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EDUCATION

- Ph. D.** **The University of Virginia (Charlottesville, VA), January 2003**
Department of Religious Studies
Concentration: Religion, Ethics, and Culture
Dissertation Advisors: Larry Bouchard and Charles Mathewes.
Additional Committee Members: James Childress, E. D. Hirsch, James D. Hunter, Nathan Scott
Readers: Stanley Hauerwas and Wesley Kort
- M. Div.** **Duke University (Durham, NC), 1995**
Concentration: Theology, Ethics, and Literature
Advised by Wesley Kort, Stanley Hauerwas, James Crenshaw, and Geoffrey Wainwright
Magna Cum Laude
- B.A.** **Furman University (Greenville, SC), 1992**
English Major (Advised by Rudy Bates in English and David Rutledge in Religion)
Magna Cum Laude

UNIVERSITY EXPERIENCE

Lecturer in Religion, *Clemson University*, Clemson, SC (2016-present)

I teach introduction to religion, a survey of world religions, and the Christian tradition in the Department of Philosophy & Religion.

Adjunct Professor of Religion, *Southern Wesleyan University*, Central, SC (2016)

A one-semester appointment to teach New Testament.

Adjunct Professor of Religious Studies, *Francis Marion University*, Florence, SC (2011 to Dec. 2012)

Courses included Hebrew Bible and an introduction to religious studies that surveyed the history of interactions among Jews, Christians, and Muslims—from their origins to today.

Instructor/Assistant Professor of Religion, *Anderson University*, Anderson, SC (2002-2009)

I entered as an instructor, primarily to teach introductory biblical courses. In succeeding years I revived neglected upper-level courses (church history and theology), added new ones in my specialties (ethics and religion & literature), and contributed to the Honors Program (ethics & superheroes and mythopoeia).

Instructor of Theology, *Meredith College*, Raleigh, NC (2000-2001)

For three semesters I counseled students and taught Bible, Theology, and Theology & Literature.

Teaching Assistant, *Duke University Divinity School*, Durham, NC (2000-2002)

Lord's Prayer (Wainwright), Martin Luther King, Jr. (Lischer), and Black Church Studies (Battle).

Instructor of Religion, *The University of South Carolina at Beaufort*, Beaufort, SC (1998-2000)

For three summers I taught a survey of world religions (Eastern and Western).

Teaching Assistant, *The University of Virginia*, Charlottesville, VA (1997-1999)

Christian Thought (Rogers), Religious Ethics and Moral Problems (Mathewes), and Comparative Religions (Ray).

Professor Intern, Duke University, Durham, NC (1994-1995)

I assisted Dr. Wesley Kort in developing and teaching a course in the works of C. S. Lewis.

Professor Intern, Furman University, Greenville, SC (1991-1992)

I collaborated with Dr. David Rutledge in the teaching of Religion and Literature.

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Writer and Publisher, Pen Name: Chandler Brett (2013-present)

Inspired by a creative writing workshop (led by Orson Scott Card), I began writing speculative fiction and researched how to start a small press. I published *Wolf Code: A Sheltering Wilderness* in 2016 via Dire Wolf Books.

Senior Pastor, First Baptist Church, Lake View, SC (2009-2012)

My wife and I co-pastored the church through its centennial celebration, revived educational programs for youth and adults, and reconnected the congregation with service to its community. I represented the church across the state, guided business meetings, maintained a newsletter and web page, & established a ministerial alliance.

Chaplain Intern, Baptist Medical Center, Easley, SC (1989-1990)

Rev. Paul Alley trained us to visit people in their hospital rooms and to counsel them when appropriate.

COURSES TAUGHT

Introduction to Religious Studies (6x)	Introduction to Christianity (29x)
The Christian Tradition (2x)	History of Christianity (3x)
Introduction to World Religions (11x)	Christian Theology (4x)
Theology & Literature (5x)	Theological Ethics (3x)
Biblical Theology (3x)	Introduction to the Bible (18x)
Old Testament/Hebrew Bible (2x)	New Testament (2x)
Jesus & the Gospels	Philosophical Ethics (2x)
Paradise Never Lost and Other Retellings	Ethics and Superheroes
Independent Study in Hermeneutics & Phenomenology	

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

Books:

Wolf Code: A Sheltering Wilderness. (Pen Name: Chandler Brett.) Dire Wolf Books, 2016.
(A near-future novel with ecological themes.)

Narrative War, Narrative Peace: A Theological Vision for Multicultural America.
Doctoral dissertation, The University of Virginia, 2003.

Essays and Articles:

“The Real Reason Ender Can’t Go Home: Philotic Connections, & Moral Responsibility.” *Ender’s Game and Philosophy.* Ed. Kevin Decker. Hoboken, NJ: Wiley-Blackwell, 2013. (References Leibniz & Levinas.)

“‘But It’s a Lie!’: Deception and Integrity in the Story of Daisy and William.” *Downton Abbey and Philosophy.* Ed. Mark D. White. Hoboken, NJ: Wiley-Blackwell, 2012.
(References Sissela Bok, Augustine, Thomas Aquinas, and Dietrich Bonhoeffer.)

