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## Education

Doctor of Philosophy (D.Phil.)  
Regent's Park College, University of Oxford, England (November 1997)  
(1983-1985 residency)  
Emphasis: The historical analysis and evaluation of the life of A.J. Gordon (1836-1895)

Master of Theology (M.Th.)  
Knox College, University of Toronto, Toronto, Ontario, Canada (May 1989)  
Emphasis: Nineteenth-century American/Canadian Church History

Master of Theology (Th.M.)  
Princeton Theological Seminary, Princeton, NJ (May 1988)  
Emphasis: Homiletics and liturgics

Master of Divinity (M.Div.)  
Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, S. Hamilton, MA (May 1983)  
Emphasis: Practical Theology

Bachelor of Science in Education (B.S.)  
The Pennsylvania State University, State College, PA (March 1980)  
Major: Graphic Arts

## Work Experience

Pastor and Interim Pastor  
*First Baptist Church, New Bethlehem, PA; Harmony Baptist Church, New Castle, PA; First Baptist Church, Clarion, PA; First Baptist Church, Lockport, NY, Watertown Evangelical Church, Watertown, MA, First Baptist Church, Boston, MA, on-going conference preaching and itinerant preaching ministry*

*Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, South Hamilton, MA (1991-2018; 2026-present)*  
Haddon W. Robinson Chair of Preaching

*Baylor University, George W. Truett Theological Seminary, Waco, TX (2025-present)*  
Lecturer in Preaching

*Baylor University, George W. Truett Theological Seminary, Waco, TX (2018-2025)*  
Professor of Preaching (retired)  
Holder of the David E. Garland Chair of Preaching  
Director of the Ph.D. Program in Preaching  
Member of the Graduate School Faculty

*Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, South Hamilton, MA (1991-2018)*  
Assistant Professor of Preaching (Adjunct) 1991-1992  
Assistant Professor of Preaching and Ministry 1992-1998  
Associate Professor of Preaching and Ministry 1998-2003  
Professor of Preaching and Ministry 2003-2018  
Haddon W. Robinson Professor of Preaching and Ministry -2018  
Director of the Haddon W. Robinson Center for Preaching 2002-2018  
Assistant Dean/Dean of Students (Director of Formation for Ministry) 1992-1996  
Director of Mentored Ministry 1992-1999  
Dean of the Chapel 2000-2005  
Assistant Academic Dean 2000-2005  
Director of the Th.M. in Preaching Program 2002-2018  
Director of the A.J. Gordon Guild [Ph.D. program in preaching. The program was in cooperation with London School of Theology/Middlesex University] 2000-2018  
Faculty Representative to the Board of Trustees 2017-2018

Supervision of Doctor of Philosophy Students with London School of Theology/Middlesex University in the A.J. Gordon Guild of Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary: this is a list of the seven students brought to completion of the degree Ph.D., while at Gordon-Conwell and Baylor University:

Calvin Woosung Choi, "Preaching to Multiethnic Congregations: Positive Marginality as a Homiletical Paradigm" 2013

Nathan March Wright, "The Viceregal Homiletic: An Appropriation of G.K. Beale's Christian Viceregency for Theological Consideration of Christian Preaching" 2019

Russell Brian St. John, "Empty Admiration: Robert Lewis Dabney's Expository Homiletic" 2019

Thomas Vincent Haugen, "A Critical Examination of Bruce W. Thielemann's Need-Centered Approach to Preaching" 2022

Timothy John Bushfield, "Collaborative Homiletics: Continuing Homiletical Education Through Collaboration in Sermon Preparation" 2026

Lucas O'Neill, "Clarifying Christocentric Preaching: Definition and Debate in Evangelical Expository Preaching" 2026

Supervision of Doctor of Philosophy students at Baylor University—ongoing

**Adjunct or Invited Teaching at Various Institutions:**

Adjunct Professor of Preaching, Regent College, Vancouver, BC (Summer School 2008)

Adjunct Professor of Preaching, Acadia Divinity College, Acadia University, Wolfville, Nova Scotia (2010-2013)

