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## VISION & MISSION STATEMENTS

### Vision

An authentic life of love that is emptied of self and surrendered to Christ (Luke 9:23–24; Rom 6; Gal 2:20) and filled by and in fellowship with the Holy Spirit (Acts 13:52; Eph 5:18–21) for the empowerment of the God-given call to be a faithful disciple of Jesus (1 Cor 1:9), a devoted theologian of the Scriptures (Acts 17:11; 2 Tim 2:15), a selfless servant-leader of the church (Mark 10:42–45; Luke 22:25–27; Phil 2:1–11), and a passionate pastor-teacher of the everlasting gospel (Jer 20:9; Matt 28:19–20; Rom 10:9–17; 1 Cor 15:1–8; Eph 4:11; Rev 14:6–12).

### Mission

Called to prepare Spirit-filled disciples and healthy families for the imminent return of Jesus Christ through the preaching-teaching ministry of the word of God.

### Guiding Scriptures

“... his word is in my heart like a fire, a fire shut up in my bones. I am weary of holding it in; indeed, I cannot” (Jer 20:9 NIV).

“I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom: preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching” (2 Tim 4:1–2 ESV).

“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age” (Matt 28:19–20 ESV).

“May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all” (2 Cor 13:14 NLT).

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## CORE VALUES

### Values of Being

#### 1. Faith-filled Spirituality

An insatiable desire for intimacy with God that is fostered by a consistent and daily practice of spiritual disciplines (e.g., study, prayer, meditation, etc.) and obedience to his plan and purposes for my personal life with the result of being fully restored into the image of Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit (Rom 8:29; 2 Col 3:18; Acts 4:13).

#### 2. Intentional Growth

Complete dedication to self-motivated, life-long learning for the nurturance of a teachable and humble attitude, development of my spiritual gifts and talents, enhancement of my preaching-teaching ministry, and expansion of my horizons through continuing education, broad-based reading and research, vast and new experiences, and meaningful relationships with others throughout eternity.

#### 3. Authentic Integrity

An honorable life before God and others that is morally and ethically unyielding, transparently truthful, and unfailingly loyal by never pretending to be someone other than me, always living in alignment with my personal core values, taking responsibility for my actions, and inspiring the trust of others in me.

#### 4. Loving Relationships

A commitment to cultivating intimate and meaningful relationships with others that provide tangible experiences of unity, peace, rest, contentment, and God’s triune love (John 15:9, 12; 17:24; 1 John 4:8, 16), all to make unforgettable memories that will encourage contentment and breed joy.

#### 5. Reckless Grace

A radical acceptance of the abundant grace that God has given through Jesus Christ for me and a reckless extension of it to others by compassionately assuming good intent, optimistically reframing that which could be viewed as hurtful, selflessly empathizing with and ministering to the suffering of others, and freely offering forgiveness to all (Eph 4:32; Col 3:13).

## Values of Doing

### 6. Discerning Truth

The fervent pursuit of truth (i.e., theology) and wisdom (i.e., philosophy) through Spirit-enlightened, prayerful, and rigorous study of the inspired canonical Scriptures as the *norma normans non normata* (i.e., “the norm that norms which cannot be normed”) and the only *regula credendi* (i.e., “rule of faith”) (Acts 17:11; 2 Tim 2:15); remaining committed to the Protestant hermeneutical principles of *sola, tota, prima*, and *analogia Scripturae* (i.e., *Scriptura sui ipsius interpres* or “Scripture is its own interpreter”) (2 Tim 3:16–17) and *spiritalia spiritualiter examinatur* (i.e., “spiritual things are spiritually discerned”) (1 Cor 2:11, 14); appreciating the rich theological heritage of the Spirit of Prophecy (i.e., the writings of Ellen G. White) and Christian and Adventist history; and continually subjecting my own presuppositions and biases (those natured and/or nurtured) to scrutiny (via ἐποχή [*epochē*] or “bracketing”) for the purpose of growth in the knowledge of God, enrichment of my preaching-teaching ministry, and contribution to Seventh-day Adventist® theology and mission.

### 7. Servant Leadership

Leading my family, church, and community to be disciples of Jesus Christ through humble, self-emptying service and incarnate ministry (Luke 9:23–24; Rom 6; Gal 2:20; Phil 2:1–11). This involves journeying alongside others, honoring and respecting their self-identity and attainments, ascribing dignity and worth to them, caring for their needs, sharing authority and leadership with them (i.e., delegation) instead of hoarding it for myself (Mark 10:42–45; Luke 22:25–27), communicating with them skillfully and tactfully, collaborating with them on the achievement of a shared vision, developing and empowering their spiritual gifts and talents, and assisting them in discovering God’s plan and purposes for their own lives.

### 8. Passionate Teaching

Treasuring my God-given call and spiritual gifting to be a pastor-teacher (Eph 4:11), and spending life passionately teaching others about the triune God and his works, preaching the everlasting gospel (Rom 10:9–17; 1 Cor 15:1–8; Rev 14:6–12), and leading them deeper into his word (Jer 20:9; 2 Tim 4:1–2) to grow committed disciples of Christ and inspire Spirit-filled world-changers (Matt 28:19–20; Acts 17:6).

