

## **DR. BENJAMIN L. WHITE**

Associate Professor of Religion, Clemson University (Clemson, SC, USA)  
Creativity Professor, College of Architecture, Arts and Humanities (2018-2020)  
Director, BA in Religious Studies

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### **DEGREES**

- Ph.D.      **University of North Carolina (Chapel Hill, NC), 2011**  
Department: Religious Studies  
Field: Ancient Mediterranean Religions  
Concentration: New Testament/Christian Origins/Early Christianity  
Dissertation Advisor: Bart D. Ehrman
- Th.M.      **Duke University (Durham, NC), 2004**  
Concentration: New Testament
- M.A.      **Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary (S. Hamilton, MA), 2002**  
Concentration: New Testament  
Summa Cum Laude
- B.B.A.      **Campbell University (Buies Creek, NC), 1999**  
Double Major in Religion and Business  
Summa Cum Laude

### **TEACHING POSITIONS**

#### **Clemson University (Clemson, SC)**

Creativity Professor (2018-2020)  
Associate Professor of Religion (2016-present)  
Director of Religious Studies Program (2014-present)  
Assistant Professor of Religion (2011-2016)

#### ***Courses Taught***

Survey of New Testament Literature  
History of Early Christianity  
Studies in Biblical Literature (Seminar on the Apostle Paul)  
Studies in Religion (Seminar on Early Jewish and Christian Relations)  
Constructing Scripture  
Jesus in History, Faith and Film

Senior Seminar  
Religions of the Ancient World  
Holy Lands: Study Abroad (Turkey, Greece, and Italy)  
Koine Greek (two-semester sequence)  
Junior Research Colloquium  
Studying Religion: Theories and Methods  
Independent Studies (Greek Reading of the Apostolic Fathers)

***Honors Thesis Committees***

Joshua Kelly (2011-2012) - "On the Development of Messianic Ideals:  
From Militant Political Reformer to Apocalyptic Savior of  
Mankind"

James Power (2018-2019); - "The Rhetoric of Resurrection in 1 Corinthians  
15"

***Junior Research Colloquium Projects***

Charlie Browning (2014) - Justification Language in Romans

Courtney Dunnigan (2014) - Homosexuality and the Methodist Church

Farris Johnson (2014) - Augustinian Anthropology

Jeff Matthews (2014) - The Great Schism (1054 CE)

Alexander Batson (2015) - St. Anthony in Myth and History

Doug Herlong (2016) - John Calvin's Use of Augustine

Emi Lungmus (2016) - Mary Magdalene in Modern Film

Stephen Wells (2019) - The Paraclete in the Gospel of John

Torrey Krieger (2019) - The Use of Daniel in early Christian Apocalypses

**North Carolina Wesleyan College (Rocky Mount, NC)**

Tenure-Track Instructor/ Assistant Professor (at dissertation defense) (2010-2011)

Program Coordinator for Religious Studies (2010-2011)

***Courses Taught***

Introduction to Religion

Old Testament

New Testament

Seminar in Religion and Philosophy (Greek and Roman Religions)

***Honors Thesis Committees***

Adam Nyborg (2010-2011) - "The History of Zoroastrianism"

**University of North Carolina (Chapel Hill, NC)**

***Principal Instructor***

Introduction to New Testament Literature, 2009, 2010

The Birth of Christianity (from Paul to Constantine), 2009, 2010

Problems in Early Christian Literature and History: Paul and Pauline  
Traditions of the First Two Centuries, 2009

***Lead Teaching Assistant***

Introduction to New Testament Literature, 2008

Introduction to the Hebrew Bible, 2007, 2008

### *Teaching Assistant*

The Archaeology of Palestine in the New Testament Period, 2009  
Gnosticism, 2007  
Early Judaism, 2006  
Introduction to New Testament Literature, 2006

### **Duke University, Department of Religion**

#### *Language Instructor* (non-paid)

Coptic Gospel of Thomas, 2007 (taught 45 minutes of Coptic each week for this graduate seminar)

### **PUBLICATIONS**

#### **Blind Peer-Reviewed Book**

*Remembering Paul: Ancient and Modern Contests over the Image of the Apostle.* New York: Oxford University Press, 2014.  
Paperback Version: 2017

#### Honors:

Selected by *Christian Century* as one of six books to “Take and Read” in New Testament for 2015

#### Reviews:

[Marginalia Review of Books](#) (May 26, 2015)

*Journal of Early Christian Studies* 23 (2015): 330-331

*Journal for the Study of the New Testament* 37 (2015): 71

[Australian Biblical Review](#) 63 (2015)

