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Education

- 2019 Ph.D., New Testament Studies
Emory University, Graduate Division of Religion. Atlanta, GA
- 2012 Master of Theology
Candler School of Theology, Emory University. Atlanta, GA. *Summa Cum Laude*
- 2009 Master of Divinity
Fuller Theological Seminary. Pasadena, CA. *Summa Cum Laude*
- 2005 Bachelor of Arts: Mass Communication
Georgia College. Milledgeville, GA. *Summa Cum Laude*

Teaching and Administrative Experience

- 2024-Present Academic Director for Master's and Advanced Certificate Degree Programs,
Northeastern Seminary at Roberts Wesleyan University
Associate Professor of Biblical Studies, Northeastern Seminary at Roberts
Wesleyan University
- 2020-2025 Classes Taught: Northeastern Seminary
Courses: Exploring the Bible (online and in person) / Introduction to Greek I
(online and in person) / Introduction to Greek II (online) / New Testament
Epistles: Romans (online and in person) / Practicum in Theological Research &
Writing (online) / Theological Research (online) / Directed Study: 1 Corinthians
(online and in person) / Directed Study: Gospel of Luke (online) / New Testament
Gospels: Gospel of Luke (in person) / The New Testament & Moral Discernment
(DMin, hybrid) / New Testament Gospels: Gospel of Mark (online) / Teaching the
Bible (online) / Biblical Worldview (online) / New Testament Epistles: 1
Corinthians (online) / Special Topics in Leadership: Disability and the Church
(online)
Adjunct Professor, Roberts Wesleyan University
Courses Taught: Engaging the New Testament (online) / Synoptic Gospels
(online) / Acts of the Apostles (in person)
- 2020-2021 Co-Director: Online B.S. in Christian Ministry Degree Program. Roberts
Wesleyan College, Rochester, NY
- 2019-2020 Assistant Professor of Biblical Studies, Roberts Wesleyan College and
Northeastern Seminary
Courses: Introduction to the New Testament Theology and Literature (online and
in person) / The Apostle Paul (in person) / Acts of the Apostle (in person and
online) / Exploring the Bible (online)
- 2019-Present Instructor. United Women of Faith. Office of Deaconess and Home Missioner.
Introduction to New Testament (online and hybrid)

- 2020 Instructor. Course of Study School, Wesley Theological Seminary
Syracuse, NY. Courses: Bible I: Introduction (in person)
- 2016–2020 Instructor. Course of Study School, Candler School of Theology
Emory University
Course: Acts, Epistles, and Revelation (in person, hybrid, and online)
- 2015–2019 Instructor. Candler School of Theology and Graduate Division of Religion
Emory University
Courses: Concise Greek (in person) / Introduction to Biblical Greek I (in person) /
Introduction to Biblical Greek II (in person) / Selfhood and Identity in Paul’s
Letters (in person)

Publications

Monograph

Being and Becoming: Human Transformation in Paul’s Letters. Waco, TX: Baylor University Press, 2022.

Edited Volume

Reading Scripture in Wesleyan Ways. Co-editor with Brady A. Beard. Nashville: Abingdon, 2025.

Peer-Reviewed Articles

- 2025 “Appearances can be Deceiving: Transformation & Identity in 2 Corinthians 11:13–15.” *Journal for the Study of the New Testament* 47.4 (2025): 714–34.
- 2022 “Paul, Cochlear Implantation, and Biblical Interpretation: Expanding the Scope of Disability Hermeneutics.” *Biblical Interpretation* (2022): 218–39.
- 2019 “Beginning at the End: The Kingdom of God in 1 Corinthians.” *Catholic Biblical Quarterly* 18.3 (2019): 449–69.

Book Chapters

- 2023 “Immersed in the Divine Presence: Baptism and the New Testament” in *New Life in the Risen Christ: A Wesleyan Theology of Baptism*, edited by Jonathan A. Powers. Eugene, OR: Cascade, 2023.

