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M.Div., Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, 1973
Ph.D., Princeton Theological Seminary, 1980 (American church history)
Dissertation: "Robert E. Speer and the Crisis of the American
Protestant Missionary Movement, 1920-1937."

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP: Englewood Baptist Church, Jackson, TN (SBC)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE: Teaching Fellow in Church History, Princeton Theological Seminary, 1975-76; Coadjutant Instructor, Trenton State College (now The College of New Jersey), 1976; Assistant Professor, Associate Professor, and Professor of History, Toccoa Falls College, 1977-89; Associate Professor, 1989-95 and Professor, 1995-99 of Church History, Mid-America Baptist Theological Seminary; Professor of Christian Studies, Union University, 1999-2009, and **University Professor, 2009-present**; Visiting Lecturer, International Academy of Modern Knowledge, Obninsk, Russia, April 1993; Visiting Professor, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, July 1993; Visiting Lecturer, Emmanuel Bible Institute (now Emmanuel University), Oradea, Romania, May 1994; Seminary Studies Professor for Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at Union University center, fall 2002.

COURSES TAUGHT:

Princeton Theological Seminary: History of Christianity I (teaching fellow).

Trenton State College (now The College of New Jersey): Religion in America.

Toccoa Falls College: Church History, American Church History, Western Thought and Culture, U.S. History (2-semester sequence), Ancient Civilizations, Medieval Civilization, Modern Europe, History Seminar, American Government.

Mid-America Baptist Theological Seminary: History of Christianity I and II, History of the Baptists, Patristic Christianity, Medieval Christianity, Magisterial Reform, Classics of Christian Devotion, American Christianity, American Revivals, Ph.D. Seminar in American Christianity, Ph.D. Seminar in Protestant Reformation.

Union University: Old Testament Survey, History of the Baptists, Biblical Backgrounds, New Testament Survey, History of Christianity, Great Texts and Theologians II, Church History I and II (master's level).

International Academy of Modern Knowledge: History of Christianity I.

Southern Baptist Theological Seminary: History of the Baptists.

Emmanuel University: Theology I and II, Cults.

ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE: Director, School of General Studies, Toccoa Falls College, 1978-89; Chairman, Department of Church History, Mid-America Baptist Theological Seminary, 1990-99; Interim Associate Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences for Christian Studies, Union University, 2000-01; **Associate Dean, School of Christian Studies, Union University, 2001-present;** interim chair, School of Christian Studies, 2005-06.

FIELD EXPERIENCE: Associate Staff, InterVarsity Christian Fellowship, University of New Hampshire, 1970-71; Youth Pastor, First Baptist Church, Reading, MA, 1971-73; Director, Baptist Day Camp, Reading, MA, 1972; Protestant Chaplain for Trenton Campus Ministries at Rider College (now University), 1974-76; supply preaching in several churches.

HONORS: Graduated with Honors from Rutgers University and Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary; Phi Beta Kappa; Pi Sigma Alpha; Phi Alpha Chi; Listed in *Outstanding Young Men of America* (1978); Recipient of Dedication in Toccoa Falls College Yearbook (1989); Listed in *Directory of American Scholars*; Chi Omega sorority Teacher of the Month, Union University, Jackson, TN, February 2004; Lynn May Study Grants, Southern Baptist Historical Library and Archives, Nashville, TN, summer 2004, summer 2006, winter 2008; faculty research leave, Union University, spring semester 2008.

MEMBERSHIPS: American Society of Church History; Baptist History and Heritage Society (member, editorial board, *Baptist History and Heritage*, 1999-2006); Christianity in the Academy (board member); Conference on Faith and History (member, editorial board, *Fides et Historia*, 1980-2004); Evangelical Theological Society; Fellowship of Baptist Historians; Tennessee Baptist Historical Society; editorial board, *Journal of Baptist Studies* (online).

PUBLICATIONS/SCHOLARLY PAPERS:

Book Reviews: in *Catholic Historical Review*, *Christian Century*, *Christianity Today*, *Church History*, *Eternity*, *Fides et Historia*, *International Bulletin of Missionary Research*, *Journal of Church and State*, *Journal of Baptist Studies* [online at www.baptiststudiesonline.com], *Journal of the Evangelical Theological Society*, *Journal of Evangelism and Missions*; *Mid-America Theological Journal*, *Princeton Seminary Bulletin*, *Religious Studies Review*.

Articles: “Motives in the Development of Foreign Missions among American Baptists.” *Foundations* 19 (October-December 1976): 298-319.

