

CURRICULUM VITAE

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EDUCATION

- 2008 Auburn University, Ph.D.
American History (Primary), Islamic History (Secondary)
- 1988 Mercer University, B.A.
English

ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

- 2010-2017 **Executive Director**, Baptist History and Heritage Society, academic non-profit affiliated with a consortium of universities including Baylor University (TX), Mercer University (GA), and Campbell University (NC).
- 2004-2009 **Associate Director**, Center for Baptist Studies, Mercer University, Macon, Ga.
- 2003-2005 **Graduate Teaching Assistant**, Auburn University, Auburn, Ala.
- 1995-2002 **Professor of History**, Yellowstone Christian College, Billings, Mont.

OTHER POSITIONS

- 2018-present **General Editor**, *Yellowstone History Journal*
- 2017-present **Independent Historian**
- 2005-present **Photographer**
- 2003-present **Contributing Editor**, *Nurturing Faith Journal*
- 2010-2017 **General Editor**, *Baptist History & Heritage Journal*

HONORS AND AWARDS

- 2014 **Grand Prize Winner**
Yellowstone Park Foundation “Capturing Wonderland” Photo Contest.
- 2010 **Runner Up, Clinton Jackson Coley Book Award, Alabama Historical Association**
Leading the Way for 200 Years: The Story of the First Baptist Church of Huntsville, Alabama
- 2006 **Norman W. Cox Award**
Awarded by the Baptist History and Heritage Society for “Best Article Published in *Baptist History & Heritage Journal*” for article entitled “John Leland: Evolving Views of Slavery, 1789-1839.”
- 2005 **Carolyn Blevins Meritorious Service Award**
Awarded by the Baptist History and Heritage Society “to an individual or considered to have provided commendable and exemplary service to the Society.”

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS AND SERVICES

National and State Historical Organization Memberships

American Historical Association (AHA)
Montana Historical Society

Local Historical Organization Member

Gallatin Historical Society (Bozeman, Mont.)
Yellowstone Historic Center (West Yellowstone, Mont.)

Executive Committee Member

Yellowstone Historic Center, Treasurer / Secretary (2013-2018)

PUBLICATIONS

BOOKS

A Journey of Faith and Community: The Story of the First Baptist Church of Augusta, Georgia.
Macon, Ga.: Mercer University Press, 2017.

Crucible of Faith and Freedom: Baptists and the American Civil War.
Macon, Ga.: Nurturing Faith, 2015.

Baptists Today at 30: Enabling, Recording and Shaping a Baptist Movement.
Macon, Ga.: Nurturing Faith, 2013.

Images of America: Manhattan, Belgrade, Amsterdam and Churchill.
Mount Pleasant, SC: Arcadia Publishing, 2011.

Diverging Loyalties: Baptists in Middle Georgia During the Civil War.
Macon, Ga.: Mercer University Press, 2011.

A Capsule Summary of Baptist History.
Atlanta, Ga.: Baptist History and Heritage Society, 2010.

Leading the Way for 200 Years: The Story of the First Baptist Church of Huntsville, Alabama.
Nashville, Tenn.: Fields Publishing, 2009.

The GodMakers: A Legacy of the Southern Baptist Convention?
Franklin, Tenn.: Providence House Publishers, 1996.

UPCOMING BOOKS (WORKING TITLES)

How Western National Parks Transformed America During the Great Depression

A Man of Many Frontiers: The Lives and Legends of Green Clay Smith

Religion and American Presidents

PEER-REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES AND INVITED BOOK CHAPTERS

“John Clarke” in *Witnesses to the Baptist Heritage: Thirty Baptists Every Christian Should Know*. Macon, Ga.: Mercer University Press, 2016.

“Islamic Fundamentalism: A Brief Survey” online at
<http://www.brucegourley.com/books-and-articles/islamic-history/islamic-fundamentalism-brief-survey-table-contents/>
Revised, 2015.

“The Baptist Tradition” in *Worldmark Encyclopedia of Religious Practices*. Missoula, Mont.: Thomas Riggs & Company, 2015.

