

Curriculum Vitae
for
M. Todd Hall

Associate Director
Center for Christian Studies

Minister
Holland Street Church of Christ

Research Interests

Theological bibliography
Cataloging/Access improvement
Information Literacy
Epistemology
History of Theological Education
Spiritual Formation
Theological Pedagogy

Education

PhD, Texas State University (2016)
MSLS, University of North Texas (2008)
MATs, Austin Graduate School of Theology (2001)
BA, Institute for Christian Studies (1999)

Professional Appointments

Center for Christian Studies
Associate Director, 2021-present
Austin Graduate School of Theology
Faculty Chair, 8/2017-7/2019
Associate Professor, 4/2020-8/2022
Assistant Professor, 4/2016-4/2020
QEP Coordinator, 5/2012-8/2017
QEP Lead Developer, 1/2009-6/2012
Instructor, Austin Graduate School of Theology, 5/2010-4/2016
Director of the David Worley Library, Austin Graduate School of Theology –
8/2008-8/2022
Assistant Librarian, Austin Graduate School of Theology – 5/2008-7/2008
Assistant to the Librarian, Austin Graduate School of Theology – 4/2006-5/2008
Manager, Thelese Management, LLC, 2002-2006

Additional Professional Appointments

Managing Editor, *Journal of Christian Studies*, Center for Christian Studies – 2021-present

Managing Editor, *Christian Studies* journal, Austin Graduate School of Theology – 2014-2020
 Editor, *Christian Studies* journal, Austin Graduate School of Theology – 2013-2014
 Associate Editor, *Christian Studies* journal, Austin Graduate School of Theology – 2009-2013
 Copy/Format Editor, *Christian Studies* journal, Austin Graduate School of Theology – 2007-2009
 Adjunct Faculty, Austin Graduate School of Theology – 6/2003-4/2010

Publications/Editing

“Walking in the Way of Jesus: The Sermon on the Mount and Formation of Character,” *Journal of Christian Studies* IV/3 (September 2025): 53–63.
 “Let’s Talk about Funerals,” *Journal of Christian Studies* I/3 (September 2022): 43–54.
 “In the Habit of Sloth,” *Journal of Christian Studies* I/1 (January 2022): 63–72.
 “Consecrated to the Lord: Two Cheers for Closed Communion,” *Christian Studies* 30 (2018): 85–93.
 “Turning Point: Baptism as Rite of Passage,” *Christian Studies* 29 (2017): 47–58.
Oro, Ergo Sum: The Pedagogy of Spiritual Formation Among Protestant Seminarians in the United States: Toward a Post-Cartesian Framework, PhD Dissertation, Texas State University, April 2016.
 Editor, *Lord, Teach Us to Pray*, Christian Studies Press, 2014
 Review of T. David Gordon, *Why Johnny Can’t Preach: The Media Have Shaped the Messengers*, *Christian Studies* journal, vol. 23, 2009
 Assistant copy editor, R. Mark Shipp, *Of Dead Kings and Dirges: Myth and Meaning in Isaiah 14:4b-21* (PhD Dissertation, Princeton Theological Seminary; Published by Academia Biblica, SBL Press, 2003), 2002-2003

Presentations and Lectures

Ministering to the Church in Times of Grief, Harding Lectureship, 2022.
 The Future of Theological Education. Presentation at Friends’ Day, Austin Graduate School of Theology.
 When the World Goes Dark: Dealing with Grief. Two part presentation at Central Texas Bible Teachers’ Workshop, July 2016.
 “Hope and Fear in Christianity and Buddhism: Practices of Self- and Social Transformation,” with Ann K. Brooks; European Society for Research on the Education of Adults, March 2016
Dynamic Evaluation as a Developmental Tool, Community Schools National Forum, Spring 2014
Weeping with God: Scripture as the Language for Grief, Sermon Seminar, May 2013
Ministry in Grief, Sermon Seminar, May 2011
Developing a Minister’s Personal Theological Library, Summer 2010
Using Digital Resources in the David Worley Library, Austin Graduate School of Theology, Lecture, Fall 2009

Using Accordance and other Bible software, Austin Graduate School of Theology, Spring 2008

ATLA Religion Database/ATLASerials Tutorial, Austin Graduate School of Theology, Spring 2008

Blog Posts

“Remember Me”: Worship, Stuff, and the Communion of Saints. *Christian Studies* blog, April 2018

Not in Vain. *Christian Studies* blog, February 2018

Ring Around the Collar and the Gospel: What’s Your Story? *Christian Studies* blog, January 2018

The Prince of Peace: Life in an AD World. *Christian Studies* blog, December 2017.

