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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

# Experience in Academics

*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.

# Presentations and Publications

*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.

*Online Articles*

“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.

*Other Writing*s

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.

*Recorded Sessions*

“Historical Books” in *Old Testament Survey* for Lifeway Women Academy, 2023.

“Minor Prophets” in *Old Testament Survey* for Lifeway Women Academy, 2023.

*Unpublished Works*

“Galatians: Life Beyond the Do’s and Don’ts.” Unpublished Bible Study, 2003.

“Hosea.” Unpublished Bible Study, 2001.

# 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*

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

# Experience in Ministry

*Women’s Speaker 2001–Present*

* Various churches in AR, FL, LA, and TX.
* Wrote, developed, and taught material for Women’s Events, including retreats, two-day conferences with multiple speaking times, intensive weekends, and luncheons.
* Taught “Brown Bag Bible Study” at NOBTS (2006).

*Pastor’s Wife 2013–2023*

* Galilee Baptist Church, Zachary, LA (2017–2023); Bluegrove Baptist Church (2013–2016).
* Supported and co-labored alongside my husband in ministry.
* Taught and created courses for lay women in the church.
* 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.
* Hosted events and dinners in our home for church growth and discipleship.

*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*

*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, Associate Dean of the Church Ministry Division, and Director of Mentoring at NOBTS

*Mother of Two Daughters and One Son*

* McKenzie Fontaine Williams (September 23, 2007)
* Wyatt Andrew Williams (October 5, 2011)
* Madelyn Paige Williams (March 21, 2013)

# References

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