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Brief Historical Overview

The Beginning: Classical college education and evangelism. In 1880 Arkansas was one of only two Southern Baptist Convention states that did not have a convention-sponsored college. Thus as the decade progressed, there was growing momentum for creating a Baptist college in Arkansas. One of the most influential individuals who pushed for the establishment of a Arkansas Baptist State Convention sponsored college was James Philip Eagle, a pastor and evangelist, as well as denominational organizer (president of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention and later president of the Southern Baptist Convention) and politician (Arkansas House of Representatives and Governor of Arkansas). His wife, Mary Kavanaugh Eagle, was likewise influential in the life of Arkansas Baptists, pushing for the establishment of the WMU in Arkansas and a strong advocate for missions. Ouachita Baptist College was founded in 1886. Eagle’s vision was for the institution to be at the center of Arkansas Baptist life, a “beacon of Christian idealism and evangelism.”¹

In the late 1800s higher education in America was changing rapidly. From the post-Civil War period to the end of the nineteenth century there was a rapid growth of university institutions, along with a strong secularizing trend in much of American higher education. Denominational related colleges and universities were likewise evolving and adapting to the new educational landscape (how to structure the curriculum; how “Christian” to be; how to handle the new emphasis on science and engineering; what about the new emphasis on sports teams versus the old literary societies, etc.) Also during this time some break-away denominational groups formed their own institutions (the Bible College Movement—Moody, Nyack, Gordon College, Biola, etc.), and they tended (at first) to stress the mission and vision specifically of training ministers and missionaries. At some later point in their history, they discovered the financial difficulty of sustaining such an institution and thus broadened out their vision to include teacher training, and then to liberal arts education in general, allowing them to draw from a wider range of students. During this time period the Southern Baptist Convention by and large remained orthodox, and thus the foundings of their higher education institutions at this time were not reactionary, nor were they focused only on ministerial training (although ministerial training was always one of the goals).² By the 1880s across the south most Southern Baptist Convention colleges were already Liberal Arts colleges. Likewise by 1880 co-educational college education was fairly well established among the Southern Baptist State Convention sponsored colleges. Being in one of the later southern states to create a convention-related college, Eagle, along with the first Ouachita president J. W. Conger, could see that the survival of this school would depend on drawing from a wide range of students. So, from the beginning Ouachita was liberal arts oriented in its curriculum and co-educational, while still maintaining a Christian (Southern Baptist) identity, and a close affiliation with the Arkansas Baptist State Convention.

Fueled by the Land Grant College Act of 1862, the research model of University education championed in Germany was already embraced in many American state colleges, often with a focus on “Agriculture and Mechanical Arts.” In 1869 Harvard discarded its standard required curriculum and allowed students to choose options (later developing into “majors”) that

¹ C. Fred Williams, S. Ray Granade, and Kenneth M. Startup, *A System & Plan: Arkansas Baptist State Convention 1848-1998* (Franklin, TN: Providence House, 1998), 133-57.

² See the discussion in William C. Ringenberg, *The Christian College: A History of Protestant Higher Education in America* (Grand Rapids: Baker, 2006), 155-169.

related more to their vocational interests.³ The new wave of state Baptist convention sponsored colleges, however, by and large followed the older classical education model. Thus when Ouachita was founded, and throughout the early decades, the curriculum was not built around various majors (the Harvard model), but around a very basic somewhat modified classical curriculum, with the added modification of allowing a few electives selected from a limited field of options. Typical of this is the Ouachita 1907-1908 catalog description of the courses required for a BA:

Freshman Year

First Term: History; English; Mathematics; Science; Latin

Second Term: History; English; Mathematics; Science; Latin

Sophomore Year

First Term: English; Mathematics; Science; Latin; Elective

Second Term: English; Mathematics; Science; Latin; Elective

Junior Year

First Term: History; German or French; Science; Electives

Second Term: History; German or French; Science; Electives

Senior Year

First Term: Philosophy; Economics; Electives

Second Term: Philosophy; Economics; Electives

The vision for Ouachita Baptist College, from the beginning, did not focus exclusively on, but certainly included as very important, the education of young men to be future ministers. Yet there was very little in the actual curriculum that pertained directly to ministerial training. The thinking at that time appeared to be that these young men would get a much needed classical college education at Ouachita Baptist College and then continue on to seminary (at this time, primarily Southern Seminary in Louisville). So while Ouachita offered free tuition to ministerial students (those providing credentials of ministerial involvement), there was very little in the curriculum that was directly related to ministerial education. Also, surprisingly, even though Ouachita offered free tuition to ministerial students, prior to 1940 there were seldom more than 40 ministerial students enrolled (and usually only around 25). Nonetheless, offering free tuition to a significant portion of the student body made the financial situation for sustaining this opportunity challenging.⁴ Yet even with the broader outreach to a wide range of students, including women, missions (and evangelism) remained strongly embedded in the culture of the campus (e.g. in 1904 the college established a Young Women's Auxiliary, associated with the WMU),⁵ even though there were no related classes in the curriculum.

So from the beginning, Ouachita was founded as a co-educational Liberal Arts college, closely associated with the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, for the purpose of educating Arkansas Baptist leaders, including ministers, and furthering missions and evangelism in the State of Arkansas as well as overseas. In 1901 the Ouachita Board of Trustees expressed this vision in a statement:

³ Ibid., 102-3.

⁴ Michael E. Arrington, *Ouachita Baptist University: The First 100 Years* (Little Rock: August House, 1985), 18, 28.

⁵ Ibid., 27.

Christian Schools are the medium through which churches secure efficient leadership in the realization of Christian ideals and the evangelization of the world; hence the fundamental idea is Missionary. Our highest ambition at Ouachita College is to prepare young men and young ladies for larger and more efficient work in the church.⁶

The Early Days: Educating the “preacher boys.” Although Ouachita College offered free tuition to ministerial students (which continued until 1930), few ministerial students actually enrolled at first, and the college had difficulty supporting financially even the small number that they had. Furthermore, “Many Arkansas Baptists had the notion that receiving aid to go to college amounted to charity, and a preacher should provide a good example for his flock by shunning such handouts. This explained the low number of ministerial students at Ouachita as well as the sparse sums of aid given by the churches for ministerial education. . . . The surprising thing about ministerial education at Ouachita was that, in spite of all the rhetoric and admonition, Arkansas Baptists gave so very little money for ‘teaching the preacher.’”⁷ This was the situation in the early days.

In addition, as mentioned above, having a vision for the College that included evangelism, missions, and ministerial training did not automatically come with a vision for an associated rigorous academic theological training curriculum. In fact, Ouachita did not even have a formal Bible Department or a theological training curriculum at all at the beginning. In 1888 there was only *one course* offered in the field of ministerial training. It was entitled “Theological Course,” and was taught by J. J. Taylor, pastor of First Baptist Church, Arkadelphia. This was hardly an effective educational training program for future ministers. The course description even promised that this course would not interfere with the other literary studies of the student, indicating perhaps that the prevailing philosophy for educating future ministers at that time in Arkansas involved taking regular college classes and not necessarily studying anything specifically theological.

An actual department for ministerial training was not created until 1894, when the “School of Bible Study” was formed, directed by Dr. Alexander G. McManaway, the first faculty member to hold an actual doctorate degree. McMannaway had a Doctor of Divinity from Southern Seminary and was hired as Professor of Bible and History. He was also on the Board of Trustees and had been the former pastor of First Baptist Church, Little Rock. However, he died unexpectedly in 1899 and the impetus for theological training lost much of its momentum.⁸

Indeed, throughout the early years, funding the ministerial students and offering a valid theological or ministerial training academic program continued to be an ongoing challenge. Often the “Bible Study” classes consisted of a weekly Bible Study taught by the pastor of the First Baptist Church in Arkadelphia.⁹ In essence this was more of a mentoring and informal Bible Study time and not any kind of rigorous theological study. Hiring and paying for qualified faculty members for the ministerial program proved difficult during this time as well. Indeed, throughout the early years, even though enrollment averaged around 300 students, faculty turnover at Ouachita College in general was a constant problem. The entire faculty of 1910, for example, had turned over by 1915.

⁶⁶ Ibid.

⁷ Ibid., 28-29.

⁸ Ibid., 38-39.

⁹ Ibid., 28-29.

Charles Ernest Dicken became president of Ouachita College in 1916 and remained until 1926. During his tenure the faculty turnover situation calmed down. In 1925 the average period of service for faculty members had risen to six years, the highest in history so far. In 1916 Dicken hired Dr. Albert M. Croxton to be Professor of Bible and Greek. Croxton, an attorney from Ada, Oklahoma, having received a ThD from Southern Seminary, was a pastor (and also Superintendent of Schools in the public school system) in North Carolina. Now with a qualified (albeit diverse) biblical scholar on faculty, Ouachita College had an opportunity to upgrade its ministerial education. In 1922 Ouachita College revised its curriculum to now offer “majors,” including Bible, Biology, Chemistry, English, History, Latin, Philosophy and Education, Mathematics, and Modern Languages. Thus for the first time there was an actual Bible major, although Bible majors were only required to take nine units of theological classes in a major of 64 units.

In 1924, however, evolution became the hot, pressing issue in the Southern Baptist Convention, and the Arkansas Baptist State Convention likewise engaged with the issue with considerable energy and emotion. Ouachita College was caught in the middle of this conflict. The ABSC drafted an anti-evolution resolution and demanded that all employees of the convention, including all Ouachita faculty, sign the resolution.

In 1925 Croxton’s faculty title was changed from Professor of Bible and Greek to Professor of Philosophy, perhaps in an attempt to deflect criticism away, in light of the growing scrutiny from the school’s constituency, particularly from pastors in the state. Likewise, President Dicken then became the Bible Professor. Yet, this failed to resolve the conflict. The Ouachita Board of Trustees likewise tried to introduce a milder resolution, but this attempt was rejected by the ABSC. Both Dicken and Croxton, although reportedly not evolutionists, refused to sign the more restrictive resolution and neither returned in the fall of 1926.¹⁰ Croxton was also in poor health and this may have been a major factor in his decision. He returned to his home in Ada, Oklahoma and died two years later.

The shift to Bible Education. In 1926 the new president of Ouachita, Arthur B. Hill, hired T. D. Brown, a pastor in El Dorado, to be head of the newly reorganized and now renamed Department of Christian Education.¹¹ One can only wonder if the move in department title and curriculum away from theology and biblical studies to a more practical theology was an attempt to distance the ministerial training part of Ouachita College from the evolution issue. At any rate, Hill also worked hard to upgrade the academic integrity of Ouachita, seeking to hire more PhD’s in the College in order to get the school accredited with the North Central Association. The next president (Charles D. Johnson), however, faced with the financial crisis brought on by the Depression, experienced a serious drop in student enrollment from 320 in 1929-1930 to 238 in 1931-1932, which had a huge impact on faculty salaries and retention of faculty. By 1932 all of the faculty with PhDs recruited by Hill for accreditation had left.

During these years, the basic curriculum at Ouachita, as well as in the ministerial training area, changed frequently, often based on the availability of faculty and their training. During the early years of J. R. Grant’s tenure as president (1934-1949), however, things stabilized, led by a basic reorganization of the department structure and the basic curriculum of Ouachita College, a reorganization that would last (with some small modifications) for close to 50 years. The College switched from using “academic units” to using semester hours, a more universally recognized

¹⁰ Ibid., 72-73. See also *A System & Plan*, 194.

¹¹ Ibid., 77.

term in keeping with trends in higher education. In 1934 the minimum semester hours required to graduate was 128. Likewise, a sixty-hour portion common to all students, called the “General Academic Requirements,” was established. Included in the General Academic Requirements was six hours of Bible.¹²

The various academic departments were organized into five basic divisions. The division tasked with ministerial training was titled “Biblical Education and Philosophy.” With this stability, the number of ministerial students at Ouachita rose during the J. R. Grant years, especially in the early post-WWII years. Grant frequently underscored to the Arkansas Baptist State Convention the important contribution of these “preacher boys” to the evangelistic outreach programs of the ABSC. Also significant was the hiring of Otis Webster Yates as Professor of Religious Education. He provided some much needed stability, teaching at Ouachita from 1934 to 1946.¹³ Interestingly, in 1936 Yates was joined by a second faculty member, a young woman named Lourine Thomas, who taught NT Greek from 1936 to 1939, the first woman to teach in the “Religion Department.”

President J. R. Grant resigned in 1949 and was replaced by a faculty member from the Department of Biblical Education and Philosophy, Dr. S. William Eubanks. He had been on faculty since 1946. When Ouachita was not reaccredited in 1951, however, Eubanks resigned.¹⁴

Ralph Arloe Phelps, Jr. was president of Ouachita College from 1953-1969. Overall enrollment jumped from 508 in 1953 to 909 in 1957.

The Vester Wolber years (1958-1985). In 1958 Dr. Vester Wolber joined the Religion faculty and he would serve as department chair for 27 years until his retirement in 1985, thus giving the Religion Department long-term guidance and stability. In 1959 a Master of Arts degree in American Civilization and Religion was offered (to be later cancelled in 1968 due to low enrollment). In an attempt to accommodate the rapid increase in student enrollment, numerous new buildings were constructed, including the construction of the Berry Bible Building and Berry Chapel in 1962. This was the first time in Ouachita’s history that the Religion Department (ministerial training) had their own separate facility. Enrollment at Ouachita reached a high of 1,881 in 1966, with 174 ministerial students (although it is hard to distinguish from the record of this whether these are “majors” or just total students interested in ministry). Upgrading faculty credentials during this time continued to be a challenge, primarily due to low salaries, but the Religion Department often led the way. In 1953 only 25% of all Ouachita faculty held doctorate degrees. By 1969 the number had risen slightly to 26%. In 1963 the departments of Religion and Chemistry held the majority of doctorates, with seven in Religion and four in Chemistry.¹⁵ The enrollment bubble did not last, however, and Ouachita experienced a financial crisis in the latter 1960s.

An interesting sidenote regarding Ouachita Religion Department faculty relates to the Civil Rights movement and the issue of integration in the late 1950s and early 1960s. The Board of Trustees had adopted a policy of accepting international students from Southern Baptist foreign missions fields if two SBC foreign missionaries recommended them. In 1962 Ouachita alum Dr. Marion G. “Bud” Fray (becomes Religion Department chair in 1985) and his wife Jane

¹² Arrington, 173.

¹³ Otis Webster Yates, *A Country Boy Used by the Lord: An Autobiography* (New York: Vantage, 1979).

¹⁴ *A System & Plan*, 250.

¹⁵ *Ibid.*, 113.

recommended an African couple from Rhodesia. They were accepted and in 1965 Michael Makosholo became the first black graduate from Ouachita.¹⁶

Also in regard to diversity, a woman professor, Betty (Rasberry) McCommas is listed in the Philosophy Department 1955-1966 and 1976-1983. She finished her career at OBU in the English Department, retiring in 1997.

In 1968 a tension between President Phelps and Religion Department Chair Vester Wolber developed into a serious conflict. In 1968 Wolber refused to sign a faculty petition showing support for Phelps. The Trustees censored Wolber in December, 1968 and began proceedings for possible dismissal of Wolber, even though he was tenured. Before those proceedings could take place, Phelps resigned (1969). The Trustees voted to retain Wolber as Department Chair, accepting his pledge of loyalty to Ouachita. Wolber continued as Chair of the Religion Department until his retirement in 1985.

During the Wolber years the primary majors in the Religion Department were Pastoral Ministry, Religious Education and Philosophy. That is, apart from Philosophy, the stress was on the more practical ministry areas of training and not on the more academic fields (such as Biblical Studies and Theology). Not only Wolber (1958-1987), but a number of Religion Faculty members enjoyed a long tenure in the Department during this general era: Berryman (1964-1994), Coppenger (1954-1976), Stagg (1968-1999), and Sutley (1954-1987). This long tenure of several professors created an “ethos” or tone for the Religion Department. In general during this era, Religion Department professors 1) taught practical oriented classes; 2) preached frequently in Arkansas churches, both as pastors and as guest pulpit supply preachers (and teachers for the January Bible Study), 3) occasionally wrote Sunday School lessons for the Arkansas Baptist News, and 4) became heavily involved in the community and in service organizations (Civitan, Rotary, Clark County Historical Society, etc.). Even though most of them had doctorate degrees, they did not produce academic published work and were minimally active in academic societies or conferences.¹⁷

This probably also affected the classroom, as well as the attitude towards the Religion Department’s academic integrity from the rest of the campus. Anecdotally, as the next wave of professors showed up in the early 1990s (Duvall, Carter, Hays, etc.) they sensed from many faculty members in other disciplines some lack of respect for the academic standards in the Religion Department.

In 1972 the “Missionary-in-Residence” program was started, which involved furloughing missionaries to stay on or near campus for one to two semesters, teaching in classes and sharing with individuals and groups about missions.

Towards the end of this era, starting in the late 1970s and continuing throughout the 1980s and into the early 1990s, the Southern Baptist Convention became embroiled in an internal struggle and debate over several theological issues, one central issue being the inerrancy of the Bible. While it would be incorrect to label the faculty members during the Wolber era as “liberal” theologically, in general they were probably slightly to the left theologically of the majority mainstream conservative view of most of the Southern Baptist Convention (and

¹⁶ Ibid., 118.

¹⁷ Besides the absence of published material bibliographically, an anecdotal example that illustrates this occurred in 2004. I (Hays) had just published an article in the *Journal for the Study of the Old Testament (JSOT)*, a mainstream, fairly high level academic journal for Old Testament studies. A 1963 Ouachita alum, Dr. Paul Redditt, a prominent, academically well-published OT scholar who had a long career at Georgetown College, sent me an email noting that he was surprised to see an Ouachita Religion Department faculty member publishing an article in an academic journal like *JSOT*, and that things must have changed a lot since he was there in the 1960s.

particularly in Arkansas) and to the left of what could be defined as “mainstream evangelicalism.” Indeed, they were a bit hostile to the term and did not consider themselves as part of “evangelicalism.” For example, one of the textbooks used at that time for the freshman level Survey of the Old Testament class (this class went by several different names during this era) was the controversial *People of the Covenant* by Flanders, Crapps, and Smith. Embracing a number of the conclusions of non-evangelical critical scholarship of that time, this textbook advocated for such views as the documentary hypothesis (i.e. removing Moses from any authorship role of the Pentateuch) and in general dismissed without any discussion many widely held (among Southern Baptists) conservative/evangelical views on OT issues (e.g. the conservative view that the prophet Isaiah actually wrote/produced the entire book of Isaiah is not even mentioned as a remote possibility), and in general downplayed the specificity of messianic prophecy being fulfilled in Christ.

During the 1980s and 1990s tensions between a number of Baptist State Conventions and their associated Baptist Colleges with faculty holding views such as those reflected in *People of the Covenant* often grew intense. Meanwhile, at Ouachita, in 1988 Ben M. Elrod became president and began to address/head-off this potential problem. In general, Arkansas avoided this widespread tiff between state conventions and their colleges because 1) Ben Elrod gained the trust of many pastors in Arkansas, and 2) as the Wolber-era faculty retired, Ouachita replaced them with more conservative scholars. That is, under Elrod, the Religion Department made a fairly significant theological shift to the right. This was done primarily through retirement and replacement hiring. One exception was the relocation of Tom Greer from Philosophy to Chair of the Division of Humanities (1989). Ouachita also avoided the other dangerous extreme—sliding too far to the right into fundamentalism—by hiring conservative scholars who were also academics regularly engaging with mainstream critical scholarship. Thus from 1985 to 1995 the Religion Department at Ouachita shifted to the right theologically while becoming more academically rigorous at the same time.