“I Despise Messiness!': The Plato-Aristotle Debate in the Troubled Friendship of Green Lantern and Green Arrow.” *Green Lantern and Philosophy*. Ed. Jane Dryden and Mark D. White. Hoboken, NJ: Wiley-Blackwell, 2011.

“The New Narnia: Myth and Redemption on the Island of Second Chances.” *Ultimate Lost and Philosophy: Think Together, Die Alone*. Ed. Sharon Kaye. Hoboken, NJ: Wiley-Blackwell, 2010.
(References C. S. Lewis and H. Richard Niebuhr.)

“I Have a Good Life.': Iron Man and the Avenger School of Virtue.” With Stephanie Patterson. *Iron Man and Philosophy: Facing the Stark Reality*. Ed. Mark D. White. Hoboken, NJ: Wiley-Blackwell, 2010.
(References Aristotle and H. Richard Niebuhr.)

“George MacDonald,” “E. Y. Mullins,” “H. Richard Niebuhr,” “Charles Schulz,” “Charles Williams,” and “John Howard Yoder.” *Encyclopedia of Christian Literature*. Ed. George T. Kurian and James D. Smith. Lanham, MD: Scarecrow Press, 2010.

“Dietrich Bonhoeffer” and “N. T. Wright.” With Ryan Neal. *Encyclopedia of Christian Literature*. Ed. George T. Kurian and James D. Smith. Lanham, MD: Scarecrow Press, 2010.

“No Man's Land: The Fight for Social Order in Gotham City and New Orleans.” *Batman and Philosophy: The Dark Knight of the Soul*. Ed. Mark D. White and Robert Arp. Hoboken, NJ: Wiley-Blackwell, 2008.
(References Thomas Hobbes and John Howard Yoder.)

“I Despise You for Making Me Do This!': Evaluating Jack Bauer's Use of Violence for the Greater Good.” *Jack Bauer for President: Terrorism and Politics in 24*. Ed. Richard Miniter. Dallas, TX: BenBella, 2008.
(References Immanuel Kant, John Stuart Mill, and H. Richard Niebuhr.)

“Spider-Man No More: Moral Responsibility, the Morose Hero, and His Web of Relationships.” *Webslinger: Essays on Your Friendly Neighborhood Spider-Man*. Ed. Gerry Conway. Dallas, TX: BenBella, 2006.
(References H. Richard Niebuhr, Stanley Hauerwas, & Martin Buber.)

“Joseph Conrad on the Limits of Language.” *Furman Humanities Review*. Greenville, SC: Furman University, 1992.

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

A 10-session study of Christian Denominations. First Baptist Church of Piedmont, Summer 2019.

“Mystic Activists & the Ecological Crisis.” Southeastern Meeting of the American Academy of Religion: Atlanta, March 2018.

A 10-session study of the Fiction of C. S. Lewis. First Baptist Church of Lake View, Summer 2011.

A 25-session study of the History of Christianity. First Baptist Church of Lake View, Fall-Winter 2010.

“Mythopoeia in the Fiction of C. S. Lewis.” A C. S. Lewis Conference hosted by Southeastern Theological Seminary: October 2007. (Keynote speaker: Walter Hooper.)

“Orson Scott Card's *Speaker for the Dead* as a Critique of Relativistic Multiculturalism.” Conference on Christianity and Literature: April 2006.

“Love in a Fragile World: A Theological Meditation on Terrorism.” Anderson University, September 11, 2003.

GRANTS, SCHOLARSHIPS, AND AWARDS

University of Virginia Department of Religious Studies merit grants (1996-2000)

Duke University Duke Scholarship (full tuition)(1992-1995)

Phi Beta Kappa, Furman University (1991)

Furman English Department merit scholarship (1989-1992)

Phi Eta Sigma, Furman University (1989)

ACADEMIC SERVICE AND MEMBERSHIP

Member, American Academy of Religion

Attended the Wabash-sponsored workshop “Re-imagining the Student Experience in Introductory Courses,” Clemson University (2017), and then restructured (by themes) the introductory courses I teach at Clemson.

Judge, Clemson University Ethics Bowl (2017)

Reviewer, *Science Fiction Research Association* (2006-2009)

Faculty Development Committee, Anderson University (2006-2009)

Honors Program Faculty, Anderson University (2004-2009)

Assistant Professor of English Search Committee, Anderson University (2007)

Planning Committee for the Annual Meeting of the Conference on Christianity and Literature. I helped define the call for papers and then secured the keynote speaker (Wesley Kort)(2006)

REFERENCES

Dr. Ben White, Department of Philosophy & Religion, Clemson University

Dr. Lawrence Webb, Professor Emeritus, Anderson University

Dr. Brantley Craig, Assistant Professor of English & Religion, Wesley College

Dr. Larry Bouchard, Department of Religious Studies, University of Virginia

Dr. Wesley Kort, Professor Emeritus, Duke University

Dr. David Rutledge, Professor Emeritus, Furman University