### 9. Disciplined Excellence

Striving to surpass ordinary standards in all endeavors of life by meticulously pursuing excellence with all my strength—exceeding expectations, doing more than what is asked, and giving more than what is required (Eccl 9:10).

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## MINISTRY MENTORS

### Pastors

Greg Daniel, <i>Previous Pastor</i> Apison Seventh-day Adventist Church	Apison, TN
Robert Mix, <i>Previous Pastor</i> Standifer Gap Seventh-day Adventist Church	Chattanooga, TN
Paul Eirich, <i>Previous Associate Pastor</i> Chattanooga First Seventh-day Adventist Church	Chattanooga, TN
Fred R. Fuller, <i>Previous Senior Pastor</i> Chattanooga First Seventh-day Adventist Church	Chattanooga, TN
Dale Tunnell, Jr., <i>Previous Senior Pastor</i> Chattanooga First Seventh-day Adventist Church	Chattanooga, TN
Peter Kulakov, <i>Previous Senior Pastor</i> Lakeview Seventh-day Adventist Church	Powder Springs, GA
Richard Greve, <i>Previous Ministerial Director</i> , Northern Region Georgia-Cumberland Conference of Seventh-day Adventists	Calhoun, GA
Edgardo Santana, <i>Senior Pastor</i> Maryville Seventh-day Adventist Church	Maryville, TN

### Evangelists

B. J. Boles, <i>Previous Conference Evangelist</i> Georgia-Cumberland Conference of Seventh-day Adventists	Calhoun, GA
Alan Parker, <i>Professor</i> Southern Adventist University	Collegedale, TN

Mark A. Finley, *Previous Speaker/Director*  
It Is Written (IIW)

Thousand Oaks, CA

## Professors/Theologians

Stephen Bauer, *Professor*  
Southern Adventist University

Collegedale, TN

John C. Peckham, *Research Professor of Theology and Christian Philosophy*  
Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary, Andrews University

Berrien Springs, MI

Richard M. Davidson, *J. N. Andrews Professor of Old Testament*  
Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary, Andrews University

Berrien Springs, MI

John W. Reeve, *Assistant Professor of Church History and Previous Editor of Andrews University Seminary Studies (AUSS)*

Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary, Andrews University

Berrien Springs, MI

Judson S. Lake, *Professor*  
Southern Adventist University

Collegedale, TN

Denis Fortin, *Professor of Historical Theology*  
Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary, Andrews University

Berrien Springs, MI

P. Richard Choi, *Professor of New Testament and Chair of the Department of New Testament*  
Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary, Andrews University

Berrien Springs, MI

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## EDUCATION

2016–Present  
(in progress)

**Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in Religion**, Andrews University

Berrien Springs, MI

- Concentration: Theological Studies
- Cognate: New Testament
- GPA: 4.0

2013–2015

**Master of Divinity (M.Div.)**, Andrews University

Berrien Springs, MI

- Emphasis: Systematic Theology
- GPA: 4.0, *Summa Cum Laude*

2006–2010

**Bachelor of Arts (BA) in Theology (Ministerial)**, Southern Adventist University  
**Bachelor of Arts (BA) in International Studies, Spanish Emphasis**

Collegedale, TN

- Minors: Biblical Languages & Psychology
- Certificates: Certification in Ministry & Bible Worker Certification
- GPA: 3.95, *Summa Cum Laude*

2008–2009

**Certificado de Español Lengua y Uso**

Libertador San Martín, Entre Ríos, Argentina

2002–2006

**Honors Diploma**, Collegedale Academy

Collegedale, TN

- GPA: 3.98, High Honors

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## ACADEMIC AWARDS & HONORS SOCIETY MEMBERSHIPS

Since 2020

**Andrews University**

Berrien Springs, MI

- Theta Alpha Kappa Honors Society

Since 2019

**Andrews University**

Berrien Springs, MI

- Phi Kappa Phi Honors Society

2010

**Who's Who Among Students in American Universities & Colleges**

Since 2010

**Southern Adventist University**, Modern Languages Department

Collegedale, TN

- Alpha Mu Gamma Honors Society

2010

**Southern Adventist University**, Modern Languages Department

Collegedale, TN

- Certificate of Academic Achievement

2010

**Southern Adventist University**, School of Religion

Collegedale, TN

- Outstanding Scholastic Achievement (Ministerial)

2008	<b>Southern Adventist University, School of Religion</b> ▪ Excellence in Biblical Hebrew Award	Collegedale, TN
Since 2006	<b>Collegedale Academy</b> ▪ National Honors Society	Collegedale, TN