The Transition Years—Fray and Steeger (1985-1999): The transition described above was largely carried out during the Fray-Steeger years. In 1985 Vester Wolber retired and was replaced by Marion (Bud) Fray, Ouachita alum and former missionary with a ThD from SWBTS. In 1990 Fray moved to Southwestern Seminary and was replaced by Bill Steeger, also a former missionary, but with a PhD in Old Testament from SBTTS. Steeger was the Religion Department chair until 1999. During the Fray-Steeger years Ouachita hired Bill Viser, Byron Eubanks, Scott Duvall, Terry Carter, Danny Hays, and Preben Vang, all conservative scholars (“critical-conservative” they would call themselves) all of whom (except Vang) will stay at Ouachita for nearly 30 years. Also during the Fray-Steeger years two emphases were added to the curriculum and to the ethos of the Religion Department: an emphasis on missions and an emphasis on Biblical Studies. While Ouachita had always been keen on sending out missionaries, she did not have any specific program for training them other than the Missionary in Residence program. Fray and Steeger, however, had both been former fulltime missionaries, and three of their new hires (Viser, Carter, and Hays) likewise had significant prior missionary experience. Thus the department momentum for missions increased significantly. Steeger also brought an academic (publishing) element for the first time. He was perhaps the first Religion Department faculty member with academic publishing connections (e.g. he authored several articles in the prestigious *Anchor Bible Dictionary*), although he did not rigorously pursue continual academic publishing. A major revision to the Religion Department curriculum was done in 1987, with

more emphasis on Biblical Studies and missions. There were three basic majors: 1) Major in Biblical Studies with one of three patterns (Biblical Studies/General; Biblical Studies/Language; Biblical Studies/Theology); 2) Major in Ministry with one of six patterns (Ministry/Pastoral; Ministry/Christian Education; Ministry/Youth; Family Life Ministry/Recreation; Family Life Ministry/Christian Counseling (1990); Missions/Cross Cultural Studies (1989); and 3) Major in Philosophy. In 1995-1996 Minors in Greek and Hebrew were added, along with third year level classes in both.

Regarding diversity, Ouachita hired an African (Zimbabwe), Isaac Mwase, in 1994. He taught in the Philosophy Department until 2004. In addition, Danish Baptist NT scholar Preben Vang was added in 1997.

The Duvall-Hays-Carter years (1999-2021): In 1999 the structure of Ouachita changed from Departments and Divisions to Schools, and the old Religion Department became the School of Christian Studies. The name change was intentional and theologically significant. Nationally the study of “religion” meant something quite different than the study of “Christianity,” especially in the latter part of the twentieth century. After a generous endowment from the Pruets, the school became the Chesley and Elizabeth Pruet School of Christian Studies. For the next twenty-two plus years the Pruet School of Christian Studies will prove to be remarkably stable, emphasizing a critical conservative (evangelical and irenic) theological approach, a push for outstanding classroom pedagogy (members of this faculty won the Outstanding Professor/Most Inspirational Professor of the year award fairly regularly), practical ministry/mission involvement with an emphasis on the church as the priority, and high academics, especially as seen through academic publishing and involvement in academic societies.

Very little in foundational theological approach or ethos changed over these years. Duvall was Dean 1999-2007 and then returned to being a fulltime professor and Chair of the Department of Biblical Studies (later Biblical Studies and Theology). Hays switched places with Duvall and went from Chair of Biblical Studies to being Dean (2007-2021). Carter, Chair of the Christian Ministries Department, and later also of the Christian Missions Department, served as Associate Dean from 2008 until the present (2021). Former IMB missionary and NT scholar Randy Richards was hired in 1999 and he and NT scholar/pastor Preben Vang were influential as Department Chairs until their departures in 2005 and 2006 (Richards later becomes Dean and then Provost at Palm Beach Atlantic University; Vang later becomes Director of the DMin program at Truett Seminary).

Although these two scholars moved on, the Pruet School of Christian Studies hired a number of other outstanding faculty during 2001-2004 who would, along with Viser, Duvall, Eubanks, Carter, and Hays, each contribute another fifteen to twenty years of stability, constancy, and outstanding teaching and scholarship. These were Marvin Pate (2001), Barbara Pemberton (2002), Doug Nykolaishen (2003), and Ray Franklin (2004). Pate brought a stellar publishing history and helped catapult the Pruet School into being one of the top evangelical publishing institutions in North America. Indeed, from 2001 to 2021 the faculty of the Pruet School authored 48 books, published by top evangelical book publishers such as Zondervan, Kregel, Baker, Broadman & Holman, and InterVarsity Press.

Pemberton, with a PhD in World Religions, and Franklin, with 20 years of missionary experience in Japan, continued the trend of strengthening the caliber of serious Missions education. During this time the Pruet School ceased using MIRs for teaching the Missions classes. The quality of class typical from the earlier practice of using “Missionaries-in-

Residence” (MIR) to teach missions classes had been “uneven” at best. Great missionaries did not necessarily make great college classroom professors. Richards, Franklin, and Pemberton, on the other hand, provided not only higher level academics, but a much more effective (and more professional) classroom pedagogy. The major in Missions thrived. Indeed, during this era there were several years in which Ouachita was the Baptist school who sent more missionaries to the IMB than any other school in the US.

Nykolaishen, a Canadian with a PhD in OT from the University of Edinburgh, likewise added some diversity, but more importantly helped to continue the upgrading of the academics and standards of the Pruet School faculty. He also took over the sponsorship of Theta Alpha Kappa (the Honors Society for theological studies) from Richards, and under his leadership this organization thrived.

Other outstanding faculty served in the Pruet School for a number of years during this time. This includes OT scholar Dennis Tucker (1997-2002), who later becomes Associate Dean at Truett Seminary; NT scholar/pastor Scott Jackson (1997-2018) who later becomes pastor of Calvary Baptist Church in North Little Rock; NT Scholar (PhD Univ. of Aberdeen) Joey Dodson (2008-2019) who later becomes NT Professor at Denver Seminary, and Philosophy professor (PhD Purdue) Tully Borland (2008-2020).

As part of the ongoing push for better pedagogy and “high impact learning,” in 2001 the Pruet School faculty began leading Biblical Studies trips (for six hours of academic credit) to Israel or Turkey (sometimes Greece or Italy added). Soon after, as part of the paralleling emphasis on International Missions, Missions Study Trips were also added, likewise for credit, traveling to different parts of the world each time (Indonesia, South Africa, India, Chile, Peru, Japan, Germany, Russia). These trips are offered in alternate years and have been one of the most effective “impact learning” opportunities for students.

In 2003-2004 the Pruet School made a significant change in their curriculum. They created one primary major (a BA in Christian Studies) with a basic common core of foundational Christian Studies classes, but with five areas of emphasis requiring a focus in a specific field. These five areas—Biblical Studies, Theology, Christian Ministry, Christian Missions, Philosophy—were then also formed into five Departments. In 2020 the Biblical Studies Department and the Theology Department were merged together, but other than that, this basic structure and curriculum have remained constant and have been the major fields of study for the majority of Christian Studies students.

Starting in 2011 the Pruet School experimented with several “niche” cross-disciplinary majors (Church Media/Production Arts; Christian Media/Communications; Worship Ministry), none of which were very successful, and thus consequently were dropped. The Community and Family Services major, however, added in 2017, has been very successful and continues to grow.

During this time the Pruet School of Christian Studies continued to build a very close and friendly relationship with the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, cooperating in numerous activities. The Pruet School and the ABSC jointly sponsor the very successful annual Pastor’s conference each September, typically attended each year by over one hundred Arkansas pastors and church staff. Likewise the Pruet School and the ABSC jointly sponsor the equally successful annual Counselling Conference in February, likewise with attendance annually of over 100. For the last several years (interrupted by the pandemic) the ABSC and OBU/Pruet School have also co-sponsored a Church Planting student interest dinner and the Call 2 Ministry Retreat. ABSC staff member David Bond has taught numerous classes in the Pruet School as an adjunct.

Likewise, numerous Pruet School alumni work in the ABSC office, helping to create a strong and friendly co-worker environment between Pruet Faculty and the ABSC.

Another very important feature of the strong OBU-ABSC relationship is the strong financial annual commitment to Ouachita by the ABSC. Based on the percentage of the State Convention budget and based on the percentage of the University budget, the Arkansas Baptist State Convention supports Ouachita Baptist University (along with Williams College) more than any other State Convention. On top of this direct support for the University, the ABSC provides a scholarship (currently \$2000/year) for Ouachita students preparing for ministry (the ABSC Ministry Leadership Development Scholarship), underscoring their strong support for students preparing and studying for ministry at Ouachita.

In 2018 the 1962 vintage Berry Bible Building was expanded, renovated, and renamed the Berry-Peebles Bible Building. Included in this renovation was the construction of a state-of-the-art Preaching Lab and the creation of the Horne Center for Biblical Preaching.

Faculty Book Publications as of 2021 (written by faculty *while they were teaching at Ouachita* and published with well-known national publishers).

Prior to 1994 there are none.

1994

Viser, William C. *The Darkness Among Us: A Look at the Sinister Growth of the Occult and How Dangerously Close it is to You*. Broadman & Holman, 1994.

1998

Duvall, J. Scott, and George Guthrie. *Biblical Greek Exegesis*. Zondervan, 1998.

2000

Carter, Terry G. *The Journal and Selected Letters of William Carey*. Smyth & Helwys, 2000.

2001

Duvall, J. Scott, and J. Daniel Hays. *Grasping God's Word: A Hands-On Approach to Reading, Interpreting, and Applying the Bible*. Zondervan, 2001.

2003

Hays, J. Daniel. *From Every People and Nation: A Biblical Theology of Race*. New Studies in Biblical Theology. Edited by D. A. Carson. IVP, 2003.

Pate, C. Marvin, and J. Daniel Hays. *Iraq: Babylon of the End Times?* Baker, 2003.

2004

Hays, J. Daniel, and C. Marvin Pate. *Apocalypse: An Historical Novel*. Zondervan, 2004.

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The Theological and Educational Philosophy of the Pruet School of Christian Studies (from about 1990 to the present [2021])

Introduction

In contrast to the Religion Departments in many institutions of Christian higher education, the Pruet School of Christian Studies has been a steady and stabilizing component of Ouachita Baptist University for the last 30 years. One reason for this is the longevity of most of its faculty members. Byron Eubanks, Bill Viser, Scott Duvall, Terry Carter, and Danny Hays have each taught in the Pruet School for 29-34 years. Marvin Pate, Barbara Pemberton, Doug Nykolaishen, and Ray Franklin have each taught in the Pruet School for 17-20 years. A second, but tightly interrelated, reason is that the Pruet School has maintained a strong and consistent theological stance and philosophy of education in regard to Christian Studies and to Christian liberal arts education. This philosophy reflects an interconnecting view of ministry, theology, academics, and pedagogy, and has resulted in over twenty-five steady years of producing strong graduates, maintaining a respectful, friendly and trusting relationship with regional churches and the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, projecting positive name recognition of Ouachita Baptist University throughout the evangelical theological and educational world, and building respect and collegiality with other faculty and academic disciplines at Ouachita. Likewise, over the last twenty years the Pruet School has only had two Deans (Duvall and Hays), with little if any change in theology and educational philosophy between the two.

Ministry

Undergirding everything that the Pruet School aspires to accomplish is the firm foundational belief that everything we do should serve to build up the Church. Every class taught or activity undertaken by faculty members in Pruet should be connected in some way to the ultimate goal of planting the church, nurturing the church, and strengthening the church, both here in the US and around the world. We stress a high level of academics, but not just for the sake of academics. We wholeheartedly believe that a high level of academics, if tempered with humility and practicality, is a critical component in training men and women to be the most effective in serving the church. Yet serving the church is the targeted, ultimate goal. Likewise, another strong and constant component of the Pruet School is the conviction that God calls people in ministry to be servant leaders, having an attitude of humility. Furthermore, in selecting faculty we require a high level of academic qualifications, but the heart for ministry, along with an ongoing involvement in church and missions, as well as a love for people (students in particular) is a critical prerequisite. Many of our faculty members are currently serving, or have served, as pastors. All of them are regularly involved in preaching and teaching in churches both locally and internationally. Finally, a critical component of our ministry heartbeat is a passion for world missions, and missions is likewise an important focus for the Pruet School.

Theology

The theology of the Pruet School can be described as that of “mainstream evangelicalism,” or, more definitively as “critical conservative.” As “evangelical” we refer to the definition provided by historian David Bebbington, who identifies four primary characteristics of evangelicalism:

- Conversionism: the belief that lives need to be transformed through a “born-again” experience and a life long process of following Jesus
- Activism: the expression and demonstration of the gospel in missionary and social reform efforts
- Biblicism: a high regard for and obedience to the Bible as the ultimate authority
- Crucicentrism: a stress on the sacrifice of Jesus Christ on the cross as making possible the redemption of humanity

We view “evangelicalism” as an umbrella term that covers a range of conservative denominations and churches, including the Southern Baptist Convention. Within the spread of somewhat minor doctrinal variations under the evangelical umbrella, we would see the Pruet School as centrist, but from that centrist point of view we continually stress among our faculty and students the importance of striving for an informed understanding and respect for the other evangelical viewpoints across the spectrum. Thus while we as Pruet faculty self-identify as Southern Baptists, affirming Southern Baptist distinctives (church polity, baptism, Lord’s supper), we teach in a context of a broad consensus of evangelical faith (especially soteriology) in which students from other evangelical denominations should feel comfortable and welcome. Thus while the majority of our students come from Southern Baptist churches we do get a substantial number of students from independent Bible churches (like Fellowship Bible Church, Little Rock and Fellowship Bible Church, Rogers), New Life churches, Missionary Baptist churches, Nazarene churches, and evangelical Methodist churches, as well as other evangelical groups. It is our goal to provide all of these students with an outstanding evangelical education that is meaningful to them within their own tradition.

At the heart of our theological understanding is our belief that Scripture is inerrant, as defined in Article I of the 2000 Baptist Faith and Message. We believe that the Bible says exactly what God wants it to say and has not been corrupted by human mistakes. We distance ourselves, however, from what we would label as “extreme fundamentalism,” a view that narrowly interprets Scripture and often confuses the concept of inerrancy with one’s own theological understanding and which often in the name of “literalism” interprets ancient texts simplistically according to the interpretive intuitions of modern genre. This is why we like the phrase “critical conservative.” Our theology, based on inerrancy, is very conservative. But we advocate a serious (“critical”) study of the text in its historical context and according to sound analysis of genre and authorial intention. In this sense we affirm the explanation of these issues in the Chicago Statement of Biblical Inerrancy:

We affirm that canonical Scripture should always be interpreted on the basis that it is infallible and inerrant. However, in determining what the God-taught writer is asserting in each passage, we must pay the most careful attention to its claims and character as a human production. In inspiration, God utilized the culture and conventions of his penman's milieu, a milieu that God

controls in His sovereign providence; it is misinterpretation to imagine otherwise. So history must be treated as history, poetry as poetry, hyperbole and metaphor as hyperbole and metaphor, generalization and approximation as what they are, and so forth. Differences between literary conventions in Bible times and in ours must also be observed: since, for instance, non-chronological narration and imprecise citation were conventional and acceptable and violated no expectations in those days, we must not regard these things as faults when we find them in Bible writers. When total precision of a particular kind was not expected nor aimed at, it is no error not to have achieved it. Scripture is inerrant, not in the sense of being absolutely precise by modern standards, but in the sense of making good its claims and achieving that measure of focused truth at which its authors aimed.

Within this context we stress a methodology that begins with biblical exegesis, then develops biblical theology, after which we move to systematic theology and historical theology, and from there to ministry (as well as life application, etc.). Our curriculum is built on this model.

Academics

As a field of Christian Studies within a Christian liberal arts university, we strive for as high a level of academics as possible, both for our faculty and for our students. We want our faculty members not only to have high academic degrees, but to be leaders in their academic fields, producing contemporary books and articles that are influencing and shaping the study of their discipline. Our expectations for publishing are higher for those faculty members in Biblical Studies and Theology than for those in the more practical oriented fields of Christian Ministries and Missions, but we still expect all of our faculty to be constantly developing academically and to be making academic contributions to their discipline. In this respect the Pruet School of Christian Studies is one of the leading Christian educational institutions in the country. Over the past twenty years our faculty have produced over 50 books published by the main evangelical publishers Zondervan, Baker, Broadman & Holman, IVP, and Kregel. Many of these books have become standard textbooks used by dozens of other universities and seminaries. Pruet faculty have also published over one hundred articles and made numerous academic conference presentations. They are actively involved as presenters, committee members, study group leaders, panelists and officers in a wide range of academic societies, including the Evangelical Theological Society, the Society of Biblical Literature, the Institute for Biblical Research, the National Association of Baptist Professors of Religion, the Evangelical Homiletical Society, the Baptist History and Heritage Society, and University Educators for Global Engagement, among others.

Likewise, we believe that our students should be encouraged and challenged to develop as much as possible academically, reading and interacting with serious academic works in their disciplines and always striving to improve their ability to research, think, discern, and write at a high academic level.

Pedagogy

Because we teach in a Christian liberal arts university, it is not enough for faculty to be involved in ministry and academia. They must be effective and passionate classroom communicators, who can convey and instill the values listed above (a heart for ministry and serious academics). We see the task of the Christian University, especially in Christian Studies, to be one of a wide-ranging character-forming Christian discipleship, and the professor-student interaction is a critical component of that discipleship process.

The History of Bible Related CORE Classes (1886-2021)

Christianity, especially Southern Baptist expressions of faith, was an important and always obvious part of Ouachita from the beginning, but in the early days it was expressed primarily in extra-curricular student activities and involvement outside of the classroom. That is, although various Philosophy classes were required of all students from the beginning, there was no regular Bible class requirement for Ouachita students until 1929. That is, for the first forty-plus years of Ouachita's existence, the study of the Bible was apparently not considered a topic to be studied in the classroom at college, even though the students took numerous classical Greek classes and Philosophy classes. The reason for this may have been that the students were assumed to have learned this material in High School (hard to imagine now in 2021). In the early 1900s there are references in Ouachita academic catalogs to High School preparatory requirements for knowledge in various Bible subjects, typically Old Testament and New Testament. A Preparatory Class is also occasionally mentioned, apparently for those who did not learn the material in High School.

The first time a Bible class is required for all students is in 1912. The requirement of one Bible class (either Bible I [Old Testament] or Bible II [New Testament]) plus one Philosophy class was typical for several years afterwards. In 1920 one Bible class along with two Philosophy classes was required. In 1925 five term hours (similar to about 3 semester hours) of Bible or Ethics was required. In that catalog "Class 21 The Old Testament" was listed as 10 term hours and "Class 22 The New Testament" was listed as 5 term hours.

In 1924-1926 the evolution controversy rocked Ouachita, creating tension with her constituency, and particularly with many pastors in the Arkansas Baptist State Convention. Apparently in reaction, in 1926 all AB degree seeking students were required to take 15 term hours of "Christian Education" classes. This meant choosing from a menu listing the following classes: Life of Christ (5 hrs), Old Testament (5 hrs), Christian History (5 hrs), Christian Doctrines (5 hrs.) or Homiletics (5 hrs). Note the interesting replacement of an overall class on New Testament with the more narrowly-scoped Life of Christ. This requirement stays the same until 1929. [note that use of standard semester hours for describing classes was not in use yet]

In 1929, for the first time, all students seeking the BA degree (note the switch from AB) were required to take two Bible classes, "New Testament" and "Old Testament," a tradition that will continue in similar form, albeit with various name changes, until 1999. The course descriptions in the 1929 catalog are hardly inspiring:

New Testament—"Text-book, Harmony of the Gospels (Robertson). Lectures will be given from time to time."

