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## EDUCATION

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<b>Doctor of Philosophy in Biblical Interpretation</b> (Candidate/ABD)	2020–present
New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary	
Supervisor: James Parker	
Minor: Archaeology/Biblical Backgrounds	
 <i>Seminars</i> (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	
 <i>Reading Colloquia and Workshops</i> (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	
 <b>Master of Theology</b>	2023
New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary	
 <b>Master of Arts (Biblical Archaeology)</b>	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”	
 <b>Master of Divinity</b>	2003
New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary	
 <b>Bachelor of Arts in Communications</b>	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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**Co-Leader of Field Archaeology Training** 2024  
Moskau Institute/New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, New Orleans, LA  
Field Methods Graduate Summer Course

**Lecturer, “Tel Gezer: An Introduction to the Site and Excavation History”** 2023  
Tel Hadid Expedition Academic Program, Neve Shalom, Israel

**Director of Communications and Marketing** 2003–2022  
New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, New Orleans, LA

**Guest Lecturer, “What to Do When the News is Bad”** 2022  
New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, New Orleans, LA  
PhD Leadership seminar, taught by Reggie Ogea and Joe Sherrer

**Guest Lecturer, “Biblical Archaeology”** 2021  
Leavell College, New Orleans, LA  
The Prophet course, taught by Jeff Audirsch

**Teaching Assistant for Dr. R. Dennis Cole** 2019–2021  
New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, New Orleans, LA

**Guest Lecturer for Encountering the Biblical World course** 2020  
New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, New Orleans, LA

*Taught the following sessions:*  

- Introduction to the Early Bronze Age
- Introduction to the Middle Bronze Age
- Biblical Parallels in the Middle Bronze Age

**Lecturer, “Middle Bronze Age Fortifications”** 2019  
Tel Hadid Expedition Academic Program, Neve Shalom, Israel

**Interim Director of Communications** (5 months) 2001  
**Communications Assistant** (5 months) 2000  
Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Kansas City, MO

## 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** **2020–Present**

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

**Area Co-Supervisor** **2018–present**

Tel Hadid Expedition  
New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary and Tel Aviv University

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

<b>Excavation Team Member and Area Supervisor</b> Tel Gezer Water System Expedition New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary and The Israel Nature and Parks Authority	<b>2011–2025</b>
<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> Campus Dig Day, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, New Orleans, LA	<b>2024</b>
<b>Introduction to Biblical Archaeology</b> Children's Life-Skills Class (2 Weeks), First Baptist Church, New Orleans, LA	<b>2022</b>
<b>Site Host/Supervisor for Grade School Dig Day</b> Tel Gezer Water System Expedition	<b>2017</b>

## 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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**Executive Pastor of Discipleship** 2022–2025  
First Baptist Church, New Orleans, LA

**Campus Ministry Director** 1997–2000  
North American Mission Board (SBC)  
Serving at The University of Pittsburgh and Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh, PA

## **EMPLOYMENT (Writing, Editing, Publishing)**

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**Director of Communications and Marketing** 2003–2022  
New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, New Orleans, LA

**Interim Director of Communications** (5 months) 2001  
**Communications Assistant** (5 months) 2000  
Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Kansas City, MO

**News Editor and Graphics Editor** 1996–1997  
**Sports Writer and Page Editor** 1995–1996  
**Graphic Designer** 1994–1995  
*The Meridian Star* (daily newspaper), Meridian, MS

## **PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

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**Writer's Cohort Participant** 2025  
The Gospel Coalition

**ETCH Discipleship Conference Participant** 2023  
Lifeway Christian Resources, Nashville, TN

**Missions College Participant** 2023  
International Mission Board (SBC)

**Israel Pilgrimage** (10-day tour with Biblical Teaching Component) 2005

**Early Christianity/St. Augustine Pilgrimage** (Tunisia and Algeria) 2004

## **CHURCH AND COMMUNITY SERVICE**

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**First Baptist Church, New Orleans, LA**  
Deacon 2008–2022  
Bible Study Teacher 2015–2025  
Committee Service (Ordinance, Nominating, Mission, Personal)

**Fuel the Future Foundation 403(c), New Orleans, LA**  
Board Member 2012–2022  
After-school Club Volunteer 2012–2016

**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

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**REFERENCES**

**James Parker**

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