*Studies in Religion/Sciences Religieuses* 44 (2015): 543-545

*Reviews in Religion & Theology* 22 (2015): 389-391

*Catholic Biblical Quarterly* 78 (2016): 176-178

[Review of Biblical Literature](#) (April, 2016)

*Journal of Ecclesiastical History* 67 (2016): 604-606

*Svensk exegetisk årsbok* 81 (2016): 282-284

*Irish Theological Quarterly* 81 (2016): 195-196

*Journal of Religion* 97 (2017): 445-446

*Journal of Theological Studies* 69 (2018): 304-307

#### **Blind Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles**

“Justin between Paul and the Heretics: The Salvation of Christian Judaizers in *Dialogue with Trypho* 47.” *Journal of Early Christian Studies* 26 (2018): 163-89. Approximately 12,300 words.

“The Traditional and Ecclesiastical Paul of 1 Corinthians.” *Catholic Biblical Quarterly* 79 (2017): 651-669. Approximately 9,100 words.

“Paul’s Collection *through* the Saints: Romans 15.31 in Papyrus 46.” *Journal for the Study of Paul and His Letters* 6.1 (2016): 99-113. Approximately 6,500 words.

“The Eschatological Conversion of “All the Nations” in Matthew 28.19-20: (Mis)reading Matthew through Paul.” *Journal for the Study of the New Testament* 36 (2014): 353-382. Approximately 13,200 words.

“How to Read a Book: Irenaeus and the Pastoral Epistles Reconsidered.” *Vigiliae christianae* 65 (2011): 125-149. Approximately 9,700 words.

“Reclaiming Paul?: Reconfiguration as Reclamation in 3 Corinthians.” *Journal of Early Christian Studies* 17.4 (2009): 497-523. Approximately 11,900 words.

### **Invited Essays for Edited Volumes**

“Paul and His Diverse Champions.” Work in progress for the forthcoming *Cambridge History of Ancient Christianity* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2021). Edited by Bruce Longenecker and David Wilhite. Approximately 8,000 words

“The Pauline Tradition.” Work in progress for the forthcoming *T&T Clark Handbook to the Historical Paul* (New York: Bloomsbury Press, 2020). Edited by Ryan Schellenberg and Heidi Wendt. Approximately 8,000 words.

“Pastoral Epistles.” Forthcoming in *The Cambridge Companion to the New Testament* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2019). Edited by Patrick Gray. Approximately 5,000 words.

“Paul and the Jerusalem Church in Irenaeus' *Adversus haereses*.” Forthcoming in *Irenaeus and Paul* (Bloomsbury T&T Clark, 2019). Edited by Todd Still and David Wilhite for the “Paul and Patristics Scholars in Debate” series. Approximately 9,300 words.

“Gentile Judaizing in the *Dialogue with Trypho*: A Test Case for Justin’s Reception of Paul.” Pages 252-264 in *The Early Reception of Paul the Second Temple Jew: Text, Narrative, and Reception History*. Edited by Isaac W. Oliver and Gabriele Boccaccini. Library of Second Temple Studies 92. New York: Bloomsbury T&T Clark, 2018. Approximately 6,000 words.

“Pedagogical Iconoclasm: The Role of the Upper-Level Biblical Studies Seminar in the Context of Undergraduate Liberal Arts Programs.” Pages 99-113 in *Teaching the Bible in the Undergraduate Liberal Arts Classroom*. Edited by

Jane S. Webster and Glenn S. Holland. Sheffield, UK: Sheffield Phoenix Press, 2012. Approximately 7,800 words.

### **Book Reviews**

Rafael Rodriguez, *If You Call Yourself a Jew: Reappraising Paul's Letter to the Romans* (Cambridge, UK: James Clark & Co., 2014). *Catholic Biblical Quarterly* 78 (2016): 788-90.

Glenn Snyder, *Acts of Paul: The Formation of a Pauline Corpus* (Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, 2013). *Journal of Early Christian Studies* 23.3 (2015): 484-486.

### **Non-Contracted Work in Progress**

"Tertullian on the Author of the Acts of Paul: Paul's Reputational Entrepreneurs at the Turn of the Third Century." 4,300 words (so far).

*Practicing Paul*. Monograph providing a new historiographical foundation for working on Pauline biography.

## **CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

### **International**

"Computing the Apostle: The Promise and Limitation of Forensic Stylometry for Discerning Paul's Linguistic Fingerprint" (peer-reviewed). International Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature. August 8, 2017. Berlin, Germany.

"Justin and Paul" (invited). Nangeroni Meeting of the Enoch Seminar. June 29, 2016. Rome, Italy.