Adjunct Professor of Preaching, Beeson Divinity School, Samford University, Birmingham, AL (January 2016)

Guest Lecturer in the senior preaching class at Holy Cross Seminary, Brookline, MA (Fall Semesters 2013-2017)

Visiting Professorship: The Sams Visiting Professor Preaching, Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, Spring semester 2021, "Preaching Proverbs" via Zoom and in-person preaching

**Professional Societies**

Religious Speech Communications Association (member) (1988-2004)

National Association of Evangelicals (member)

Academy of Homiletics, Member (1991-2000)

Co-founder and first President, Evangelical Homiletics Society (1997-present)

**Awards, Honors and Grants**

Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame, Shenango Area School District, New Castle, PA Inducted in June 2006

Kern Faculty Grant Recipient, Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary Fall 2014

Lilly Preaching Initiative Grant Recipient, Haddon W. Robinson Center for Preaching, Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary 2015-2019 (\$500,000)

Lilly Preaching Initiative Grant Recipient Renewal, Haddon W. Robinson Center for Preaching, Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary 2020-2023 (\$250,000)

The Scott M. Gibson Emerging Scholars Grant, established by the Evangelical Homiletics Society, 14 October 2016 [This grant was named in my honor as one of the co-founders of the Evangelical Homiletics Society]

Book in Honor of Scott M. Gibson: Matthew D. Kim, ed., *No Program but Time, No Book but the Bible: Reflections on Mentoring and Discipleship in Honor of Scott M. Gibson* (Eugene: Wipf and Stock, 2018)

In Trust Resource Grant Recipient, Co-PI with W. Dennis Tucker, to establish the Association of Directors of Ph.D. in Preaching Programs, Spring 2020 (\$10,000)

Character Across the Curriculum Program Cohort Participant (2019-2020) invited to join in year three of the Character Across the Curriculum Initiative of the Institute for Faith and Learning Baylor University

Baylor University Library's Fundamentals of Data Research Humanities Faculty Fellowship for \$1,000 for the summer of 2020, focusing on research for the Recent Homiletical Thought Project.

Lilly Preaching Initiative Grant Recipient Renewal, Kyle Lake Center for Preaching Effectiveness, George W. Truett Theological Seminary, Baylor University, 2020-2024, Co-PI with Jared Alcántara (\$250,000)

Named one of "The 40 Most Influential Preachers of the Past 40 Years," by *Preaching Magazine* (Summer 2025)

### **Lectureships/Conference Speaking**

Preacher: Perryville Bible Conference, Perryville Bible Church, Wakefield, RI, October 1996

Presenter/Panelist: "Pilgrims on the Sawdust Trail: Evangelical Conversations," Beeson Divinity School, Birmingham, AL, October 2001

Lecturer: "Preaching the Scriptures in the Twenty-First Century," Evangelical Theological Seminary, Meyerstown, PA, March 2003

Lecturer: "On Preaching," Grace Evangelical Seminary, Bangor, ME, February 2003

Lecturer: "Sermon Stealing: Preaching and Plagiarism," Webb Lectures on Preaching, Lincoln Christian College and Seminary, Lincoln, IL, October 2005

Lecturer: "Certain of the Text and Creative in Communicating It," Grace Evangelical Seminary, Bangor, ME, April 2005

Lecturer: "Meaningful Preaching in a Meaningless World," W.S. Sailer Lecture on Preaching, Evangelical Theological Seminary, Meyerstown, PA, January 2007

Lecturer: "Preaching and Plagiarism," Regent College, Vancouver, British Columbia, June 2007

Lecturer: "Preaching and Discipleship," Fred B. Craddock Lectures at Preaching Emphasis Week, Johnson University, Knoxville, TN, March 2008

Lecturer: "On Practical Theology and Preaching," Kenneth L. Swetland Lectureship in Pastoral Ministry, Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, South Hamilton, MA, April 2010

