

# Gary D. Myers

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## EDUCATION

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**Doctor of Philosophy in Biblical Interpretation** (Candidate/ABD) 2020–present  
New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary  
Supervisor: James Parker  
Minor: Archaeology/Biblical Backgrounds

***Seminars*** (4 hours each)

- Social Setting of the New Testament / William Warren
- Biblical Theology / Archie England and Charles Ray III
- Biblical Backgrounds for Interpretation / R. Dennis Cole
- Strategic Leadership and Organizational Change (elective) / Joe Sherrer
- Archaeology of the Ancient Near East / James Parker
- Readings in Northwest Semitic Literature / R. Dennis Cole
- Galatians (Greek) / Norris Grubbs
- Readings in Hebrew Narrative and Culture (8th Century Monarchies) / James Parker

***Reading Colloquia and Workshops*** (3 hours each)

- Old Testament Historiography and Biblical Archaeology / R. Dennis Cole
- New Testament Theology, Linguistics, and Johannine Literature / Norris Grubbs
- Teaching in Higher Education / Donna Peavey and Randy Stone

**Master of Theology** 2023  
New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary

**Master of Arts (Biblical Archaeology)** 2018  
New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary  
Thesis: “At the Threshold of the City: The Excavation and Interpretation of the Middle Bronze Age Gate at Tel Gezer”

**Master of Divinity** 2003  
New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary

**Bachelor of Arts in Communications** 1992  
Southeastern Oklahoma State University, Durant, OK  
Minors: Art and Marketing

## LANGUAGES

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- Biblical Hebrew (including Paleo-Hebrew)
- Koine Greek
- Aramaic, Moabite, Phoenician and Ugaritic (working familiarity)
- German and French (working familiarity)

## TEACHING QUALIFICATIONS (Graduate Hours Per Subject)

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- New Testament and Greek (31 Hours)
- Old Testament and Hebrew (29 Hours)
- Biblical Interpretation/Hermeneutics (20 Hours)
- Archaeology and Anthropology (50 Hours)
- Christian Education and Discipleship (24 Hours)
- Pastoral Ministry/Preaching (20 Hours)

## TEACHING / HIGHER EDUCATION EXPERIENCE

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<b>Co-Leader of Field Archaeology Training</b> Moskau Institute/New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, New Orleans, LA Field Methods Graduate Summer Course	<b>2024</b>
<b>Lecturer, “Tel Gezer: An Introduction to the Site and Excavation History”</b> Tel Hadid Expedition Academic Program, Neve Shalom, Israel	<b>2023</b>
<b>Director of Communications and Marketing</b> New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, New Orleans, LA	<b>2003–2022</b>
<b>Guest Lecturer, “What to Do When the News is Bad”</b> New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, New Orleans, LA PhD Leadership seminar, taught by Reggie Ogea and Joe Sherrer	<b>2022</b>
<b>Guest Lecturer, “Biblical Archaeology”</b> Leavell College, New Orleans, LA The Prophet course, taught by Jeff Audirsch	<b>2021</b>
<b>Teaching Assistant for Dr. R. Dennis Cole</b> New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, New Orleans, LA	<b>2019–2021</b>
<b>Guest Lecturer for Encountering the Biblical World course</b> New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, New Orleans, LA	<b>2020</b>
<i>Taught the following sessions:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Introduction to the Early Bronze Age</li><li>• Introduction to the Middle Bronze Age</li><li>• Biblical Parallels in the Middle Bronze Age</li></ul>	
<b>Lecturer, “Middle Bronze Age Fortifications”</b> Tel Hadid Expedition Academic Program, Neve Shalom, Israel	<b>2019</b>
<b>Interim Director of Communications (5 months)</b>	<b>2001</b>
<b>Communications Assistant (5 months)</b> Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Kansas City, MO	<b>2000</b>

## PUBLICATIONS (Academic)

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Tsuk, Tsvika, Daniel Warner, Eli Yannai, Jim Parker, and Dennis Cole. *The Canaanite Water System at Gezer*, Rehovot, Israel: Ariel Publications/Israel Institute of Archaeology, 2025.

- Provided Section Drawings, Top Plans, and Photography
- Consulted on Area D Text and Loci Charts

## PUBLICATIONS (General Audiences)

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Select list (more than 300 additional articles published by The Baptist Press and *Vision* magazine)