## WORK EXPERIENCE

02–11/2024	<b>Avondale University</b> <i>Adjunct Professor</i> ▪ Teaching the year-long course THBB51000 Issues in Contemporary Theology on the doctrine of the Trinity, Christology, and Pneumatology in Scripture, theology, and philosophy for graduate students with Dr. Anthony MacPherson serving as the Unit Coordinator.	Cooranbong, New South Wales, Australia
07/2019– Present	<b>Georgia-Cumberland Conference of Seventh-day Adventists</b> <i>Pastor</i> ▪ Serving in pastoral ministry at the churches below. ▪ 07/2019–Present <b>Knoxville Grace Seventh-day Adventist Church</b> <i>District Pastor</i> ▪ 07/2019–Present <b>Lenoir City Seventh-day Adventist Church</b> <i>District Pastor</i>	Calhoun, GA  Knoxville, TN  Lenoir City, TN
12/2018– 05/2019	<b>Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary, Andrews University</b> <i>Online Supervising Teacher and Facilitator</i> ▪ Spring 2019 THST 640-999 Doctrine of Salvation (Denis Fortin) ▪ Spring 2019 THST 619-999 Principles and Methods of Theology (Fernando Canale) ▪ Spring 2019 THST 611-999 Revelation, Inspiration, and Hermeneutics (Fernando Canale)	Berrien Springs, MI
04/2016– 01/2019	<b>Andrews University Seminary Studies, SDA Theological Seminary</b> <i>Editorial Assistant</i> ▪ Assisted the editors in evaluating the content and writing of articles and book reviews, selecting journal contents, and supervising the publication process (refereeing, copy editing, and formatting) from start to finish. ▪ Performed office management tasks, such as answering phones, scanning and filing documents, sending out mailings, e-mail communications, managing the inventory of the print and digital archives, website design and upkeep, etc. ▪ Used Adobe software products, such as InDesign and PhotoShop, to create publications.	Berrien Springs, MI
08/2013– 05/2015	<b>Leadership Department, School of Education, Andrews University</b> <i>Graduate Assistant</i> ▪ Assisted Dr. Sylvia Gonzalez in course preparation and delivery, research, and miscellaneous office support.	Berrien Springs, MI
06/2011– 12/2015	<b>Georgia-Cumberland Conference of Seventh-day Adventists</b> <i>Pastor</i> ▪ Served in pastoral ministry at the churches below. ▪ 08/2013–12/2015 <b>Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary, Andrews University</b> <i>MDiv Student</i> ▪ 06/2011–07/2013 <b>Lakeview Seventh-day Adventist Church</b> <i>Intern Associate Pastor of Children, Youth, and Young Adults</i> ▪ 06/2011–12/2012 <b>Hiram Seventh-day Adventist Church</b> <i>Intern Senior Pastor</i>	Calhoun, GA  Berrien Springs, MI  Powder Springs, GA  Hiram, GA
01–05/2011	<b>Chattanooga First Seventh-day Adventist Church</b> <i>Bible Worker</i> ▪ Taught Bible work training seminar for lay church members and adult Sabbath school class. ▪ Went door-to-door, conducting interest surveys for personal or correspondence Bible studies, and did home visitations. ▪ Conducted personal Bible studies and correspondence Bible school with interested persons in the community. ▪ Planned, marketed, and organized community health expo and presented health lectures.	Chattanooga, TN
05/2009– 12/2010	<b>Southern Adventist University</b> <i>Records and Advisement Office Assistant</i> ▪ Performed typical office work, such as answering phones, filling out paperwork, designing flyers, creating advertisements and presentations, filing, mailing, e-mailing, database entry, HTML coding to create a website, degree-audit coding, making fillable forms in Adobe Acrobat, etc.	Collegedale, TN

05–06/2010	<b>South East Youth Conference Summer of Evangelism</b> , Southern Union Conference School of Religion, Southern Adventist University <i>Associate Administrator and Instructor</i>	Atlanta, GA
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Administered a five-week evangelistic training program for youth and taught several class sessions for RELP 264 Christian Witnessing on personal and public evangelism and biblical spirituality under the mentorship of Dr. Alan Parker.</li> </ul>	
01/2006– 09/2008	<b>RE/MAX Properties</b> <i>Realtor Office Assistant</i>	Chattanooga, TN
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Performed typical office work for the Darwin White Realty Team, such as answering phones, filling out paperwork, designing advertisements, creating presentations, filing, mailing, e-mailing, database entry, etc.</li> </ul>	
08/2007– 04/2008	<b>Southern Adventist University</b> <i>School of Religion Hebrew Tutor</i>	Collegedale, TN
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tutored theology students taking beginning and intermediate level Hebrew classes.</li> </ul>	
05–08/2004	<b>Apison Seventh-day Adventist Church</b> <i>Summer Task Force Worker</i>	Apison, TN
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Organized socials, outreach projects, vespers programs, Sabbath school programs, and two youth services.</li> </ul>	

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## PRACTICUMS & EXTERNSHIPS

01–12/2014	<b>Village Seventh-day Adventist Church</b> <i>Theological Field Education</i>	Berrien Springs, MI
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Helped teach youth Sabbath School class, co-led GriefShare support group, performed Sabbath morning platform duties, and spoke for the chapel service at the local elementary church school (Village Adventist Elementary School).</li> </ul>	
05/2009– 12/2010	<b>Chattanooga First Seventh-day Adventist Church</b> <i>Pastoral Externship</i>	Chattanooga, TN
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Carried out typical pastoral duties, such as preaching, administration, evangelism, and visitation, under the supervision of senior pastors Fred Fuller and Dale Tunnell and associate pastor Paul Eirich.</li> </ul>	
05/2007– 09/2008	<b>Standifer Gap Seventh-day Adventist Church</b> <i>Pastoral Externship</i>	Chattanooga, TN
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Carried out typical pastoral duties such as preaching, administration, evangelism, and visitation under the supervision of senior pastor Robert Mix.</li> </ul>	

