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**Current Position:**

Professor of History, Department of History, Dordt University, 2012-present

**Academic History:**

Ph.D., Religion: Historical and Church/State Studies, Baylor University, Waco, TX, 2006

M.A., History, Northwestern State University, Natchitoches, LA, 2000

M.Div., New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, New Orleans, LA, 1999

B.A., History, Louisiana College, Pineville, LA, 1996

**Academic Experience**:

Assistant Professor of History, Department of History and Political Science, Louisiana College,

2007-2012

Adjunct Professor of Religion, Baylor University, 2005-2007

Graduate Teaching Assistant, Department of Religion, Baylor University, 2002-2005

Graduate Teaching Assistant, Department of History, Northwestern State University, 1997-1999

**Publications**

**Books:**

*Francis Johnson and the English Separatist Influence: The Bishop of Brownism’s Life, Writings,*

*and Controversies*. Macon, GA: Mercer University Press, 2011.

**Book Chapters:**

“The Place of Faith, Doubt, and Sacrament in the Post-Apocalyptic Worlds of *The Leftovers* and

*The Walking Dead*.” *Apocalyptic Chic: Visions of the Apocalypse and Post-Apocalypse in*

*Literature and Visual Arts*. Barbara Brodman and James E. Doan, Ed. Madison, NJ: Fairleigh Dickinson University Press, 2017, 183-196.

“No More Mr. Nice Angel: Angelic Ethics from the Ancient World through *Paradise Lost* to

*Supernatural*.” *The Supernatural Revamped: From Timeworn Legends to Twenty-First-*

*Century Chic*. Barbara Brodman and James E. Doan, Ed. Madison, NJ: Fairleigh

Dickinson University Press, 2016, 19-33.

**Articles:**

“Asa Gray,” “William Bradford,” “Mayflower Compact,” “Puritan Legacies,” “Puritanism,”

Pat Robertson,” “Scopes Monkey Trial, “Separation of Church and State” in George

Kurian and Mark Lamport, ed. *The Encyclopedia of Christianity in the United States*.

Rowman and Littlefield Publishers, 2016.

“Baylor University,” “Christian Reformed Church,” English Puritanism and Separatism,”

“Enlightenment Theology and Philosophy,” “John Knox,” “John Owen,” “Southern

Baptist Convention,” in George Kurian and Mark Lamport, ed. *The Encyclopedia of*

*Christian Education*. Rowman and Littlefield Publishers, 2015.

“Political Humor and Parodies,” “Bush-Kerry Presidential Debates,” “Faith-Based Initiatives,”

“Iowa Caucuses,” in Brian Frankilin, ed. “Collective Memory Project on the Election of

2004,” Center for Presidential History, George W. Bush Presidential Library, Southern

Methodist University, August 2014, <http://cphcmp.smu.edu/2004election/>, (Last accessed

July 15, 2015).

“Calvinism,” “Congregationalism,” “John Calvin,” “Ignatius of Antioch,” “Martyrs and

Martyrology,” “Montanus,” North African Christianity,” “The Persecuted Church,” in

George T. Kurian, ed. *The Encyclopedia of Christian Civilization*. Wiley-Blackwell,

2012.

**Selected General Articles:**

“What has Jesus to do with John Wayne: A Review of *Jesus and John Wayne*” *In All Things*,

June 11, 2020.

<https://inallthings.org/what-has-jesus-to-do-with-john-wayne-a-review-of-jesus-and-john-wayne/> , (Last accessed August 31, 2020).

“On Awkward Spiritual Gateway Drugs” *The Twelve*, August 22, 2019.

<https://blog.reformedjournal.com/2019/08/22/on-awkward-spiritual-gateway-drugs/>,

(Last accessed August 30, 2019).

“Profundity and Absurdity,” *The Twelve*, April 2, 2019.

<https://blog.reformedjournal.com/2019/04/02/profundity-and-absurdity/>,

(Last accessed August 30, 2019).

“The Past Speaks to the Present: A Review of ‘Demanding Liberty’” *In All Things*, July 3, 2018.

<https://inallthings.org/the-past-speaks-to-the-present-a-review-of-demanding-liberty/>,

(Last accessed August 30, 2018).

“Peace with Graham,” *In All Things*, February 24, 2018. https://inallthings.org/peace-with-

graham/, (Last accessed August 30, 2018).