Old Testament—"The object of this course is to acquaint the student with the historical growth and development of the Hebrew nation."

While the enigmatic quip in the NT class about lecturing from time to time will soon be removed, the stress on the historical aspects of the Hebrew nation (instead of theological aspects) in the Old Testament class will persist in the catalog descriptions until 1999.

In 1935 the class name and description stayed the same for Old Testament ("The object of this course is to acquaint the student with the historical growth of the Hebrew nation"), but for the NT, the class changes to New Testament History with the following description: "The life of Christ and the earliest development of the Christian movement, as shown in the Gospels and the

Book of Acts, will be thoroughly studied.” The narrow stress on Gospels and Acts in the New Testament class will continue for a number of years. In 1949, for a brief time, only one class was required; the students could pick from either Old Testament History or New Testament History.

A major name change occurred in 1955 and new course descriptions were introduced. The new course titles were Religion in Life I and Religion in Life II, still basically covering the OT and then the NT. From today’s perspective, as the Pruet School of Christian Studies in 2021, the course description of Religion in Life I is particularly theologically anemic: “Using the Old Testament as the basic textbook, this course surveys the history of the Hebrew people. It relates to their cultural environments as well as to contemporary affairs and personal religious experiences. Problem areas and controversial matters are discussed.” What is remarkable is that, while the last sentence will get dropped in 1958, the rest of the course description continued with no revision at all for the OT related CORE class until 1999, when the class was replaced.

In 1960 the names change to Our Hebrew Heritage and Our Christian Heritage, but the course descriptions do not change. In 1967 a class entitled “Philosophy for Living” was added. From 1970 to 1972 the students could take Our Hebrew Heritage or Old Testament Prophets, and Our Christian Heritage or Life of Christ. In 1973 the Old Testament Prophets option was dropped. The class Philosophy for Living was also replaced by a class entitled Decision Making in the 21st Century.

The class names were changed to Old Testament Survey and New Testament Survey in 1976, but the course descriptions remained the same. A major Common CORE revision was made in 1984. OT Survey and NT Survey stayed the same (with the same course descriptions), but Decision Making in the 21st Century was dropped and Philosophy: Dynamics of Thought was added as an option on the Humanities menu.

One of the most significant changes came in 1999, when Old Testament Survey and New Testament Survey were replaced with Survey of the Bible and Interpreting the Bible. The Religion Department/School of Christian Studies faculty at that time felt like the old classes (OT and NT Survey) were primarily providing the students with lots of historical facts about the Bible, but that the students were not learning how the Bible fits together theologically, how it related to their lives or affected their view of the world, or how to study and interpret it. In the new Survey of the Bible class the focus would be on the large theological overview story of the Bible and how it relates to the students and their world. The new Interpreting the Bible class would teach them how to actually study the Bible and to interpret it according to recognized sound hermeneutical principles.

Compared with the nearly forty year old course description for the Old Testament Survey class that stressed the history of the Hebrews, note the stronger Christian orientation and theological emphasis in the course description for the new Survey of the Bible: “Students will survey the redemptive story of the Bible from Genesis to Revelation, emphasizing how that story shapes the Christian’s worldview and affects life decisions.” Also significant along with this change in CORE class requirements is the fact that faculty in Ouachita’s School of Christian Studies wrote the textbooks to be used in these classes, textbooks that will be published by major evangelical publishers and used by a large number of Christian Universities across the English speaking world. For the Survey of the Bible class this included *Telling God’s Story* by Carter and Vang, and *Living God’s Word* by Duvall and Hays. For the Interpreting the Bible class this was *Grasping God’s Word*, by Duvall and Hays.

These two classes have continued as the CORE requirement for all Ouachita students from 1999 until the current time (2021). The same textbooks are still being used, having undergone several revisions.

The Philosophy related CORE class requirement also went through some changes. In 1999 Philosophy: The Dynamics of Thought was replaced by Intellectual Traditions in the Humanities menu. In 2014 a major CORE revision was undertaken for the entire campus. Intellectual Traditions was dropped and Introduction to Philosophy was added to the new Analytical and Quantitative Reasoning menu.

Faculty and Curriculum (1886-2021)

This material is drawn largely from Ouachita academic catalogs. Keep in mind that the catalogs are usually one year off in regard to when the faculty member is listed as part of the department. Until the late 1950s in regard to religious studies the catalogs changed frequently and were often inconsistent (even internally). The department names were very fluid and internally inconsistent during this time as well: School of Bible Study; School of the Bible; Religious Education; Bible and Religious Education; Biblical Education; Bible Education, etc. Likewise, the organizational structure changed frequently in regard to the relationship between Philosophy and other areas of ministry/religion-related study, as well as with Education, Sociology and Psychology. Often this structural relationship is not clear. Furthermore, the President is often listed as a faculty member even if he did not actually teach in the department (e.g. Ben Elrod), although in the early days the President often did teach class regularly (Conger, Dicken). Occasionally the director of campus ministries (or similar) is listed as a faculty member as well. In addition, in the early years, there was no distinction in the catalog between fulltime faculty and part time adjunct faculty (e.g. Winburn, Pastor of FBC Arkadelphia).

The attempt will be to list the name of the department and the name of all associated faculty members, providing their department affiliation if possible. The Department Chair is noted if the catalog declares it. Finally, a brief overview description of the curriculum required is provided. The catalogs are very inconsistent from year to year in their formatting and terminology; thus providing consistency in this list below was challenging.

1886-1887 No curriculum listed. The catalog just states that faculty are currently being hired.

1887-1888 John W. Conger, AM, President, Mental and Moral Science; Rev. Geo. W. Reeves (Pastor Baptist Church), Class Lecturer in Old Testament History. One of the schools listed is School of Mental Science and Christian Ethics. No specific classes are listed.

1888-1889 Includes a Board of Ministerial Education (“all funds for Ministerial aid should be sent to chairman”). John W. Conger, AM, President, Mental and Moral Science; J. J. Taylor (Full course student S. B. Theological Seminary), Greek, English, and Theological Course; No NT Greek classes are listed. One of the schools listed is School of Mental Science, Logic and Christian Ethics. Three classes are listed: Intellectual Philosophy; Logic and Political Economy; Christian Ethics. At the end, listed under “Extra School,” is Theological, with a note: “This course is from pupils who are preparing for the ministry, whether they desire to attend the Seminary at Louisville or not. It is not intended that this course would in any way interfere with the literary work of the pupil. Not more than one or two recitations will be allowed per week.” Twelve classes are listed (NT, OT, Greek, Systematics, Homiletics, Church Government).

1889-1890 Includes a Board of Ministerial Education (“all funds for Ministerial aid should be sent to chairman”). John W. Conger, AM, President, Mental and Moral Science; J. J. Taylor (Full course student S. B. Theological Seminary), Greek, English, and Theological Course; No NT Greek classes are listed. Several pages are missing which would have had School of Mental Science, Logic and Christian Ethics. No theological classes listed at the end.

1890-1891 Includes a Board of Ministerial Education (“all funds for Ministerial aid should be sent to chairman”). John W. Conger, AM, President, Mental and Moral Science; School of Mental Science, Logic and Christian Ethics. Three classes listed (Intellectual Philosophy, Logic and Political Economy, Christian Ethics, taken in the first and second years. No NT Greek classes are listed.

1891-1892 Includes a Board of Ministerial Education (“all funds for Ministerial aid should be sent to chairman”). John W. Conger, AM, President, Mental and Moral Science; School of Mental Science, Logic and Christian Ethics. Three classes listed (Intellectual Philosophy, Logic and Political Economy, Christian Ethics, taken in the first and second years. No NT Greek classes are listed.

1892-1893 Includes a Board of Ministerial Education (“all funds for Ministerial aid should be sent to chairman”). John W. Conger, AM, President There is no list of faculty at the beginning as in earlier catalogs. Instead there is a picture of interior rooms. Now listed as School of Psychology, Logic and Christian Ethics. Prof. J. W. Conger. Three classes listed (Psychology, Logic and Political Economy, Christian Ethics, taken in the first and second years. No NT Greek classes are listed.

1893-1894 Includes a Board of Ministerial Education (“all funds for Ministerial aid should be sent to chairman”). John W. Conger, AM, President. Mental and Moral Science. No other related faculty listed. Now listed as School of Psychology, Logic and Christian Ethics. Prof. J. W. Conger. Four classes listed (Psychology, Logic and Political Economy, Christian Ethics, and Evidences of Christianity, taken in the first and second years. No NT Greek classes are listed.

1894-1895 and 1895-1896 Includes a Board of Ministerial Education (“all funds for Ministerial aid should be sent to chairman”). John W. Conger, AM, President. Psychology, Ethics and Logic (A. G. McManaway, DD Richmond College; SBT Seminary). Now listed as School of Logic, Ethics, and Psychology (Prof. J. W. Conger). Four classes listed (Psychology, Logic and Political Economy, Christian Ethics, and Evidences of Christianity, taken in the first and second years. School of Bible Study. Dr. A. G. McManaway. States, “A department open to all the students, though not compulsory on any. . . . the Bible will be the chief textbook.” No NT Greek classes are listed. Free tuition to ministerial students with credentials.

1896-1897 and 1897-1898 Includes a Board of Ministerial Education (“all funds for Ministerial aid should be sent to chairman”). John W. Conger, AM, (SWB University). President. Psychology, Ethics and Logic (A. G. McManaway, DD, Richmond College; SBT Seminary). Now listed as School of Philosophy (Prof. J. W. Conger). Four classes listed (Psychology, Logic, Political Economy, Christian Ethics, taken in the first and second years. Advanced courses are History of Philosophy and Philosophy of Religion. School of Bible Study. Dr. A. G. McManaway. States, “A department open to all the students, though not compulsory on any, except that at least one year of the course will be required of all graduates after June, 1898.” Two classes are listed: Life of Christ, taught by McManaway; and a sort of Biblical Introduction/Biblical History, taught by Dr. E. B. Miller. Free tuition to ministerial students with credentials.

1898-1899 and 1899-1900 Includes a Board of Ministerial Education (“all funds for Ministerial aid should be sent to chairman”). John W. Conger, AM, (SWB University). President. Psychology, Logic, and Ethics (A. G. McManaway, DD, Richmond College; SBT Seminary). Now listed as School of Philosophy (Prof. J. W. Conger). Four classes listed (Psychology, Logic, Political Economy, Christian Ethics, taken in the first and second years. Advanced courses are History of Philosophy and Philosophy of Religion. School of Bible Study. Dr. A. G. McManaway. States, “A department open to all the students, though not compulsory on any.” Two classes are listed: Life of Christ, taught by McManaway; and a sort of Biblical Introduction/Biblical History, taught by Dr. E. B. Miller. Free tuition to ministerial students with credentials.

1899-1900 and 1900-1901 Includes a Board of Ministerial Education (“all funds for Ministerial aid should be sent to chairman”). John W. Conger, AM, (SWB University). President. School of Philosophy. Part of the page is missing, but probably listed as School of Philosophy (Prof. J. W. Conger). Four classes listed (Psychology, Logic, Political Economy, Christian Ethics, taken in the first and second years. Advanced courses are History of Philosophy and Philosophy of Religion. School of Bible Study. No professor is listed. It states, “open to all the students, though not compulsory.” Two classes are listed: Life of Christ, taught by McManaway; and a sort of Biblical Introduction/Biblical History, taught by Dr. E. B. Miller. Free tuition to ministerial students with credentials.

1901-1902 Faculty are not listed at the front but with departments. School of Philosophy (President Conger). Four classes are listed: Psychology, Logic, Christian Ethics, and History of Philosophy. Logic and Psychology are required of all students. A NT Greek class is listed in the Greek Department. There is no School of Bible Study. Free tuition to ministerial students with credentials.

1902-1903 Faculty are not listed with each school in the catalog. At the front, Conger is listed as President, but no mention of any department association with Philosophy and the Bible. School of Philosophy. School of Bible Study. The Revised version of the English Bible is required. There are 4 Bible classes and four Philosophy classes (one is Psychology); There are no NT Greek classes listed here; but in the Classical Greek section there are 9 Greek classes, one of which in NT Greek. There are no majors or “emphases.” There are no required Bible classes, but two philosophy classes (Logic and Psychology) are required of all students. The general entrance requirements are not spelled out. Also these early catalogs sometimes are covering the “Ouachita Central System,” which included several institutions in addition to Ouachita College at Arkadelphia (esp. Central College in Conway—For Young Ladies). No mention of the Ministerial Association, but students studying of the ministry have their tuition waived. Conger is also listed as Chair of the Ministerial Board of Ouachita College.

1903-1904 Faculty are not listed with each school in the catalog. At the front, Conger is listed as President and Professor of Philosophy and the Bible. School of Philosophy. School of Bible Study. The Revised version of the English Bible is required. There are 4 Bible classes and four Philosophy classes (one is Psychology); There are no NT Greek classes listed here; but in the Classical Greek section there are 9 Greek classes, one of which in NT Greek. There are no majors or “emphases.” There are no required Bible classes, but two philosophy classes (Logic

and Psychology) are required of all students. The general entrance requirements are not spelled out. Also these early catalogs sometimes are covering the “Ouachita Central System,” which included several institutions in addition to Ouachita College at Arkadelphia (esp. Central College in Conway—For Young Ladies).

1904-1905 No catalog available.

1905-1906 School of Philosophy (President Conger). School of Bible Study (Professor Mahan). There are 4 Bible classes and four Philosophy classes (one is Psychology); There are no NT Greek classes listed here; but in the Classical Greek section there are 12 Greek classes, one of which in NT Greek. There are no majors or “emphases.” There are no required Bible classes, but two philosophy classes. The general entrance requirements are not spelled out, but a schedule of Preparatory Recitation exams for each year of class and for various subjects in on the back of the catalog. Also these early catalogs sometimes are covering the “Ouachita Central System,” which included several institutions in addition to Ouachita College at Arkadelphia.

1906-1907 School of Philosophy and Education (Professor Johnson). School of the Bible (Professor Johnson). There are 5 Bible classes and four Philosophy classes (one is Psychology); There are no NT Greek classes listed here; but in the Classical Greek section there are 12 Greek classes, one of which in NT Greek. There are no majors or “emphases.” There are no required Bible classes, but two philosophy classes. The general entrance requirements are not spelled out.

1906-1907 School of Philosophy (Professor Johnson). School of the Bible (Professor Johnson). There are 5 Bible classes and 5 Philosophy classes (one is Psychology); There are no NT Greek classes listed here; but in the Classical Greek section there are 12 Greek classes, one of which in NT Greek. There are no majors or “emphases.” There are no required Bible classes, but two philosophy classes. The general entrance requirements are not spelled out. Some of the early catalogs like this one contain the names of all current students and all former graduates.

1907-1908 School of Philosophy and Education (Professor Johnson). School of the Bible (Professor Johnson). There are 5 Bible classes and four Philosophy classes (one is Psychology); There are no NT Greek classes listed here; but in the Classical Greek section there are 12 Greek classes, one of which in NT Greek. There are no majors or “emphases.” There are no required Bible classes, but two philosophy classes. The general entrance requirements are not spelled out.

1908-1909 Bible and Philosophy (Professor Webb). There are 6 Bible classes and six Philosophy classes (one is Psychology); There are no NT Greek classes listed here; but in the Classical Greek section there are 12 Greek classes, one of which in NT Greek. There are no majors or “emphases.” There are no required Bible classes, but two philosophy classes. A knowledge of the OT History and the Gospels is listed as entrance requirements for study in that field. One unit of “Biblical Literature” is required as a general entrance requirement to the College.

1909-1910 Bible and Philosophy (Professor Webb). There are 7 Bible classes and six Philosophy classes (one is Psychology); There are no NT Greek classes listed here; but in the Classical Greek section there are 12 Greek classes, one of which in NT Greek. There are no majors or “emphases.” There are no required Bible classes, but two philosophy classes. A knowledge of

the OT History and the Gospels is listed as entrance requirements for study in that field. One unit of “Biblical Literature” is required as a general entrance requirement to the College.

1910-1911 Bible and Ethics (Professor Rogers). Philosophy (Professor Rogers and Professor Bowers). There are 18 Bible classes (sort of on a tri-mester system) and five Philosophy classes (one is Psychology); There is one year long NT Greek class. There are no majors. In essence there are “emphases,” in that the student chooses 10 hours of their 24 elective hours in one concentration area.

1911-1912 Bible (Professor Rogers). Philosophy and Education (Professor Bowers; Mrs. Estelle Blake). There are 18 Bible classes (sort of on a tri-mester system) and five Philosophy classes (one is Psychology); There is one NT Greek class and three Classical Greek classes. There are no majors. In essence there are “emphases,” in that the student chooses 10 hours of their 24 elective hours in one concentration area.

1912-1913 Bible (Professor Compere). Philosophy and Education (Professor Bowers; Mrs. Estelle Blake). There are 18 Bible classes (sort of on a tri-mester system) and five Philosophy classes. There is one NT Greek class and three Classical Greek classes. There are no majors. In essence there are “emphases,” in that the student chooses 10 hours of their 24 elective hours in one concentration area.

1913-1914 Bible (Professor Compere). Philosophy (Professor Ayers). The faculty and credentials are not listed. There are nine Bible classes (sort of on a tri-mester system) and three Philosophy classes. There is one NT Greek class and three Classical Greek classes. There are no majors. In essence there are “emphases,” in that the student chooses 10 hours of their 24 elective hours in one concentration area.

1914-1915 Bible (Professor Rogers; Doctor Bailey). Philosophy (Professor Rogers; Doctor Jameson). The faculty and credentials are not listed. There are nine Bible classes (sort of on a tri-mester system) and three Philosophy classes. There is one NT Greek class and three Classical Greek classes. There are no majors. In essence there are “emphases,” in that the student chooses 10 hours of their 24 elective hours in one concentration area.

1915-1916 Bible (Doctor Croxton; Doctor Bailey). Philosophy (Doctor Dicken). There are nine Bible classes (sort of on a tri-mester system) and three Philosophy classes. There is one NT Greek class and three Classical Greek classes. There are no majors. In essence there are “emphases,” in that the student chooses 10 hours of their 24 elective hours in one concentration area.

1916-1917 Bible (Doctor Croxton; Doctor Bailey). Philosophy (Doctor Dicken). There are nine Bible classes (sort of on a tri-mester system) and three Philosophy classes. There is one NT Greek class and three Classical Greek classes. There are no majors. In essence there are “emphases,” in that the student chooses 10 hours of their 24 elective hours in one concentration area.

1917-1918 Bible (Doctor Croxton; Doctor Bailey). Philosophy (Doctor Dicken). There are nine Bible classes (sort of on a tri-mester system) and three Philosophy classes. There is one NT Greek class and three Classical Greek classes. There are no majors. In essence there are “emphases,” in that the student chooses 10 hours of their 24 elective hours in one concentration area.

1918-1919 Bible (Doctor Croxton; Doctor Dicken). There are seven Bible classes (one of which in Biblical Hebrew!) and three Philosophy classes. There is one NT Greek class and three Classical Greek classes. There are no majors. In essence there are “emphases,” in that the student chooses 10 hours of their 24 elective hours in one concentration area.