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## PUBLICATIONS

### Popular Articles

05/30/2024	“Sabbath School Reflections: The Foundation of God’s Government.” <i>Adventist Review</i> (30 May 2024): n.p.; <a href="https://adventistreview.org/feature/the-foundation-of-gods-government/#:~:text=In%20this%20way%2C%20the%20foundation,love%20in%20their%20own%20ives.">https://adventistreview.org/feature/the-foundation-of-gods-government/#:~:text=In%20this%20way%2C%20the%20foundation,love%20in%20their%20own%20ives.</a>
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### Peer-reviewed Articles

Autumn 2017	“Neo-subordinationism: The Alien Argumentation in the Gender Debate.” <i>AUSS</i> 55.2 (2017): 237–290.
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### Book Reviews

Autumn 2018	Review of <i>Rediscovering the Holy Spirit: God’s Perfecting Presence in Creation, Redemption, and Everyday Life</i> , by Michael S. Horton. <i>AUSS</i> 56.2 (2018): 356–360.
Spring 2018	Review of <i>The Rise and Fall of the Complementarian Doctrine of the Trinity</i> , by Kevin Giles. <i>AUSS</i> 56.1 (2018): 181–185.

### Book Notices

Autumn 2018	Notice of <i>A History of Western Philosophy: From the Pre-Socratics to Postmodernism</i> , by C. Stephen Evans. <i>AUSS</i> 56.2 (2018): 386.
Autumn 2018	Notice of <i>Salvation: Contours of Adventist Soteriology</i> , ed. by Martin F. Hanna, Darius W. Jankiewicz, and John W. Reeve. <i>AUSS</i> 56.2 (2018): 387.



<i>Autumn 2018</i>	Notice of <i>God's Character and the Last Generation</i> , ed. by Jiří Moskala and John C. Peckham. <i>AUSS</i> 56.2 (2018): 388–389.
<i>Autumn 2018</i>	Notice of <i>Holding Faith: A Practical Introduction to Christian Theology</i> , by Cynthia L. Rigby. <i>AUSS</i> 56.2 (2018): 390.
<i>Spring 2018</i>	Notice of <i>Christology in the New Testament</i> , by David L. Bartlett. <i>AUSS</i> 56.1 (2018): 229.
<i>Spring 2018</i>	Notice of <i>The Holy Spirit in the New Testament</i> , by John T. Carroll. <i>AUSS</i> 56.1 (2018): 229.
<i>Spring 2018</i>	Notice of <i>Superheroes Can't Save You: Epic Examples of Historic Heresies</i> , by Todd L. Miles. <i>AUSS</i> 56.1 (2018): 232.
<i>Spring 2018</i>	Notice of <i>Eschatological Discipleship: Leading Christians to Understand Their Historical and Cultural Context</i> , by Tervin K. Wax. <i>AUSS</i> 56.1 (2018): 234.

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## PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

### Papers

<i>06/21/2019</i>	“Is There a Unilateral Hierarchy in the Trinity? Part 2: A Theological Case Against the Eternal, Functional Submission of the Son and the Holy Spirit.” Paper presented at the Symposium on the Trinity of the Adventist Theological Society at the Istituto Avventista di Cultura Biblica Villa Auora, Florence, Italy.
<i>06/20/2019</i>	“Is There a Unilateral Hierarchy in the Trinity? Part 1: A Biblical Case Against the Eternal, Functional Submission of the Son and the Holy Spirit.” Paper presented at the Symposium on the Trinity of the Adventist Theological Society at the Istituto Avventista di Cultura Biblica Villa Auora, Florence, Italy.
<i>02/15/2019</i>	“The Impenetrable Depths of Divine Love in Contrast to the Shallowness of Human Love in Romans 5:6–8: Literary Structure as the Key to Meaning.” Paper presented at the 15th Annual Seminary Scholarship Symposium of the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary at Andrews University, Berrien Springs, MI.
<i>11/14/2018</i>	“An Exegetical and Intertextual Exploration of the Presence of the Spirit in Colossians.” Paper presented at the 70th Annual Meeting of the Evangelical Theological Society and the Fall Symposium 2018 of the Adventist Theological Society, Denver, CO.
<i>11/13/2018</i>	“Hierarchy or Mutuality in the Trinity? A Case Study on the Relationship of the Spirit and Son.” Paper presented at the 70th Annual Meeting of the Evangelical Theological Society, Denver, CO.
<i>02/10/2017</i>	“Pauline Pneumatology: Where is the Spirit in Colossians?” Paper presented at the 13th Annual Seminary Scholarship Symposium of the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary at Andrews University, Berrien Springs, MI.
<i>11/16/2016</i>	“Neo-subordinationism: The Alien Argumentation in the Gender Debate.” Paper presented at the 68th Annual Meeting of the Evangelical Theological Society and the Fall Symposium 2016 of the Adventist Theological Society, San Antonio, TX.
<i>02/06/2015</i>	“The Incomparable Love of God in Romans 5:6–8.” Paper presented at the 2015 Student Religious Studies Conference (SRSC), of the Midwest Region Society of Biblical Literature, Olivet Nazarene University, Bourbonnais, IL.