“A Brief Survey of Four Centuries of Baptist Mission Quest” in *On Mission With God: Free and Faithful Baptists in the Twenty First Century*. Atlanta, Ga.: Baptist History and Heritage Society, 2011.

“Tommy Douglas: Baptist Champion of Freedom.” *Whitsitt Journal*, Fall 2009.

“Early English Baptists” in *Baptist History & Heritage Journal*, Winter 2009.

“Old Wines in New Wineskins” in *Baptist History & Heritage Journal*, Summer/Fall 2008.

“Maybe It’s Time to Dust Off John Leland” in *Baptist History & Heritage Journal*, Spring 2008.

“The Christian Index and the American Civil War” in *Visions Journal*, 2007.

“How Do We Tell the Generations Following of What Happened?” *Windows*, Vol. 9 No. 1, Spring 2006, pp. 2-5.

“John Leland: Evolving Views of Slavery, 1789-1839” in *Baptist History & Heritage Journal* 40(1), Winter 2005.

“Baptist Models of Polity” in *Walking Together: The Struggle of Baptists With Polity in the 21st Century*. Richmond, Va.: Center for Baptist Heritage and Studies, 2005.

OTHER JOURNAL ARTICLES

“Religion and the American Presidents: Theodore Roosevelt.” *Nurturing Faith Journal*, March-April 2018, pp. 56-58.

“Religion and the American Presidents: William McKinley.” *Nurturing Faith Journal*, January-February 2017, pp. 58-59.

“Recovering Baptist Identity in a World of Racial Hostilities.” *Nurturing Faith Journal*, November-December 2017, pp. 44-47.

“A Brief Introduction to Indigenous Hawaiian Religion.” *Nurturing Faith Journal*, September-October 2017, pp. 58-59.

“Religion and the American Presidents: Grover Cleveland.” *Nurturing Faith Journal*, September-October 2017, pp. 52-53.

“Did Jesus Have a Worldview, and Does it Matter Today?” *Nurturing Faith Journal*, September-October 2017, pp. 44-46.

“Religion and the American Presidents: Chester A. Arthur.” *Nurturing Faith Journal*, July-August 2017, pp. 42-43.

“In Search of a Jesus Worldview.” *Nurturing Faith Journal*, July-August 2017, p. 50.

“Religion and the American Presidents: James A. Garfield.” *Nurturing Faith Journal*, May-June 2017, pp. 44-45.

“Islamic Terrorism: Separating Myths from Realities.” *Nurturing Faith Journal*, May-June 2017, pp. 46-48.

“Historically Significant Augusta Church Celebrates 200 Years.” *Nurturing Faith Journal*, May-June 2017, pp. 56-57.

“Will the Real Theocrats Please Stand Up?” *Church & State Journal*, May 2017.

“What Lies Within: Post-Truth Evangelical Christianity” *Christian Ethics Today*, 103, Winter 2017, pp. 2-5.

“Religion and the American Presidents: Rutherford B. Hayes.” *Nurturing Faith Journal*, March-April 2017, pp. 52-53.

“American Christianity’s Struggle to Embrace Freedom, Inclusion.” *Nurturing Faith Journal*, March-April 2017, pp. 48-50.