“Dual Citizenship: What Does It Mean to be a Christian and a Citizen of the United States?” *In*

*All Things*, July 5, 2017. Reprint in the Spring issue of the Dordt *Voice*.

<http://inallthings.org/dual-citizenship-what-does-it-mean-to-be-a-christian-and-a-citizen-of-the-united-states/>, (Last accessed August 17, 2017).

“Mandates from the Masses and the Call to Courageous Christian Scholarship,” *The Anxious*

*Bench*, January 18, 2017.

<http://www.patheos.com/blogs/anxiousbench/2017/01/mandates-masses-call-courageous-christian-scholarship/>, (Last accessed August 17, 2017).

“What is Evangelicalism?” *In All Things*, July, 12, 2016,

<http://inallthings.org/what-does-evangelical-mean/>, (Last accessed August 4, 2016).

“When Civil Religion Comes to Church,” *In All Things*, May 31, 2016,

<http://inallthings.org/when-civil-religion-comes-to-church/>, (Last accessed August 4,

2016).

“They Both Prayed to the Same God,” *In All Things*, May 26, 2015,

[http://inallthings.org/they- both-prayed-to-the-same-god/](http://inallthings.org/they-%20both-prayed-to-the-same-god/), (Last accessed July 15, 2015).

“Imagine a World Where Faith Was More than Political Eye Candy,” *In All Things*, March 27,

2015, <http://inallthings.org/imagine-a-world-where-faith-was-more-than-political-eye-candy/>, (Last accessed July 15, 2015).

“Ten Great Books on Church History,” *In All Things*, December 5, 2014,

<http://inallthings.org/ten-great-books-on-church-history/> , (Last accessed July 15, 2015).

“Luther’s Persistent Mentor,” *In All Things*, October 30, 2014,

<http://inallthings.org/luthers-persistent-mentor/>, (Last accessed July 15, 2015).

**Book Reviews in the Following Journals:**

*Renaissance Quarterly*

*Fides et Historia*

*The American Baptist Quarterly*

*Pro Rege*

*Themelios*

**Courses Taught:**

World Civilization I

World Civilization II

World Civilization to 1648 (Online course)

Western Civilization I

Western Civilization II

Core 140: The Roots of Western Culture and Worldviews

Core 145: Modern Western Culture

American History I (Online)

American History II (Online and Traditional formats)

History of Britain I

History of Britain II

Elizabethan England

Topics in the History of the British Isles

Ancient Greece and Rome

Medieval Europe

Latin America

Reformation Europe, 1500-1800

Renaissance and Reformation

Revolutionary Europe, 1789-1914

Contemporary Europe, 1914-1992

The French Revolution and Napoleon

History and Film

The Christian Heritage

History of Christianity

Religion in American Culture

Great Texts Seminar I: Ancient, Medieval, and Renaissance Great Texts

Great Texts Seminar II: Early Modern and Modern Great Texts

Senior Research Seminar: American Emphasis

**Grants:**

Dordt University Project Grant, Dordt University Research and Scholarship Committee, June

2019, to the Religion and American Culture conference in Indianapolis, IN

Dordt College Project Grant, Dordt College Research and Scholarship Committee, Summer

2017, to fund research and writing on the book project *Safe for the Whole Family: The*

*Ironic Relationship between Popular Christian Media and American Popular Culture*

Dordt College Project Grant, Dordt College Research and Scholarship Committee, March 2017,

to fund research and writing on the book project *Safe for the Whole Family: The Ironic Relationship between Popular Christian Media and American Popular Culture*

Dordt College Humanities Research Stipend, Dordt College Research and Scholarship

Committee, Summer 2016, to fund research and writing on the book project *Safe for the*

*Whole Family: The Ironic Relationship between Popular Christian Media and American*

*Popular Culture*

Dordt College Professional Presentation Grant, Dordt College Research and Scholarship

Committee, April 2015, to fund travel and accommodations for a conference

presentation at the American Academy of Religion Annual Upper Midwest

Region Meeting at Luther College in St. Paul, MN

Dordt College Professional Presentation Grant, Dordt College Research and Scholarship