### Posters

<i>02/08–09/2018</i>	“Hierarchy or Mutuality in the Trinity? A Case Study of the Relationship of the Son and the Holy Spirit in the New Testament.” Poster presented at the 14th Annual Seminary Scholarship Symposium of the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary at Andrews University, Berrien Springs, MI.
<i>11/18/2017</i>	“Hierarchy or Mutuality in the Trinity? A Case Study of the Relationship of the Son and the Holy Spirit in the New Testament.” Poster presented at the Fall Symposium 2017 of the Adventist Theological Society (ATS), Boston, MA.
<i>11/17/2017</i>	“Hierarchy or Mutuality in the Trinity? A Case Study of the Relationship of the Son and the Holy Spirit in the New Testament.” Poster presented at the 2017 Annual Meeting of the Adventist Society for Religious Studies (ASRS), Boston, MA.

## Professional Conferences/Symposia Lectures

- 11/07/2024 “The Origin and Development of the Concept of the Trinity Outside Adventism and Alternative Views.” Lecture presented via Zoom at the online Colloquy on the Trinity and Alternative Views of the Society for Adventist Academic Professionals (SAAP).
- 11/09/2019 “The Nature of Intra-Trinitarian Relationships: Unilateral Hierarchy or Mutual-Reciprocal Equality?” Lecture presented at the Trinity Symposium of the Georgia-Cumberland Conference at Benton Seventh-day Adventist Church, Benton, TN.
- 07/31/2019 “Why the Trinity Matters, Part III: The Trinity’s Restorative Work of Love.” Lecture presented at the Georgia-Cumberland Conference Summer Ministers’ Retreat at Cohutta Springs Conference Center, Crandall, GA.
- 07/30/2019 “Why the Trinity Matters, Part II: The *Imago Dei* and Its Near Obliteration.” Lecture presented at the Georgia-Cumberland Conference Summer Ministers’ Retreat at Cohutta Springs Conference Center, Crandall, GA.
- 07/29/2019 “Why the Trinity Matters, Part I: God’s Intra-Trinitarian Love.” Lecture presented at the Georgia-Cumberland Conference Summer Ministers’ Retreat at Cohutta Springs Conference Center, Crandall, GA.
- 02/23/2019 “Hierarchy and Subordination in the Trinity? The Biblical, Logical, Historical, and Theological Problems of Neo-subordinationism.” Lecture presented at the Trinity Conference of the Adventist Theological Society at Southwestern Adventist University, Keene, TX.
- 02/23/2019 “Why the Trinity Matters, Part II: The Near Obliteration of the *Imago Dei* in Humanity and the Trinity’s Restorative Work.” Lecture presented at the Trinity Conference of the Adventist Theological Society at Southwestern Adventist University, Keene, TX.
- 02/21/2019 “Why the Trinity Matters, Part I: The *Imago Dei* and Intra-Trinitarian Love.” Lecture presented at the Trinity Conference of the Adventist Theological Society at Southwestern Adventist University, Keene, TX.
- 01/26/2019 “The Deity and Personhood of the Holy Spirit in the Writings of Ellen G. White.” Plenary lecture presented at the Sixth Theological Inter-denominational Symposium of the School of Religion and Theology at the University of the Southern Caribbean, Maracas, St. George, Trinidad.
- 01/25/2019 “The Development of the Doctrine of the Deity and Personhood of the Holy Spirit in Seventh-day Adventist History.” Plenary lecture presented at the Sixth Theological Inter-denominational Symposium of the School of Religion and Theology at the University of the Southern Caribbean, Maracas, St. George, Trinidad.
- 01/25/2019 “Hierarchy and Subordination in the Trinity? The Biblical, Logical, Historical, and Theological Problems of Neo-subordinationism.” Plenary lecture presented at the Sixth Theological Inter-denominational Symposium of the School of Religion and Theology at the University of the Southern Caribbean, Maracas, St. George, Trinidad.
- 01/24/2019 “God in Three Persons: A Seventh-day Adventist Perspective on the Doctrine of the Trinity.” Plenary lecture presented at the Sixth Theological Inter-denominational Symposium of the School of Religion and Theology at the University of the Southern Caribbean, Maracas, St. George, Trinidad.
- 01/24/2019 “Talking About God: Preliminary Hermeneutical and Methodological Considerations for Studying the Doctrine of the Triune God.” Plenary lecture presented at the Sixth Theological Inter-denominational Symposium of the School of Religion and Theology at the University of the Southern Caribbean, Maracas, St. George, Trinidad.

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## DISCUSSION PANEL PARTICIPATION

- 11/07/2024 Panelist of the Discussion Panel for the online Colloquy on the Trinity and Alternative Views of the Society for Adventist Academic Professionals (SAAP).
- 04/06/2021 Panelist of the Discussion Panel for the Best Practices Book Club of the Ministerial Association of the North American Division of Seventh-day Adventists (online). Discussed the book, Ty Gibson, *The*

*Heavenly Trio: Exploring the Views of Ellen White and the Adventist Pioneers Regarding the Trinity* (Nampa, ID: Pacific Press, 2020).