Public Scholarship & Institutional Publications

- 2023-2025 Working Preacher (<https://www.workingpreacher.org>) Commentaries: 1 Timothy 2:1–7 (Sept. 21, 2025); 1 Timothy 1:12–17 (Sept. 14, 2025); Colossians 3:1–11 (Aug. 3, 2025); Colossians 1:1–14 (July 13, 2025); 1 Thessalonians 2:1–8 (Oct. 29, 2023); 1 Thessalonians 1:1–10 (Oct. 22, 2025).
- “Dark Seasons.” Northeastern Seminary Blog. February 3, 2025.
- 2024 “A Letter to a Divided Church.” Northeastern Seminary Blog. February 5, 2024.
- 2023 “Without Love, We are Nothing.” [Catalyst Publications](#). June 19, 2023.
- “The Ground of our Faith.” [Catalyst Publications](#). May 8, 2023. Republished with permission on Northeastern Seminary Blog (<https://www.nes.edu/blog/posts/the-ground-of-our-faith/>), March 31, 2023.

- “What are We Becoming?” [Catalyst Publications](#). February 20, 2023.
- 2022 “In the Margins of the Church.” [Catalyst Publications](#). December 19, 2022.
- “Is it Biblical?” [Catalyst Publications](#). October 24, 2022.
- “Those who Humble Themselves.” [Catalyst Publications](#). August 15, 2022.
- “Intellectual and Spiritual Humility.” Co-authored with Dr. Elvera Berry. Foundational resource for the Intellectual and Spiritual Humility Institute (Rochester, NY). July 2022.
- “Members One of Another.” [Catalyst Publications](#). June 20, 2022.
- “Reading While White, Part 4.” [Catalyst Publications](#). April 18, 2022.
- “Reading While White, Part 3.” [Catalyst Publications](#). February 21, 2022.
- “Cultivating Communities of Humility.” *Voices of Roberts*. Co-authored with Elvera Berry. March 2022.
- 2021 “Reading While White.” [Catalyst Publications](#). October 25, 2021.
- “Reading While White, Part 2.” [Catalyst Publications](#). December 20, 2021.

Book Reviews

- 2024 Review of *Becoming the Baptized Body: Disability and the Practice of Christian Community* by Sarah Jean Barton. *Reading Religion* (January 2024).
- 2022 Review of *Paul and the Good Life: Transformation and Citizenship in the Commonwealth of God* by Julien C.H. Smith. *Reading Religion* (Spring 2022).
- 2021 Review of *Global Wesleyan Encyclopedia of Biblical Theology*, edited by Robert D. Branson. *Theological Librarianship* (Spring 2021).
- 2020 Review of *Second Corinthians and Paul’s Gospel of Human Mortality: How Paul’s Experience of Death Authorizes His Apostolic Authority in Corinth* by Richard I. Deibert. *Review of Biblical Literature* (August 2020).
- 2019 Review of *The Nations in the Divine Economy: Paul’s Covenantal Hermeneutics and Participation in Christ* by William S. Campbell. *Reading Religion* (June 2019).
- 2018 Review of *Servant of All: Status, Ambition, and the Way of Jesus* by Craig C. Hill. *Practical Matters Journal* 11 (Spring 2018).

Presentations and Panel Participation

Academic Presentations

- 2024 “What is the Bible? Who Gets to Decide?: ‘The Bible’s’ Identity at the Museum of the Bible and in Related Discourses. Presented at the Bible in America section, Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting. San Diego, CA. November 24, 2024
- “Fevers, Frameworks, and Friends: Disability and Human Agency in Mark’s Gospel.” Presented at the Healthcare and Disability in the Ancient World section, Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting. San Diego, CA. November 23, 2024
- 2023 “Becoming-Animal, Becoming-Christ: Animalistic Transformations & the Self in Paul’s Letters.” Presented at Humanimal Virtual Conference. March 10, 2023