Committee, October 2014, to fund travel for a conference presentation at the 2014

biannual Conference on Faith and History at Pepperdine University in Malibu, CA

Louisiana College Faculty Development Travel Grant, Louisiana College Faculty Development

Committee, 2009, to fund travel for a Sixteenth Studies Conference presentation at

Geneva, Switzerland as well as research trips to Paris, France and Amsterdam, Holland

Louisiana College History Department Grant, Louisiana College Department of History and

Political Science, 2009, to fund travel for research in Paris, France and Amsterdam,

Holland

Louisiana College Faculty Development Grant, Louisiana College Faculty Development

Committee, 2008, to fund the payment of a subinvention fee to Mercer University

Press for the publication of *Francis Johnson and the English Separatist Influence*

**Participation in Professional Meetings:**

“Christianity and the Creation of the Common Enemy,” Session Commentator, American

Historical Association Annual Meeting, New York, NY, January 4, 2020.

“Victims of Tragedy or Martyrs of the Culture Wars? Christian Media and the Politicization of

School Shootings,” American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Denver, CO,

November 19, 2018

“What Has Huntington to Do With Nashville,” The Conference on Faith and History, Grand

Rapids, MI, October 5, 2018

“You Don’t Own Me, Do You? The Struggle of Christian Musicians to Navigate Christian

Identity Politics,” Culture, Criticism, and the Christian Mind Conference, Sioux Center,

IA, November 3, 2017

“Faith and Reason Behind the Throne: Francis Bacon's Integral Embrace of Religious

Conviction and Empirical Curiosity.” Lilly Fellows Program, Reason and Faith on the

500th Anniversary of the Reformation, October 13, 2017

“Between the Devil and Two Rival Queens: William Cecil and the Succession Crisis of 1553,”

Western Conference on British Studies, St. Louis, MO, September 29, 2017

“Teaching the English Reformation in the Christian College Classroom,” The Rocky Mountain

Medieval and Renaissance Association, Colorado Mesa University, Grand Junction, CO,

June 22, 2017

“The Cinematic Cecil: Elizabeth I’s Right Hand in History, Memory, and Media,” The Gloriana

Society Conference, HMS Tower of London, London, UK, November 18, 2016

“Beat the System: The Role of Contemporary Christian Music in Grooming Christian Youth for

Cultural Conflict in the 1980s and 90s,” The Christian Scholars Conference, Lipscomb

University, Nashville, TN, June 10, 2016

“Evolution or Devolution? The Public Interest, Faith, and the Battles over Science Standards in

Kansas Public Schools,” Mid-America American Studies Association, University of

Kansas, Lawrence, KS, March 5, 2016

“The Pat Robertson Presidential Campaign and the Shaping of American Evangelical Political

Activism,” Iowa Conference on Presidential Politics, Dordt College, Sioux Center, IA,

October 30, 2016

“Get on Your Knees and Fight Like a Man! Spiritual Warfare Themes in Eighties Contemporary

Christian Music.” American Academy of Religion Upper Midwest Region Area Annual

Meeting, Luther Seminary, St. Paul, MN, April 17, 2015

“This Means War! Moving from World Peace to Spiritual Warfare in Contemporary Christian

Music.” American Academy of Religion Great Plains Region Annual Meeting, Creighton

University, Omaha, NE, March 21, 2015

“Facing ‘Christian America’s’ Sacred Ire: Can Christian Historians Successfully Bridge the Gap

between Professional Integrity and Populist Constituency?” Conference on Faith and

History, Malibu, CA, September 27, 2014

“Long May She Reign? Portrayals and Interpretations of Mary, Queen of Scots in Popular

Media.” Second Annual Center for Medieval Studies and Renaissance Conference, St.

Louis University, St. Louis, MO, June 16, 2014

“Pushing the Frontiers of British Identity: The Challenge of Thomas Paine to the British

Political and Religious Order.” The Western Conference on British Studies, Kansas

City, MO, October 7, 2013

“Praising Follies and Exchanging Utopias: Desiderius Erasmus, Sir Thomas More, and the

Dilemma of the Renaissance Humanist Polemicist.” The Center for Medieval and Renaissance Studies Conference, St. Louis University, St. Louis, MO, June 18, 2013

“Against the Imputations of the Learned Doctors: The Unintended Influence of the Hampton