- “United in Diversity: The Baptist Witness Past and Present.” *Fellowship Magazine*, February/March 2017, p. 20.
- “Religion and the American Presidents: Andrew Johnson.” *Nurturing Faith Journal*, January-February 2017, p. 52-53.
- “Religion and the American Presidents: Ulysses S. Grant.” *Nurturing Faith Journal*, January-February 2017, p. 54-55.
- “Stoking the Flames: A Brief History of Hell.” *Nurturing Faith Journal*, January-February 2017, pp. pp. 42-45.
- “Religion and the American Presidents: Abraham Lincoln.” *Nurturing Faith Journal*, November-December 2016, pp. 56-59.
- “Myth and Reality: Mormon Narratives Facing New Light.” *Nurturing Faith Journal*, November-December 2016, pp. 40-43.
- “Religion and the American Presidents: James Buchanan.” *Nurturing Faith Journal*, September-October 2016, pp. 58-59.
- “A Brief History of Muslims in the United States.” *Nurturing Faith Journal*, September-October 2016, pp. 46-48.
- “Religion and the American Presidents: Millard Fillmore.” *Nurturing Faith Journal*, July-August 2016, pp. 44-45.
- “Religion and the American Presidents: Franklin Pierce.” *Nurturing Faith Journal*, July-August 2016, pp. 46-47.
- “For a Century, America’s National Parks Have Preserved Natural Wonders.” *Nurturing Faith Journal*, July-August 2016, pp. 12-15.
- “Religion and the American Presidents: James Polk.” *Nurturing Faith Journal*, May-June 2016, pp. 58-59.
- “Religion and the American Presidents: Zachary Taylor.” *Nurturing Faith Journal*, May-June 2016, pp. 60-61.
- “Politicized Prayer: National Day of Prayer Has Roots in Anti-Communist Fears.” *Nurturing Faith Journal*, May-June 2016, pp. 16-17.
- “Shakespeare, the King, and the KJV.” *Nurturing Faith Journal*, March-April 2016, pp. 62-63.
- “Religion and the American Presidents: William Henry Harrison.” *Nurturing Faith Journal*, March-April 2016, pp. 46-47.

- “Religion and the American Presidents: John Tyler.” *Nurturing Faith Journal*, March-April 2016, pp. 48-49.
- “Religion and the American Presidents: Martin Van Buren.” *Nurturing Faith Journal*, January-February 2016, pp. 28-29.
- “The Scourge of White Supremacy.” *Christian Ethics Today*, 100, Winter 2016, pp. 4-6.
- “Religion and the American Presidents: Andrew Jackson.” *Baptists Today*, December 2015, pp. 30-31.
- “Religion and the American Presidents: John Quincy Adams.” *Baptists Today*, November 2015, pp. 28-29.
- “Religion and the American Presidents: James Monroe.” *Baptists Today*, October 2015, p. 10-11.
- “Religion and the American Presidents: James Madison.” *Baptists Today*, September 2015, pp. 28-29.
- “Religion and the American Presidents: Thomas Jefferson.” *Baptists Today*, August 2015, pp. 30-31.
- “Yes, the Civil War Was About Slavery.” *Christian Ethics Today*, 98, Summer 2015, pp. 11-13.
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- “Religion and the American Presidents: George Washington.” *Baptists Today*, June 2015, pp. 38-39.
- “Baptist Profiles in Courage: Nannie Helen Burroughs.” *Baptists Today*, April 2015, pp. 28-29.
- “Baptists and the American Civil War: April 1865.” *Baptists Today*, April 2015, pp. 36-37.
- “Baptist Profiles in Conscience: Tommy Douglas Shaped Canada’s Commitment to Social Justice.” *Baptists Today*, March 2015, pp. 30-32.
- “Baptists and the American Civil War: March 1865.” *Baptists Today*, March 2015, p. 27.
- “Baptists and the Battle Over Sunday Mail Delivery.” *Baptists Today*, February 2015, pp. 30-33.
- “Baptists and the American Civil War: February 1865.” *Baptists Today*, February 2015, p. 34.
- “Where Was Jesus? Historical Evidence Versus Holy Hype.” *Baptists Today*, January 2015, pp. 28-29.
- “Modern Israel: Politics, Peoples and Prophecies.” *Baptists Today*, January 2015, pp. 36-37.