- 2021 “Mythological Subjectivities: Pauline Anthropology and Greco-Roman Mythology.” Presented (virtually) at the Bible, Myth, and Myth Theory Unit, Society of Biblical Literature 2021 Annual Meeting. November 20, 2021
- “Wesleyan Biblical Interpretation: A Conversation with Rob Wall, Presian Burroughs, David Carr, Jennifer Wyant, and Brady Beard (Moderator).” Presented at Wesleyan Theological Society 56th Annual Meeting (Virtual). March 11, 2021
- 2020 “Experiencing Changes and Changing Experiences: Pauline Transformation and Altered Sensory Capacities.” Presented at the Healthcare and Disability in the Ancient World section, Society of Biblical Literature 2020 Virtual Annual Meeting. December 8, 2020
- “‘Yours is the Kingdom of God’: Luke’s Gospel in an Age of Turmoil.” Presented for Stay-At-Home-Coming, Virtual Homecoming Event. Roberts Wesleyan College & Northeastern Seminary, Rochester, NY. September 22, 2020
- “Becoming New Creations: The Apostle Paul & Human Transformation.” Faculty Research Poster Session Presentation. Academic Scholarship Weekend. Roberts Wesleyan College, Rochester, NY. February 1, 2020
- 2019 “Becoming New Creations: Pauline Anthropology in Our Technological Age” Presented at the Canadian-American Theological Association conference: God’s Wisdom and the Wonder of Creation: Exploring the Intersection of Scripture, Theology, and the Sciences conference. Rochester, NY. November 26, 2019
- “‘Be Transformed by the Renewing of Your Mind:’ Whiteness, Paul, and Human Subjectivity.” Wesleyan Philosophical Society, 2019 annual meeting. Washington D.C. March 14, 2019
- 2018 Respondent to Jerry Breen, “The Hermeneutic of Loving-Kindness: How the Teaching of Jesus from Hosea can Impact the Wesleyan Movement Today.” A Foundation for Theological Education, annual Christmas Conference. The Woodlands, TX. December 8, 2018
- “The Crucifixion & Resurrection of the Self: Relational Transformation in Paul’s Letter to the Galatians.” Presented at Wesleyan Philosophical Society, 2018 annual meeting. Cleveland, TN, March 8. 2018
- 2017 “Hermeneutics *and* Homosexuality & The Hermeneutics *of* Homosexuality: Some Comments on the Future of the United Methodist Church.” Invited paper for A Foundation for Theological Education, annual Christmas Conference. The Woodlands, TX. January 7, 2017
- 2016 “The Poetics of Transformation: Transformation & Identity Construction in 2 Corinthians 11:12–15.” Presented at the 2 Corinthians: Pauline Theology in the Making seminar Society of Biblical Literature, 2016 Annual Meeting. San Antonio, TX. November 20, 2016
- 2015 “Discourse about Discourse: Oath Prohibitions and Identity Formation in Matthew’s Gospel.” European Association of Biblical Studies Graduate Symposium (online). March 27, 2015

Academic Panels

- 2020 Moderator: Bible and Theology Workgroup session. A Foundation for Theological Education, annual Christmas Conference (online). December 11, 2020
- 2019 Moderator: Bible and Theology Workgroup session. A Foundation for Theological Education, annual Christmas Conference. Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, TX. January 10, 2019

Institutional Talks and Panels

- 2024 “The Bible, Humility, and LGBTQIA+ Concerns,” presented at the Faculty Development Committee Luncheon. Roberts Wesleyan University, October 11 2024
- “Humility: Why Bother?” Presented for 2024 Sisco Symposium. Co-led with Drs. Elvera Berry and Marlena Graves. Roberts Wesleyan University. October 7, 2024
- “Disability, Diversity, and the Bible,” presentation for Academic Research Expo. Delivered to prospective honors students. Roberts Wesleyan University. Rochester, NY, January 27, 2024
- 2023 “Intellectual and Spiritual Humility.” Presentation for campus staff, co-led with Dr. Elvera Berry. Roberts Wesleyan University, Rochester, NY. September 1, 2023
- “Intellectual and Spiritual Humility.” Plenary presentation for faculty retreat, co-led with Dr. Elvera Berry. Roberts Wesleyan University, Rochester, NY. August 23, 2023
- “Disability Theology and Healing in the Church of Today.” Workshop for Rebuild Conference, co-led with Barb Isaman-Bushart. Northeastern Seminary. Rochester, NY, June 12, 2023
- 2022 “Do it Scared.” Convocation Address for 2022-2023 academic year. Roberts Wesleyan College. [Published on NES Blog](#). August 29, 2022
- 2021 Panelist: United Methodist Student Town Hall. Northeastern Seminary, Rochester, NY. November 10, 2021
- 2020 Panelist: Martin Luther King’s “Beloved Community.” Chapel Service, Roberts Wesleyan College, Rochester, NY, January 15, 2020