- *We're All Biblical Interpreters (for better or for worse)*, City on a Hill Substack, 2025.
- *Gathering at the Gate: How contextual study transforms Bible reading and application*, Baptist Press, 2025.
- *Broken Pieces Tell the Story (at Least a Big Part of It)*, City on a Hill Substack, 2025.
- *Who's Buried with Abraham, Who Isn't and Why Does it Matter?*, City on a Hill Substack, 2025.
- *NOBTS excavation could bring 2 Kings 17 into focus*, Baptist Press, 2019.
- *Archaeology — from the subtle to the sublime*, Baptist Press, 2018.
- *The empty tomb: archaeology & the ancient record*, Baptist Press, 2017.
- *Silver and gold items highlight NOBTS dig*, Baptist Press, 2016.
- *More Canaanite evidence found by NOBTS dig team*, Baptist Press, 2015.
- *Digging & traveling in biblical lands*, Baptist Press, 2014.
- *Ancient Canaanite water system keys NOBTS archaeology focus*, Baptist Press, 2014.
- *NOBTS team digs for date of Canaanite water system*, Baptist Press, 2013.
- *NOBTS helps preserve Canaanite city*, Baptist Press, 2013.
- *'Jesus' wife' fragment: authenticity is doubted*, Baptist Press, 2012.
- *Ancient Bibles, artifacts displayed at NOBTS*, Baptist Press, 2012.
- *Archaeological team moves 230 tons of Israel dig debris*, Baptist Press, 2011.
- *NOBTS acquires copy of Purple Codex*, Baptist Press, 2010.
- *Database aids study of ancient texts*, Baptist Press, 2010.
- *Wallace, Ehrman debate N.T. reliability*, Baptist Press, 2008.
- *N.T. Wright defends resurrection in first point-counterpoint forum*, Baptist Press, 2005.
- *'Silver scrolls' are oldest O.T. scripture, archaeologist says*, Baptist Press, 2004.

## ARCHAEOLOGY EXPERIENCE (Field Archaeology and Research)

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### Research Associate

Moskau Institute, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, New Orleans, LA

2020–Present

### Area Co-Supervisor

Tel Hadid Expedition

New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary and Tel Aviv University

2018–present

- Area Co-Supervisor (Area AA Upper): 2019, 2022, 2023, 2025
- Survey and Test Probes: 2018

<b>Excavation Team Member and Area Supervisor</b>	<b>2011–2025</b>
Tel Gezer Water System Expedition	
New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary and The Israel Nature and Parks Authority	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Illustrations/Publication Team: 2018–2025</li> <li>• Area Supervisor (Area D): 2016–2017</li> <li>• Area Supervisor (Area B): 2015</li> <li>• Excavation Staff and Photography: 2011–2014</li> </ul>	

## ARCHAEOLOGY EXPERIENCE (Community Outreach)

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<b>Co-Leader of Dig Experience for Seminary Families</b>	<b>2024</b>
Campus Dig Day, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, New Orleans, LA	
<b>Introduction to Biblical Archaeology</b>	<b>2022</b>
Children’s Life-Skills Class (2 Weeks), First Baptist Church, New Orleans, LA	
<b>Site Host/Supervisor for Grade School Dig Day</b>	<b>2017</b>
Tel Gezer Water System Expedition	

## ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS

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- *Beyond Type & Motif: Investigating the Influences Behind Hezekiah’s Winged Sun Disk Imagery*, (Paper Accepted) Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, Boston, MA, 2005.
- *Micro-Design Analysis: Investigating the Influences Behind Hezekiah’s Winged Sun Disk Imagery*, (Paper Accepted) American School of Overseas Research Annual Meeting, Boston, MA, 2025.
- *Beyond Type and Motif: A Comparative Analysis of Hezekiah’s Image Usage in Seals*, Evangelical Theological Society, National Meeting, San Diego, CA, November 22, 2024.
- *Beyond Type & Motif: Investigating the Influences Behind Hezekiah’s Winged Sun Disk Imagery*, Moskau Institute Biblical Archaeology Symposium, New Orleans, LA, November 13, 2024.
- *Samaritan Identity and Impetus: Testing the Hypothesis of the Woman at the Well*, Evangelical Theological Society, SW Regional Meeting, New Orleans, LA, April 2, 2022.
- *Archaeology, the Verification Principle, and Biblical Convergences*, Defend Conference, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, New Orleans, LA, January 6, 2022.
- *Shaming the Shamers: A Socio-rhetorical Analysis of Acts 7:35-60*, Evangelical Theological Society, SW Regional Meeting, New Orleans, LA, April 4, 2019.

## PRESENTATIONS (General Audiences)

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- *Introduction to Prayerwalking/Tremé Case Study*, Midweek Connection, First Baptist Church, New Orleans, LA, 2025.
- *Archaeology and the Potential of Biblical Convergences*, Midweek Connection, First Baptist Church, New Orleans, LA, 2025.
- *Introduction to Acts*, Bible Study Leaders Training, First Baptist Church, New Orleans, LA, 2024.
- *Introduction to Communications: Philosophy and Procedures*, Staff Meeting, First Baptist Church, New Orleans, LA, 2024.