Lecturer: Doctor of Ministry, Acadia Divinity College, Acadia University, Wolfville, Nova Scotia, October 2010, October 2012

Lecturer: "Preaching and Discipleship," Pastor's Conference, Northeastern Seminary, Rochester, NY, April 2011

Preacher: "Knowing Christ," Founder's Days: Moody Bible Institute-Spokane, WA, February 2013

Preacher: Western Pennsylvania Bible Conference, Portersville, PA, June 2013

Presented and preached at the North Park Worship Centre Pastors/Bible Conference, North Park Worship Centre, Brampton, ON Canada, September 2013

Lecturer: "Preaching and Character Development," Gerald K. Simpson Lectures in Preaching and the Practice of Ministry, Acadia Divinity College, Acadia University, Wolfville, Nova Scotia, February 2014

Guest Lecturer: "Preaching and Plagiarism," Preaching Class, Campbell Divinity School, Campbell University, March 2014

Guest Preacher: Campbell Divinity School Chapel, Campbell University, April 2014

Plenary Preacher at the morning session of the New England Festival of Young Preachers sponsored by the Academy of Preachers at Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, Kaiser Chapel, South Hamilton, MA, March 2016

Plenary Preacher, Plenary Teacher and Workshop Teacher at the Rural Home Missionary Association's Small Town Pastor's Conference, Morton, Illinois, April 2016

Preacher: Western Pennsylvania Bible Conference, Portersville, PA, June 2016

Presenter: "What Makes Evangelical Homiletics Distinctive? A Retrospective Approach," God's Word and Our Words: A National Symposium on the History and Significance of Christian Preaching, Baylor University, Truett Theological Seminary, September 2017

Preaching/Teaching: Expository Preaching Conference Speaker at Lancaster Bible College, Lancaster, PA, October 2016

Guest Lecturer: "Historical and Contemporary Models of Preaching," The Master's Seminary, via Skype, January 2017

Plenary Lecturer: "What Makes Evangelical Homiletics Distinctive? A Retrospective Approach," Evangelical Homiletics Society 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting, Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, October 2017

Presenter: "Faith: The Foundation of Preaching," Reformation Conference, Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, October 2017

Plenary Lecturer: "The Baylor University Most Effective Preachers in the English-Speaking Language Survey: Background and Analysis," Evangelical Homiletics Society 21<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, October 2018

Guest Lecturer: "Historical and Contemporary Models of Preaching," The Master's Seminary, via Skype, January 2019

Conference Lecturer: The 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Charles E. Booth Preaching Conference, Columbus, OH on "Defining Expository Preaching" 14-15 May 2019

Lecturer: "The Preacher's Character," Homiletical Lectureship, Moody Bible Institute, Chicago, IL, 25-26 September 2019

Presenter of a Paper: Evangelical Homiletics Society, "The Preacher's Character," 17-19 October 2019

Co-Presenter and Co-Author with Daniel J. Gregory, "Patterns of Preaching During a Period of Lament: A Digital Assessment of Selected Sermons Preached from Around the World at the Beginning of the Worldwide COVID-19 Pandemic," Evangelical Homiletics Society Annual Meeting, Baylor University's George W. Truett Theological Seminary, 5-6 November 2021

Conference Speaker: Loud & Clear: Eastern Region Pastor/Leader Conference, Evangelical Friends—Eastern Region, Malone University, Canton, OH 16 November 2021

Lecturer: "The Future of Preaching," Wolfville Lectures, Wolfville, Nova Scotia, 30 September 2023

Co-Presenter and Co-Author of a Paper with Kyle J. Lincoln: "This is the Way I'm Made: How Eye Misalignment Shapes the Preaching Journey," Evangelical Homiletics Society Annual Meeting, MCUTS, Union University, Memphis, TN, 16-18 October 2025

Lecturer: "The Future of Preaching: The Curious Crosscurrents of AI and Preaching," Rom Homiletical Lectures, Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, Deerfield, IL, 7-8 April 2026

### **External Examiner**

External Examiner: Acadia Divinity School, Doctor of Ministry Defense of Danny Rickey Smith 19 March 2019