1919-1920 Bible (Doctor Croxton; Doctor Dicken). There are seven Bible classes (one of which in Biblical Hebrew!) and four Philosophy classes. There is one NT Greek class and three Classical Greek classes. There are no majors. In essence there are “emphases,” in that the student chooses 10 hours of their 24 elective hours in one concentration area.

1920-1921 Bible (Doctor Croxton; Doctor Dicken; Doctor Winburn). There are six Bible classes and four Philosophy classes. There are no majors. In essence there are “emphases,” in that the student chooses 10 hours of their 24 elective hours in one concentration area.

1921-1922 Bible (Doctor Croxton; Doctor Dicken; Doctor Winburn). There are 7 classes. A major in Bible requires all five Bible classes, plus three Greek classes, listed in the Greek Language and Literature department (Croxton), plus five Philosophy and Education classes. Philosophy is listed as part of Education (Professor Condray). Philosophy is at the very end of the academic catalog. Two classes are listed (Ethics and Logic).

1922-1923 Bible (Doctor Croxton; Doctor Dicken; Doctor Winburn). There are 5 classes. A major in Bible requires all five Bible classes, plus three Greek classes, listed in the Greek Language and Literature department (Croxton), plus five Philosophy and Education classes. Philosophy is listed as part of Education (Professor Condray). Philosophy is at the very end of the academic catalog. Two classes are listed (Ethics and Logic).

1923-1924 Bible (Doctor Croxton; Doctor Winburn). There are 3 classes (Pastor’s Elementary Course; The Old Testament; The New Testament). A major in Bible requires all three Bible classes, plus three Greek classes (which I could not find; I assume these are Classical Greek classes) plus three Philosophy and Education classes. Philosophy is listed as part of Education (Professor Condray). Philosophy is at the very end of the academic catalog. Two classes are listed (Ethics and Logic).

1924-1925 Bible (President Dicken). There are 3 classes (Pastor’s Elementary Course; The Old Testament; The New Testament). A major requires 35 hours in one department, so apparently no majors in Bible. Philosophy (Professor Croxton). Philosophy is at the very end of the academic catalog. Four classes are listed.

1925-1926 Bible and Religious Education (Professor Brown). There is also listed an “Advisory Committee to the Head of the Department (E. P. J. Garrott, Conway H. L. Winburn,

Arkadelphia; L. M. Sipes, Little Rock; B. L. Bridges, Paragould; C. V. Hickerson, Russellville). There are five classes listed. There are five Philosophy classes, but Philosophy is at the end of the catalog next to Physical Education. No professor is listed. There is no statement about majors here but at the beginning of the catalog it says for Christian Education 15 term hours are required. (a term hour is one hour of classroom time per week for 12 weeks).

1926-1927 Bible and Religious Education (Professor Brown and Associate Professor -----). There are five classes listed. There are no Philosophy classes or NT Greek classes. There is not statement about majors here but at the beginning of the catalog it says for Christian Education 15 term hours are required.

1927-1928 Bible and Religious Education (Professor Brown and Associate Professor Allen). There are twelve classes listed. There are no Philosophy classes or NT Greek classes. There is not statement about majors here but at the beginning of the catalog it says to take the two required classes (OT and NT) plus 10 additional term hours.

1928-1929 Bible and Religious Education (Professor Brown and Associate Professor Allen). There are twelve classes listed. There are no Philosophy classes or NT Greek classes. There is not statement about majors here but at the beginning of the catalog it says to take the two required classes (OT and NT) plus 10 additional term hours.

1929-1930 Bible and Religious Education (Associate Professor Allen). There are only nine classes listed. There are no Philosophy classes or NT Greek classes. There is not statement about majors here but at the beginning of the catalog it says to take the two required classes (OT and NT) plus 10 additional term hours.

1930-1931 Bible and Religious Education (Professor Croxton). There are only seven classes listed (for comparison, later in the catalog there are 8 classical Latin classes and 4 classical Greek classes). There are no Philosophy classes or NT Greek classes. The only statement on requirements says, "Students who desire to major in the Department should see the instructor."

1931-1932 Bible and Religious Education (Professor Croxton). There are only eight classes listed. There are no Philosophy classes or NT Greek classes. The only statement on requirements says, "Students who desire to major in the Department should see the instructor."

1932-1933 Bible and Religious Education (Professor Croxton). There are only eight classes listed. There are no Philosophy classes or NT Greek classes. The only statement on requirements says, "Students who desire to major in the Department should see the instructor."

1933-1934 Bible and Religious Education (Professor Croxton, Associate Professor Holland). The major requires 27 specified hours (there are only 10 classes offered plus NT Greek). There are no Philosophy classes.

1934-1935 Bible and Religious Education (Professor Yates, Assistant Professor Holland, who teaches Greek).

1935-1936 Bible and Religious Education (Professor Yates, Assistant Professor Holland—teaches NT Greek). The major requires 27 hours. There are no Philosophy classes.

1936-1937 Department of Bible and Religious Education (Professor Yates, Assistant Professor Thomas). The major requires 27 hours. NT Greek is taught in the Department of Ancient and Modern Languages. There are no Philosophy classes.

1937-1938 Department of Biblical Education and Philosophy (Professor Yates, chair)
Biblical Education (Professor Yates, Assistant Professor Thomas)
Philosophy (Professor Yates)

The major in Biblical Education required 15 hours of Bible classes plus 15 additional in another field (foreign language, history, English, Philosophy, Sociology, Fine arts). There are only 4 classes in Philosophy—Ethics, Logic, Intro, and History)

1938-1939 Division of Biblical Education and Philosophy (Professor Yates, chair)
Biblical Education (Professor Yates, Assistant Professor Thomas)
Philosophy (Professor Yates)

The major in Biblical Education required 15 hours of Bible classes plus 15 additional in another field (foreign language, history, English, Philosophy, Sociology, Fine arts). There are only 4 classes in Philosophy—Ethics, Logic, Intro, and History)

1939-1940 Division of Social Sciences (Daly, Chair). Within this division are
History and Political Science
Business
Biblical Education, Philosophy, and Greek (Professor Yates and Associate Professor Wallace—in Philosophy, Associate Professor Salyer—the classical language prof, teaching Latin and Greek)
Sociology
Education and Psychology

The major in Bible and Religious Education required 18 hours of Bible classes plus 15 additional in another field (foreign language, history, English, Philosophy, Sociology, Fine arts). There are only 4 classes in Philosophy—Ethics, Logic, Intro, and History)

1940-1941 Division of Social Sciences (Daly, Chair). Within this division are
History and Political Science
Business
Biblical Education, Philosophy, and Greek (Professor Yates and Associate Professor Wallace—in Philosophy)
Sociology
Education and Psychology

The major in Bible and Religious Education required 18 hours of Bible classes plus 15 additional in another field (foreign language, history, English, Philosophy, Sociology, Fine arts). There are only 4 classes in Philosophy—Ethics, Logic, Intro, and History)

1942-1943 Division of Social Sciences (Daly, Chair). Within this division are

History and Political Science

Business

Biblical Education, Philosophy, and Greek (Professor Yates and Associate Professor Wallace-in Philosophy)

Sociology

Education and Psychology

The major in Bible and Religious Education required 18 hours of Bible classes plus 15 additional in another field (foreign language, history, English, Philosophy, Sociology, Fine arts). There are only 4 classes in Philosophy—Ethics, Logic, Intro, and History)

1943-1944 Division of Social Sciences (Daly, Chair). Within this division are

History and Political Science

Business

Biblical Education and Philosophy (Professor Yates and Associate Professor Wallace-in Philosophy)

Sociology

Education and Psychology

The major in Bible and Religious Education required 18 hours of Bible classes plus 15 additional in another field (foreign language, history, English, Philosophy, Sociology, Fine arts). There are only 4 classes in Philosophy—Ethics, Logic, Intro, and History)

1944-1945 Division of Social Sciences (Daly, Chair). Within this division are

History and Political Science

Business

Biblical Education and Philosophy (Professor Yates and Associate Professor Wallace-in Philosophy)

Sociology

Education and Psychology

The major in Bible and Religious Education required 18 hours of Bible classes plus 15 additional in another field (foreign language, history, English, Philosophy, Sociology, Fine arts). There are only 4 classes in Philosophy—Ethics, Logic, Intro, and History)

1945-1946 Division of Social Sciences (Daly, Chair). Within this division are

History and Political Science

Business

Bible Education and Philosophy (Professor Yates and Associate Professor Wallace)

Sociology

Education and Psychology

The major in Bible and Religious Education required 18 hours of Bible classes plus 15 additional in another field (foreign language, history, English, Philosophy, Sociology, Fine arts)

1946-1947 Division of Social Sciences (Daly, Chair). Within this division are

- History and Political Science
- Philosophy (Wallace)
- Business
- Bible and Religious Education (Eubanks, Blackmon)
- Sociology (Blackmon)
- Education and Psychology

The major in Bible and Religious Education required 18 hours of Bible classes plus 15 additional in another field (foreign language, history, English, Philosophy, Sociology, Fine arts)

1948-1949 Division of Social Sciences (Daly, Chair). Within this division are

- History and Political Science
- Philosophy (Wallace)
- Business
- Bible and Religious Education (Eubanks, Blackmon)
- Sociology (Blackmon)
- Education and Psychology

1949-1950 Division of Social Sciences (Daly Chair). Within this division are

- History and Political Science
- Philosophy (Wallace)
- Business
- Bible and Religious Education (Moore, Blackmon, Tedford)
- Sociology (Blackmon)
- Education and Psychology

1950-1951 Division of Social Sciences (Daly, Chair). Within this division are

- History and Political Science
- Philosophy (Wallace)
- Business
- Bible and Religious Education (Moore, Blackmon, Tedford)
- Sociology (Blackmon)
- Education and Psychology

1950-1951 Division of Social Sciences (Daly, Chair). Within this division are

- History and Political Science
- Philosophy (Wallace)
- Business
- Bible and Religious Education (Moore, Blackmon, Tedford)
- Sociology (Blackmon)
- Education and Psychology

1951-1952 Division of Social Sciences (Daly, Chair). Within this division are
History and Political Science
Philosophy (Wallace)
Business
Religion (Williams and Blackmon)
Sociology (Blackmon)
Education and Psychology

1953-54 Division of Religion and Philosophy (Williams, Chair)
Religion (Professor Williams; Associate Professor, Blackmon)
Philosophy

Majors: (26 hours in area of concentration plus 19 in related fields) Philosophy (24 hours in department plus 21=45 hours)

1955-56 Division of Religion and Philosophy (McClain, Chair)
Department of Religion (McClain, Coppenger, Phelps, Blackmon)
Department of New Testament Greek (McClain)
Department of Philosophy (Coppenger, Chair)
Coppenger, Rasberry (better known as Betty McCommas)

Majors: (26 hours in area of concentration plus 19 in related fields) Philosophy (24 hours in department plus 21=45 hours)

1956-57 Division of Religion and Philosophy (McClain, Chair)
Department of Religion (McClain, Coppenger, Phelps, Blackmon)
Department of New Testament Greek (McClain)
Department of Philosophy (Coppenger, Chair)
Coppenger, Rasberry

Majors: (26 hours in area of concentration plus 19 in related fields) Philosophy (24 hours in department plus 21=45 hours)

1957-58 Division of Religion and Philosophy (McClain, Chair)
Department of Religion (McClain, Coppenger, Phelps, Sutley, Blackmon)
Department of New Testament Greek (McClain)
Department of Philosophy (Coppenger, Chair)
Professor Coppenger, Rasberry

Majors: (26 hours in area of concentration plus 19 in related fields) Philosophy (24 hours in department plus 21=45 hours)

1958-59 Division of Religion and Philosophy (McClain, Chair)
Department of Religion (McClain, Coppenger, Phelps, Sutley, Blackmon)
Department of New Testament Greek (McClain)

Department of Philosophy (Coppenger, Chair)
Professor Coppenger
Associate Professor Rasberry

Majors: (26 hours in area of concentration plus 19 in related fields) Philosophy (24 hours in department plus 21=45 hours)

1959-60 Division of Religion and Philosophy (Wolber, Chair)

Department of Religion (Wolber, Chair)
Professors Coppenger, Phelps, Smith, Sutley
Associate Professor Blackmon
Assistant Professor Peterson
Department of Philosophy (Coppenger, Chair)
Professor Coppenger
Associate Professor Rasberry

Majors: (26 hours in area of concentration plus 19 in related fields) Philosophy (24 hours in department plus 21=45 hours)

1960-61 Division of Religion and Philosophy (Wolber, Chair)

Department of Religion (Wolber, Chair)
Professors Coppenger, Kirkman, Phelps, Sutley
Associate Professor Blackmon
Department of Philosophy (Coppenger, Chair)
Professor Coppenger
Associate Professor Rasberry

Majors: Pastorate (26 in Department; plus related fields to have 45 hours); Religious Education (36 hours); Philosophy (45 hours)

1961-62 Division of Religion and Philosophy (Wolber, Chair)

Department of Religion (Wolber, Chair)
Professors Coppenger, Phelps, Smith, Sutley
Associate Professor Blackmon
Assistant Professor Peterson
Department of Philosophy (Coppenger, Chair)
Professor Coppenger
Associate Professor Rasberry

Majors: Pastorate (32 hours); Religious Education (36 hours); Philosophy (45 hours)

1962-63 Division of Religion and Philosophy (Wolber, Chair)

Department of Religion (Wolber, Chair)
Professors Blackmon, Coppenger, Goodson, Phelps, Sutley
Assistant Professor Peterson
Department of Philosophy (Coppenger, Chair)

Professor Coppenger
Associate Professor Rasberry

Majors: Pastorate (32 hours); Religious Education (36 hours); Philosophy (45 hours)

1964-66 Division of Religion and Philosophy (Wolber, Chair)

Department of Religion (Wolber, Chair)

Professors Blackmon, Coppenger, Elrod, Gambrell, Goodson, Phelps, Sutley

Associate Professor Peterson

Assistant Professor Berryman, Cantrell

Department of Philosophy (Coppenger, Chair)

Professor Coppenger

Associate Professor Rasberry

Majors: Pastorate (32 hours); Religious Education (36 hours); Philosophy (45 hours)

1966-67 Division of Religion and Philosophy (Wolber, Chair)

Department of Religion (Wolber, Chair)

Professors Blackmon, Coppenger, Elrod, Gambrell, Goodson, Phelps, Sutley

Associate Professor Peterson

Assistant Professor Berryman, Cantrell

Department of Philosophy (Coppenger, Chair)

Professor Coppenger

Assistant Professor Berryman

Majors: Pastoral Ministry (45 hours); Religious Education (45 hours); Philosophy (45 hours)

1967-68 Division of Religion and Philosophy (Wolber, Chair)

Department of Religion (Wolber, Chair)

Professors Blackmon, Coppenger, Elrod, Gambrell, Goodson, Phelps, Sutley

Associate Professor Peterson

Assistant Professor Berryman, Cantrell

Department of Philosophy (Coppenger, Chair)

Professor Coppenger, Assistant Professor Berryman

Majors: Pastoral Ministry (45 hours); Religious Education (45 hours); Philosophy (45 hours)

A graduate degree program in Religion was started in 1959, but was cancelled in 1968.

1969-70 Division of Religion and Philosophy (Wolber, Chair)

Department of Religion (Wolber, Chair)

Professors Blackmon, Coppenger, Phelps, Sutley

Associate Professor Berryman

Assistant Professor Cantrell

Department of Philosophy (Berryman, Chair)

Professor Coppenger

Associate Professor Berryman

Majors: Pastoral Ministry (45 hours); Religious Education (45 hours); Philosophy (45 hours)

Between the 1970-71 catalog and the 1971-72 catalog, the list of faculty was moved from the front of the catalog to the back of the catalog. Perhaps when Daniel Grant became president in 1970?

1970-71 Division of Religion and Philosophy (Wolber, Chair)

Department of Religion (Wolber, Chair)
Professors Berryman, Coppenger, Sutley
Associate Professor Stagg
Assistant Professor Smith
Department of Philosophy (Berryman, Chair)
Professor Coppenger
Associate Professor Berryman

Majors: Pastoral Ministry (45 hours); Religious Education (45 hours); Philosophy (45 hours)

1971-72 Division of Religion and Philosophy (Wolber, Chair)

Department of Religion (Wolber, Chair)
Professors Berryman, Coppenger, Sutley
Associate Professor Stagg
Assistant Professor Smith
Department of Philosophy (Berryman, Chair)
Professor Coppenger
Professor Berryman

Majors: Pastoral Ministry (45 hours); Religious Education (45 hours); Philosophy (45 hours)

1972-73 Division of Religion and Philosophy (Wolber, Chair)

Department of Religion (Wolber, Chair)
Professors Berryman, Coppenger, Sutley
Associate Professor Stagg
Instructor Elder
Department of Philosophy (Berryman, Chair)
Professor Coppenger
Professor Berryman

Majors: Pastoral Ministry (45 hours); Religious Education (45 hours); Philosophy (45 hours)

1973-74 Division of Religion and Philosophy (Wolber, Chair)

Department of Religion (Wolber, Chair)
Professors Berryman, Coppenger, Sutley, Goodson
Associate Professor Stagg
Instructors Elder and Dickens

Department of Philosophy (Berryman, Chair)
Professor Coppenger
Professor Berryman

Majors: Pastoral Ministry (45 hours); Religious Education (45 hours); Philosophy (45 hours)

1974-75 Division of Religion and Philosophy (Wolber, Chair)

Department of Religion (Wolber, Chair)
Professors Berryman, Coppenger, Sutley, Goodson
Associate Professor Stagg
Instructors Elder
Department of Philosophy (Berryman, Chair)
Professor Coppenger
Professor Berryman

Majors: Pastoral Ministry (45 hours); Religious Education (45 hours); Philosophy (45 hours);
Biblical Hebrew added.