"'Playing a Jewish Game' or Crossing the 'Borderline'? A Re-reading of Justin's Judaizing Gentile Christians in *Dialogue* 47" (peer-reviewed). International Conference on Patristic Studies. August 12, 2015. Oxford, England.

"The Traditional and Domesticated Paul of 1 Corinthians" (peer-reviewed). International Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature. July 8, 2013. St. Andrews, Scotland.

"The 'Lutheran' Paul Strikes Again: Theological Bias in the Guise of Scientificity in the Discourse on Paul vs. 'Paul'" (peer-reviewed). International Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature. July 10, 2013. St. Andrews, Scotland.

### **National**

- “Paul's Dirty Texts: Scribal Transmission and our Access to the Apostle's Stylome” (peer-reviewed). To be delivered at the Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting. November 23-26, 2019. San Diego, CA.
- “Paul within Judaism: Notes from the Second Century” (invited). Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting. November 17, 2018. Denver, CO.
- “Timothy as Collaborator: Rolling Delta and its Utility in Multi-Authored Pauline Epistles” (peer-reviewed). Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting. November 18, 2018. Denver, CO.
- “Fingerprinting Paul: Weighing the Value of Stylometric Analysis in the Determination of the Authorship of the Pastoral Epistles” (peer-reviewed). Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting. November 20, 2017. Boston, MA.
- “Practicing Paul: Outline for a New Approach to Pauline Biography” (invited). Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting. November 19, 2017. Boston, MA.
- “Paul's Collection *through* the Saints: Romans 15.31 in Papyrus 46” (peer-reviewed). Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting. November 20, 2016. San Antonio, TX.
- “Tertullian on the Author of the Acts of Paul: Paul's Reputational Entrepreneurs at the Turn of the Third Century” (invited). Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting. November 23, 2015. Atlanta, GA.
- “To Submit or Not to Submit – Irenaeus' Text of Galatians 2.5 and its Role in His Portrait of Paul” (peer-reviewed). Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting. November 24, 2014. San Diego, CA.
- “The Institutionalized Paul: How the Apostle becomes an Object of Knowledge” (peer-reviewed). Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting. November 25, 2013. Baltimore, MD
- “The Eschatological Conversion of “All the Nations” in Matthew (28.19): What's Paul Got to Do with It? Or, (Mis)reading Matthew through Paul” (peer-reviewed). Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting. November 17, 2012. Chicago, IL.

“Definitely – Probably – Never: Ecclesial Hybridity and Boundary Maintenance in Justin Martyr and Paul of Tarsus” (peer-reviewed). North American Patristics Society. May 26, 2012. Chicago, IL.

“Hearing Galatians 3:28c for the First Time: Gender, the Galli and the Northern/Southern Galatia Debate” (peer-reviewed). Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting. November 20, 2010. Atlanta, GA.

“Pedagogical Iconoclasm: the Role of the Upper-Level Seminar in the Context of Undergraduate Religious Studies Programs” (peer-reviewed). Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting. November 20, 2010. Atlanta, GA.

“Disputing the Dispute: Problems in the Modern Discourse on Paul vs. ‘Paul’” (peer-reviewed). Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting. November 22, 2009. New Orleans, LA.

“Lincoln, Social Memories and the Pauline Tradition into the Second Century: or On How Paul became ‘Paul’” (peer-reviewed). Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting. November 22, 2009. New Orleans, LA.

“On Reclamation, Reconfiguration and Remembrance: the Image of Paul in 3 *Corinthians* and Irenaeus of Lyon” (peer-reviewed). North American Patristic Society. May 22, 2009. Chicago, IL.

“‘A Spirit of Wisdom and Revelation’: 4QInstruction and the Trajectory of the Pauline Tradition in Ephesians” (peer-reviewed). Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting. November 23, 2008. Boston, MA.

## **Regional**

“The Problem of Gentile Christian Judaizing in Justin Martyr and Paul of Tarsus” (peer-reviewed). Southeastern Regional Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature. March 17, 2013. Greenville, SC.

“The Eschatological Conversion of “All the Nations” in Matthew (28.19): What’s Paul Got to Do with It? Or, (Mis)reading Matthew through Paul” (peer-reviewed). Southeastern Regional Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature. March 3, 2012. Atlanta, GA.

“Response to H. Gregory Snyder, ‘Armadillos and Ancient Christians: What Do They Have in Common?’” (invited). Constructing Christianity Conference. University of South Carolina. November 5, 2011. Columbia, SC

“How to Read a Book: Irenaeus and the Pastoral Epistles Reconsidered” (peer-reviewed). Southeastern Regional Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature. March 7, 2010. Atlanta, GA.