External Examiner: Northern Seminary, Doctor of Ministry Defense of Chandler Vinson  
10 April 2019

External Examiner: Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Doctor of Philosophy  
Defense of Benjamin Hernandez 23 October 2021

External Examiner: McMaster University, Doctor of Practical Theology Defense of  
Stefan C. Matzal 21 March 2024

External Examiner: Australian University of Theology, Doctor of Philosophy Defense of  
Warren Kercher 17 April 2024

External Examiner: Australian University of Theology, Doctor of Philosophy Defense of  
Johnathan Snider 24 November 2025

## **Publications**

### *Books*

Keith Willhite and Scott M. Gibson, eds., *The Big Idea of Biblical Preaching: Connecting the Bible to People*. Grand Rapids: Baker, 1998.

Scott M. Gibson, ed. *Making a Difference in Preaching: Haddon Robinson on Biblical Preaching*. Grand Rapids: Baker, 1999.

Scott M. Gibson, A.J. Gordon: *American Premillennialist*. Lanham, MD: University Press of America, 2001.

\_\_\_\_\_, *Preaching for Special Services*. Grand Rapids: Baker, 2001.

\_\_\_\_\_, ed., *Preaching to a Shifting Culture: 12 Perspectives on Preaching that Connects*. Grand Rapids: Baker, 2004.

\_\_\_\_\_, ed., *Contemporary Baptists and Historic Faith*. Westminster, CA: Principle Press, 2005.

\_\_\_\_\_, ed., *Preaching the Old Testament*. Grand Rapids: Baker, 2006.

\_\_\_\_\_, *Should We Use Someone Else's Sermon? Preaching in a Cut and Paste World*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2008.

\_\_\_\_\_, ed. and introduction to, *How Christ Came to Church: The Pastor's Dream, A Spiritual Autobiography* by A.J. Gordon. Grand Rapids: Kregel, 2010.

\_\_\_\_\_, *Preaching with a Plan: Sermon Strategies for Growing Mature Believers*. Grand Rapids: Baker, 2012.

\_\_\_\_\_, ed., *Preaching Points: 55 Tips for Improving Your Pulpit Ministry*. Wooster: Weaver, 2016. Now: Bellingham: Lexham Press.

\_\_\_\_\_, ed., *The Worlds of the Preacher: Navigating Biblical, Cultural, and Personal Contexts*. Grand Rapids: Baker, 2018.

Scott M. Gibson and Matthew D. Kim, eds., *Homiletics and Hermeneutics: Four Views of Preaching Today*. Grand Rapids: Baker, 2018. Co-editor and author of chapters.

Scott M. Gibson, ed., *Training Preachers: A Guide to Teaching Homiletics*. Bellingham: Lexham, 2019. Editor and author of chapters.

Scott M. Gibson and Karen Mason, *Preaching Hope in Darkness: Addressing Suicide from the Pulpit*. Bellingham: Lexham, 2020.

Todd D. Still with Scott M. Gibson, *With Radiant Hope: Timely and Timeless Reflections from George W. Truett*. Waco: Big Bear Books/Baylor University Press, 2020.

Matthew D. Kim and Scott M. Gibson, eds., *The Big Idea Companion for Preaching and Teaching*. Grand Rapids: Baker, 2021.

Scott M. Gibson, *Preaching Perspectives: Learning from Preachers and Listeners*. Grand Rapids: Kregel, 2027.

Scott M. Gibson, ed., *Lessons I Learned from the Mistakes I Made in Preaching*. Waco: Big Bear Books/Baylor University Press, 2027.

#### *Chapters in Books*

Scott M. Gibson, "Making Haste: A.J. Gordon in 1889," *Shaping A Heritage*, ed., Ann Ferguson (Wenham, MA: Gordon College, 1989) 9-21.