1975-76 Division of Religion and Philosophy (Wolber, Chair)

Department of Religion (Wolber, Chair)
Professors Berryman, Coppenger, Sutley, Goodson
Associate Professor Stagg
Assistant Professor Elder
Department of Philosophy (Berryman, Chair)
Professor Coppenger
Professor Berryman

Majors: Pastoral Ministry (45 hours); Religious Education (45 hours); Philosophy (45 hours);

1976-77 Division of Religion and Philosophy (Wolber, Chair)

Department of Religion (Wolber, Chair)
Professors Berryman, Elrod, Sutley, Goodson
Associate Professor Stagg
Assistant Professor Elder
Department of Philosophy (Berryman, Chair)
Professor B. McCommas
Instructor Beaty

Majors: Pastoral Ministry (45 hours); Religious Education (45 hours); Philosophy (45 hours);

1977-78 Division of Religion and Philosophy (Wolber, Chair)

Department of Religion (Wolber, Chair)
Professors Berryman, Elrod, Sutley, Goodson, Stagg
Assistant Professor Elder
Instructors Bone, Goble
Department of Philosophy (Berryman, Chair)

Professor B. McCommas
Instructor Beaty

Majors: Pastoral Ministry (45 hours); Religious Education (45 hours); Philosophy (45 hours);

1978-79 Division of Religion and Philosophy (Wolber, Chair)

Department of Religion (Wolber, Chair)

Professors Berryman, Elrod, Sutley, Goodson, Stagg

Assistant Professor Elder, Petty

Instructors Bone, Goble

Department of Philosophy (Berryman, Chair)

Professor B. McCommas

Instructor Beaty

Majors: Pastoral Ministry (46-47 hours); Religious Education (45 hours); Philosophy (45 hours);

1979-80 Division of Religion and Philosophy (Wolber, Chair)

Department of Religion (Wolber, Chair)

Professors Berryman, Sutley, Goodson, Stagg

Assistant Professor Petty

Instructors Bone, Goble, and Brisco

Department of Philosophy (Berryman, Chair)

Professor B. McCommas

Instructor Beaty

Majors: Pastoral Ministry (50-51 hours); Religious Education (45 hours); Philosophy (45 hours);

1980-81 Division of Religion and Philosophy (Wolber, Chair)

Department of Religion (Wolber, Chair)

Professors Berryman, Sutley, Goodson, Stagg

Assistant Professor Petty

Instructors Bone, Goble, and Brisco

Department of Philosophy (Berryman, Chair)

Professor B. McCommas, Instructor Beaty

Majors: Pastoral Ministry (50-51 hours); Religious Education (45 hours); Philosophy (45 hours);

1981-82 Division of Religion and Philosophy (Wolber, Chair)

Department of Religion (Wolber, Chair)

Professors Berryman, Sutley, Goodson, Stagg

Assistant Professor Petty

Instructors Bone, Goble, and O'Brien

Department of Philosophy (Berryman, Chair)

Professor B. McCommas

Instructor Beaty

Majors: Pastoral Ministry (50-51 hours); Religious Education (45 hours); Philosophy (45 hours);

1982-83 Division of Religion and Philosophy (Wolber, Chair)

Department of Religion (Wolber, Chair)

Professors Berryman, Sutley, Goodson, Stagg

Assistant Professor Petty

Instructors Bone, Goble, and O'Brien

Department of Philosophy (Berryman, Chair)

Professor B. McCommas

Instructor Beaty and Lites

Majors: Pastoral Ministry (50-51 hours); Religious Education (45 hours); Philosophy (45 hours);

1984-85 Division of Religion and Philosophy (Wolber, Chair)

Department of Religion (Wolber, Chair)

Professor Emeritus Goodson

Professors Berryman, Sutley, Stagg

Assistant Professor O'Brien

Instructors Goble

Department of Philosophy (Berryman, Chair)

Assistant Professor Greer

Instructor Beaty and Lites

Majors: Pastoral Ministry (50-51 hours); Religious Education (45 hours); Philosophy (45 hours);

1985-86 Division of Religion and Philosophy (Fray, Chair)

Department of Religion (Fray, Chair)

Professor Emeritus Goodson

Professors Berryman, Sutley, Stagg, Wolber

Assistant Professor O'Brien

Instructors Baber, Cash, Falkner, Shell (not listed in catalog as faculty)

Department of Philosophy (Berryman, Chair)

Associate Professor Greer

Assistant Professor Beaty

Majors: Pastoral Ministry (50-51 hours); Religious Education (45 hours); Philosophy (45 hours);

A Minor in Religion was added, in either Pastoral Ministry or Religious Education.

A Major and Minor in Family Life Ministry and Church Recreation was added

1986-87 Division of Religion and Philosophy (Fray, Chair)

Department of Religion (Fray, Chair)

Professor Emeritus Goodson

Professors Berryman, Sutley, Stagg, Wolber

Assistant Professor O'Brien

Instructors Baber, Cash, Falkner, Shell (not listed in catalog as faculty)

Department of Philosophy (Berryman, Chair)
Associate Professor Greer
Assistant Professor Beaty

Majors: Pastoral Ministry (50-51 hours); Religious Education (45 hours); Philosophy (45 hours);
Family Life Ministry and Church Recreation (36 hours)

1987-88 Division of Religion and Philosophy (Fray, Chair)

Department of Religion (Fray, Chair)
Professor Emeritus Goodson, Sutley
Professors Berryman, Stagg
Associate Professor Steeger
Assistant Professor O'Brien
Instructors Baber, Cash, Falkner, Pike, Shell, Stanley (none listed in catalog as
faculty)

Department of Philosophy (Berryman, Chair)
Associate Professor Greer
Assistant Professor Beaty

Major revision in Curriculum: Major in Biblical Studies with one of three patterns (Biblical
Studies/General; Biblical Studies/Language; Biblical Studies/Theology). Major in Ministry with
one of five patterns (Ministry/Pastoral; Ministry/Christian Education; Ministry/Youth; Family
Life Ministry/Recreation; Family Life Ministry/Guidance.
Philosophy

1988-89 Division of Religion and Philosophy (Fray, Chair)

Department of Religion (Fray, Chair)
Professor Emeritus Goodson, Sutley
Professors Berryman, Stagg
Associate Professor Steeger
Assistant Professor O'Brien
Instructors Baber, Cash, Falkner, Pike, Price, Shell, Stanley (none listed in catalog
as faculty except Price)

Department of Philosophy (Berryman, Chair)
Associate Professor Greer
Instructor Eubanks

Major in Biblical Studies with one of three patterns (Biblical Studies/General-36 hrs; Biblical
Studies/Language-42 hrs; Biblical Studies/Theology-36 hrs). Major in Ministry with one of five
patterns (Ministry/Pastoral-41 hrs; Ministry/Christian Education-37-38 hrs; Ministry/Youth-40
hrs; Family Life Ministry/Recreation-38 hrs; Family Life Ministry/Guidance-37 hrs.
Philosophy-24 hours

1989-90 Division of Religion and Philosophy (Fray, Chair)

Department of Religion (Fray, Chair)

Professors Berryman, Elrod, Stagg
Associate Professor Steeger
Assistant Professors Price, Viser
Instructors E. Allison, Cash, Crutchley, Falkner, Lagrone, Panter, Show (none listed in catalog as faculty)

Department of Philosophy (Berryman, Chair)

Associate Professor Greer (Greer is also listed as the Chair of the Division of Humanities)
Instructor Eubanks

Major in Biblical Studies with one of three patterns (Biblical Studies/General-36 hrs; Biblical Studies/Language-42 hrs; Biblical Studies/Theology-36 hrs). Major in Ministry with one of five patterns (Ministry/Pastoral-41 hrs; Ministry/Christian Education-37-38 hrs; Ministry/Youth-40 hrs; Family Life Ministry/Recreation-38 hrs; Family Life Ministry/Guidance-37 hrs.

Philosophy-24 hours. A new Ministry major pattern was added: Missions/Cross Cultural Studies (42 hrs.). A second year of Hebrew was added.

1990-91 Division of Religion and Philosophy (Steeger, Chair)

Department of Religion (Steeger, Chair)

Professors Berryman, Elrod, Stagg
Assistant Professors C. Price, Viser
Instructors Cosh, Duvall, D. Price, West (none listed in catalog as faculty except Duvall)

Department of Philosophy (Berryman, Chair)

Professor Greer (Greer is also listed as the Chair of the Division of Humanities)
Instructor Eubanks

Major in Biblical Studies with one of three patterns (Biblical Studies/General-36 hrs; Biblical Studies/Language-42 hrs; Biblical Studies/Theology-36 hrs). Major in Ministry with one of six patterns (Ministry/Pastoral-41 hrs; Ministry/Christian Education-37-38 hrs; Ministry/Youth-40 hrs; Family Life Ministry/Recreation-38 hrs; Family Life Ministry/Christian Counseling-40 hrs; Missions/Cross Cultural Studies (43 hrs.); (note the addition of Christian Counseling).

Philosophy-24 hours

1991-92 Division of Religion and Philosophy (Steeger, Chair)

Department of Religion (Steeger, Chair)

Professors Berryman, Elrod, Stagg
Associate Professor Viser
Instructors C. Allison, Cosh, Duvall (none listed in catalog as faculty except Duvall)

Department of Philosophy (Berryman, Chair)

Professor Greer (Greer is also listed as the Chair of the Division of Humanities)
Instructors Browning, Eubanks

Major in Biblical Studies with one of three patterns (Biblical Studies/General-36 hrs; Biblical Studies/Language-42 hrs; Biblical Studies/Theology-36 hrs). Major in Ministry with one of six

patterns (Ministry/Pastoral-41 hrs; Ministry/Christian Education-37-38 hrs; Ministry/Youth-40 hrs; Family Life Ministry/Recreation-38 hrs; Family Life Ministry/Christian Counseling-40 hrs; Missions/Cross Cultural Studies (43 hrs.); Philosophy-24 hours

1992-93 Division of Religion and Philosophy (Steeger, Chair)

Department of Religion (Steeger, Chair)

Professors Berryman, Cook, Elrod, Stagg

Associate Professor Viser

Assistant Professors Carter, Duvall

Instructors Baber, Bass, Cosh (none listed in catalog as faculty except Duvall)

Department of Philosophy (Berryman, Chair)

Professor Greer (Greer is also listed as the Chair of the Division of Humanities)

Assistant Professor Eubanks

Major in Biblical Studies with one of three patterns (Biblical Studies/General-36 hrs; Biblical Studies/Language-42 hrs; Biblical Studies/Theology-36 hrs). Major in Ministry with one of six patterns (Ministry/Pastoral-41 hrs; Ministry/Christian Education-37-38 hrs; Ministry/Youth-40 hrs; Family Life Ministry/Recreation-38 hrs; Family Life Ministry/Christian Counseling-40 hrs; Missions/Cross Cultural Studies (43 hrs.); Philosophy-24 hours

1993-94 Division of Religion and Philosophy (Steeger, Chair)

Department of Religion (Steeger, Chair)

Professors Berryman, Cook, Elrod, Stagg

Associate Professor Viser

Assistant Professors Carter, Duvall, Hays

Instructors Bass, Cosh (none listed in catalog as faculty)

Department of Philosophy (Berryman, Chair)

Professor Greer (Greer is also listed as the Chair of the Division of Humanities)

Assistant Professor Eubanks

Major in Biblical Studies with one of three patterns (Biblical Studies/General-36 hrs; Biblical Studies/Language-42 hrs; Biblical Studies/Theology-36 hrs). Major in Ministry with one of six patterns (Ministry/Pastoral-41 hrs; Ministry/Christian Education-37-38 hrs; Ministry/Youth-40 hrs; Family Life Ministry/Recreation-38 hrs; Family Life Ministry/Christian Counseling-40 hrs; Missions/Cross Cultural Studies (43 hrs.); Philosophy-24 hours.

1994-95 Division of Religion and Philosophy (Steeger, Chair)

Department of Religion (Steeger, Chair)

Professors Cook, Elrod, Stagg

Associate Professor Viser

Assistant Professors Carter, Duvall, Hays, Mwase

Instructors Bass, Cosh (none listed in catalog as faculty)

Department of Philosophy (Eubanks, Chair)

Assistant Professors Eubanks, Mwase

Major in Biblical Studies with one of three patterns (Biblical Studies/General-36 hrs; Biblical Studies/Language-42 hrs; Biblical Studies/Theology-36 hrs). Major in Ministry with one of six patterns (Ministry/Pastoral-41 hrs; Ministry/Christian Education-37-38 hrs; Ministry/Youth-40 hrs; Family Life Ministry/Recreation-38 hrs; Family Life Ministry/Christian Counseling-40 hrs; Missions/Cross Cultural Studies (43 hrs.); (note the addition of Christian Counseling). Philosophy-24 hours.

1995-96 Division of Religion and Philosophy (Steeger, Chair)

Department of Religion (Steeger, Chair)

Professors Cook, Elrod, Stagg

Associate Professors Viser, Duvall

Assistant Professors Carter, Hays, Mwase

Instructors Bass, Cosh (none listed in catalog as faculty)

Department of Philosophy (Eubanks, Chair)

Assistant Professors Eubanks, Mwase

Major in Biblical Studies with one of three patterns (Biblical Studies/General-36 hrs; Biblical Studies/Language-42 hrs; Biblical Studies/Theology-36 hrs). Major in Ministry with one of six patterns (Ministry/Pastoral-41 hrs; Ministry/Christian Education-37-38 hrs; Ministry/Youth-40 hrs; Family Life Ministry/Recreation-38 hrs; Family Life Ministry/Christian Counseling-40 hrs; Missions/Cross Cultural Studies (43 hrs.); (note the addition of Christian Counseling). Philosophy-24 hours. Minors in Greek and Hebrew added. Third year of Greek and Hebrew added.

1996-97 Division of Religion and Philosophy (Steeger, Chair)

Department of Religion (Steeger, Chair)

Professors Cook, Elrod, Stagg

Associate Professors Viser, Duvall, Carter

Assistant Professors Hays, Mwase

Instructors Bass, Cosh (none listed in catalog as faculty)

Department of Philosophy (Eubanks, Chair)

Assistant Professors Eubanks, Mwase

Major in Biblical Studies with one of three patterns (Biblical Studies/General-36 hrs; Biblical Studies/Language-42 hrs; Biblical Studies/Theology-36 hrs). Major in Ministry with one of six patterns (Ministry/Pastoral-41 hrs; Ministry/Christian Education-37-38 hrs; Ministry/Youth-40 hrs; Family Life Ministry/Recreation-38 hrs; Family Life Ministry/Christian Counseling-40 hrs; Missions/Cross Cultural Studies (43 hrs.); (note the addition of Christian Counseling). Philosophy-24 hours. Minors in Greek and Hebrew added. Third year of Greek and Hebrew added.

1997-98 Division of Religion and Philosophy (Steeger, Chair)

Department of Religion (Steeger, Chair)

Professors Cook, Elrod, Stagg

Associate Professors Viser, Duvall, Carter, Hays, Vang

Assistant Professors Mwase, Tucker

Instructors Bass, Cosh (none listed in catalog as faculty)
Department of Philosophy (Eubanks, Chair)
Assistant Professors Eubanks, Mwase

Major in Biblical Studies with one of three patterns (Biblical Studies/General-36 hrs; Biblical Studies/Language-42 hrs; Biblical Studies/Theology-36 hrs). Major in Ministry with one of six patterns (Ministry/Pastoral-41 hrs; Ministry/Christian Education-37-38 hrs; Ministry/Youth-40 hrs; Family Life Ministry/Recreation-38 hrs; Family Life Ministry/Christian Counseling-40 hrs; Missions/Cross Cultural Studies (43 hrs.); (note the addition of Christian Counseling). Philosophy-24 hours. The off-campus Associate of Arts degree is described (64 hours)

1998-99 Division of Religion and Philosophy (Steeger, Chair)

Department of Religion (Steeger, Chair)
Professors Cook, Elrod, Stagg
Associate Professors Viser, Duvall, Carter, Hays, Vang
Assistant Professors Mwase, Tucker
Instructors Bass, Cosh (none listed in catalog as faculty)
Department of Philosophy (Eubanks, Chair)
Assistant Professors Eubanks, Mwase

Major in Biblical Studies with one of three patterns (Biblical Studies/General-36 hrs; Biblical Studies/Language-42 hrs; Biblical Studies/Theology-36 hrs). Major in Ministry with one of six patterns (Ministry/Pastoral-41 hrs; Ministry/Christian Education-37-38 hrs; Ministry/Youth-40 hrs; Family Life Ministry/Recreation-38 hrs; Family Life Ministry/Christian Counseling-40 hrs; Missions/Cross Cultural Studies (43 hrs.); (note the addition of Christian Counseling). Philosophy-24 hours.

1999-2000 School of Christian Studies (Duvall, Dean)

Department of Biblical Studies and Theology (Hays, Chair)
Professors Duvall, Elrod
Associate Professors Hays, Richards, Vang
Assistant Professor Tucker
Department of Christian Ministries (Carter, Chair)
Professor Cook
Associate Professors Carter, Viser
Department of Philosophy and Ethics (Eubanks, Chair)
Associate Professors Eubanks, Mwase

Added Missions statements for each Department.

Major in Biblical Studies and Theology with one of three patterns (Biblical Studies/General-42 hrs; Biblical Studies/Language-45 hrs; Biblical Studies/Theology-39 hrs). Major in Ministry with one of six patterns (Christian Ministries/Pastoral-42 hrs; Christian Ministries/Christian Education-42 hrs; Christian Ministries/Youth-39 hrs; Christian Ministries/Counseling-39 hrs; Christian Ministries/Missions (42 hrs.); Philosophy and Ethics-27 hours. Added a Minor in Ethics.

2000-2001 School of Christian Studies (Duvall, Dean)

Department of Biblical Studies and Theology (Hays, Chair)

Professors Duvall, Elrod

Associate Professors Hays, Richards, Vang

Assistant Professor Tucker

Department of Christian Ministries (Carter, Chair)

Professor Cook

Associate Professors Carter, Viser

Department of Philosophy and Ethics (Eubanks, Chair)

Associate Professors Eubanks, Mwase

Major in Biblical Studies and Theology with one of three patterns (Biblical Studies/General-42 hrs; Biblical Studies/Language-45 hrs; Biblical Studies/Theology-39 hrs). Major in Ministry with one of six patterns (Christian Ministries/Pastoral-42 hrs; Christian Ministries/Christian Education-42 hrs; Christian Ministries/Youth-39 hrs; Christian Ministries/Counseling-39 hrs; Christian Ministries/Missions (42 hrs.); Philosophy and Ethics-27 hours.

2001-2002 School of Christian Studies (Duvall, Dean)

Department of Biblical Studies and Theology (Hays, Chair)

Professors Duvall, Elrod, Pate

Associate Professors Hays, Richards, Vang

Assistant Professor Tucker

Department of Christian Ministries (Carter, Chair)

Associate Professors Carter, Viser

Department of Philosophy and Ethics (Eubanks, Chair)

Associate Professors Eubanks, Mwase

Major in Biblical Studies and Theology with one of three patterns (Biblical Studies/General-42 hrs; Biblical Studies/Language-45 hrs; Biblical Studies/Theology-39 hrs). Major in Ministry with one of six patterns (Christian Ministries/Pastoral-42 hrs; Christian Ministries/Christian Education-42 hrs; Christian Ministries/Youth-39 hrs; Christian Ministries/Counseling-39 hrs; Christian Ministries/Missions (42 hrs.); Philosophy and Ethics-27 hours.

2002-2003 Chesley and Elizabeth Pruet School of Christian Studies (Duvall, Dean)

Department of Biblical Studies and Theology (Hays, Chair)

Professors Duvall, Elrod, Pate

Associate Professors Hays, Richards, Vang

Department of Christian Ministries (Carter, Chair)

Professor Carter

Associate Professors Viser

Visiting Assistant Professor Pemberton

Department of Philosophy and Ethics (Eubanks, Chair)

Associate Professors Eubanks, Mwase

Major in Biblical Studies and Theology with one of three patterns (Biblical Studies/General-42 hrs; Biblical Studies/Language-45 hrs; Biblical Studies/Theology-39 hrs). Major in Ministry with

one of six patterns (Christian Ministries/Pastoral-42 hrs; Christian Ministries/Christian Education-42 hrs; Christian Ministries/Youth-39 hrs; Christian Ministries/Counseling-39 hrs; Christian Ministries/Missions (42 hrs.); Philosophy and Ethics-27 hours.

2003-2004 Chesley and Elizabeth Pruet School of Christian Studies (Duvall, Dean)

- Department of Biblical Studies (Hays, Chair)
 - Professors Elrod, Pate, Hays
 - Instructor Nykolaishen
- Department of Christian Ministries (Carter, Chair)
 - Professor Carter
 - Associate Professors Viser
 - Instructor Jackson
- Department of Christian Missions (Richards, Chair)
 - Professor Richards
 - Assistant Professor Pemberton
- Department of Christian Theology (Vang, Chair)
 - Professors Vang, Duvall
- Department of Philosophy (Eubanks, Chair)
 - Professor Eubanks
 - Associate Professor Mwase

Changed Curriculum. Major in Christian Studies with emphasis in Biblical Studies, Christian Ministries, Christian Missions, Christian Theology, or Philosophy. Each 45 hours. Traditional Philosophy (27 hrs).

