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Education

- Doctor of Philosophy in Biblical Theology* 2025
- New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary
 - Recipient of The Dr. Rhonda Kelley PhD Fellowship in Women's Leadership
 - Dissertation: "Where There is Touch, There is a System: Exploring the Origins of Purity in Genesis 2–3."
 - GPA: 4.0
- Master of Theology in Biblical Interpretation* 2021
- New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary
 - GPA: 4.0
- Master of Divinity in Biblical Languages* 2012
- Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary
 - GPA: 3.8
- Bachelor of Arts in History with a Minor in Christian Ministries* 2001
- Ouachita Baptist University
 - GPA: 2.7

Academic Experience

- Adjunct Professor* 2018–Present
- New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary and Leavell College
 - Taught various certificate, college, and graduate-level courses online, at extension centers, and on campus.
- Research Assistant* 2005–2007
- New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary
 - Assisted in editing and organizing projects and book assignments, in preparing women's courses, in grading coursework, and in communicating with students and project communicators for Dr. Rhonda H. Kelley.

Academic Writing and Presentations

Articles

- Co-Author with Cory Barnes. "Recreating Creation Narratives: The Reinterpretation of Genesis 1 in *Jubilees 2*." *Journal of Baptist Theology and Ministry* 22 (2025): 271–88.

"How the Law and the Historical Books Shed Light on Understanding the Minor Prophets." *Lifeway Women*. <https://women.lifeway.com/2023/09/06/how-the-law-and-the-historical-books-shed-light-on-understanding-the-minor-prophets/>. 6 September 2023.

Editing

Theological editor for McCoy, Katie. "Deuteronomy: Forever for Our Good." Nashville: Lifeway, 2026.

Entries

"Proverbs 24:1–2: Run, Forest, Run." In *The Devotional for Women in Psalms and Proverbs*. Edited by Dorothy K. Patterson and Rhonda H. Kelley. Nashville: Broadman-Holman, 2017.

"Proverbs 24:3–4: Fixer Upper." In *The Devotional for Women in Psalms and Proverbs*. Edited by Dorothy K. Patterson and Rhonda H. Kelley. Nashville: Broadman-Holman, 2017.

"Proverbs 24:6: Wisdom Wages War." In *The Devotional for Women in Psalms and Proverbs*. Edited by Dorothy K. Patterson and Rhonda H. Kelley. Nashville: Broadman-Holman, 2017.

"Proverbs 24:10: Uncle." In *The Devotional for Women in Psalms and Proverbs*. Edited by Dorothy K. Patterson and Rhonda H. Kelley. Nashville: Broadman-Holman, 2017.

"Proverbs 24:17–18: Nana Nana Boo Boo." In *The Devotional for Women in Psalms and Proverbs*. Edited by Dorothy K. Patterson and Rhonda H. Kelley. Nashville: Broadman-Holman, 2017.

"Proverbs 24:27: First Things First." In *The Devotional for Women in Psalms and Proverbs*. Edited by Dorothy K. Patterson and Rhonda H. Kelley. Nashville: Broadman-Holman, 2017.

Other Writings

Aided in research and manuscript preparation for Kelley, Rhonda H. *Raising Moms*. Birmingham, AL: New Hope Publishers, 2006.

Presentations

"The Original Purity and Danger of Genesis 1–3: Mapping Purity through Touch." Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the National Meeting of the Evangelical Theological Society. Denver, CO, 14 November 2023.

"The Purity Map of the Bleeding Woman in Mark 5." Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southwest Region of the Evangelical Theological Society. New Orleans, LA, 2 April 2022.

Academic Courses Taught

Church Level

Biblical Hermeneutics
Biblical Theology
The Pentateuch as a Key to Interpretation
Understanding Biblical Womanhood within the Larger Themes of Scripture
Understanding the Grand Narrative of Scripture

Certificate Level

Basic Christian Doctrine and Worldview
Biblical Theology of Womanhood
The Minister's Wife

Undergraduate Level

Healthy Church Relationships
Biblical Hermeneutics
Old Testament Survey
New Testament Survey

Graduate Level

A Survey of Feminist Theology
Biblical Womanhood
Leadership Training for Women
Public Speaking for Women
Women Mentoring Women

Ministry Experience

Women's Speaker and Teacher

2001–Present

- Various churches in AR, FL, LA, MS, and TX.
- Select Conferences
 - o The Gospel Coalition Women's Pre-Conference- "How to Study Your Bible" (Forthcoming 2026)
 - o Lifeway Women's Symposium Breakout- "Sorting the Wheat from Chaff: How to Build Your Theological Library" (2025)
 - o Louisiana Baptist Ministry Wives Retreat Breakout- "Serving Together" (2025)
 - o Louisiana Baptist Embrace Women's Conference- "Drawing Near to a Holy God: How Leviticus Shapes Our Confidence in Christ." (2026)
 - o Louisiana Baptist Embrace Women's Conference- "Learning to Love Leviticus" (2025)
 - o Louisiana Baptist Flourish Conference- "Rooted" and "Organizing Your Bible through the Covenants" (2026)
 - o NOBTS Abide Women's Conference Breakout- "God's Graciousness through the Storyline of Scripture" (2026)
- Teaching
 - o Lifeway Women's Academy- "Historical Books" (2023)
 - o Lifeway Women's Academy- "Minor Prophets" (2023)
 - o TGC Women Cohorts- "Promises and Prophecies that Point to Christ" (2025)

Pastor's Wife

2013–2023

- Galilee Baptist Church, Zachary, LA (2017–2023); Bluegrove Baptist Church (2013–2016).
- Led in the Women's Team for a holistic approach to discipleship.
- Led in the Sunday School Board to equip Sunday School teachers with tools and curriculum for their classrooms.

Girl's Minister 2001–2002

- Champion Forrest Baptist Church, Houston, TX.
- Taught and spoke once a month on Wednesday nights to the youth.
- Developed, wrote, and taught a Girl's Bible Study on Tuesday nights.
- Organized and planned various retreats, camps, and conferences.
- Discipled and counseled young women on a regular basis.

College Internships and Camps 1997–2001

- Various churches and camps in AR, LA, TX, and MO.
- Youth intern at First Baptist Van Buren, AR (Summer 2000).
- Youth intern at The Summit Church in Little Rock, AR (Summer 1999).
- Kitchie Komo at Kanakuk Kamps in Branson, MO (Summer 1998).

Professional Memberships

Evangelical Theological Society 2021–Present

Institute for Biblical Research 2025–Present

NOBTS Society for Women in Scholarship 2020–Present

- Founding Member
- Society Chair (2022–24)

Personal

Married to William Andrew "Ted" Williams of Anacoco, LA (March 13, 2010)

- Bachelor of Arts (Psychology/Biblical Languages) from Louisiana Christian University (Formerly Louisiana College) (2008)
- Masters of Divinity from SWBTS (2011)
- PhD in Theology (Preaching/Old Testament) from SWBTS (2017)
- Currently serving as Assistant Professor of Expository Preaching, Occupying the JD Grey Chair of Preaching at NOBTS, and Associate Dean of the Church Ministry Division

Mother of Two Daughters and One Son

- McKenzie Fontaine Williams
- Wyatt Andrew Williams
- Madelyn Paige Williams