\_\_\_\_\_, "A.J. Gordon and H. Grattan Guinness: A Case Study of Transatlantic Evangelicalism," *Pilgrim Pathways: Essays in Baptist History in Honour of B.R. White*, eds., William H. Brackney and Paul S. Fiddes with John H.Y. Briggs (Macon: Mercer University Press, 1999) 303-317.

\_\_\_\_\_, "A.J. Gordon," *Encyclopedia of Protestantism*, ed., Hans J. Hillerbrand (New York: Routledge, 2003).

\_\_\_\_\_, "Biblical Preaching in and Anti-Authority Age," *Preaching to a Shifting Culture: 12 Perspectives on Preaching that Connects*, ed., Scott M. Gibson (Grand Rapids: Baker, 2004), 215-227.

\_\_\_\_\_, "Critique of the New Homiletic," in *The Art and Craft of Biblical Preaching*, eds., Haddon W. Robinson and Craig Brian Larson (Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2005), 476-481.

\_\_\_\_\_, "Understanding the Limits of Soul Liberty," *Contemporary Baptists and Historic Faith*, ed., Scott M. Gibson (Westminster, CA: Principle Press, 2005), 153-166.

\_\_\_\_\_, "Challenges to Preaching the Old Testament," *Preaching the Old Testament*, ed., Scott M. Gibson (Grand Rapids: Baker, 2006), 21-27.

\_\_\_\_\_, "Point Form," *The New Interpreter's Handbook of Preaching*, ed., Paul Scott Wilson (Nashville: Abingdon 2008), 401-404.

\_\_\_\_\_, "Missiology," *The New Interpreter's Handbook of Preaching*, ed., Paul Scott Wilson (Nashville: Abingdon 2008), 465-469.

\_\_\_\_\_, "Robert Cameron," *Encyclopedia of Christianity in the United States*, eds., George Thomas Kurian & Mark A. Lamport (Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield, 2016): 1:420-421.

\_\_\_\_\_, "A.J. Gordon," *Encyclopedia of Christianity in the United States*, eds., George Thomas Kurian & Mark A. Lamport (Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield, 2016): 2:980.

\_\_\_\_\_, "George C. Needham," *Encyclopedia of Christianity in the United States*, eds., George Thomas Kurian & Mark A. Lamport (Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield, 2016): 1607-1608.

\_\_\_\_\_, "George Coles Stebbins," *Encyclopedia of Christianity in the United States*, eds., George Thomas Kurian & Mark A. Lamport (Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield, 2016): 5:2193-2194.

\_\_\_\_\_, "Introduction: A Tribute to Haddon Robinson," *The Worlds of the Preacher: Navigating Biblical, Cultural, and Personal Contexts*, ed., Scott M. Gibson (Grand Rapids: Baker, 2018), xv-xxiv.

\_\_\_\_\_, "The Preacher's Personal World," *The Worlds of the Preacher: Navigating Biblical, Cultural, and Personal Contexts*, ed., Scott M. Gibson (Grand Rapids: Baker, 2018), 53-72.

\_\_\_\_\_, "Faith: The Foundation of Preaching," *Reformation Celebration: The Significance of Scripture, Grace, Faith and Christ*, eds., Gordon L. Isaac and Eckhard Schnabel (Peabody: Hendrickson, 2018), 169-178.

\_\_\_\_\_, "The Contribution of Preaching to Evangelicalism," *God's Word and Our Words: The History and Significance of Christian Preaching* (Eugene: Wipf and Stock, 2019), 190-200.

\_\_\_\_\_, "The Priority of Discipleship," *The Priority of Making Disciples: The Messiah and Our Mission in Matthew 28:16-20*, ed., Danny D. Clymer (Green Forest, AK: Master Books, 2020), 135-140.

\_\_\_\_\_, "Evangelical Preaching," *The Manifold Grace of God, Volume 2: Twenty Theologies of Preaching in the Early Twenty-First Century*, ed., Ronald J. Allen (Eugene: Wipf and Stock, 2022), 1-13.

\_\_\_\_\_, "Tall Orders (John 9:4)," *Wonderful Words of Life: Scripture, Proclamation, and Community*, ed., Todd D. Still (Waco: Big Bear Books, 2026).