2004-2005 Chesley and Elizabeth Pruet School of Christian Studies (Duvall, Dean)

- Department of Biblical Studies (Hays, Chair)
 - Professors Elrod, Pate, Hays
 - Instructor Nykolaishen
- Department of Christian Ministries (Carter, Chair)
 - Professor Carter
 - Associate Professors Viser
 - Instructor Jackson
- Department of Christian Missions (Richards, Chair)
 - Professor Richards
 - Assistant Professors Pemberton, Franklin
- Department of Christian Theology (Vang, Chair)
 - Professors Vang, Duvall
- Department of Philosophy (Eubanks, Chair)
 - Professor Eubanks

Major in Christian Studies with emphasis in Biblical Studies, Christian Ministries, Christian Missions, Christian Theology, or Philosophy. Each 45 hours. Traditional Philosophy (27 hrs). Added Biblical Studies Trip and Missions Study Trip.

2005-2006 Chesley and Elizabeth Pruet School of Christian Studies (Duvall, Dean)

Department of Biblical Studies (Hays, Chair)

Professors Elrod, Pate, Hays

Instructor Nykolaishen

Department of Christian Ministries (Carter, Chair)

Professor Carter

Associate Professors Viser

Instructor Jackson

Department of Christian Missions (Richards, Chair)

Professor Richards

Assistant Professors Pemberton, Franklin

Department of Christian Theology (Vang, Chair)

Professors Vang, Duvall

Department of Philosophy (Eubanks, Chair)

Professor Eubanks

Major in Christian Studies with emphasis in Biblical Studies, Christian Ministries, Christian Missions, Christian Theology, or Philosophy. Each 45 hours. Traditional Philosophy (27 hrs).

2006-2007 Chesley and Elizabeth Pruet School of Christian Studies (Duvall, Dean)

Department of Biblical Studies (Hays, Chair)

Professors Duvall, Pate, Hays

Assistant Professor Nykolaishen

Department of Christian Ministries (Carter, Chair)

Professors Carter, Horne

Associate Professors Viser

Assistant Professor Jackson

Department of Christian Missions (Carter, Chair)

Professor Carter

Associate Professor Franklin

Assistant Professor Pemberton

Department of Christian Theology (Vang, Chair)

Professors Vang

Department of Philosophy (Eubanks, Chair)

Professor Eubanks

Assistant Professor Sickler

Major in Christian Studies with emphasis in Biblical Studies, Christian Ministries, Christian Missions, Christian Theology, or Philosophy. Each 45 hours. Traditional Philosophy (27 hrs).

2007-2008 Chesley and Elizabeth Pruet School of Christian Studies (Hays, Dean)

Department of Biblical Studies (Nykolaishen, Acting Chair)

Professors Duvall, Pate, Hays

Assistant Professor Nykolaishen

Department of Christian Ministries (Carter, Chair)

Professors Carter, Horne

Associate Professors Viser
Assistant Professor Jackson
Department of Christian Missions (Carter, Chair)
Professor Carter
Associate Professors Franklin, Pemberton
Department of Christian Theology (Pate, Chair)
Professor Pate
Department of Philosophy (Eubanks, Chair)
Professor Eubanks
Assistant Professor Sickler

Major in Christian Studies with emphasis in Biblical Studies, Christian Ministries, Christian Missions, Christian Theology, or Philosophy. Each 45 hours. Traditional Philosophy (27 hrs).

2008-2009 Chesley and Elizabeth Pruet School of Christian Studies (Hays, Dean; Carter, Assoc. Dean)

Department of Biblical Studies (Nykolaishen, Acting Chair)
Professors Duvall, Hays
Assistant Professors Nykolaishen, Dodson
Department of Christian Ministries (Carter, Chair)
Professors Carter, Horne
Associate Professors Viser
Assistant Professor Jackson
Department of Christian Missions (Carter, Chair)
Professor Carter
Associate Professors Franklin, Pemberton
Department of Christian Theology (Pate, Chair)
Professor Pate
Department of Philosophy (Eubanks, Chair)
Professor Eubanks
Assistant Professor Borland

Major in Christian Studies with emphasis in Biblical Studies, Christian Ministries, Christian Missions, Christian Theology, or Philosophy. Each 45 hours. Traditional Philosophy (27 hrs).

2009-2010 Chesley and Elizabeth Pruet School of Christian Studies (Hays, Dean; Carter, Assoc. Dean)

Department of Biblical Studies (Nykolaishen, Acting Chair)
Professors Duvall, Hays
Assistant Professors Nykolaishen, Dodson
Department of Christian Ministries (Carter, Chair)
Professors Carter, Horne
Associate Professors Viser
Assistant Professor Jackson
Department of Christian Missions (Carter, Chair)
Professor Carter

Associate Professors Franklin, Pemberton
Department of Christian Theology (Pate, Chair)
Professor Pate
Department of Philosophy (Eubanks, Chair)
Professor Eubanks
Assistant Professor Borland

Major in Christian Studies with emphasis in Biblical Studies, Christian Ministries, Christian Missions, Christian Theology, or Philosophy. Each 45 hours. Traditional Philosophy (27 hrs).

2010-2011 Chesley and Elizabeth Pruet School of Christian Studies (Hays, Dean; Carter, Assoc. Dean)

Department of Biblical Studies (Duvall, Chair)
Professors Duvall, Hays
Assistant Professors Nykolaishen, Dodson
Department of Christian Ministries (Carter, Chair)
Professors Carter, Horne
Associate Professors Viser
Assistant Professor Jackson
Department of Christian Missions (Carter, Chair)
Professor Carter
Associate Professors Franklin, Pemberton
Department of Christian Theology (Pate, Chair)
Professor Pate
Department of Philosophy (Eubanks, Chair)
Professor Eubanks
Assistant Professor Borland

Major in Christian Studies with emphasis in Biblical Studies, Christian Ministries, Christian Missions, Christian Theology, or Philosophy. Each 45 hours. Traditional Philosophy (27 hrs).
Added new majors: Biblical Languages; Church Media/Production Arts; Christian Media/Communications

2011-2012 Chesley and Elizabeth Pruet School of Christian Studies (Hays, Dean; Carter, Assoc. Dean)

Department of Biblical Studies (Duvall, Chair)
Professors Duvall, Hays
Associate Professor Nykolaishen
Assistant Professor Dodson
Department of Christian Ministries (Carter, Chair)
Professors Carter, Horne
Associate Professors Viser, Jackson
Department of Christian Missions (Carter, Chair)
Professor Carter
Associate Professors Franklin, Pemberton

Department of Christian Theology (Pate, Chair)
Professor Pate
Department of Philosophy (Eubanks, Chair)
Professor Eubanks
Assistant Professor Borland
Worship Studies Program (Hewell, Director)
Associate Professor Hewell

Major in Christian Studies with emphasis in Biblical Studies, Christian Ministries, Christian Missions, Christian Theology, or Philosophy. Each 45 hours. Traditional Philosophy (27 hrs). Biblical Languages; Church Media/Production Arts; Christian Media/Communications; Worship Ministry

2012-2013 Chesley and Elizabeth Pruet School of Christian Studies (Hays, Dean; Carter, Assoc. Dean)

Department of Biblical Studies (Duvall, Chair)
Professors Duvall, Hays
Associate Professor Nykolaishen
Assistant Professor Dodson
Department of Christian Ministries (Carter, Chair)
Professors Carter, Horne
Associate Professors Viser, Jackson
Department of Christian Missions (Carter, Chair)
Professor Carter
Associate Professors Franklin, Pemberton
Department of Christian Theology (Pate, Chair)
Professor Pate
Department of Philosophy (Eubanks, Chair)
Professor Eubanks
Assistant Professor Borland
Worship Studies Program (Hewell, Director)
Associate Professor Hewell

Major in Christian Studies with emphasis in Biblical Studies, Christian Ministries, Christian Missions, Christian Theology, or Philosophy. Each 45 hours. Traditional Philosophy (27 hrs). Biblical Languages; Church Media/Production Arts; Christian Media/Communications; Worship Ministry

2013-2014 Chesley and Elizabeth Pruet School of Christian Studies (Hays, Dean; Carter, Assoc. Dean)

Department of Biblical Studies (Duvall, Chair)
Professors Duvall, Hays
Associate Professor Nykolaishen
Assistant Professor Dodson
Department of Christian Ministries (Carter, Chair)

Professors Carter, Horne
Associate Professors Viser, Jackson
Department of Christian Missions (Carter, Chair)
Professor Carter
Associate Professors Franklin, Pemberton
Department of Christian Theology (Pate, Chair)
Professor Pate
Department of Philosophy (Eubanks, Chair)
Professor Eubanks
Assistant Professor Borland
Worship Studies Program (Hewell, Director)
Associate Professor Hewell

Major in Christian Studies with emphasis in Biblical Studies, Christian Ministries, Christian Missions, Christian Theology, or Philosophy. Each 45 hours. Traditional Philosophy (27 hrs). Biblical Languages; Church Media/Production Arts; Christian Media/Communications; Worship Ministry

2014-2015 Chesley and Elizabeth Pruet School of Christian Studies (Hays, Dean; Carter, Assoc. Dean)

Department of Biblical Studies (Duvall, Chair)
Professors Duvall, Hays
Associate Professor Nykolaishen
Assistant Professor Dodson
Department of Christian Ministries (Carter, Chair)
Professors Carter, Horne
Associate Professors Viser, Jackson
Department of Christian Missions (Carter, Chair)
Professors Carter, Pemberton
Associate Professor Franklin
Department of Christian Theology (Pate, Chair)
Professor Pate
Department of Philosophy (Eubanks, Chair)
Professor Eubanks
Associate Professor Borland
Worship Studies Program (Hewell, Director)
Professor Hewell

Major in Christian Studies with emphasis in Biblical Studies, Christian Ministries, Christian Missions, Christian Theology, or Philosophy. Each 45 hours. Traditional Philosophy (27 hrs). Biblical Languages; Church Media/Production Arts; Christian Media/Communications; Worship Ministry. Added AA online degree in Christian Studies.

2015-2016 Chesley and Elizabeth Pruet School of Christian Studies (Hays, Dean; Carter, Assoc. Dean)

Department of Biblical Studies (Duvall, Chair)

Professors Duvall, Hays
Associate Professors Nykolaishen, Dodson
Department of Christian Ministries (Carter, Chair)
Professors Carter, Viser
Associate Professor Jackson
Department of Christian Missions (Carter, Chair)
Professors Carter, Pemberton
Associate Professor Franklin
Department of Christian Theology (Pate, Chair)
Professor Pate
Assistant Professor B. O'Brien
Department of Philosophy (Eubanks, Chair)
Professor Eubanks
Associate Professor Borland
Worship Studies Program (Hewell, Director)
Professor Hewell

Major in Christian Studies with emphasis in Biblical Studies, Christian Ministries, Christian Missions, Christian Theology, or Philosophy. Each 45 hours. Traditional Philosophy (27 hrs). Biblical Languages; Church Media/Production Arts; Christian Media/Communications; Worship Ministry; Added new AA program (OBU at New Life Church).

2016-2017 Chesley and Elizabeth Pruet School of Christian Studies (Hays, Dean; Carter, Assoc. Dean)

Department of Biblical Studies (Duvall, Chair)
Professors Duvall, Hays
Associate Professors Nykolaishen, Dodson
Department of Christian Ministries (Carter, Chair)
Professors Carter, Viser
Associate Professor Jackson
Department of Christian Missions (Carter, Chair)
Professors Carter, Pemberton, Franklin
Department of Christian Theology (Pate, Chair)
Professor Pate
Assistant Professor B. O'Brien
Department of Philosophy (Eubanks, Chair)
Professor Eubanks
Associate Professor Borland
Worship Studies Program (Hewell, Director)
Professor Hewell

Major in Christian Studies with emphasis in Biblical Studies, Christian Ministries, Christian Missions, Christian Theology, or Philosophy. Each 45 hours. Traditional Philosophy (27 hrs). Biblical Languages; Church Media/Production Arts; Christian Media/Communications; Worship Ministry.

2017-2018 Chesley and Elizabeth Pruet School of Christian Studies (Hays, Dean; Carter, Assoc. Dean)

- Department of Biblical Studies (Duvall, Chair)
Professors Duvall, Hays, Nykolaishen
Associate Professor Dodson
- Department of Christian Ministries (Carter, Chair)
Professors Carter, Viser, Jackson
- Department of Christian Missions (Carter, Chair)
Professors Carter, Pemberton, Franklin
- Department of Christian Theology (Pate, Chair)
Professor Pate
- Department of Philosophy (Eubanks, Chair)
Professor Eubanks
Associate Professor Borland
- Worship Studies Program (Hewell, Director)
Professor Hewell

Major in Christian Studies with emphasis in Biblical Studies, Christian Ministries, Christian Missions, Christian Theology, or Philosophy. Each 45 hours. Traditional Philosophy (27 hrs). Biblical Languages; Church Media/Production Arts; Christian Media/Communications; Worship Ministry.

Added new Major: Community and Family Services

2018-2019 Chesley and Elizabeth Pruet School of Christian Studies (Hays, Dean; Carter, Assoc. Dean)

- Department of Biblical Studies (Duvall, Chair)
Professors Duvall, Hays, Nykolaishen
Associate Professor Dodson
- Department of Christian Ministries (Carter, Chair)
Professors Carter, Viser
- Department of Christian Missions (Carter, Chair)
Professors Carter, Pemberton, Franklin
- Department of Christian Theology (Pate, Chair)
Professor Pate
- Department of Philosophy (Eubanks, Chair)
Professor Eubanks
Associate Professor Borland
- Worship Studies Program (Hewell, Director)
Professor Hewell

Major in Christian Studies with emphasis in Biblical Studies, Christian Ministries, Christian Missions, Christian Theology, or Philosophy. Each 45 hours. Traditional Philosophy (27 hrs). Biblical Languages; Church Media/Production Arts; Christian Media/Communications; Worship Ministry; Community and Family Services.

2019-2020 Chesley and Elizabeth Pruet School of Christian Studies (Hays, Dean; Carter, Assoc. Dean)

- Department of Biblical Studies (Duvall, Chair)
Professors Duvall, Hays, Nykolaishen
- Department of Christian Ministries (Carter, Chair)
Professors Carter, Viser
- Department of Christian Missions (Carter, Chair)
Professors Carter, Pemberton, Franklin
- Department of Christian Theology (Pate, Chair)
Professor Pate
- Department of Philosophy (Eubanks, Chair)
Professor Eubanks
Associate Professor Borland
- Worship Studies Program (Hewell, Director)
Professor Hewell

2020-2021 Chesley and Elizabeth Pruet School of Christian Studies (Hays, Dean; Carter, Assoc. Dean)

- Department of Biblical Studies and Theology (Duvall, Chair)
Professors Pate, Duvall, Hays, Nykolaishen
Lecturer Jones
- Department of Christian Ministries (Carter, Chair)
Professors Carter, Viser
- Department of Christian Missions (Carter, Chair)
Professors Carter, Pemberton, Franklin
- Department of Philosophy (Eubanks, Chair)
Assistant Professor Matt Douglass

Major in Christian Studies with emphasis in Biblical Studies, Christian Ministries, Christian Missions, Christian Theology, or Philosophy. Each 45 hours. Traditional Philosophy (27 hrs). Biblical Languages; Church Media/Production Arts; Christian Media/Communications; Worship Ministry; Community and Family Services.

Department Chairs and Deans

Until the 1950s the “departments” are often only one to three people. Also, often in the catalogs it is difficult to tell exactly who the “chair” and how the departments are structured. This list is a best-guess estimate based on the catalogs.

Conger (1903-1906)
Johnson (1906-1908)
Webb (1908-1910)
Rogers (1910-1912)
Compere (1912-1914)
Rogers (1914-1915)
Croxtton (1915-1924)
Dicken (1924-1925)
Brown (1925-1929)
Allen (1929-1930)
Croxtton (1930-1934)
Yates (1934-1946)
Eubanks (1946-1949)
Moore (1949-1951)
Williams (1951-1954)
McClain (1954-1959)
Wolber (1959-1985)
Fray (1985-1990)
Steeger (1990-1999)
Duvall (1999-2007)
Hays (2007-2021); Carter [Associate Dean] (2008-present)
Jeremy Greer (2021-present)

Department Secretaries/Administrative Assistants

Donna Eden (1987-1988)
Barbara Wofford (1989-1991)
Sharon Cosh (1992-1994)
Kathy Norwood (1995-1999)
Tracey Knight (2000-2017)
Mary Farley (2017-2019)
Patricia Fowler (2019-present)

Short Biographies for Faculty Members (1886-2021)

As mentioned above, the Presidents are occasionally listed as faculty members in the Religion Department/School of Christian Studies, even though they rarely actually taught classes. In the biographical information below, the Presidents are described only briefly, as in the catalog; the assumption is that information on the Presidents is readily available elsewhere. Likewise sometimes other administrative people (e.g. Director of Religious Activities) are listed with the faculty in the catalog, but described only briefly here (as in the catalog). The goal in this section is to provide brief biographical information—when available—for each teaching faculty member—where they served before they came to Ouachita and where they served afterwards.

Thomas C. Allen. Associate Professor of Religious Education. BA Wake Forrest; ThD SBTS. At Ouachita (1927-1929).

Jesse Isaac Ayers. Chemistry and Philosophy. PhD. At Ouachita (1913-1914).

Bernard Bascom Bailey. Lecturer Ministerial Department. Pastor of First Baptist Church (1914-1918), Arkadelphia. D.D.

Michael Beaty. BA Ouachita Baptist University (1972); MA Baylor University (1975); PhD University of Notre Dame (1986). At Ouachita (1975-87). Beatty moved to Baylor University to teach in their Philosophy Department, where he is still Professor today (2021). He has published numerous academic articles and is the author of *Christian Theism and the Problems of Philosophy* (1990).

James Berryman. BA Ouachita Baptist University (1957); BD SWBTS (1960); ThD SWBTS (1964). At Ouachita (1964-93). While originally listed as teaching in the Department of Religion, Berryman is associated with the Philosophy Department, where he served as Chair from 1969 until his untimely death in 1993. He was very active in Civitan International.

George Truett Blackmon. Professor of Bible and Sociology. BM Ouachita Baptist University (1930); ThM SWBTS (1934); MRE SWBTS (1946); ThD SWBTS (1959). At Ouachita (1946-70). Blackmon served as an Army Chaplain in WWII. From 1935-1942 he served as Associational Missionary to the Central and Harmony Associations in Arkansas. He was instrumental in the early days of Baptist Student Union work in Arkansas. Prior to coming to Ouachita he was on faculty and was Dean of Students at Central Baptist College in Conway, AR. While at Ouachita he was instrumental in the founding of the Clark County Historical Association, serving as custodian and archivist. He also served 24 years as a member of the Arkansas Baptist Historical Commission. He was active in Civitan International and American Legion. Blackmon served as pastor in numerous churches in Arkansas and Texas, including Third Street Baptist Church in Arkadelphia. He also served as vice chairman of the Board of Trustees at Ouachita for two terms.

Larry S. Bone (Director of Admissions Counseling and Instructor in Religion). BA Ouachita Baptist University (1967); ThM NOBTS (1971). At Ouachita (1974-1983) but only listed in the Department of Religion for the years (1977-1983).