The Struggle is the Glory: Trials, Travails, and the Astros. *Christian Studies* blog, November 2017

In the Face of Death: The Meaning of “Faith” in Christian Life. *Christian Studies* blog, August 2017

Fallout: The End of Atheism. *Christian Studies* blog, July 2017

Two Generations of Seminary Students at Austin Grad. *Christian Studies* blog, June 2017

Memories: A Poem of Grief and Hope. *Christian Studies* blog, May 2017.

“Don’t Judge” and Other Ironies. *Christian Studies* blog, March 2017.

Black Friday and Blue Laws: What’s Lost in Post-Constantinianism. *Christian Studies* blog, January 2017.

Welcome to the Austin Grad Library! *Christian Studies* blog, November 2016.

Heavenly Bodies: Resurrection and Renewal of the Body. *Christian Studies* blog, September 2016.

Public Policy and the Humanities. Wait, What? *Christian Studies* blog, August 2016.

God Writes Straight with Crooked Lines. *Christian Studies* blog, July 2016.

What Is the Meaning of Life? YOLO. *Christian Studies* blog, June 2016.

Technology, Media, and Preaching: A Review of Why Johnny Can’t Preach. *Christian Studies* blog, May 2016.

How to Deal with Grief When the World Goes Dark, Part 2. *Christian Studies* blog, February 2016.

How to Deal with Grief When the World Goes Dark. *Christian Studies* blog, February 2016.

Frienemies: Maintaining Christian Friendship in the Age of Facebook. *Christian Studies* blog, January 2016.

“To Do Is to Learn”: Christian Education and Spiritual Formation. *Christian Studies* blog, December 2015.

Children’s Church, the Entertainment Culture, and the Story of God. *Christian Studies* blog, October 2015.

Courses Taught

Teaching the Bible, Summer 2019

Growing God's People: How to Teach Spiritual Formation, Spring 2019
Servanthood and Sanity, Austin Graduate School of Theology, Summer 2017
The Greatest Story Ever Told: An Introduction to the Bible as Literature, Austin Graduate School of Theology, Fall 2016/2017
Research and Writing in Theology, Austin Graduate School of Theology, Spring 2010-present
Life and Letters of Paul, Austin Graduate School of Theology, Spring 2010
Introduction to Theological Studies, Austin Graduate School of Theology, Fall 2008-Fall 2009
Old Testament Prophets, Austin Graduate School of Theology, Spring 2008
Ministry to the Grieving, Institute for Theology and Christian Mission (St. Petersburg, Russia), Fall 2005
Life and Letters of Paul, Austin Graduate School of Theology, Spring 2005
Old Testament Prophets, Austin Graduate School of Theology, Summer 2003

Professional Librarianship

Developed Internet Resource Guides
 Developed modules of instruction for effective use of digital resources
 Assisted in development of specialized cataloging scheme of primary and tertiary reference sources
 Developed Research and Writing in Theology course
 Directed library outreach program for improving visibility for student reference
 Provide reference services for students and faculty

Professional Administration

Developed budget and fiscal administration of David Worley Library, 2008-2022
 Administration of Institutional Research and Effectiveness for David Worley Library, 2008-2022
 Development and oversight of strategic initiatives, two- and four-column reports for David Worley Library, 2008-2014
 Hire and oversight, library assistant/bookstore manager, 2009-present
 Attended accreditation conferences for Southern Association of Colleges and Schools-Commission on Colleges (SACS-COC), 12/2009, 6/2010
 Led in development and implementation of institutional Quality Enhancement Plan for SACS-COC, 2010-2012
 Led evaluation and implementation of Quality Enhancement Plan, 2012-2017

Proficiencies

Proficient with digital search and retrieval tools
 Proficient in use of Bible software
 Proficient in Greek and Hebrew, some proficiency with theological German
 Familiarity with Theological publishing and collection development

Professional Associations

Member, Society of Biblical Literature, 2018-present
 Member, The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, 2008-present

Member, American Theological Library Association, 2007-present
Member, Faculty Senate, Austin Graduate School of Theology, 2010-present
Member, American Association for Adult and Continuing Education, 2016-present
Member, American Educational Research Association, 2014-present

Pastoral Work

Minister, Holland St. Church of Christ, San Marcos, TX 8/2018-present