“Androgyny and the Rhetoric of Conversion: Galatians 3:28c and the Problem of the Audience in Galatians” (peer-reviewed). Southeastern Regional Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature. March 14, 2009. Greensboro, NC.

“‘A Spirit of Wisdom and Revelation’: 4QInstruction and the Trajectory of the Pauline Tradition in Ephesians” (peer-reviewed). Southeastern Regional Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature. March 9, 2008. Atlanta, GA.

“Out of the Stalemate: The Construction of Paul as a Key to Understanding the Origin of 3 *Corinthians*” (peer-reviewed). Southeastern Regional Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature. March 18, 2007. Nashville, TN.

#### **PUBLIC LECTURES AND APPEARANCES**

“Paul’s Travels” (invited). Delivered August 4-5, 2015 at St. Andrew’s Catholic Church. Clemson, SC for Adult Education class.

“Contraception, Corporations, and the Constitution: Religious Liberty and Contemporary Politics” (invited). Panelist. Constitution Day program sponsored by the Clemson Calhoun Honors College and the Rutland Institute for Ethics, September 17, 2014.

“Was Jesus a Socialist?” (invited). Panelist. Clemson Institute for the Study of Capitalism, November 7, 2013.

“‘Just gimme that ole’ time religion’: Appeals to the Past in the Shifting Religious Landscape of Empire” (invited). Wesleyan Windows on the World, February 12, 2011.

#### **MEDIA INTERVIEWS**

“Easter Traditions” (invited). Television interview for FoxCarolina that aired on April 20, 2014.

#### **GRANTS, AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND HONORS**

Clemson College of Architecture, Arts and Humanities Creativity Professorship, 2018-2020 (\$10,000)

National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Stipend, 2018 (\$6,000)

- Funding for two months of summer research

Clemson College of Architecture, Arts, and Humanities Global Engagement Award, 2017 (\$5,000)

- Funding for exploratory trip to Jordan and Israel to create a study abroad program

Clemson Humanities Hub Humanities Fellowship, 2017 (\$5,000)

- One of two humanities fellows. Funds for summer salary to produce research for next book, *Practicing Paul*

Faculty Research Development Program Travel Grant, 2017-2018 (\$3,000)

- Travel funding for next book project, *Practicing Paul*

Humanities Advancement Board Lecture Series Grant, 2016 (\$2,500)

- Grant to bring R. Marie Griffith, Director of the Danforth Center, to campus

Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion, 2016 (\$30,000)

- Co-applicant, along with the University of North Florida (lead grant writer) and Middle Tennessee State University for this major grant that will help our universities explore ways to grow and sustain strong new Religious Studies programs in combined Philosophy and Religion Departments.

Clemson Humanities Advancement Board Grant, 2014 (\$3,000)

- Awarded money for summer research with student

Clemson Humanities Advancement Board Grant, 2013 (\$2,000)

- Awarded money for student travel grants for a faculty-led Study Abroad trip to Italy

Clemson Humanities Advancement Board Grant, 2013 (\$1,100)

- Awarded money for student travel grants for a faculty-led Study Abroad trip to Turkey and Greece.

Faculty Research Development Program, 2012-2013, 2013-2014, 2014-2015, 2015-2016, 2016-2017

- Awarded a course release from the College of Architecture, Arts and Humanities to pursue a variety of research projects.

Omicron Delta Kappa (Clemson Chapter), 2013-present

- Nominated with two other faculty members to join Clemson's chapter of this National Leadership Honor Society

Wabash Center Dinner for New Teachers, 2011

- One of thirty new professors of religion in the United States invited by the Wabash Center for an exclusive dinner at the American Academy of Religion and Society of Biblical Literature Meetings in San Francisco in honor of excellence in undergraduate instruction. Invites were extended after anonymous nominations from deans, departmental chairs and colleagues.

North American Patristics Society's "Best First Article" Award, May, 2010 (\$250)

- Recognition for my article entitled "Reclaiming Paul?: Reconfiguration as Reclamation in 3 Corinthians" in the *Journal of Early Christian Studies*

Tanner Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching, Office of the Executive Vice Chancellor and Provost, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2010 (\$5,000)

- One of ten, university-wide, selected from among faculty and graduate students. Nominations were submitted by students and winners were selected by the University Committee on Teaching Awards after additional interviews with the department chair and randomly selected students. The award recognizes "excellence in inspirational teaching of undergraduate students, particularly first- and second-year students."