- “Baptists and the American Civil War: January 1865.” *Baptists Today*, January 2015, p. 14.
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- “Baptists and the American Civil War: August 1864.” *Baptists Today*, August 2014, p. 30.
- “The Great Unraveling.” *Church & State Journal*, July / August 2014.
- “Baptists and the American Civil War: July 1864.” *Baptists Today*, July 2014, p. 38.
- “Baptists and the American Civil War: June 1864.” *Baptists Today*, June 2014, p. 36.
- “Baptists and the American Civil War: May 1864.” *Baptists Today*, May 2014, p. 35.
- “Baptists and the American Civil War: April 1864.” *Baptists Today*, April 2014, p. 28.
- “A Century Ago: Revisiting Henry Ford, Morality and the Baptists of 1914.” *Baptists Today*, March 2014, pp. 42-43.
- “Baptists and the American Civil War: March 1864.” *Baptists Today*, March 2014, p. 33.
- “Baptists and the American Civil War: February 1864.” *Baptists Today*, February 2014, p. 36.
- “Baptists and the American Civil War: January 1864.” *Baptists Today*, January 2014, p. 29.
- “Baptists and the American Civil War: December 1863.” *Baptists Today*, December 2013, p. 34.
- “Baptists and Baseball: Myths, Musings and Memories.” *Baptists Today*, November 2013, pp. 38-39.
- “Baptists and the American Civil War: November 1863.” *Baptists Today*, November 2013, 40.
- “Why Do Baptists Consider Missions a High Priority?” *Baptists Today*, October 2013, p. 40.
- “Baptists and the American Civil War: October 1863.” *Baptists Today*, October 2013, p. 29.
- “Baptists and the American Civil War: September 1863.” *Baptists Today*, September 2013, p. 32.
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- “Baptists and the American Civil War: July 1863.” *Baptists Today*, July 2013, p. 30.

- “Why Do Baptists Have Altar Calls?” *Baptists Today*, June 2013, p. 10.
- “Baptists and the American Civil War: June 1863.” *Baptists Today*, June 2013, p. 29.
- “Are Baptists New Testament or Old Testament People?” *Baptists Today*, May 2013, p. 13.
- “Baptists and the American Civil War: May 1863.” *Baptists Today*, May 2013, p. 34.
- “Baptists and the American Civil War: April 1863.” *Baptists Today*, April 2013, p. 28.
- “Baptists and the American Civil War: March 1863.” *Baptists Today*, March 2013, p. 15.
- “Why Do Baptists Go to Sunday School?” *Baptists Today*, March 2013, p. 42.
- “Baptists and the American Civil War: February 1863.” *Baptists Today*, February 2013, p. 34.
- “Why Do Baptists Ordain Ministers and Deacons?” *Baptists Today*, January 2013, p. 36.
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- “Why Do Baptists Observe Ordinances Rather than Sacrament?” *Baptists Today*, November 2012, p. 13.
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- “Baptists and the American Civil War: April 1861.” *Baptists Today*, April 2011, p. 31.
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- “Baptists and the American Civil War: March 1861.” *Baptists Today*, March 2011, p. 8.
- “Baptists and the American Civil War: February 1861.” *Baptists Today*, February 2011, p. 36.
- “Christ and Capitalism in 21st Century America.” *Baptists Today*, January 2011, pp. 16-17.
- “Baptist Historians Group Affirms ‘Individual Conscience.’” *Baptists Today*, November 2010, p. 13.
- “Where are the Baptists?” *Baptists Today*, October 2010, pp. 10-11.
- “Assessing Two Decades of a Baptist Renewal Movement,” *Baptists Today*, July 2010, pp. 16-17.
- “Tommy Douglas: Baptist Champion of Freedom.” *Whitsitt Journal*, Fall 2009, pp. 7-9.
- “The Discipline of Eating.” *Visions*, June/July 2009, p. 3.

“From Humble Beginnings to Space Age: Huntsville Church Has Navigated Two Centuries.”
Baptists Today, March 2009, pp. 30-31.

“Where Have All the Baptists Gone?” *Baptist Heritage*, November 2006, p. 7.

DIGITAL PROJECTS

Baptists and the American Civil War: In Their Own Words – civilwarbaptists.com
A daily digital journal of the Baptist experience – North and South; white, black and Native American; soldiers and civilians – during the American Civil War. The project consists of over 1,800 articles.

Montana History Net – montanahistory.net
An online introduction to Montana history.

Wall of Separation – wallofseparation.us
An introduction to historical church state separation in America, including primary resources.