Ecclesial Talks and Panels

- 2024 “Dismantling Barriers: Disability and Social Justice.” Workshop for Justice Network of the Free Methodist Church, co-led with Barb Isaman-Bushart. September 20, 2024.
- 2023 Sunday Seminar Leader. Presentations and discussions on *Being and Becoming*. Third Presbyterian Church, Rochester, NY. Two sessions: October 22, 29, 2023
- “An Invitation to Transformation.” Class: presentations and discussions on *Being and Becoming*. Asbury First United Methodist Church, Rochester, NY. Five sessions: March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, 2023
- “Disability, the Bible, and Theology: Reflections for the Church.” Presentation and discussion for Justice Monday. Deaconess and Home Missioners, United Methodist Church. February 13, 2023

2020 “Power, Race, and Identity.” Presented to Racial Justice Advocacy Group. Asbury First United Methodist Church, Rochester, NY. August 19, 2020

Professional & Institutional Service

Supervised D.Min. Capstone Projects

2022–2024 Grace Douglass. “Bridging the Digital Divide: A Model of Discipleship with Homebound Members in Small Black Churches.” Successfully defended: March 24, 2024

Denise Murray. Project Title: “Enabling Christian Involvement: Education and Employment in Region 5, Guyana.” Successfully defended: March 27, 2024

D.Min. Committee Member (Completed Theses)

2021–2023 James Touchton. “Ezekiel 16 and the White American Church: Racism, Idolatry, and the Stories We Tell Ourselves.” Successfully Defended: March 10, 2023

2022–2023 Cheryl Patricia Wood. “Eye of the Believer: Visual Confession Of Christological Faith.” Successfully defended: March 1, 2023

Supervised Master’s Thesis

2024-present Neil D’Alessandro. “Righteousness Exalts a Nation: The NAR’s Plan to Use: Trump to Save America.” Successfully completed: Spring 2025

2023–2024 Collin Caroland. “Many Members and One Body: An Introduction to Contextual Holiness.” Successfully completed: Spring 2024

Institutional Service

2024-Present Academic Director of Master’s and Advanced Certificate Degree Programs. Northeastern Seminary. Rochester, New York

Faculty Senate: representative of School of Theology and Northeastern Seminary. Rochester, NY

Founder, Coordinator, and Moderator: School of Theology and Northeastern Seminary Research Colloquium. Rochester, NY

Spiritual Advisory Committee. School of Theology and Northeastern Seminary. Rochester, NY

GPS Curriculum Council. Roberts Wesleyan University. Rochester, NY

Faculty Appeals Committee. Roberts Wesleyan University. Rochester, NY

2025 Presidential Search Committee. Roberts Wesleyan University, Rochester, NY

Search Committee. Instructional Mentor and Project Lead.