- Tully Borland. BA Mount Vernon Nazarene University (2000); MA Marquette University (2002); PhD Purdue University (2008). At Ouachita (2008-2020). Borland taught both CORE and Philosophy classes. His area of specialty was Medieval Philosophy. In addition to making over twenty academic presentations, Borland also wrote numerous articles for publication.
- Robert Graves Bowers. President and Professor of Philosophy. AB Ouachita College (1899); D.D. Baylor (1910). At Ouachita (1911-1913).
- Thomas Vester Brisco. BA Ouachita Baptist University (1969); MDiv SWBTS (1973); PhD SWBTS (1978). At Ouachita (1978-1981). Brisco's field was Old Testament and Archaeology. After leaving Ouachita, he taught for over twenty years at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. He then moved to Hardin-Simmons University where he was Dean of the Logsdon School of Theology (2003-2010) and then Provost and Chief Academic Officer (2010-2018). Brisco also pastored numerous churches throughout his career. He is the author of *Holman Bible Atlas* (1998, 2014).
- T. D. Brown. Professor of Bible and Religious Education. BA Mississippi College (1908); ThM SBTS (1911); DD Ouachita College (1915). At Ouachita (1926-1929). Brown served as Secretary of the Arkansas Baptist Convention 1929-1930. He pastored FBC Hope, AR, St. Charles Ave. Baptist Church, New Orleans, and Highland Park Baptist Church, Louisville, Kentucky. From 1947 until his retirement in 1956 he was the Head of the New Testament Department at the Clear Creek Springs Mountain Preacher's School.
- Scott A. Browning. BA Baylor (1987); MA Baylor (1990). At Ouachita (1990-91).
- Hugh Cantrell. BA Ouachita Baptist University (1938); ThM SBTS (1941). At Ouachita (1965-1970). After graduating from seminary, Cantrell pastored for a short time at Union Baptist Church in El Dorado. He then spent over twenty years as pastor at Stephens Baptist Church. He came to Ouachita in 1965 to be the Director of "In-service" training for ministerial students. He later served on the Ouachita Board of Trustees. He died in 1975, while pastor of Chidester Baptist Church.
- Terry G. Carter. BA Howard Payne University (1974); MDiv SWBTS (1977); PhD SWBTS (1983). At Ouachita (1991-present). Prior to coming to Ouachita, Carter served as Baptist Student Union Director at Tarleton State University (1980-1984) and as Pastor at Immanuel Baptist Church in Wiesbaden, Germany (1984-1991). At Ouachita Carter primarily taught CORE, Ministry classes (especially Biblical Preaching), and History of Christianity. His Survey of the Bible classes as well as History of Christianity were student favorites, and Carter was the winner of the Outstanding Faculty Award in 1999 and 2010. Carter has served as Chair of the Department of Christian Ministries (1999-present), Chair of the Department of Christian Missions (2006-present) and as Associate Dean (2008-present). He and Hays were responsible for establishing the Pruet Advisory Board and Carter served as the main liaison with the Board for many years. He has led numerous Missions Study Trips internationally. Carter served as Interim Pastor at numerous churches in Arkansas, Texas and Europe, including some of the larger churches in the State. He was also a frequent guest speaker/teacher, both here in the US and Internationally. In addition to presenting a number of academic papers at conferences in the United States, England, Australia, and Switzerland, and publishing numerous

academic articles, he has authored/co-authored the following books: *The Journal and Selected Letters of William Carey* (2000), *Preaching God's Word* (w/Duvall and Hays, 2005, 2018), *Telling God's Story* (w/Vang, 2006, 2013, 2021), and *Making Connections: Finding Your Place in God's Story* (w/Vang, 2015).

James Seth Compere. Bible and Biblical Literature. AB Ouachita College (1901); ThM. SBTS (1904); At Ouachita (1912-1914).

B. F. Condray. Registrar; Philosophy and Education. AB Ouachita College (1894); PhM U. of Chicago (1904). At Ouachita (1922-1924). Condray also served for several years as President of the County Board of Education in Arkadelphia.

William H. Cook (Vice President/Director of the Ozark Institute and Professor of Religion). BA Hardin Simmons (1952); BD SWBTS (1955); ThD SWBTS (1960). At Ouachita from 1988, but listed as faculty (1992-2001). He pastored several churches and he taught CORE and Christian Ministry classes at the Arkadelphia OBU campus 1999-2001. He is the author of *The Chase: Success, Motivation, and the Scriptures*, (2012).

Raymond Arthur Coppenger. MA Mercer University (1933); ThM SBTS (1936); PhD University of Edinburgh (1953). At Ouachita (1954-1976). Coppenger served as a Navy Chaplain in the Pacific Theater of WWII. Then after teaching Philosophy at Carson-Newman and at Belmont University, in 1954 he came to Ouachita, teaching Philosophy until his retirement in 1976. He served as Chair of the Philosophy Department 1955-1968. He was well-known locally as the bass singer in the Ouachita Faculty Quartet, which he founded. He died in 2009 at the age of 100.

Albert M. Croxton. (Bible, Greek, Mathematics). AM Furman (1889); ThD SBTS (1895). At Ouachita (1916-1925). Croxton was an attorney from Ada, Oklahoma. He was a WWI Navy veteran. Before coming to Ouachita he practiced law in Oklahoma and then was a pastor and superintendent of schools in North Carolina. He came to Ouachita in 1916 and taught until 1925, when he moved back to Ada with poor health. He died at age 64 in 1927 in Ada, Oklahoma.

Thomas W. Croxton (Professor of Religious Education). BA Richmond University; ThM SBTS. At Ouachita (1915-1925). Croxton left Ouachita to pastor in Missouri, first at FBC Charleston, MO (1929-1944?) and then at FBC Sedalia (1945-1958). He was on the Advisory Committee for the Word and Way, the state Baptist newspaper for many years. He died in 1970 in Missouri.

Charles E. Dicken, DD. President and Professor of Bible/Philosophy. At Ouachita (1916-1926).

Doug Dickens (Director of Religious Activities and Instructor in Religion [but not listed in the Department, only in back of the catalog]). BA Ouachita Baptist University (1967); MDiv SWBTS (1970). At Ouachita (1970-74). Listed in Department of Religion (1973-1974).

Joey Dodson. BA Ouachita Baptist University (1997); MDiv SWBTS (2003); PhD University of Aberdeen (2003). At Ouachita (2008-2019). While at Ouachita Dodson taught CORE, Greek, and upper level NT classes. His specialty was Pauline Studies. He spoke/taught frequently at churches, schools, and especially Student Conferences across the country. Besides writing numerous articles and making numerous academic presentations, he is

the author/co-author/co-editor of *The “Powers” of Personification* (2008), *Paul in the Second Century* (w/Bird, 2011), *A Little Book for New Bible Scholars* (w/Richards, 2016), *Paul and the Giants* (w/Briones, 2019), and *Paul and the Greco-Roman Philosophical Tradition* (w/Pitts, 2019). Dodson left Ouachita to teach NT at Denver Theological Seminary.

Matt Douglass. BA Southwestern College (2003); MA Asbury Theological Seminary (2006); PhD Baylor University (2015). Matt’s wife Dr. Angela Douglas was hired at Ouachita as Assistant Professor of Physics in 2012. At that time Matt started working in OBU Administration (Academic Affairs) and soon began teaching adjunct in the Pruet School of Christian Studies and also in CORE. In 2021 he moved halftime into Philosophy with the rank of Assistant Professor of Philosophy.

J. Scott Duvall. BA Ouachita Baptist University (1980); MDiv SWBTS (1984); PhD SWBTS (1991). At Ouachita (1989-present). Duvall taught primarily CORE, Greek, and upper level NT classes. He was especially known for the popular classes Spiritual Formation, Life of Christ, and Revelation. An outstanding classroom professor, Duvall was the recipient of the Outstanding Faculty/Most Inspirational Professor Award six times. He was Dean of the Pruet School of Christian Studies 1999-2007 and has been Chair of the Department of Biblical Studies [Theology added in 2020] 2008-2021 (present). Duvall pastored several churches in Arkansas and was also a frequent speaker/teacher in churches and schools nationally and internationally. In addition to numerous articles, he is the author of numerous books, including *Biblical Greek Exegesis* (1998), *Experiencing God’s Story of Life and Hope* (2008), *Revelation* (2014), *The Heart of Revelation* (2015), and *Getting the Most Out of Ephesians* (2021), and co-author/co-editor of numerous books, including *The Dictionary of Biblical Prophecy* (w/Hays and Pate, 2007), *Baker Illustrated Bible Handbook* (w/Hays, 2011), *Devotions in the Greek New Testament* (w/Verbrugge, 2012), *The Baker Illustrated Guide to the Bible* (w/Hays, 2016), *Preaching God’s Word* (w/Carter and Hays, 2005, 2018), *God’s Relational Presence* (w/Hays, 2019), *The Baker Illustrated Bible Background Commentary* (w/Hays, 2020), *Grasping God’s Word* (w/Hays, 2001, 2005, 2012, 2020), *Journey Into God’s Word* (w/Hays, 2008, 2020), and *Living God’s Word* (2012, 2021).

William Elder. BA Baylor University (1964); MDiv SWBTS (1968). At Ouachita (1971-1979). Prior to coming to Ouachita Elder taught in the Bible Department at Memphis University School. In 1978 began working for the Southern Baptist Convention. From 1981-1985 he pastored the St. Charles Avenue Baptist Church in New Orleans. From 1985-1989 he pastored Pulaski Heights Baptist Church in Little Rock. From 1989 to 1992 he pastored at Vestavia Hills Baptist Church and then in 1992 he founded the MountainTop Community Church (Birmingham) where he is currently Pastor Emeritus and Founding Pastor.

Ben M. Elrod (VP for Development and Professor of Religion; President). BA Ouachita Baptist University (1952); BD SWBTS (1956); ThD SWBTS (1962). At Ouachita (1963-1968; 1970-1978; 1988-1997). For a number of years he is listed in the Department of Religion but he did not actually teach classes.

Byron Eubanks. BA Ouachita Baptist University (1980); MDiv SBTS (1985); MA University of Arkansas (1986); PhD University of Arkansas (1998). At Ouachita (1987-present).

Eubanks taught CORE and Philosophy classes, as well as Kayaking. He was well known especially for teaching Christian Ethics and Logic (and Kayaking). He served as Chair of the Philosophy Department from 1994 until the present (2021). He spent numerous years serving as Director of the Sutton Center for Integrity, as Course Coordinator for the OBU Connections class, and as a Title IX Investigator.

S. Williams Eubanks. President (1949-1951). AS Southwest Baptist College (1930); BA William Jewell (1932); ThM SBTS (1939); MA Univ of Missouri (1940); ThD SBTS (1946). At Ouachita (1946-1951). Prior to coming to Ouachita, Eubanks was pastor of FBC Nevada, Missouri, and then Chair of the Department of Religious Education at Carson-Newman College. He came to Ouachita in 1946 to teach in the Bible and Religious Education Department. He became President of Ouachita in 1949, but resigned in 1951 when Ouachita lost accreditation. After leaving Ouachita, Eubanks pastored several churches (including Immanuel Baptist, Fort Smith) and also served as administrator and professor at William Jewell College and Southern Baptist College (Williams College, Arkansas), as well as president of the Board of Trustees of Midwestern Seminary in Kansas City.

Ray Franklin. BA Howard Payne University (1975); MDiv SWBTS (1978); DMin SWBTS (1988). At Ouachita (2004-present). Franklin served over twenty years as an IMB missionary in Japan, first as a church planter in Okinawa (1983-1999) and then on the Strategy Leadership Team in Tokyo (1999-2002). At Ouachita Franklin taught Missions classes, CORE, and Japanese. He frequently led overseas Missions Study trips. He pastored several churches in the Arkadelphia area and was involved in denominational/associational work. He has published a number of articles, many in the Arkansas Baptist News, as well as in other publications, including several in Japanese.

Marion E. (Bud) Fray. BA Ouachita Baptist University (1952); MDiv SWBTS (1955); ThD SWBTS 1967. At Ouachita (1984-1990). Prior to coming to Ouachita, Bud Fray served for 28 years as an IMB missionary to Zimbabwe and South Africa. In 1962 he was instrumental in integrating Ouachita by sponsoring the enrollment of a black African couple from Rhodesia. He served as Chair of the Division of Religion and Philosophy 1985-1990. He is the author of *It is Enough: The Key to Christian Living and Ministry* (2000) and *Both Feet In: A Journey to Surrender, Sacrifice, and Service* (2015). After leaving Ouachita Fray continued to teach Missions at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Thomas L. Gambrell (Dean of Student Affairs and Professor of Religion). BSE Oklahoma Baptist University (1949); MRE SWBTS (1951); DRE SWBTS (1957). At Ouachita (1963-1970). Listed in the Department of Religion (1964-1968).

Elmer Goble (Director of Religious Activities and Instructor in Religion). BA Baylor University (1971); MDiv SWBTS (1971). At Ouachita (1975-1985).

Carl Edward Goodson. AB William Jewell College (1941); ThM SBTS (1944); ThD Central Baptist Theological Seminary (1951). Prior to coming to Ouachita Goodson taught at Southwest Baptist College in Bolivar, Mo. He came to Ouachita in 1961 and taught in the Department of Religion until 1968, when he left to become Dean of Missouri Baptist College (St. Louis campus). In 1970 he returned to Ouachita to become VP for Academic Affairs and Professor of Religion, a position he held until his retirement in 1982. He

passed away in 2010, at the age of 92. The current Honors program at Ouachita is named after him (the Carl Goodson Honors Program).

John Thomas Greer. BA Louisiana College (1958); BD NOBTS (1963); ThD (1968); MA University of Evansville (1972). At Ouachita (1977-2006). Listed in the Department of Philosophy (1984-1994), but also listed as Chair of Division of Humanities (1989-1994). Prior to coming to Ouachita, Greer taught English at Oakland City College (1968-1976). In 1976 Greer became pastor of First Baptist Church, Prescott, Arkansas. He started teaching part-time at Ouachita in 1977 and in 1979 he joined the faculty fulltime. He served as interim pastor in several churches in the area and he was active in numerous civic organizations (Civitan International, etc.), but he was best known for his work to build relationships and cooperation between OBU and China. During his years at Ouachita he made over 19 trips to China.

J. Daniel Hays. BS New Mexico State University (1976); ThM Dallas Theological Seminary (1980); PhD SWBTS (1992). At Ouachita (1992-2021). Before coming to Ouachita, Hays was a Missionary to Ethiopia (1982-1987). At Ouachita, Hays primarily taught CORE, Hebrew, Biblical Exegesis, and upper level OT classes, especially OT Theology and OT Prophets. He was Chair of the Department of Biblical Studies and Theology 1999-2007 and then Dean of the Pruet School of Christian Studies 2007-2021. He spoke frequently as a guest preacher/teacher at churches and schools both nationally and internationally. In addition to writing dozens of academic articles and presenting numerous conference papers, Hays has authored/co-authored a number of books, including *Iraq: Babylon of the End Times?* (w/Pate, 2003), *From Every People and Nation: A Biblical Theology of Race* (2003), *Apocalypse* (w/Pate, 2004), *The Dictionary of Biblical Prophecy* (w/Duvall and Pate, 2007), *The Message of the Prophets* (2010), *Baker Illustrated Bible Handbook* (w/Duvall, 2011), *The Baker Illustrated Guide to the Bible* (w/Duvall, 2016), *Jeremiah and Lamentations* (2016), *The Temple and the Tabernacle* (2016), *Preaching God's Word* (w/Carter and Duvall, 2005, 2018), *God's Relational Presence* (w/Hays, 2019), *The Baker Illustrated Bible Background Commentary* (w/Hays, 2020), *Grasping God's Word* (w/Hays, 2001, 2005, 2012, 2020), *Journey Into God's Word* (w/Hays, 2008, 2020), *A Christian's Guide to Evidence for the Bible* (2020), and *Living God's Word* (2012, 2021).

Rob Hewell. BME Midwestern State University (1976); MCM SWBTS (1978); DMin San Francisco Theological Seminary (2007). At Ouachita (2001-present). Professor of Music; Director of the Worship Studies Program; Director of the On-Line Program. While technically in the School of Fine Arts before becoming the Director of the On-Line Program, Hewell, Director of the Worship Studies Program, nonetheless was active in the Pruet School of Christian Studies. Related to Christian Studies, Hewell taught CORE and especially Theology of Worship. He has authored the book *Worship Beyond Nationalism* (2012).

Withrow T. Holland (Assistant Professor of Religious Education). BA OBC (1931); ThB SBTS. At Ouachita (1933-1936). Holland spent much of his later career pastoring FBC of Cape Girardeau in Missouri.

Scott Jackson. BA Ouachita Baptist University (1985); MDiv SWBTS (1988); DDiv MWBTS (1997). At Ouachita (2002-2018). Jackson served as Youth Minister at Calvary Baptist

Church, Little Rock (1990-1994) and then as pastor at Richwoods Baptist Church of Arkadelphia (1994-1998). While at Richwoods he began teaching adjunct classes at Ouachita. He then moved to Texas to serve as pastor of FBC Little Elm (1998-2002), after which he joined the faculty at Ouachita. Jackson primarily taught CORE and ministry classes, especially the Intro to Christian Ministry class and Communicating the Gospel. He continued to pastor churches in the area while at Ouachita. He made several academic presentations at academic conferences and wrote several published articles. He left Ouachita to return to Calvary Baptist Church in Little Rock as Senior Pastor.

T. Neil Johnson. AM Wake Forest; Graduate Newton Theological Institute. At Ouachita (1906-1908).

Adam Jones. BA Ouachita Baptist University (2016); MA Asbury Theological Seminary (2018); PhD in progress, London School of Theology (anticipated 2022). At Ouachita 2019-present). Jones began as an adjunct and quickly moved to fulltime Lecturer. He teaches primarily CORE, Biblical Exegesis, and NT Greek. He has published several academic articles and made several academic conference presentations. His academic field of study is Septuagint Studies.

Ralph E. Kirkman. BA Baylor (1950); MA S. Illinois (1952); MA SWBTS (1955); EdD NTSU (1957). At Ouachita (1956-1960).

William Wesley Lites. BA Ouachita Baptist University (1977); MA Baylor University (1981); At Ouachita (1981-1985).

Thomas C. Mahan. Bible; Assistant Professor of Mathematics. AB Clinton College. At Ouachita 1905

Joseph T. McClain. BA OkBU (1942); ThM, ThD SWBTS (1954). At Ouachita (1954-1959).

Betty Jo [Raspberry] McCommas. (English and Philosophy). BA Baylor University (1953); MA Baylor University (1954). At Ouachita (1954-1998). Listed in Department of Philosophy (1955-1966; 1976-1983). McCommas retired in 1998 and still resides in Arkadelphia.

A. G. McManaway. Richmond College (?); DD SBTS (?). Prior to coming to Ouachita McManaway was pastor at FBC Little Rock and was one the Ouachita Board of Trustees. He as at Ouachita from 1884 until 1899, when he died unexpectedly.

David O. Moore. BA Ouachita (1943); BD SBTS (1946); ThM and ThD SBTS (1947, 1949). At Ouachita (1949-1951).

Isaac McDonald Tioneni Mwase. BTh Baptist Theological Seminary of Zimbabwe (1983); BS Gardner-Webb (1987); MDiv SWBTS (1990); MBA Dallas Baptist University (1990); PhD SWBTS (1993). At Ouachita (1994-2004).