- 02/23/2019 Panelist of the Discussion Panel on the Doctrine of the Trinity for the Trinity Conference of the Adventist Theological Society at Southwestern Adventist University, Keene, TX.
- 01/26/2019 Panelist of the Discussion Panel on the Doctrine of the Trinity for the Sixth Theological Inter-denominational Symposium of the School of Religion and Theology at the University of the Southern Caribbean, Port of Spain, Trinidad.
- 11/17/2018 Panelist of the Discussion Panel on the Holy Spirit for the Fall Symposium 2018 of the Adventist Theological Society, Denver, CO.

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## PODCAST

- 08/13/2025 Guest for Episode 15: “The Holy Spirit and Bible Study” on the *Bible How-To: Study* podcast with host Lindsay Esterline out of Atlanta, GA.

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## PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- Since 2023 Society of Adventist Philosophers (SAP)
- Since 2023 Society of Christian Philosophers (SCP)
- Since 2019 Evangelical Philosophical Society (EPS)
- Since 2017 Adventist Society for Religious Studies (ASRS)
- Since 2016 American Academy of Religion (AAR)
- Since 2016 Evangelical Theological Society (ETS)
- Since 2016 Society of Biblical Literature (SBL)
- Since 2012 Adventist Theological Society (ATS)

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## LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

(Beyond Pastoral Ministry Leadership Experience)

- 01–12/2014 **Village Seventh-day Adventist Church** Berrien Springs, MI  
*GriefShare Co-leader*
- Co-led GriefShare, a support group for those grieving a loss, with Dorothy Hayward and Mariesa S. Tinkham.
- 04/2012 **Georgia-Cumberland Conference of Seventh-day Adventists** Calhoun, GA  
*Constituency Meeting Delegate*
- Represented the Hiram and Lakeview Seventh-day Adventist Churches at the GCC Constituency Meeting.
- 01–05/2011 **Chattanooga First Seventh-day Adventist Church** Chattanooga, TN  
*Ordained Local Church Elder*
- Served on the church board and carrying out elder duties at the church.
- 05–12/2010 **Bible Workers Club, Southern Adventist University** Collegedale, TN  
*President*
- Organized and participated in the evangelistic projects of the club including giving Bible studies.
  - Performed administrative duties such as writing the club’s constitution and organizational structure.
- 12/2009–  
12/2010 **South East Youth Conference (SEYC)** Collegedale, TN  
*Vice President of Evangelism*
- Administered and participated in the evangelistic projects of the SEYC.
  - Organized the annual youth conference and the on-campus evangelistic/revival series (Pentecost<sup>2</sup>).
  - Wrote and designed the constitution and organizational/administrative structure of the organization.
- 12/2007–  
01/2009 **Standifer Gap Seventh-day Adventist Church** Chattanooga, TN  
*Ordained Local Church Elder*
- Served on the church and school boards and the ministry outreach planning committee and carried out elder duties at the church.



01–05/2008	<b>Chattanooga First Seventh-day Adventist Church</b> <i>Evangelism Pre-work Coordinator</i>	East Ridge, TN
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Coordinated all of the pre-work efforts for a church plant and operated a correspondence Bible school.</li> </ul>	
04/2007	<b>Georgia-Cumberland Conference of Seventh-day Adventists</b> <i>Constituency Meeting Delegate</i>	Calhoun, GA
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Represented the Collegedale Seventh-day Adventist Church at the GCC Constituency Meeting.</li> </ul>	
10–11/2005	<b>Collegedale Academy</b> <i>Project 24,000 President</i>	Collegedale, TN
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Assisted the project sponsor in organizing, promoting, and coordinating Project 24,000, a non-perishable food items collection program for families in need.</li> </ul>	
05/2003– 05/2005	<b>Collegedale Academy</b> <i>Class of 2006 Pastor</i>	Collegedale, TN
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Performed spiritual leadership for my class for 2 years including worships, discipleship, and outreach.</li> </ul>	
10–11/2004	<b>Collegedale Academy</b> <i>Project 24,000 President</i>	Collegedale, TN
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Assisted the project sponsor in organizing, promoting, and coordinating Project 24,000, a non-perishable food items collection program for families in need.</li> </ul>	

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## PROFESSIONAL MENTORING EXPERIENCE

05–06/2022	<b>Grace Seventh-day Adventist Church</b> <i>Pastoral Mentor</i>	Knoxville, TN
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mentored a senior theology student from Southern Adventist University, John Moldovan, while meeting his requirements of preaching a four-week full-message evangelism series as part of the Southern Union Field School of Evangelism (05/06–06/04/2022).</li> </ul>	
05–06/2022	<b>Lenoir City Seventh-day Adventist Church</b> <i>Pastoral Mentor</i>	Knoxville, TN
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mentored a senior theology student from Southern Adventist University, Obed Salazar, while meeting his requirements of preaching a four-week full-message evangelism series as part of the Southern Union Field School of Evangelism (05/06–06/04/2022).</li> </ul>	

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## PASTORAL MINISTRY EXPERIENCE