Robert Miller Travel Award, Department of Religious Studies, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, October, 2009 (\$500)

Department of Religious Studies Teaching Fellowship, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, 2009-2010 (\$15,140)

The Student Undergraduate Teaching Award, Office of the Chancellor, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2009 (\$1,000)

- One of nine, university-wide, selected from among faculty and graduate students. Nominations and selections were student-determined and based on teaching excellence, positive influence both in and out of the class room, and the creation of a dynamic learning environment.

Kenneth W. Clark Award for Best Graduate Paper at the Society of Biblical Literature (Southeast) Meeting, March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2009 (\$250)

Perry Travel Award, Department of Religious Studies, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, October, 2008 (\$500)

Future Faculty Fellowship Program, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, May, 2008 (\$500)

- One of two from the Department of Religious Studies, and one of thirty university-wide, selected for this highly competitive program.

William J. Peck Student Teacher Award, Department of Religious Studies, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, April, 2008 (\$100)

- Annual departmental teaching award for excellence in undergraduate instruction.

M.A. Field Exam in Early Christianity awarded "Honors," University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, 2007

Department of Religious Studies Teaching Assistantship, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, 2005-2009 (\$14,700/year)

Dr. Thomas E. Sox, Jr. Fellow in Ethics and Society, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Scholars for Tomorrow Program, 2005-2006 (\$5,000)

- One of ten selected from all incoming students to the Graduate School for this interdisciplinary program.

*Interpretation* Award, Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, 2002

Outstanding Senior Award in the Department of Business Administration, Campbell University, 1999

Donald B. Keyser Award for Outstanding Achievements in the field of Church History, Campbell University, 1999

Department of Religion Award for highest G.P.A. of a graduating senior, Campbell University, 1999

Phi Kappa Phi Outstanding Sophomore, Campbell University, 1997

Presidential Scholarship, Campbell University, 1995-1999

Collegiate Honor Societies:

Phi Kappa Phi, Campbell University (superior scholarship in all academic disciplines);

Phi Eta Sigma, Campbell University (scholarship in freshmen);

Omicron Delta Kappa, Campbell University (superior scholarship, leadership and exemplary character);

Sigma Tau Delta, Campbell University (international English honor society)

## **SERVICE**

### **Disciplinary**

Cambridge University Press

*Manuscript Reviewer, 2017-present*

Oxford University Press

*Manuscript Reviewer, 2014-present*

*Catholic Biblical Quarterly*

Book Reviewer, 2015-present

Society of Biblical Literature

*Historical Paul Steering Committee, 2018-present*

*Texts and Traditions in the Second Century Steering Committee, 2013-2017*

*Teaching Biblical Literature in an Undergraduate Liberal Arts Context Steering Committee, 2010-2014*

*On-Campus Student Representative (UNC-CH), 2006-2010*

### **Institutional**

Clemson University

Department

*Chair, Assistant Professor of Hebrew Bible Search Committee, 2018-2019*

*Chair, Personnel Committee, 2018-present*

*Personnel Committee, 2016-present*

*Director of BA in Religious Studies, 2014-present*

*WEAVE Coordinator for Religious Studies, 2014-present*

*Department Chair's Advisory Committee, 2014-2018, 2019-present*

*Assistant Professor of African American Religions Search Committee, 2014-2015*

*Assistant Professor of Islam Search Committee, 2013-2014*

*Department Chair Review Committee, 2013, 2019*

*Department of Philosophy and Religion Curriculum Committee Chair, 2012-2015*

*Department of Philosophy and Religion Speaker's Committee, 2011-2015*

*Department of Philosophy and Religion Faculty Secretary, 2011-2012, 2015-2016*

College

*Dean's Faculty Advisory Committee, 2017-2019*

*College of Architecture, Arts and Humanities Digital Humanities Task-Force, 2013-2015*

*College of Architecture, Arts and Humanities Curriculum Committee, 2012-2015*

University

*Clemson Thinks<sup>2</sup>Institute Participant, 2014-2015*

North Carolina Wesleyan College

Division

*Program Coordinator in Religious Studies, 2010-2011*

University

*Scholarship Competition Planning Committee, 2010-2011*

*Vice President of Enrollment Management Search Committee, 2010-2011*

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Department

*Convener of Christianity in Antiquity Colloquium (joint UNC-Duke), 2007-2009*

University

*Freshman Summer Reading Program Discussion Leader, 2007*

## **LANGUAGES**

Native tongue: English

Reading proficiency: German, French, Greek, Hebrew, Coptic and Latin

## **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

Society of Biblical Literature

North American Patristics Society

American Academy of Religion