Co-Chair, Steering Committee. ATS Self-Study. Northeastern Seminary. Rochester, NY

Chair, Education Subcommittee (Responsible for ATS accreditation standards 3, 4, and 5). ATS Self-Study. Northeastern Seminary. Rochester, NY

	Ad hoc Investigation Committee: investigation for possible violation of Policy 116—Non-Discrimination and Non-Harassment. Roberts Wesleyan University. Rochester, NY
	Ad hoc subcommittee for Culture of Care Steering Committee. Development of institution’s “Guidelines for Avoiding the Use of Offensive Language in the Classroom.” Roberts Wesleyan University. Rochester, NY
	Search Committee: New Testament professor. School of Theology and Northeastern Seminary. Rochester, NY
	Task Force: Undergraduate Community Building. School of Theology and Northeastern Seminary. Rochester, NY
2024	Academic Subcommittee Rodney K. Sisco Symposium. Roberts Wesleyan University, Rochester, NY
	“1 Corinthians: A Letter to a Divided Church.” Mini-class for current and prospective students. Northeastern Seminary, Rochester, NY. March–April 2024
	Institutional Promise Wording Task Force. Roberts Wesleyan University, Rochester, NY
	Presidential Search Committee. Roberts Wesleyan University, Rochester, NY
2023	Academic Planning Committee. Northeastern Seminary, Rochester, NY
	Podcast Interview: Northeastern Seminary. January 26, 2023
2022-2023	Americans with Disabilities Act Committee. Roberts Wesleyan University, Rochester, NY
2022-2023	Founder and Facilitator: Experiencing Disabilities (student formation group). Northeastern Seminary, Rochester, NY
2020-2023	Academic Diversity Committee (invited participant). Roberts Wesleyan College, Rochester, NY
2022–2024	Leader: Spiritual Formation Group Leader. Focus: Disability
2022	Strategic Planning Committee. Roberts Wesleyan University and Northeastern Seminary, Rochester, NY
2021–2022	Intellectual and Spiritual Humility Institute: Community Resource Development with Dr. Elvera Berry
2022	Faculty Committee Member: hiring for Professor of Spiritual Formation position. Northeastern Seminary, Rochester, NY
2021	Faculty Committee Member: hiring for Director of Seminary Advancement position. Northeastern Seminary, Rochester, NY
	Faculty Committee Member: hiring for Coordinator of Academic Planning & Student Success position. Northeastern Seminary, Rochester, NY
2020	“Reading Luke in a Polarized World.” Mini-class for prospective students. Northeastern Seminary, Rochester, NY. Summer-Fall 2020

- 2019–2020 Steering Committee for Office of Diversity and Equity. Roberts Wesleyan College, Rochester, NY
- 2019 Committee for Ministry Degree Completion Program. Northeastern Seminary & Roberts Wesleyan College, Rochester, NY

Professional and Guild Service

- 2019–2022 Co-Leader: Bible and Theology Work Group. A Foundation for Theological Education
- 2018–2019 Research and Editorial Assistant. Supervisor: Dr. Luke Timothy Johnson
- 2017 *Gods, Objects, and Ritual Practice*. Atlanta: Lockwood Press, 2017. Editorial Assistant. Supervisor and Editor: Dr. Sandra Blakely
- 2016 *New Oxford Annotated Bible with Apocrypha: New Revised Standard Version*. 5th Edition. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2018. Editorial Assistant. Supervisor and Editor: Dr. Carol A. Newsom
- 2015 *Exploring Second Corinthians: Death and Life, Hardship and Rivalry*. Atlanta: SBL Press, 2016. Editorial Assistant. Author: B.J. Oropeza; Supervisor: Dr. Vernon K. Robbins
- 2014 *Healing in the Gospel of Matthew: Reflections on Method and Ministry*. Minneapolis: Fortress, 2014. Editorial Assistant. Supervisor and Author: Dr. Walter T. Wilson