\_\_\_\_\_, "George W. Truett," *From Bunyan to Bailey: Preachers Who Shaped the Baptist Pulpit*, ed., Justin Waincott (Nashville: B&H, 2027).

\*\*\*A full listing of article, book reviews, endorsements, etc. are available upon request.

## **Recent Homiletical Thought Project**

Oversight of the *Recent Homiletical Thought Project*. The project stems from the Lilly Preaching Initiative Grant of the Haddon W. Robinson Center for Preaching, Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary. The Recent Homiletical Thought Project is intended to be an online annotated homiletics bibliography, combining the bibliographic work of the same title by Toohey and Thompson (Abingdon 1967) and Litfin and Robinson (Baker 1983), along with updated contributions to the present. This project was begun at Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary and continues to be developed further at Baylor University/Truett Seminary and Baylor Libraries and Digital Humanities and seeks other input and assistance from other theological institutions.

## **Editor's Positions**

Editor, *ABE Journal* (1993-2006)

A quarterly journal published by the renewal organization in the American Baptist Churches, USA

Editor, *Integrity* (1994-1999)

A quarterly newsletter published by Project Timothy, a discipleship organization

General Editor, *Journal of the Evangelical Homiletics Society* (1998-present)

A professional peer-reviewed international journal

Editor, *The EHS Communicator* (2005-2020)

The occasional newsletter of the Evangelical Homiletical Society

Editorial Board, *re:generation quarterly* (1998-2003)

Editorial Board, *Ministry Mentor*, Tyndale House Publishers (2005-2009)

Editorial Board, Moody Publishers Pastoral Review Team (2013-2014)

Advisory Team for B&H Academic, Nashville, TN (2016-2017)

Advisory Team for Lexham Press, Bellingham, WA (2017-2021)

## **Board Service**

Founder, Northwestern Pennsylvania Baptist Education Society Board (1986-1987)

Co-Founder, President, Board Member, American Baptist Evangelicals (1992-2006)

Co-Founder, President, Board Member, Project Timothy (1994-1999)

Co-Founder, Evangelical Homiletics Society, President (1997-1998)

Executive Committee of the Evangelical Homiletics Society  
Editor, *Journal of the Evangelical Homiletics Society* (1998-present)  
Communication Coordinator (1997-2020)

Executive Committee of the Evangelical Homiletics Society  
Vice-President (2020-2021)

Co-Founder, Cornerstone Church Network, Board Member (2006-2010)

Board Member, Covenant Christian Academy, Peabody, MA (2006-2010)

Board Member, Camp Judson, North Springfield, PA (2026-present)

**Faculty Committee Service (Baylor University/Truett Seminary)**

Chair, Ph.D. in Preaching Academic Policy and Planning Committee (2019-2025)

Graduate Program Director, Truett Seminary (2018-2025)

Chair, Ph.D. in Preaching Admissions Committee (2018-2025)

Committee for Assessment and Institutional Effectiveness (2018-2019)

Kyle Lake Center for Effective Preaching Committee (2018-2025)

Graduate Council, Baylor University (2018-2024)

Strategic Planning Committee-Truett Seminary (2019)

Faith and Sports Institute Committee (2019-2025)

Admissions Committee (2019-2025)

Ph.D. Task Force (ad hoc committee 2019)

Baylor Digital Humanities Initiative (2020-present)  
Invited to serve on this cross-university advisory group, sponsored by Baylor Libraries

Dean's Council—Truett Seminary (2021-2022)  
Senator, Baylor University Faculty Senate (2021-2025)

Chair, Search Committee for the Raborn Chair in Practical Theology (2021-2022)

Chair, Search Committee for a Preaching Faculty Position (2023-2024)

**Church Membership**

First Baptist Church  
984 West Maitland Lane  
New Castle, PA 16105  
(2025-present)  
Mike Willmer, Lead Pastor

**Ordination**

Baptist (Standing in Converge—Baptist General Conference, International)