“The American Foreign Missionary Enterprise since 1865.” *Evangelical Studies Bulletin* 2 (October 1985): 6-9.

“Robert E. Speer, J. Gresham Machen, and the Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions.” *American Presbyterians: Journal of Presbyterian History* 64 (Spring 1986): 58-68.

“Evangelicals and the Presidential Elections of 1972, 1976, and 1980.” *Fides et Historia* 18 (June 1986): 44-62.

“Changing Images of the Beast: Apocalyptic Conspiracy Theories in American History.” *Journal of the Evangelical Theological Society* 31 (December 1988): 443-52.

Church History Bibliography (with L. R. Barnard). *Mid-America Theological Journal* 13 (Fall 1989): 77-93.

“God and Caesar: The Christian Confronts Government and Politics.” *TFC Magazine* 1 (Fall 1988): 14-15, and *Southern Baptist Public Affairs* 1 (Spring 1990): 3 and 5.

“Christ and Politics in Paradox: Martin Luther and Charles Colson.” *Southern Baptist Public Affairs* 2 (June 1990): 13-15 and 26-27.

“The Historical Setting of the Book of Acts.” *Mid-America Theological Journal* 14 (Spring 1990): 37-52.

“The Legacy of Robert P. Wilder.” *International Bulletin of Missionary Research* 15 (January 1991): 26-32.

“The Historiography of Fundamentalism and Evangelicalism.” *Mid-America Theological Journal* 15 (Fall 1991): 81-97.

“The Kingdom and the Great Commission: Social Gospel Impulses and American Protestant Missionary Leaders, 1890-1920.” *Fides et Historia* 25 (Winter/Spring 1993): 48-61.

“David Wells as A Modern Prophet: A Review Essay.” *Mid-America Theological Journal* 19 (1995): 133-39.

“Globalization and the Missionary Enterprise: A Case Study of Robert E. Speer’s *Missions and Modern History*.” *Fides et Historia* 31 (Summer/Fall 1999): 91-101.

“Robert E. Speer and the Development of North American Mission Theology and Theory, 1891-1914.” *Missiology* 29 (October 2001): 461-73.

“Clio Encounters Eschatology: Recent Historiographical Interest in Christian Beliefs about the Future.” *Journal of the Union University Faculty Forum* 23 (Fall 2003): 38-50.

“The Baptist Faith and Message and Denominational Identity.” *Union University Bulletin* 3, no. 2 (2004): 1 and 5.

“Writing Commemorative History for Christian Institutions: Propaganda or a Legitimate Scholarly Enterprise?” *Fides et Historia* 36 (Winter/Spring 2004): 31-40.

“Boundary Maintenance in Evangelical Christian Higher Education: A Case Study of the Council for Christian Colleges & Universities.” *Christian Higher Education* 4 (January-March 2005): 41-56.

“The J. R. Graves Synthesis: American Individualism and Landmarkist Ecclesiology.” *Tennessee Baptist History* 7 (Fall 2005): 9-18.

“Revolution and the Eschaton: Images of Jesus in the Jesus Movement.” *Trinity Journal* 26, NS No. 2 (Fall 2005): 267-77.

“Cultural Pessimism in Modern Evangelical Thought: Francis Schaeffer, Carl Henry, and Charles Colson.” *Journal of the Evangelical Theological Society* 49 (December 2006): 807-820.

“Alternative Theological Education in the Southern Baptist Convention: A Case Study of Mid-America Baptist Theological Seminary.” *Journal of Baptist Studies* 1 (2007):

2-19 [online at www.baptiststudiesonline.com].

“James Robinson Graves (1820-1893): History in the Service of Ecclesiology.” *Baptist History & Heritage* 44 (Winter 2009): 72-83.

Contributions to Books: “The Loss of a Protestant Missionary Consensus: Foreign Missions and the Fundamentalist-Modernist Conflict,” in *Earthen Vessels: American Evangelicals and Foreign Missions, 1880-1980*. Ed. J. A. Carpenter and W. S. Shenk (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1990), 73-91.

“American Baptist Board of International Ministries”; “American Missionary Fellowship”; “Apocalypticism”; “Association of Baptists for World Evangelism”; “Baptist Mid-Missions”; “Christian Literature Crusade”; “Interdenominational Foreign Mission Association of North America”; “RBMU International”; “SEND International”; “UFM International”; “Wheaton Declaration”; “Wilder, Robert P.”; in *The Dictionary of Christianity in America*. Ed. D. Reid, et al. Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 1990.