Yellowstone Net – yellowstone.net
An extensive, online guide to the world’s first national park, Yellowstone National Park.

PRESENTATIONS

(2015 TO PRESENT)

“Beyond Fear and Anger: Understanding Islamic History and Contemporary Issues”
Community Lectures
Kalispell, Montana (October 2017)

“During the Great Depression: A Yellowstone ‘Vacation Without a Care’ in 1931”
Yellowstone Art and Photography Center, Yellowstone Forever
Yellowstone National Park (August 2017)

“Introduction to Glacier National Park”
Glacier NFE
Glacier National Park (August 2017)

“Religion in Conflict: Understanding Biblical, Christian and Jesus Worldviews”
First Baptist Church
West Yellowstone, Montana (July 2017)

- “Voices Old and New: Why Did You Come, Why Did You Stay?”
KVGM, Bozeman, Montana (June 2017)
- “Mystery and Surprise: Reimagining Local Church History”
Baptist History and Heritage Society Annual Conference
Augusta, Georgia (June 2017)
- “Spring Photography Workshop: Waterfalls and Flowers”
Amicalola Falls State Park, Georgia (May 2017)
- “What Does Baptist Dissent Look Like, and Why Does it Matter?”
Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of Georgia General Assembly, Macon (2017)
First Baptist Church, St. Simons Island, Georgia (2017)
North Carolina Cooperative Baptist Fellowship General Assembly, Hickory (2017)
Tennessee Cooperative Baptist Fellowship General Assembly, Nashville (2017)
National Cooperative Baptist Fellowship General Assembly, Atlanta (2017)”
- “Race, Slavery and Segregation in Baptist History”
Gardner-Webb University
Boiling Springs, North Carolina (October 2016)
- “America’s Religious Heritage: Presidents”
Colonial Williamsburg Nurturing Faith Experience
Jamestown, Virginia (September 2016)
- “Introduction to Yellowstone National Park”
Yellowstone / Tetons NFE
Yellowstone National Park (August 2016)
- “Beyond Fear and Anger: An Introduction to Understanding Islam and Islamic Fundamentalism”
Community Event
West Yellowstone, Montana (July 2016)
- “Community of Freedom: Baptist Identity in Action”
North Carolina Cooperative Baptist Fellowship General Assembly
Hayes Barton Baptist Church
Raleigh, North Carolina (2016)
- “The Yellowstone Experience 100 Years Ago”
Haynes Photo Shop, Yellowstone Park Foundation
Yellowstone National Park (2015)
- “The Yellowstone Experience 100 Years Ago”
Yellowstone Historic Center
West Yellowstone, Montana (2015)

“Glacier Photography Workshop”

West Glacier, Montana (2015)

“Introduction to Glacier National Park”

Glacier NFE

Glacier National Park (July 2015)

“Religious Freedom and Church State Separation”

Baptist General Convention of Texas Annual Conference

Frisco, Texas (2015)

“Baptists and Human Rights”

First Baptist Church

West Yellowstone, Montana (2015)

PUBLISHED PHOTOS

Bruce T. Gourley, *Journey of Faith and Community: The Story of the First Baptist Church of Augusta, Georgia*. Macon, Ga.: Mercer University Press, 2017. Book cover photo. Photo of the exterior of the First Baptist Church, Augusta sanctuary.

Nurturing Faith Journal, September-October 2016, cover photo. Photo of Aspen Trees and Fence Rails, adjacent to Glacier National Park.

Nurturing Faith Journal, July-August 2016, cover photo. Photo of White Dome Geyser Eruption, Yellowstone National Park.

Nurturing Faith Journal, March-April 2016, cover photo. Photo of Stained Glass Window, First Baptist Church of Chattanooga, Tennessee.

Nurturing Faith Journal, January-February 2016, cover photo. Photo: Big Sky Winter in Montana’s Gallatin Valley.

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Josh Snodgrass, *Sacrifice, Worship, Love*, 2013. Music album cover. Photo of Yellowstone River near Fishing Bridge in Yellowstone National Park.

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