- **Missions 101 Training Event**, First Baptist Church, New Orleans, LA, 2024.
- **Introduction to Genesis**, Bible Study Leaders Training, First Baptist Church, New Orleans, LA, 2023.
- **Introduction to Mark**, Bible Study Leaders Training, First Baptist Church, New Orleans, LA, 2023.
- **Archaeology and the Potential of Biblical Convergences**, Senior Adult Luncheon, First Baptist Church, New Orleans, LA, 2023.
- **Archaeology of Jesus' Tomb**, First Baptist Church, Calvin, OK, 2022.
- **Archaeological Field Record Keeping and Archaeological Publication**, Presentation to Archaeology 101 class from UMS-Wright Preparatory School, Mobile, AL, at NOBTS Museum of the Bible and Archaeology, 2022.
- **Biblical Archaeology and the Empty Tomb**, Adult Bible Conference, Primera Iglesia Bautista Hispano Americana, New Orleans, LA, 2021.
- **Biblical Archaeology: Possibilities and Limitations**, Senior Fest Conference, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, New Orleans, LA, 2018.
- **Biblical Archaeology: A Brief Introduction**, Virtual Presentation to Hamilton Christian School, Lake Charles, LA, 2018.
- **Tel Gezer: A Tel of Two Cities**, Senior Fest Conference, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, New Orleans, LA, 2017.
- **Biblical Archaeology: A Brief Introduction**, Senior Adult Luncheon, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, New Orleans, LA, 2017.

## PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS (Communications)

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- **What to Do When the News is Bad**, Baptist Communicators Association Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA, 2022.
- **Surviving Writer Fatigue in the Midst of Disaster**, Baptist Communicators Association Fall Forum (virtual), 2020.

## PROFESSIONAL AND ACADEMIC SOCIETIES

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Member, American Schools of Overseas Research (ASOR)	2016–present
Member, Evangelical Theological Society (ETS)	2019–present
Member, Text & Trowel Society at NOBTS	2024–present
Member, Society of Biblical Literature (SBL)	2024–present

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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### Biblical Studies

- Biblical Theology, Biblical Interpretation, Pentateuch, Historical/Prophetic Narrative, Minor Prophets, Exile and Return, Life and Letters of Paul, The Book of Acts

### Biblical Archaeology

- Middle Bronze Age, Iron Age, Gates and Fortifications, Assyria (resettlement practices), Burial Practices, Seals, Bullae, and Inscriptions (iconography and micro-design similarity analysis), Technology Integration in Archaeology (responsible use of AI in archaeological analysis)

### Anthropology

- Liminal Space, Social Boundaries, Honor/Shame, Insider/Outsider Designations, History of Language, Cultural Transfer and Diffusion, Cultural Influence

## EMPLOYMENT (Ministry)

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<b>Executive Pastor of Discipleship</b> First Baptist Church, New Orleans, LA	<b>2022–2025</b>
<b>Campus Ministry Director</b> North American Mission Board (SBC) Serving at The University of Pittsburgh and Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh, PA	<b>1997–2000</b>

## EMPLOYMENT (Writing, Editing, Publishing)

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<b>Director of Communications and Marketing</b> New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, New Orleans, LA	<b>2003–2022</b>
<b>Interim Director of Communications</b> (5 months)	<b>2001</b>
<b>Communications Assistant</b> (5 months) Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Kansas City, MO	<b>2000</b>
<b>News Editor and Graphics Editor</b>	<b>1996–1997</b>
<b>Sports Writer and Page Editor</b>	<b>1995–1996</b>
<b>Graphic Designer</b> <i>The Meridian Star</i> (daily newspaper), Meridian, MS	<b>1994–1995</b>

## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

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<b>Writer's Cohort Participant</b> The Gospel Coalition	<b>2025</b>
<b>ETCH Discipleship Conference Participant</b> Lifeway Christian Resources, Nashville, TN	<b>2023</b>
<b>Missions College Participant</b> International Mission Board (SBC)	<b>2023</b>
<b>Israel Pilgrimage</b> (10-day tour with Biblical Teaching Component)	<b>2005</b>
<b>Early Christianity/St. Augustine Pilgrimage</b> (Tunisia and Algeria)	<b>2004</b>

## CHURCH AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

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<b>First Baptist Church, New Orleans, LA</b> Deacon Bible Study Teacher Committee Service (Ordinance, Nominating, Mission, Personal)	<b>2008–2022</b> <b>2015–2025</b>
<b>Fuel the Future Foundation 403(c), New Orleans, LA</b> Board Member After-school Club Volunteer	<b>2012–2022</b> <b>2012–2016</b>

**Crosspoint Church, Gulfport, MS**  
Member of Church Planting Leadership Team

2001–2005

**Missions and Disaster Relief Trips**

**Overseas:** Greece, North Africa (secure location), Panama, Russia (2x)

**USA:** Atlanta, GA; Cheyenne, WY; Houston (2x); Kansas City, MO; Lookout, KY (2x); Los Angeles; Native American Reservations (Colorado, New Mexico, and Utah); Waterbury, CT

**Disaster Relief and Recovery:** New Orleans; Houma, LA; Jean Lafitte, LA; Baton Rouge, LA; and Tarboro/Princeville, NC

**REFERENCES**

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