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## **EDUCATION**

### **Nazarene Theological College, the University of Manchester (U.K.)**

PhD Candidate, ABD; Specialization: Wesley Studies, Systematic Theology

Thesis: Ontology and Incarnation in Trinitarian Theology: Christological Implications of John Wesley's Doctrine of God

Primary Supervisor: Dr. Allan Coppedge, Asbury Theological Seminary

Second Supervisor: Dr. Tom A. Noble, Nazarene Theological College

### **Asbury Theological Seminary, Wilmore, KY**

M.Div. Biblical and Theological Studies, May 2008.

### **Morehead State University, Morehead, KY**

B.B.A. Computer Information Systems, May 2000.

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

### **Invitation to the New Testament** (Nicholasville UMC, [Present] January 5-March 2 2011)

- Instructing students using Disciple Bible Study curriculum.
- Facilitating group discussion of multiple New Testament topics.

### **Invitation to the Old Testament** (Nicholasville UMC, October-December 2010)

- Instructed students using Disciple Bible Study curriculum.
- Facilitated group discussion of multiple Old Testament topics.

### **Guest Lecturer** (Asbury Theological Seminary, spring 2010)

- Course: Basic Christian Doctrine
- Sessions taught: Doctrine of Humanity; Doctrine of Sin.

### **Postgraduate Teaching Internship** (Asbury Theological Seminary, fall 2009)

- Course: Basic Christian Doctrine
- Responsibilities include teaching assigned class sessions, facilitation of discussion groups, and paper and exam evaluations.
- Sessions taught: Historical development of the doctrine of the Trinity.

### **Invitation to the New Testament** (Nicholasville UMC, October-December 2009)

- Instructed students using Disciple Bible Study curriculum.
- Facilitated group discussion of multiple New Testament topics.

### **Hebrew Tutor** (Asbury Theological Seminary, fall 2007)

- Instructed student in one-on-one setting in introductory Biblical Hebrew.

### **Undergraduate Teaching Assistant/ Computer Lab Assistant** (Morehead State University, spring 2000)

- Aided students in CIS 101 (Computer Information Systems) course;
- Answered technical questions for students using lab computers.

## **Undergraduate Teaching Assistant/ Computer Lab Assistant** (Miami University, OH, 1995-96)

- Aided students in SAN 154 (Systems Analysis) course;
- Answered technical questions for students using lab computers.

## **ADDITIONAL MINISTRY EXPERIENCE**

### **Preaching / Teaching**

- I have been blessed with the opportunity to preach and teach at a number of churches over the last few years. Some of these churches include: Nicholasville UMC (Nicholasville, KY), Mt. Zion UMC (Mercer County, KY), First Christian Church (London, KY), Preacherville UMC (Preacherville, KY), Hillsboro UMC (Hillsboro, KY), and Ringo's Mill UMC (Ringo's Mill, KY).

### **Confirmation Mentor** (Nicholasville UMC, fall 2009 - Present)

- Lead weekly confirmation lessons with a high school freshman from Nicholasville UMC.

### **Youth Pastor** (First Christian Church, London KY, Aug 2004 - March 2005)

- Responsible for weekly bible studies / youth group activities.
- Organize / lead special event and youth trips.

### **Mission Trip to *La Escuela Del Sembrador*** (Honduras, Feb 2001)

- Traveled with WGM team to work on construction project at Christian boarding school for underprivileged children.

### **W.L.D. Ranch** (Summers 1989 – 1995, 1997)

- WLD Ranch is a Christian camp located in Girard, PA that ministers to children and teens primarily in the northern Pennsylvania region. Over the many years that I worked as a staff member at the ranch, I held a variety of positions including: Wrangler, Horsemanship Instructor, Counselor, and Foreman.

## **PAPERS AND PRESENTATIONS**

### **“John Wesley’s Epistemology”** (Asbury Theological Seminary, 2010)

- Presented a portion of ongoing doctoral research to other postgraduate students and faculty at a monthly seminar.

### **“John Wesley’s Hermeneutics”** (Nazarene Theological College, 2009)

- Presented paper and led seminar discussion on Wesley’s hermeneutics with special emphasis on how the subject relates to Wesley’s concept of Christian perfection.

### **“The Ontological Necessity of the Incarnation”** (Asbury Theological Seminary, 2007)

- Presented paper and led seminar discussion for Triune Theism (doctrine of God) course.

### **Recruiting and Equipping the Laity** (Asbury Theological Seminary, 2007)

- Presented paper and video presentation on discipleship and leadership training course developed by students in a course group.

### **Trinitarian Proclamation** (Asbury Theological Seminary, 2007)

- Delivered two sermons and multiple short papers to professor and students in preaching course.

### **Christian Rhetoric** (Asbury Theological Seminary, 2006)

- Presented multiple short papers on Christian rhetoric for public speaking course.

### **Exegesis of Philippians** (Asbury Theological Seminary, 2006)

- Presented approach to outlining Paul’s Letter to the Philippians for professor and students in New Testament Exegesis class.

## **FELLOWSHIPS, SCHOLARSHIPS, & BURSARIES**

**Postgraduate Teaching Internship** (fall 2009)

- Asbury Theological Seminary

**Elmer / Leoda Noyer Scholarship**

- Asbury Theological Seminary

**V & A Norton Memorial Merit Scholarship**

- Asbury Theological Seminary

**Asbury Theological Seminary Ministry Scholarship**

## **LANGUAGE COMPETENCIES**

**Biblical Hebrew, Biblical Aramaic, Ecclesiastical Latin, Greek (Koine), Spanish, German**

## **PROFESSIONAL SOCIETY AND ORGANIZATION MEMBERSHIPS**

**Eta Beta Rho, National Hebrew Honor Society**, Asbury Theological Seminary (2006-2008)

- Public Relations Officer. Spring 2007 – Spring 2008.

**Manchester Wesley Research Center** (2009-Present)

**Society of Biblical Literature** (2006-2007; 2009-Present)

**Wesleyan Theological Society** (2009-Present)

## **EDITING AND PUBLICATIONS**

**Proof Reader / Editor.** Thobaben, James R. *Health-Care Ethics: A Comprehensive Christian Resource*, Downers Grove: InterVarsity Press (Summer, 2007)

**Editor.** *This Week at Asbury*, Student Publication (Feb. 2005 – Nov. 2006)