Court Conference on the Development, Self-Definition, and Expansion of the English Separatist Movement,” 400 Years of the King James Bible, Baylor Institute for the Study of Religion Conference, Waco, TX, April 8, 2011

“The Adventure of the British Empire: Sir Arthur Conan Doyle’s Presentation, Romanticization,

and Exaltation of the British Empire in the Fictional World of Sherlock Holmes,” The

British Scholars Conference, University of Texas, Austin, TX, March 31, 2011

“The Relevance of Religion in an Age of Reason: Early Christian Responses to Thomas Paine’s

*Age of Reason*,” Secularization and Revival: The Fate of Religion in Modern Intellectual

History, Third Baylor Symposium on Faith and Culture, Waco, TX, October 10, 2009

“Reforming Without Tarrying for Calvin: The English Separatist Interpretation and Adaptation

of John Calvin’s Legacy,” The Sixteenth Century Studies Conference, Geneva, Switzerland, May 28, 2009

“Fluid Identities: The Fluctuating Shape of Baptist Identity and Typology during the

English Revolutionary and Commonwealth Eras (1642-1660),” The American Society for

Church History Annual Meeting, Washington D.C., January 5, 2008

“The Great Escape? Francis Johnson, English Separatism, and the Colony that Almost

Was,” Southwest Commission on Religious Studies Annual Meeting, Fort Worth,

TX, March 16, 2007

“That They May Live Through History: Theological History and Historical Jeremiad In

William Bradford’s *Of Plymouth Plantation* and Cotton Mather’s *Magnalia Christi*

*Americana*,” Conference on Faith and History Biannual Meeting, Shawnee, OK,

September 22, 2006

“The Defender of the Indians: Bartolome De Las Casas and the Christian Defense of

Oppressed People Groups,” presented with Justin Lopez, Pruett Memorial Symposium,

Baylor University, Waco, TX, November 7, 2005

“The History of the Integration of Faith and Learning at Baylor University,” presented with Dr.

Laine Scales, Baylor Summer Faculty Institute, Waco, TX, June 9, 2005

“Free Churches In a Free State: Baptist Attitudes toward Religious Liberty in the Inter-War Period,” Conference on Faith and History, Holland, MI, October 14, 2004

“Fascist and Nazi Sympathizers during the Inter-War Period,” Southwest Social Sciences

Association, Corpus Christi, TX, March 2004

“William Gladstone’s Opposition to Vaticanism,” Baylor University Scholar’s Day, Waco,

TX, February 2004

“The Civil War Service of Dr. Bartholomew Egan,” Northwest Louisiana Historical Association

Annual Meeting, Alexandria, LA, March 16, 1998

**Community Presentations:**

“American Judas: The Life and Crimes of Benedict Arnold,” Betty Strong Encounter Center,

Remote Presentation, Sioux City, IA, July 19, 2020.

“John Adams: Patriot, President, and Patriarch of America’s First Political Dynasty,” Betty

Strong Encounter Center, Sioux City, IA, July 21, 2019

"James Monroe: Expansion, Defense and the Art of Compromise," Betty Strong Encounter

Center, Sioux City, IA, March 3, 2019

“James Madison: Founder, Father, and Framer of the Constitution” Betty Strong Encounter

Center, Sioux City, IA, July 22, 2018

“The Homestead Act,” Betty Strong Encounter Center, Sioux City, IA, February 25, 2018

“The First Amendment Under Fire: The Alien and Sedition Crisis of 1798-1801,” Betty Strong

Encounter Center, Sioux City, IA, July 23, 2017

“Benjamin Franklin: America’s Enlightened Founder,” Betty Strong Encounter Center, Sioux

City, IA, February 19, 2017

“Who was Aaron Burr, Sir?” Betty Strong Encounter Center, Sioux City, IA, October 16, 2016

“The Man Behind the Marble: Getting to Know the Real George Washington,” Grace United

Methodist Church, Sioux City, IA, July 6, 2016

“Alexander Hamilton: An Unconventional Founder’s Journey from the West Indies to

Broadway,” Betty Strong Encounter Center, Sioux City, IA, June 19, 2016

“The Man Behind the Marble: Getting to Know the Real George Washington,” Betty Strong

Encounter Center, Sioux City, IA, February 28, 2016

“Christianity in American Culture,” First Christian Reformed Church, Sioux Center, IA, April