Douglas J. E. Nykolaishen. BA University of Saskatchewan (1985); MDiv TEDS (1990); MA TEDS (1991); PhD University of Edinburgh (2007). At Ouachita (2003-present). Nykolaishen taught Hebrew classes, CORE, Biblical Exegesis, Intro to Philosophy, and upper level OT classes, especially the popular Pentateuch class. He sponsored and directed Theta Alpha Kappa, the student honor society for theological studies and was Thesis Supervisor for numerous students in Ouachita's Honors Program. Specializing in

post-exilic studies, Nykolaishen presented numerous papers at academic conferences and published a number of articles. He is the author of “Ezra-Nehemiah” in *Ezra, Nehemiah, and Esther* (2018).

Brandon J. O’Brien (Director of OBU at New Life Church and Assistant Professor of Christian Theology). BA Ouachita Baptist University (2004); MA Wheaton (2007); PhD TEDS (2013). At Ouachita as Director of OBU at New Life Church (2014-17). O’Brien left Ouachita to work for Redeemer City to City (Tim Keller). He is the author of several books, including *The Strategically Small Church* (2010), *Demanding Liberty* (2018), *Not From Around Here* (2019), and *Writing for Life and Ministry* (2020). With R. Richards he co-authored *Misreading Scripture with Western Eyes* (2012) and *Paul Behaving Badly* (2016).

J. Randall O’Brien. BS Mississippi College (1975); MDiv NOBTS (1977). At Ouachita (1980-89). O’Brien left Ouachita to teach at Carson-Newman College, where he later served as President (2008-2019). He served as pastor/interim pastor at numerous churches in the south. He is author of *Who Is Jesus* (1993) and *Set Free by Forgiveness* (2005).

C. Marvin Pate. BA University of Illinois (1976); MA Wheaton (1982); PhD Marquette (1988). At Ouachita (2001-present). After teaching for several years at Moody Bible Institute, Pate came to Ouachita and taught Theology classes, NT classes, the Senior Seminar, and CORE. He was Chair of the Theology Department 2007-2019. Over the years Pate also pastored several churches in the Arkadelphia area. A prolific author, his many works include: *40 Questions About the Historical Jesus* (2015), *Apostle of the Last Days* (2013), *Romans* (TTCS, 2013), *The Writings of John* (2011), *From Plato to Jesus* (2010), *What Does the Future Hold?* (2010), *Reading Revelation* (2009), *Deliverance Now and Not Yet* (2005), *Iraq: Babylon of the End Times* (2003, co-author with D. Hays), *The Reverse of the Curse* (2000), *Communities of the Last Days* (2000), *Behind the Masks* (2000, co-author with S. Pate), *The End of the Age has Come* (1995), *Luke* (1995), *The Glory of Adam and the Affliction of the Righteous* (1993), and *Adam Christology as the Exegetical and Theological Substructure of 2 Corinthians 4:7-5:21*.

Barbara B. Pemberton. BA University of Mississippi (1973); MA SWBTS (1996); PhD Baylor University (2000). At Ouachita (2001-present). Pemberton’s specialty was World Religions and she taught that class, along with a Missions class on Islam, for many years, along with CORE classes and especially Discipleship in the Church. A very effective classroom communicator, Pemberton won the campus “Most Inspirational Professor” twice. She is the author of numerous articles on World Religions and made numerous scholarly presentations at academic conferences on World Religions around the world. She also led several student international trips—frequently the European Study Tour as well as an occasional trip to Saudi Arabia. She is the founder and sponsor of the “Pruet Sisterhood,” an organization to support and encourage women in the Pruet School. For many years Pemberton was also Director of the Ouachita Honors Program.

Wayne Hensley Peterson (Associate Professor of Religion and Modern Languages). BA University of Corpus Christi (1951); BD SWBTS (1953); ThD SWBTS (1963). At Ouachita (1960-1968).

- Gene Petty. BA Ouachita Baptist University (1960); BD SWBTS (1963); ThD SWBTS (1968). At Ouachita (1977-1983). Before coming to Ouachita Petty pastored numerous churches in Texas and Oklahoma. After leaving Ouachita, he pastored for many years at Oakland Heights Baptist Church in Longview, Texas.
- Ralph Arloe Phelps (President of the University and Professor of Religion). BA Baylor University (1943); MA Baylor University (1945); ThM SWBTS (1947); ThD SWBTS (1949). At Ouachita (1953-1969).
- William Craig Price. BA University of Florida (1976); MA University of Florida (1978); MDiv SWBTS (1984). At Ouachita (1987-91). Price was Professor of NT and Greek at NOBTS for many years after leaving Ouachita. His field was NT studies (Linguistics, in particular). He was Visiting Professor at McMaster Divinity College (Canada) in 2016. Besides numerous articles and conference presentations, Price is the author of *Biblical Exegesis of New Testament Greek: James* (2008) and the editor of *Engage: Tools for Contemporary Evangelism* (2019).
- E. Randolph Richards. BS Texas Wesleyan College (1980); MDiv SWBTS (1983); PhD SWBTS (1988). At Ouachita (1999-2005). A former missionary to Indonesia, Richards was Chair of the Missions Department 2003-2005. He led numerous Missions Trips and Biblical Studies trips. Richards taught both Missions classes as well as NT and Greek classes. He left Ouachita to become Dean of the School of Ministry at Palm Beach Atlantic University. Richards is currently Provost and Chief Academic Officer at PBA. He is known in academia especially for his work on ancient letter writing, and he is the author of numerous books, including *Paul and First-Century Letter Writing* (2004), *Misreading Scripture with Western Eyes* (2012, with B. O'Brien), *Paul Behaving Badly* (2016, with B. O'Brien), and *Rediscovering Paul* (2017, with D. Capes and R. Reeves).
- J. Sterling Rogers. Bible and Philosophy. AB Ouachita College (1901); ThM SBTS (1904).
- Bradley L. Sickler. BS University of Minnesota (1995); MA TEDS (2002); PhD Purdue (2006). At Ouachita (2006-2007). Sickler taught CORE and Philosophy classes. He left Ouachita to teach in the Philosophy Department at University of Northwestern, where he has been on faculty since 2008. He has authored *God on the Brain: What Cognitive Science Does (and Does Not) Tell Us About Faith, Human Nature, and the Divine* (2020).
- Wayne S. Smith (Registrar and Assistant Professor of Religion). BA Baylor University (1951); BD SWBTS (1954); MA Ouachita Baptist University (1964). Listed in Division of Religion and Philosophy (1959-1960; 1961-1962).
- Robert William Stagg. BA Louisiana College (1954); BD NOBTS (1957); ThD NOBts (1960). At Ouachita (1968-1999). Prior to coming to Ouachita Stagg taught at ETBU for 8 years. At OBU Stagg primarily taught CORE, New Testament Greek, and upper level NT classes. He wrote Sunday School material and published several magazine articles, and was very active in the National Association of Baptist Professors of Religion, especially in the Southwest Region. He was also served as a Rotarian for many years.
- William P. Steeger. BA University of Florida (1967); MDiv SBTS (1970); MA University of Louisville (1972); PhD SBTS (1983). At Ouachita (1986-99). He was chair of the

Religion Department 1990-1999. A former missionary to South Africa, Steeger led several student mission trips to South Africa. He was a popular guest preacher in churches across Arkansas, especially for Winter Bible Studies. Steeger left Ouachita to become pastor of Beech Street Baptist Church, Texarkana. He later served as pastor at FBC Paragould, AR. He is currently retired, but still doing supply preaching. Steeger is the author of “Nahum” and “Habakkuk” in the Mercer Commentary on the Bible (1996) and several articles in the *Anchor Bible Dictionary*.

Cecil C. Sutley. BA Mississippi College (1948); MRE SWBTS (1951); DRE SWBTS (1953). At Ouachita (1954-87). Sutley served as a Chaplain’s assistant in the Army Air Corps during WWII. Prior to coming to Ouachita he pastored churches in Mississippi, Florida, and Oklahoma. At Ouachita his major area of teaching was Christian Education. While at Ouachita he also filled in frequently as “supply preacher” at numerous churches in the state, as well as serving as “interim pastor” several times. An avid traveler, Sutley organized and led 53 international tour groups to 85 countries. After retiring from teaching at Ouachita, Sutley served as a volunteer missionary in Liberia for 17 months and in Niger for six months. Back as home he was a volunteer for the Meals on Wheels program (17 years) as well as a volunteer hospice chaplain for 20 years. He died in 2020 at the age of 100.

Susan Laurine Thomas (Assistant Professor of Religious Education; taught NT Greek). BA OBC (1933); MRE WMU Training School, Louisville (1936). At Ouachita (1936-1939). She married Mark Bishop (from Nashville, Ar?). She died in Ashland, Ohio, in 2003, at the age of 97.

W. Dennis Tucker (Director of Academic Skills, Director of External Programs, and Assistant Professor of Religion-1997-98). BA Ouachita Baptist University (1990); MDiv SBTS (1993); EdS University of Louisville (1997); PhD SBTS (1997). At Ouachita (1997-2002). Tucker went to Truett Seminary where he has taught OT classes for many years. He has written numerous articles and books, especially in the field of Psalms.

Preben Vang. BTh Danish Baptist Theological Seminary (1978); MDiv SWBTS (1983); PhD SWBTS (1994). At Ouachita (1997-2006). Vang taught Theology, NT, and NT Greek. He was Chair of the Theology Department 2003-2006. Vang left Ouachita to go to Palm Beach Atlantic University. From there he went to Truett Seminary (Baylor) to be director for their DMin program. Vang is the co-author (with Terry Carter) of *Telling God’s Story* (2013, 2006). He is author of *The Bible Story: One Story From Genesis to Revelation* (2019) and *1 Corinthians* (TTCS, 2014). During his time at Ouachita he pastored several different churches in Arkansas.

William C. Viser. BA Ouachita Baptist University (1970); MDiv SWBTS (1973); MRE SWBTS (1974); EdD SWBTS (1978). At Ouachita (1988-present). Prior to coming to Ouachita Viser was a missionary with the IMB to Brazil (1978-1988). A board-certified Marriage and Family Therapy Counselor, At Ouachita Viser primarily taught counseling classes, along with CORE and Contemporary Cults/New Religious Movements. He served as a long-standing member on the Arkansas State Board of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Counselors and also pastored several churches in the Arkadelphia area over the years. He was the driving force behind the successful Ouachita Christian Counseling Conference

and he frequently spoke at counseling related conferences. Viser is the author of *It's OK to be an MK* (1986) and *The Darkness Among Us* (1994).

Calvin B. Waller (Special Lecturer in Old Testament). BS Carson-Newman (1906); DD Union University (1911). At Ouachita 1944. Waller was pastor at Second Baptist Church in Little Rock for 25 years, as well as President of the Arkansas State Baptist Convention. After retiring from the pastorate he starting teaching at Ouachita, but died in that same year (1944).

Lowell Taylor Wallace (Associate Professor of Social Science (Religious Education). BA William Jewell (1918); MA Mercer University (1924); ThM SWBTS (1921); ThD SWBTS (1923); PhD Univ of Dubuque (1924). At Ouachita 1939-1952. Prior to coming to Ouachita, Wallace taught NT at Oklahoma Baptist University. He is the author of *Principles of the Kingdom* (Central Seminary Press, 1948).

Louis W. Webb. Bible and Philosophy. AB Ouachita College (1906); ThM SBTS (1909); Graduate Student University of Chicago. At Ouachita 1908-1910.

Leslie Spencer Williams (Professor of Religion). BA (1928); MA Mercer (1929); ThB, ThM, PhD SBTS (1930, 1931, 1934). At Ouachita (1951-1954). Prior to teaching at Ouachita, Williams taught at Tift College, Georgia (merged with Mercer in 1987). His field was Church History. He is the author of *The Life and Ministry of Reverend Hamilton John Arnett* (Zondervan, 1935); and *Youth's Fifty Years: A half century of training in Georgia Baptist Churches* (Training Union, 1945).

Hardy L. Winburn. Lecturer Bible Department/Lecturer Ministerial Department (Pastor, FBC Arkadelphia 1903-1913; 1918-1937). BA Southwestern Baptist University in Jackson (1895). Honorary degrees from Ouachita and Georgetown College --D.D.; LL.¹⁸

Vester Eugene Wolber. AB Ouachita Baptist University (1938); ThM SWBTS (1945); ThD SWBTS (1950). At Ouachita (1958-87). In his earlier years Wolber pastored and worked in denominational work in California. In 1940 he was instrumental in founding the Southern Baptist General Convention of California and served as their first Secretary of the Convention. In 1951-1958 he served as Chair of the Department of Bible at Texas Tech University, and pastored churches in Livingston, Texas and Marshall, Texas. He returned to Ouachita in 1958 and served there as Chair of the Division of Religion and Philosophy until 1985, when he retired. He wrote numerous Sunday School lessons for the Arkansas Baptist News. He has one self-published work, entitled, *the Gospel God Promised* (1959). It is an expository commentary on the book of Romans, 182 typed double-spaced pages (and 16 endnotes). Wolber died in 2008, at the age of 94.

Otis Webster Yates. BA Wake Forrest (1914); ThM SBTS (1917); PhD George Peabody College for Teachers (1938). At Ouachita (1934-1946). From 1918-1933 Yates taught at Bethel College in Russellville, Kentucky, even serving as President of the College 1928-1932. Bethel College closed during the Depression and was merged into Georgetown College in 1933. From 1933-1934 Yates taught at Western (Kentucky) Teacher's College in Bowling Green, Kentucky. In 1934 he began teaching at Ouachita and continued there

¹⁸ See the informative chapter on Winburn in S. Ray Granade, *An Enlarged Tent: Arkadelphia First Baptist Church 1851-2001* (Self-published, 2001), 73-116.

until 1946. During these years Yates regularly wrote Sunday School material for the Arkansas Baptist News and preached frequently. In 1946 he returned to Kentucky and taught at Georgetown College until 1949, when he became a fundraiser for a new Baptist Hospital in Lexington. In 1952 he became pastor of the Rosemont Baptist Church in Lexington (at age 63), pastoring that church until his retirement in 1966 (at age 78). Yates is the author of *The Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention* (1939, his published dissertation); *A Good Soldier of Christ Jesus: an Interpretation of 1 Timothy* (Kansas City: Central Seminary Press, 1946); and *A Country Boy Used by the Lord: An Autobiography* (New York: Vantage, 1979). A large painted portrait of Yates hung in the main stairway of Berry Bible Building for years, until the renovations in 2018-2019.

Adjunct Professors (including fulltime OBU staff who also taught as adjuncts)

2020-2021 Including On-line instructors: Brent Baskin, Collin Battaglia, David Bond, Ryan Bush, Jacob Catlett, Kelsey Clardy, Terese Cox, Clay Cunningham, Shari Edwards, Libby Hilliard, Micah Hitt, Dan Jarboe, Jonathan Kelley, Bill Newton, Becca Owens, Gayla Parker, Chris Redmon, Craig Seals, Shane Seaton, James Taylor, Quantel Williams.

2019-2020 Including On-line instructors: Brent Baskin, David Bond, Ryan Bush, Kelsey Clardy, Terese Cox, Clay Cunningham, Shari Edwards, Catherine Heard, Bill Newton, Becca Owens, Gayla Parker, Matt Parker, Chris Redmon, Anna Rosenthal, James Taylor.

2018-2019 Including On-line instructors: Brent Baskin, David Bond, Kelsey Clardy, Michael Cox, Clay Cunningham, Shari Edwards, Catherine Heard, Dan Jarboe, Bill Newton, Amy O'Brien, Becca Owens, Gayla Parker, Matt Parker, Chris Redmon, Anna Rosenthal, Craig Seals, Shane Seaton, Waylon Slabach, James Taylor.

2017-2018 Including On-line instructors: Brent Baskin, David Bond, Kelsey Clardy, Michael Cox, Clay Cunningham, Shari Edwards, Catherine Heard, Jonathan Kelly, Amy O'Brien, Becca Owens, Gayla Parker, Matt Parker, Chris Redmon, Craig Seals, Shane Seaton, Waylon Slabach, James Taylor.

2016-2017 Including On-line instructors: Kimberly Carlton, David Bond, Kelsey Clardy, Clay Cunningham, Shari Edwards, Jonathan Kelly, Jamie Narramore, Becca Owens, Matt Parker, Craig Seals, James Taylor.

2015-2016 Including On-line instructors: Kimberly Carlton, David Bond, Clay Cunningham, Scott Haynes, Dan Jarboe, Jonathan Kelly, Becca Owens, Matt Parker, Craig Seals, James Taylor.

2014-2015 Including On-line instructors: Jason Bean, Kimberly Carlton, David Bond, Clay Cunningham, Jeremy Greer, Dan Jarboe, Jonathan Kelly, James Taylor.

2013-2014 Including On-line instructors: Clay Cunningham, Amy O'Brien, James Taylor.

2012-2013 Including On-line instructors: Clay Cunningham, Ross Spigner, James Taylor, Nancy Hamilton, Dan Jarboe, Donna Hays.

2011-2012 Clay Cunningham, Nancy Harrell, Jonathan Kelley, James Taylor, Ricky Armstrong

2010-2011 Terese Cox, Michael Cox, Dan Jarboe, James Taylor

2009-2010 Terese Cox, Michael Cox, James Taylor, Clay Cunningham, Dan Jarboe

2008-2009 Clay Cunningham, Donna Hays

2007-2008 Jeremy Greer, Clay Cunningham,

2005-2006 Dave Hughey, Darrell Bridges, Richard Cook, Anthony Shelton

2004-2005 Clay Cunningham, Hal Dixon, Ibrahim Garba, Donna Hays, Robert Pinkston

2001-2002 Brandon Barnard, Greg Kirksey, Cliff Case, Hal Dixon, John McCallum, Ray Higgins, Drew Smith, Kevin Wieser

2000-2001 Drew Smith, Hal Dixon, John McCallum, Kevin Wieser, Greg Kirksey, Sarah McCrary, D. Nall, J. Schleiff

1999-2000 Keldon Henley, Greg Kirksey, Ellis Leagans, John McCallum, Kevin Wieser,

1998-1999 Paul Bass, Sarah McCrary, Snookie Dixon, D. Hill, Don Moore

1997-1998 Paul Bass, Don Moore, Rick Freeman, G. Nicholson, Snookie Dixon, Kevin Lee, Blake McKinney, Scott Jackson

1996-1997 Blake McKinney, Scott Jackson, Jerry Morris

1995-1996 Paul Bass, Snookie Dixon, David Dupree (MIR), Scott Jackson, Ellis Leagans

1994-1995 Fred Ball, Paul Bass, Randy Brantley, David Dupree (MIR), Scott Jackson

1993-1994 Paul Bass, Randy Brantley

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1991-1992 Paul Bass, Jim Lagrone, Lyndell P. Worthen, Jr.

1990-1991 Ian Cosh, Bill Falkner

1989-1990 Randy M. Cash, David Crutchley (MIR), Bill Falkner, Jim Lagrone, Dan Panter (MIR), Sharon Stanley

1988-1989 Randy M. Cash, Bill Falkner, Freddie Pike, Sharon Stanley

1987-1988 Mark Baber, Randy M. Cash, Bill Falkner, Clarence Shell, Jr.

1986-1987 Mark Baber, Randy M. Cash, Harold Mitchell, Clarence Shell, Jr.

1985-1986 Mark Baber, Randy M. Cash, Clarence Shell, Jr.

1984-1985 Mark Baber, Randy M. Cash, Bill Falkner, Clarence Shell, Jr.

1983-1984 Randy M. Cash, Bill Falkner, Clarence Shell, Jr.

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