

CURRICULUM VITAE

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EDUCATION

Ph.D. – Christian Theology (minor New Testament) – Gateway Seminary, 2024.

Dissertation: “Divine Impassibility, the Holy Spirit, and Human Suffering”

Supervisors: John Shouse, Ph.D. & Fred Sanders, Ph.D.

M.Div. (Concentration: Christian Counseling) – Gateway Seminary, 2016.

B.S. in Psychology – University of Utah, 1992

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Adjunct Professor – Gateway Seminary, 2022–Present.

Adjunct Professor – Jos Reformed Theological College (Nigeria), 2025–Present.

D.Min. & Diploma Supervisor – PTS–College of Advanced Studies, 2024–Present.

Professor – Henderson Training Institute (Nicaragua), 2018–Present

Teaching Assistant – Gateway Seminary

SPECIALIZATION & COMPETENCE

Specialization: Systematic Theology (Doctrine of God, Trinity, Pneumatology, Divine Attributes),
Theological Anthropology, Integration of Theology & Counseling (especially recovery & EFT).

Competence: Church History, New Testament, Spiritual Formation, Christian Counseling, Patristics,
Theological -- German, Greek, and Latin.

Research Languages: Koine Greek, German, Latin.

PUBLICATIONS

Books

*Divine Impassibility and the Holy Spirit: Nicene Retrieval, Divine–Human Interaction, and the Healing
Work of God* (monograph substantially revised from dissertation) – under submission, 2026.

Peer–Reviewed Journal Articles

Published:

“Divine Jealousy as Covenantal Concern: Kevin Vanhoozer’s Theodramatic Impassibility, *actus purus*, and
the Middle East Conflict,” *The London Lyceum* (The Ledger), 2026.

“Memory for Temporal Order of New and Familiar Spatial Location Sequences: Role of the Medial Prefrontal
Cortex.” *Learn Mem.* 1997 Nov-Dec;4(4):311-7. PMID: 10706368 [PubMed - indexed for MEDLINE],
Chiba A. A., Kesner R. P., Gibson C. J.

Under Review:

“Hegel’s Diremptive Legacy: How a Mutation of Seventeenth-Century Lutheran Christological Debates Fueled the Development of Twentieth-Century Divine Passibility.” Under review, *Evangelical Quarterly*.

“The Impassible Holy Spirit: Divine Impassibility as Essential to the Spirit’s Perfecting Work in Sanctification and Healing.” Under review, *The Reformed Theological Journal*.

In Progress:

“Suffering Impassibly: Chalcedonian Christology, Divine Impassibility, and Emotionally Focused Therapy” In progress.

“Christ as Mercy Seat: ἰλαστήριον in Paul’s Christology, Divine Impassibility, and Pastoral Hope.” In progress.

Selected Book Reviews

The Pastoral Epistles: An Introduction and Commentary, Tyndale New Testament Commentaries (TNTC), by Osvaldo Padilla, Bulletin for Biblical Research, forthcoming 2026.

Covenant Theology: Biblical, Theological, and Historical, edited by Guy Prentiss Waters, J. Nicholas Reid, and John R. Muether, Three Part Review in *The London Lyceum*, The Ledger, 2026.

Being and Becoming in Paul: Human Transformation in the Letters of Paul, by Frederick David Carr, Bulletin for Biblical Research, 35, no. 1, (2025): 141-143.

The Sermon to the Seven Churches in Revelation: A Commentary and Guide, by Jeffrey A. D. Weima, Bulletin for Biblical Research, 22, no. 4, (2022): 483-85.

Fountain of Salvation: Trinity and Soteriology, by Fred Sanders, Journal of the Evangelical Theological Society 65, no. 2 (2022): 394-98.

Human Anguish and God’s Power: Current Issues in Theology, Book 16, by David Kelsey, Journal of Spiritual Formation and Soul Care 15, no. 2, (2022): 295-96.

Simply Trinity: The Unmanipulated Father. Son, and Spirit, by Matthew Barrett, Southeastern Theological Review 13, no. 2 (2022): 99-101.

The Paradox of Sonship: Christology in the Epistle to the Hebrews, by R. B. Jamieson, Bulletin for Biblical Research 32, no. 1 (2022): 109-11.

The Same God Who Works All Things: Inseparable Operations in Trinitarian Theology, by Adonis Vidu, Midwestern Journal of Theology 21, no. 1 (2022): 124-27.

God of all comfort: A Trinitarian Response to the Horrors of This World, by Scott Harrower, Journal of Spiritual Formation and Soul Care 13, no. 1 (2020): 134-36, with Fred Sanders.

SELECT ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS

2022 – “Impassibility and Divine Emotion: *actus purus* and *concern-based construal* as Resources for Affirming and Strengthening Impassibility in Christian Theology.” Evangelical Theological Society, Denver, CO. (Nov. 16).

2021 – “A Spectrum of Impassibility and Passibility in Christian Theology.” Evangelical Theological Society, Fort Worth, TX. (Nov. 15).

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Full Responsibility for the following courses [developed and/or taught]

Ancient Church History (Jos Reformed Theological College, 2025)

Integration of Counseling and Christianity (Gateway Seminary, 2023 & 2024).

Systematic Theology I & II (intensive, Nicaragua)

Church History I & II (intensive, Nicaragua).

Counseling Theory and Methods (Gateway Seminary Online, 2022 & 2025)

Spiritual Formation (Henderson Training Institute, 2018).

Theology of Recovery and Missions (Henderson Training Institute, 2017, 2019, 2020).

Seminary Curriculum – Design, Development, Implementation (Nicaragua 2018–Present).

MINISTRY & COUNSELING LEADERSHIP

Recovery Pastor, Director of Recovery, Counseling – Ministries of Jesus (Edmond, OK) 2014–Present.

- Design, implement, and lead the largest church-based recovery ministry in Oklahoma.
- Developed and implemented an integrative model of recovery, counseling, medical, and social services that continues today.

Provost – Henderson Training Institute (Nicaragua & USA), 2018–Present

Ordained Minister (Southern Baptist), 2014

Christian Counselor, 2014–Present

Prepare/Enrich Facilitator, 2013–Present

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Evangelical Theological Society | Institute for Biblical Research | North American Patristics Society | The London Lyceum

RESEARCH INTERESTS

The elements and attributes of the Trinity related to divine power in application(s) to the Creator-creature interaction and creaturely transformation.

The integrative application—including benefit and detriment—of the Nicene and conciliar construct(s) of God to Contemporary Christian Theology, Counseling, and creaturely transformation.

The benefit, challenge, and hindrance of Nicene and conciliar constructs of God integrated with cognitive and experiential therapies—including recovery and Emotionally Focused Therapy (EFT).

The Christian Doctrine of God, the Trinity, and pneumatology with special focus on experience, divine action, perfecting works, and unity/distinction of Divine Persons.

The absolutes of Biblical authority and divine inspiration with special attention to theological interpretation of Christian Scripture.

REFERENCES

References available upon request.