11, 25, and May 2, 2015

“Cowboy Presidents,” Betty Strong Encounter Center, Sioux City, IA, March 22, 2015

“Reformed Perspective in Teaching Core 140 and 145,” Dordt College Faculty Presentation,

Sioux Center, IA, October, 2014

“From Reformation to Awakening: The Reformed Tradition Comes to North America,” First

Christian Reformed Church, Sioux Center, IA, March 30, April 7 and14, 2014

“Teaching Social Studies through Simulations,” Pella Christian Educators Conference, Pella, IA

May 29, 2013

“The History of Christianity,” Kingsville Baptist Church, Pineville, LA, February and

March 2012

“Elizabeth I and Her Times,” Louisiana Endowment for the Humanities Readings in Literature

and Culture (RELIC) Program, Rapides Parish Public Library, Fall 2009

“Heart and Stomach of a King: Elizabeth I and the Armada Conflict,” Alexandria Rotary Club,

LA, August 14, 2008

“Battleground Louisiana: The Civil War Experience in Louisiana,” Louisiana Endowment for

the Humanities Readings in Literature and Culture (RELIC) Program, Rapides and Avoyelles Parish Public Libraries, LA, Spring 2008

“Picayune Ben: Ben Butler’s Occupation and Administration of New Orleans,” Alexandria

Lion’s Club, LA, April 16, 2008

“The Civil War Service of Dr. Bartholomew Egan,” The Alexandria Civil War Roundtable,

October 7, 2007

**Professional Development:**

Religion and Media Workshop, American Academy of Religion, Denver, CO, November 2018

BOLT 101 (Blended and Online Learning and Teaching), Dordt College, IA, June 2015

Reacting to the Past Regional Training, Gustavus Adolphus College, MN, March 2014

Dordt College New Faculty Orientation, IA, August 2012-May 2013

Learning House Online Teaching Training, April 2006

Religion Teaching Colloquy, Baylor University, TX, Fall 2005

Introduction to College Teaching, Baylor University Graduate School, TX, Spring 2005

“Teaching in Multicultural Classrooms,” Workshop conducted by the Wabash Center for

Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion, Southwest Regional AAR

Meeting, TX, March 12, 2005

**Languages:**

French

Koine Greek

Latin

German (reading proficiency)

Dutch (reading proficiency)

**Professional Awards:**

Professor of the Year for 2009-10, Selection by the Louisiana College Student Body, April 2010

Professor of the Year for 2008-09, Selection by the Louisiana College Student Body, April 2009

Outstanding Liberal Arts Graduate Student, Northwestern State University, 1997

**Faculty Advisor:**

Phi Alpha Theta, Alpha-Mu-Tau Chapter, 2009-11

Phi Alpha Theta, Alpha-Mu-Tau Chapter, 2007-08

**Honor Societies:**

Phi Alpha Theta

**Committees and Institutional Service:**

Humanities Division Chair, Dordt University, 2019-

Synod of Dort 400th Anniversary Commemoration Committee, Dordt College, 2018-19

Committee on Academic Policies and Procedures. Dordt College, 2013-18

Subcommittee on Coordinating Approved Activities (CAPC), Dordt College, 2014-16

Spiritual Development Committee, Dordt College, 2013-14, 2015-18

Search Committee for Head Football Coach, Dordt College, 2015

Iowa Conference on Presidential Politics Program Committee, Dordt College, 2015

Professional Technical Education Task Force, Dordt College, 2014-15

Graduate Education Committee, Dordt College, 2013-14

Faculty Affairs Advisory Committee, Louisiana College, 2010-11

Chair of the Who’s Who for University and College Students Selection Committee, 2009-10

Department of Religious Studies Faculty Search Committee, Louisiana College, Spring 2010

SACS Reaffirmation Committee on Faculty Credentials, Louisiana College, 2009-10

Department of History and Political Science Faculty Search Committee, Louisiana College,

Spring 2009

Student Appeals Committee, Louisiana College, 2008-09

Acting Assistant Dean of Students, 2007-08

History and Political Science Curriculum Revision Committee, Louisiana College, 2007-08

**Professional Organizations:**

American Historical Association

American Academy of Religion

British Scholar Society

Conference on Faith and History

Renaissance Society of America

**Professional References:**

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