“Robert P. Wilder, 1863-1938: Recruiting Students for World Mission,” in *Mission Legacies*. Ed. G. H. Anderson, et al. (Maryknoll, NY: Orbis Books, 1994), 71-78.

“Association of Baptists for World Evangelism”; “Baptist Mid-Missions”; “Board of International Missions, ABCUSA”; in *Dictionary of Baptists in America*. Ed. B. J. Leonard. Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 1994.

“The Theocratic Impulse in American Protestantism: The Persistence of the Puritan Tradition,” in *God and Caesar*. Ed. M. Bauman and D. Hall (Camp Hill, PA: Christian Publications, 1994), 115-41.

“Buck, Pearl”; “Ellinwood, Frank F.”; “Speer, Robert E.”; “Strong, Josiah”; “Wilder, Grace E.”; “Wilder, Robert P.”; “Wilder, Royal G.”; “Wilson, John L.”; in *Biographical Dictionary of Christian Missions*. Ed. G. H. Anderson. New York: Simon and Schuster Macmillan, 1998.

“Johnson, Richard”; “Jones, David”; “Keysser, Christian”; “Liberal Theology and Mission”; “Marks, John Ebenezer”; “Marshman, Joshua”; “McDougall, Francis Thomas”; “Politics”; “Fundamentalist Denominational Missions”; in *Evangelical Dictionary of World Missions*. Ed. S. Moreau. Grand Rapids: Baker, 2000.

“Apocalyptic” (with George E. Ladd) in the *Evangelical Dictionary of Theology*. 2d ed. Ed. W. Elwell. Grand Rapids: Baker, 2001.

“Broadus’s Living Legacy,” in *John A. Broadus: A Living Legacy*. Ed. David S. Dockery and Roger D. Duke (Nashville: B & H Academic, 2008), 239-58.

“Speer, Robert Elliott”; “Strong, Josiah”; and “Wilder, Robert Parmelee.”
In *The Encyclopedia of Christian Civilization*. Ed. George Kurian. Oxford: Blackwell Publishing, 2009. [status uncertain because of editor vs. publisher conflict]

“Robert Elliott Speer: Missions Administrator, Promoter, and Statesman.”
Forthcoming in *Faces of Fundamentalism*, Ed. James Lutzweiler and Dwain Waldrep.

“Reframing the Past: The Impact of Institutional and Ideological Agendas on Modern Interpretations of Landmarkism.” Forthcoming in *Through a Glass Darkly*. Ed. Keith Harper. Tuscaloosa: University of Alabama Press.

Books: *To All the World: The History of Mid-America Baptist Theological Seminary, 1972-1997*. Memphis: Disciple Press, 1997.

Shining Lights: A History of the Council for Christian Colleges & Universities. Grand Rapids: Baker, 2001. Updated as *Shining Lights and Widening Horizons: A History of the Council for Christian Colleges & Universities, 2001-2006*. Washington, DC: Council for Christian Colleges & Universities, 2006.

Scholarly Papers: “The Crisis of the American Protestant Missionary Movement before World War I.” Presented at the Southeastern regional meeting of the Evangelical Theological Society, Knoxville, TN, March 1981.

“Searching for Roots and Fruits: The Historiography of Fundamentalism, 1970-1980.” Presented at the Southeastern regional meeting of the Evangelical Theological Society, Toccoa Falls, GA, March 1982.

“Evangelicals and the Presidential Elections of 1972, 1976, and 1980.” Presented at the Southeastern regional meeting of the Evangelical Theological Society, Central, SC, March 1984, and at the Conference on Faith and History, Fort Worth, TX, October 1984.

“Christianity and Politics.” Presented as part of Artist and Lecture Series at Central Wesleyan College (now Southern Wesleyan University), Central, SC, October 1984.

“J. Gresham Machen Versus Robert E. Speer: Two Competing Definitions of the Evangelical Heritage.” Presented at the national meeting of the Evangelical Theological Society, Chicago, IL, December 1984.

“Changing Images of the Beast: Apocalyptic Conspiracy Theories in American History.” Presented at the Southeastern regional meeting of the Evangelical Theological Society, Cleveland, TN, March 1985.

“The Loss of a Protestant Missionary Consensus: Foreign Missions and the Fundamentalist-Modernist Conflict.” Presented at the Institute for the Study of American Evangelicals conference, “A Century of World Evangelization,” Wheaton, IL, June 1986.

