divinity School, Fort Worth, Texas, 15 October 2004
- “The Person of Jesus Christ in Farrer’s Marcan Criticism,” plenary paper, Austin Farrer Centenary Conference, Oriel College, Oxford University, 7 September 2004
- “The Extent of Earliest Christian Diversity: The Pauline Evidence,” various versions presented at SBL Southwest Regional Meeting, Irving, Texas, 16 March 2003; SBL International Meeting, University of Cambridge, 21 July 2003; and Central Texas Biblical Seminar, Austin, 13 February 2004
- “Literary and Historical Interpretation in Austin Farrer’s Gospel Criticism,” Mark Section, SBL International Meeting, University of Cambridge, 22 July 2003
- “Q 1:21 and 22:64? Jesus’ Birth and Passion in the ‘Synoptic Sayings Source,’” SBL Southwest Regional Meeting, Irving, Texas, 5 March 2000
- “A Pioneer Narrative Critic and His Synoptic Hypothesis: Austin Farrer and Gospel Interpretation,” SBL Annual Meeting, Nashville, Tenn., 19 November 2000
- “*KATA TAS GRAPHAS*: The Pre-Pauline Exegetical Catena in 1 Cor 15:3–5,” Seminar on the Development of Early Catholic Christianity, University of Dallas, Irving, Texas, October 1999

“Formative Instruction and Pauline Theology,” SBL Southwest Regional Meeting, Irving, Texas, March 1999

“Exegesis and Exaltation in 1 Corinthians 15,” International Conference on the Origins of the Worship of Jesus, University of St. Andrews, Scotland, 14 June 1998

“The Scriptures of Israel in the Gospel of Paul,” SBL Southwest Regional Meeting, Irving, March 1998

“Baptism and Church in Romans 6,” Restoration Theological Research Fellowship, Philadelphia, November 1994

## PROFESSIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

Regional Coordinator, Society of Biblical Literature, Southwest Region, 2014 – present  
 Founding Co-Chair, SBL Consultation on the Cross, Resurrection, and Diversity (2008 – 11) and Extent of Theological Diversity in Earliest Christianity Seminar (2011 – 13); Steering Committee Member, 2013 – 2016

Interim Pulpit Minister: Bastrop Christian Church, Bastrop, Texas, Mar. 2012 – Apr. 2013; Church of Christ in Hyde Park, Austin, Texas, Nov. 2010 – Apr. 2011; Cameron Road Church of Christ, Austin, Texas, Sept. 2009 – Apr. 2010; University Avenue Church of Christ, Dec. 2007 – Aug. 2008

Organizer, Symposium on *Baptism in the Early Church* by Everett Ferguson, Christian Scholars Conference, Lipscomb University, Nashville, Tenn., 5 June 2010

President, Society of Biblical Literature Southwest Region, 2008; President-Elect, 2007; Vice-President, 2006; New Testament Program Chair, 2004 – 05

Member and teacher: University Avenue Church of Christ, Austin, Texas, 2008 – present, 1993 – 2001; Adult Education Committee, 2014 – present, 1997 – 2000; Worship Advisory Committee, 1994 – 97

Member and teacher: Westover Hills Church of Christ, 2002 – 07; Coordinator, Westover Word in Depth program, 2004 – 07

Sermons and classes presented (1993 – present):

Ministers' Sermon Seminar, Austin Graduate School of Theology

Pepperdine Bible Lectures, Pepperdine University

ACU Bible Lectureship (Summit), Abilene Christian University

Harding Bible Lectureship, Harding University

Quest Lectureship, Oklahoma Christian University

Episcopal Lay School of Theology, Episcopal Seminary of the Southwest, Austin

*Churches of Christ in Austin:* University Avenue; Brentwood Oaks; Westover Hills; Cameron Road; Hyde Park; Highland Village; Pond Springs; Western Hills; Westlake

*Churches of Christ in Texas:* Bammel (Houston); Sunset Ridge (San Antonio); Bering Drive (Houston); Northside (San Antonio); Southeast (Houston); Bastrop; Westgate (Beaumont); Belton; Bertram; Southern Hills (Buda); Singing Oaks (Denton); El Campo; Fredricksburg; Georgetown; Granbury; Lometa; Rockdale; Round Rock; Glenwood (Tyler); Whitewright

*Others:* Bastrop Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Bastrop, Texas; Roseville Church of Christ, Roseville, Calif.; Turnpike Church of Christ, Santa Barbara, Calif.; Caverns Road Church of Christ, Marianna, Fla.; Timberlane Church of Christ, Tallahassee, Fla.; White Rock Church of Christ, White Rock, N.M.