07/2019– Present	<b>Georgia-Cumberland Conference of Seventh-day Adventists</b> <i>Pastor</i>	Calhoun, GA
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>07/2019–Present <b>Grace Seventh-day Adventist Church</b> <i>District Pastor</i></li> <li>07/2019–Present <b>Lenoir City Seventh-day Adventist Church</b> <i>District Pastor</i></li> </ul>	Knoxville, TN Lenoir City, TN
06/2011– 12/2013	<b>Georgia-Cumberland Conference of Seventh-day Adventists</b> <i>Pastor</i>	Calhoun, GA
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>06/2011–07/2013 <b>Lakeview Seventh-day Adventist Church</b> <i>Intern Associate Pastor of Children, Youth, and Young Adults</i></li> <li>06/2011–12/2012 <b>Hiram Seventh-day Adventist Church</b> <i>Intern Pastor</i></li> </ul>	Powder Springs, GA Hiram, GA

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## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

02–11/2024	<b>Avondale University</b> <i>Adjunct Professor</i>	Cooranbong, New South Wales, Australia
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Teaching the year-long course THBB51000 Issues in Contemporary Theology on the doctrine of the Trinity, Christology, and Pneumatology in Scripture, theology, and philosophy for graduate students with Dr. Anthony MacPherson serving as the Unit Coordinator.</li> </ul>	
09–10/2021	<b>Department of Theology, Southwestern Adventist University</b>	Keene, TX

*Guest Lecturer*

- Taught four course sessions for RELT 406 Christian Theology I on the doctrine of the Trinity in Scripture, theology, and philosophy (09/30/2021, 10/07/2021) for Dr. Michael Campbell.

09/14–21/2020	<b>Department of Theology</b> , Southwestern Adventist University <i>Guest Lecturer</i>	Keene, TX
	▪ Taught four course sessions for RELT 406 Christian Theology I on the doctrine of the Trinity in Scripture, theology, and philosophy (09/14, 16, 18, 21/2020) for Dr. Michael Campbell.	
12/2018– 05/2019	<b>Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary</b> , Andrews University <i>Online Supervising Teacher and Facilitator</i>	Berrien Springs, MI
	▪ <i>Spring 2019</i> THST 640-999 Doctrine of Salvation (Denis Fortin)	
	▪ <i>Spring 2019</i> THST 619-999 Principles and Methods of Theology (Fernando Canale)	
	▪ <i>Spring 2019</i> THST 611-999 Revelation, Inspiration, and Hermeneutics (Fernando Canale)	
02/21/2019	<b>Department of Theology</b> , Southwestern Adventist University <i>Guest Lecturer</i>	Keene, TX
	▪ Taught one course session for RELH 320 Ellen White Writings on the doctrine of the Trinity in the writings of Ellen G. White (02/21/2019) for Dr. Michael Campbell.	
02/12/2019	<b>Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary</b> , Andrews University <i>Guest Lecturer</i>	Berrien Springs, MI
	▪ Taught three course sessions for THST 639/885 Doctrine of the Holy Spirit on subordinationism, the Trinity, and the gender debate (02/12/2019) for Dr. Denis Fortin.	
11/2017	<b>Department of Religion &amp; Biblical Studies</b> , Andrews University <i>Guest Lecturer</i>	Berrien Springs, MI
	▪ Taught two course sessions on the works of Christ for RELT 325 Theology I: one on the life and ministry of Christ (11/10/2017) and one on the extent and theories of the atonement (11/13/2017) under the mentorship of Davide Sciarabba.	
10/2017	<b>Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary</b> , Andrews University <i>Guest Lecturer</i>	Berrien Springs, MI
	▪ Taught two course sessions for NTST 628 The Holy Spirit in the New Testament: one on the Holy Spirit in the Old Testament (10/04/2017) and one on the deity and personhood of the Holy Spirit (10/05/2017) under the mentorship of Dr. Ranko Stefanovic.	
09/2017– 10/2017	<b>Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary</b> , Andrews University <i>Guest Lecturer</i>	Berrien Springs, MI
	▪ Taught two course sessions for THST 639/885 Doctrine of the Holy Spirit: one on the Seventh-day Adventist Perspective on the Trinity (09/28/2017) and one on subordinationism, the Trinity, and the gender debate (10/04/2017) under the mentorship of Dr. Denis Fortin.	
05–06/2010	<b>South East Youth Conference Summer of Evangelism</b> , Southern Union Conference School of Religion, Southern Adventist University <i>Associate Administrator and Instructor</i>	Atlanta, GA
	▪ Administered a five-week evangelistic training program for youth and taught several class sessions for RELP 264 Christian Witnessing on personal and public evangelism and biblical spirituality under the mentorship of Dr. Alan Parker.	
08/2007– 04/2008	<b>Southern Adventist University</b> <i>School of Religion Hebrew Tutor</i>	Collegedale, TN
	▪ Tutored theology students taking beginning and intermediate level Hebrew classes.	

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## EVANGELISM & MISSIONS EXPERIENCE

05–06/2022	<b>Grace Seventh-day Adventist Church</b> <i>Public Evangelism Series Coordinator and Host</i>	Knoxville, TN
	▪ Hosted and organized a four-week full-message public evangelism series as part of the Southern Union Field School of Evangelism with Southern Adventist University, “Discovering Revelation” (05/12–06/04/2022).	
05–06/2022	<b>Lenoir City Seventh-day Adventist Church</b>	Lenoir City, TN

*Public Evangelism Series Speaker, Coordinator, and Host*

- Co-preached, hosted, and organized two four-week full-message public evangelism series as part of the Southern Union Field School of Evangelism with Southern Adventist University, “Discovering Revelation” in English and “Descubre Apocalipsis” in Spanish (05/12–06/04/2022).