“Christ and Politics in Paradox: Martin Luther and Charles Colson.” Presented at the Southeastern regional meeting of the Evangelical Theological Society, Dayton, TN, March 1990.

“Christ, the Kingdom, and the Great Commission: The Impact of the Social Gospel on American Protestant Foreign Missions, 1890-1920.” Presented at the national meeting of the Evangelical Theological Society, Kansas City, MO, November 1991.

“The Theocratic Impulse in American Protestantism: The Persistence of the Puritan Tradition.” Presented at the national meeting of the Evangelical Theological Society, Washington, D.C., November 1993.

“Defending a Noble Cause: Robert E. Speer as Apologist for Foreign Missions, 1891-1937.” Presented at the national meeting of the Evangelical Theological Society, Philadelphia, PA, November 1995.

“Christianity and Culture.” Distinguished Christian Scholar Lectures presented at Mid-America Baptist Theological Seminary, Northeast Branch, Schenectady, NY, January 1998.

“Robert E. Speer and the Development of North American Mission Theology and Theory, 1891-1914.” Presented at North Atlantic Missiology Project, North American Consultation, at Fuller Theological Seminary, Pasadena, CA, March 1998.

“Globalization and the Missionary Enterprise: A Case Study of Robert E. Speer’s *Missions and Modern History*.” Presented at the Conference on Faith and History, at David Lipscomb University, Nashville, TN, September 1998.

“Clio Encounters Eschatology: Recent Historiographical Interest in Christian Beliefs about the Future.” Presented at the Evangelical Theological Society, Danvers, MA, November 1999.

“Defining Evangelical Boundaries in Christian Higher Education: A Case Study of the

Council for Christian Colleges & Universities.” Presented at the Evangelical Theological Society, Colorado Springs, CO, November 2001.

“Alternative Theological Education in the Southern Baptist Convention: A Case Study of Mid-America Baptist Theological Seminary.” Presented at the Southeastern regional meeting of the Evangelical Theological Society, Germantown, TN, March 2002.

“Propaganda or a Legitimate Scholarly Enterprise?: Writing Commemorative History for Christian Institutions.” Presented at the Conference on Faith and History, Huntington College, Huntington, IN, October 2002.

“Images of Death, Decline, and Darkness in Modern Evangelical Thought: Francis Schaeffer, Carl Henry, and Charles Colson.” Presented at the Christianity in the Academy conference, University of Memphis, Memphis, TN, April 2003.

“The Liberator is Coming: Images of Jesus in the Jesus Movement.” Presented at the Evangelical Theological Society, Atlanta, GA, November 2003.

“The J. R. Graves Synthesis: American Individualism and Landmarkist Ecclesiology.” Presented at the Christianity in the Academy conference, University of Memphis, Memphis, TN, April 2005.

“James Robinson Graves (1820-1893): History in the Service of Ecclesiology.” Presented at the Conference on Faith and History, Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee, OK, September 2006.

Miscellaneous: Moderator and/or commentator on papers at the Conference on Faith and History, Terre Haute, IN, November 1982; Cedarville, OH, November 1990; Grand Rapids, MI, October 1996; and Holland, MI, October 2004.

Moderator for session of conference, “Rights and Responsibilities of Christian Professors in the Academy,” University of Memphis, April 1997.

Moderator for sessions of conference, “Christianity in the Academy,” Union University, Germantown/Memphis campus, March 2007 and April 2008; University of Memphis, March 1998, March 1999, March 2001, April 2002, April 2003, and April 2004; Christian Brothers University, March 2000.

Commentator on student papers, Phi Alpha Theta history conference, Union University, Jackson, TN, February 2003.

Banquet speaker, Rutledge Honorary History Club, Union University, Jackson,

TN, May 2003.

Panelist at West Tennessee Religion Professors meeting, Freed-Hardeman University, Henderson, TN, November 2004.

Commencement speaker, Mid-America Baptist Theological Seminary, Germantown, TN, May 2005.

Luncheon speaker (on J. R. Graves), Tennessee Baptist Historical Society, Brentwood, TN, February 2006.

Three breakout sessions on “Marcion: Second Century Roots of Rejecting the Old Testament.” Ryan Center Conference, Union University. Jackson, TN, April 2007.

Participant in faculty seminar on American evangelicalism and fundamentalism led by George Marsden at Calvin College, Grand Rapids, MI, July 1999.