Ecclesial Service

- 2020–2024 Member: Racial Equity Team. Asbury First United Methodist Church, Rochester, NY
- 2022 Podcast interview: “Origin and Evolution of the New Testament.” Podcast: *Recovering Evangelicals: Christianity for the 21st Century*. April 8, 2022
- 2021 Interview: “Why is the Bible Read in Community?” Podcast: *Why God Why?* Browncroft Community Church, Rochester, NY. May 26, 2021
- 2020–2021 Steering Committee: Racial Equity Team. Asbury First United Methodist Church, Rochester, NY
- 2020–2021 Education Work Group: Racial Justice Advocacy Team. Asbury First United Methodist Church, Rochester, NY
- 2018–2019 Internship: Conference Commission on Religion and Race. North Georgia. Conference of the United Methodist Church
- 2017–2018 Founder: Congregational Commission on Religion & Race. Eastside United Methodist Church, Atlanta, GA. Fall 2017
- 2016 “The Bible & Human Sexuality.” Four Sessions. Eastside United Methodist Church, Atlanta, GA. Fall 2016
- 2013 “The Art of Reading Scripture.” Four Sessions. Oakhurst United Methodist Church, Decatur, GA. Fall 2013

- 2012 “The Wesleyan Quadrilateral” Membership Classes. Oakhurst United Methodist Church, Decatur, GA. Spring 2012

Selected Sermons

- 2022 “First Class?” 1 Corinthians 1:18–31. Chapel Speaker: Roberts Wesleyan University, Rochester, NY. November 16, 2022
- 2018 “Coveting Men & Prophesying Widows.” Mark 12:38–44. Guest Preacher: Kings Memorial United Methodist Church, Atlanta, GA. November 11, 2018
- 2015 “Community of Friends: Sharing, Justice & the Relinquishment of Power.” Acts 2:41–47. Guest Preacher: Eastside United Methodist Church, Atlanta, GA. June 21, 2015
- “Discerning the Body.” 1 Corinthians 11:17–34. A Foundation for Theological Education, annual Christmas Conference. The Woodlands, TX. January 10, 2015
- 2014 “We Groan with Creation.” Romans 8:12–15. Guest Preacher: Inman Park United Methodist Church, Atlanta, GA. July 20, 2014
- 2013 “A Christ-Like Disposition.” Philippians 2:1–11. Guest Preacher: Oakhurst United Methodist Church, Decatur, GA. October 13, 2013
- 2012 “Interpreting Death on Good Friday.” Hebrews 4:14–16. Guest Preacher: Oakhurst United Methodist Church, Decatur, GA. April 6, 2012

Honors and Awards

- 2025 Co-leader of proposal team (with Dr. Josef Sykora and Mrs. Maria Gilluly), Author of Proposal Narrative. Co-Writer of concept paper. Lilly Endowment. Pathways for Tomorrow Initiative 2025: Large-Scale Collaboration Grants. Submitted August 15, 2025. Notification of award: November 25, 2025. Total grant award: \$10 million.
- Lilly Endowment. Pathways for Tomorrow Initiative 2025: Individual School Grants. Assisted in writing grant application “Immersive Formation: Equipping the Future.” Submitted May 15, 2025. Notification of award: September 24, 2025. Total grant award: \$1 million.
- Barbara S. Muller Memorial Award for Teaching Excellence. Roberts Wesleyan University. May 5, 2025
- 2022-2023 “Learners Becoming Teachers: Empowering Students to Teach Principles of Biblical Interpretation.” Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion Summer Fellowship Program. Grant Awarded August 29, 2022 for 2022-2023 academic year
- 2021 Wabash Center. 2021-22 Teaching and Learning Workshop for Early Career Religion Faculty Teaching in Theological Schools (digital format)
- 2018 Mellon Humanities Ph.D. Intervention Program: Professional Development Support for Public Humanities Engagement and Career Exploration. Fox Center for Humanistic Inquiry and Emory University’s Laney Graduate School

Summer Institute of Teaching and Lifelong Learning Grant. Candler School of
Theology, Emory University

Travel Grant. Graduate Student Council. Emory University

2014-2019 John Wesley Fellowship. A Foundation for Theological Education

2006-2009 Dean's Scholar. Fuller Theological Seminary

Languages (for reading)

Koine Greek	Modern German
Classical Greek	Modern French
Ancient Hebrew	

Professional Affiliations

Society of Biblical Literature
Wesleyan Theological Society
A Foundation for Theological Education
United Methodist Church

Professional References

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