04/2022	<b>Grace Seventh-day Adventist Church</b>	Knoxville, TN
	<i>Public Evangelism Series Moderator, Coordinator, and Host</i>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Moderated the Bible study section of and organized a weekend public evangelism series from Shawn Boonstra with Voice of Prophecy (VOP), “The Serpentine Prophecy” (04/21–24/2022).</li> </ul>	
01/2020	<b>Grace Seventh-day Adventist Church</b>	Knoxville, TN
	<i>Public Evangelism Series Moderator, Coordinator, and Host</i>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Moderated the Bible study section of and organized a weekend public evangelism series from Shawn Boonstra with Voice of Prophecy (VOP), “Final Empire” (01/23–26/2020).</li> </ul>	
03/2015	<b>New Haven Seventh-day Adventist Church</b>	New Haven, MI
	<i>Public Evangelism Series Speaker and Coordinator</i>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Preached and organized a weekend public evangelism series on the doctrine of the state of the dead, “Death and Resurrection.”</li> </ul>	
05/2013	<b>Lakeview Seventh-day Adventist Church</b>	Powder Springs, GA
	<i>Public Evangelism Series Speaker and Coordinator</i>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Preached and organized a ten-day public evangelism series, “Answers to Life’s Most Perplexing Questions.”</li> </ul>	
10–11/2011	<b>Hiram Seventh-day Adventist Church</b>	Hiram, GA
	<i>Public Evangelism Series Speaker and Coordinator</i>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Preached and organized a six-week full-message public evangelism series, “Unlocking Revelation.”</li> </ul>	
01–05/2011	<b>Chattanooga First Seventh-day Adventist Church</b>	Chattanooga, TN
	<i>Bible Worker</i>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Taught Bible work training seminar for lay church members and adult Sabbath school class.</li> <li>Went door-to-door, conducting interest surveys for personal or correspondence Bible studies, and did home visitations.</li> <li>Conducted personal Bible studies and correspondence Bible school with interested persons in the community.</li> <li>Planned, marketed, and organized community health expo and presented health lectures.</li> </ul>	
08/2006– 12/2010	<b>Bible Workers Club (BWC), Southern Adventist University</b>	Collegedale, TN
	<i>Member</i>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Conducted personal Bible studies with interested persons in the community.</li> <li>Went door-to-door conducting interest surveys for personal or correspondence Bible studies.</li> </ul>	
03–05/2009	<b>Universidad Adventista del Plata</b>	Libertador San Martín, Entre Ríos, Argentina
	<i>Small Group Leader</i>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Taught a full Bible study small group class once a week on the book of Revelation in Spanish.</li> </ul>	
09/2008– 05/2009	<b>Jesús, Esperanza, Sanidad, Salvación, Universidad Adventista del Plata</b>	Libertador San Martín, Entre Ríos, Argentina
	<i>Member</i>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>With the JESS missionary group, conducted personal Bible studies and participated in outreach programs for hospital patients at Sanatorio Adventista del Plata.</li> </ul>	
08/2007– 05/2008	<b>Standifer Gap Seventh-day Adventist Church</b>	Chattanooga, TN
	<i>Bible Instructor</i>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Taught junior/earliteen age children about the prophecies in Daniel and Revelation in preparation for baptism.</li> </ul>	
05–06/2008	<b>Aiken Seventh-day Adventist Church</b>	Aiken, SC
	<i>Public Evangelism Series Speaker</i>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Co-preached and organized a six-week full-message public evangelism series, “Revelation of Hope,” as part of the Southern Union Field School of Evangelism with Southern Adventist University.</li> </ul>	
07/2007	<b>Las Palmeras Seventh-day Adventist Company</b>	Las Palmeras, Ecuador
	<i>Public Evangelism Series Speaker</i>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Preached a two-week full-message public evangelism series and helped with a medical clinic, soup kitchen, and Vacation Bible School.</li> </ul>	
02–03/2006	<b>Artemisa Seventh-day Adventist Church, Share Him</b>	Artemisa, Cuba

*Public Evangelism Series Speaker*

- Preached a three-week full-message public evangelism series, “Truth for Today,” in Central Cuba with Collegedale Academy and ShareHim.

09–11/2005	<b>Collegedale Academy</b> <i>Public Evangelism Series Speaker and Coordinator</i>	Collegedale, TN
	▪ Organized and preached a six-week full-message public evangelism series, “Prophecy Unveiled.”	
02–03/2005	<b>Costa Rica Mission Trip</b> , Collegedale Academy <i>Speaker, Singer, and Helper</i>	Monteverde, Puntarenas, Costa Rica
	▪ Helped build a classroom and bathrooms for a church school and preached and sang for a church revival.	

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## PREACHING EXPERIENCE

02/2002– Present	<b>Various Seventh-day Adventist Churches</b> <i>Speaker</i>
	▪ Preached at several different Seventh-day Adventist churches in the United States, Greece, Argentina, Costa Rica, Cuba, Ecuador, and Trinidad, including those churches where a pastoral position was held.

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