ADVISER EXPERIENCE:

Toccoa Falls College: Phi Kappa Nu society, 1977-78; Senior Class, 1978; Baptist Student Union, 1979-83; Married Student Association, 1980-88.

Union University: Student Success Advocate, 2001-02 and 2004; mission trip leader to Irving, TX, spring break, 2002.

COMMITTEE EXPERIENCE:

Toccoa Falls College: Spiritual Life Committee, 1977-79 (Chair, 1978-79); Chairman, Ad Hoc Food and Clothing Committee (after flood), 1977-78; Campus Preview Committee, 1978 and 1981; Chapel Advisory Committee, 1977-78; Academic Affairs Committee, 1978-89 (secretary, 1983-89); Freshman Winterim Coordinator, 1979-89; Faculty Handbook Committee, 1979-80; Chairman, Athletic Committee, 1979-80; Chairman, Curriculum Research Committee, 1980-82; Damron Book Committee (TFC history), 1980-81; Library Committee, 1982-89; Ad Hoc Core Curriculum Revision Committee, 1983; Retention Committee, 1986-87; AABC Self-Study: Steering Committee and Chairman, Committee on Fulfilling Objectives Through Educational Programs, 1985-87; SACS Self-Study: Committee on Educational Programs and Chairman, Subcommittee on Undergraduate Program, 1987-89.

Mid-America Baptist Theological Seminary: Alumni Affairs Committee, 1989-91; Library Committee, 1989-91; Institutional Effectiveness Committee, 1990-98; Academic Council/ Master's and Associate Programs Committee, 1990-99; Th.D./Ph.D. Committee, 1990-95

and 1996-99 (Foreign Language Subcommittee, 1993-99); SACS Self-Study: Steering Committee and Chairman, Educational Program Committee, 1994-96 (wrote chapter on Educational Program for self-study report); Presidential Inauguration Committee, 1997-98; Faculty Secretary, 1995-99; Faculty Publishing Fund Committee, 1998-99.

Union University: M.A. in Christian Studies Task Force, 1999-2000; Heritage Committee, 2000-01 and 2008-09; Faculty Development Committee, 2001-04 and 2005-07; Graduate Appeals Committee, 2009-present; President's Council, 2001-03; Academic Structure and Governance Task Team, 2002-04; 2010 Leadership Team (co-chair, Learning/Scholarship Group), 2004; Assessment and Institutional Research Committee, 2004-05; Academic Council, 2005-present.

CHURCH INVOLVEMENT:

1st Baptist, Toccoa, GA (SBC): Member; Sunday School teacher; History Committee; Vacation Bible School teacher; Discipleship Training teacher; supply preaching.

Bartlett Baptist, Bartlett, TN (SBC): Member; Sunday School teacher/youth worker; Vacation Bible School teacher; Discipleship Training teacher; deacon (vice-chair, 1996-98); invitation counselor; boys' basketball coach, 1992-96; supply preaching.

Englewood Baptist Church, Jackson, TN (SBC): co-Sunday School teacher, 2002-present; deacon, 2003-2007 and 2008-present; deacon vice-chair, 2004-05; deacon chair, 2005-07; auxiliary deacon, 2007-08; pulpit supply; Pastor Transition Committee, 2006-07; ESL volunteer tutor, 2006-present; member, Foundational Documents Task Team, 2009-present.

Miscellaneous: Pulpit supply; training sessions; lectures and presentations; January Bible studies at various churches/conferences.

COMMUNITY SERVICE:

Toccoa, GA: Optimist Club of Toccoa (board member, 1986-87 and vice-president, 1987); Toccoa Roadrunners; Toccoa Elementary School Parent-Teacher Organization (Board, 1986-89; 1st vice-president, 1987-88; president, 1988-89).

Bartlett, TN: Daybreak Homeowners' Association, 1989-present; Oak Elementary School PTA, 1989-93; Ellendale Elementary School PTA, 1993-94; Shadowlawn Middle School PTA, 1994-96; Shadowlawn Band Boosters, 1994-95; Bolton High School PTSA, 1993-2000; Bolton Sideout Club, 1993-95; Bolton Choral Boosters, 1993-2000; Interested People of Theater (Bolton Stagelight Theater), 1995-2000; Tutor, West Tennessee Baptist Children's Home, 1997-2000.

Jackson, TN: Arts Associate, Union University, 2000-02; Habitat for Humanity project, April 2001; Madison County Republican Party.