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Education

(in progress) PhD in English from the University of Tennessee-Knoxville | 2025 –

MA in English from the University of North Florida | 2022-2024

BS in Church Music from Trinity Baptist College | 2012-2016

Presentations

2024 – “Bitter Harvest: Slavery, Apology, and Theology in the History of the Southern Baptist Convention”. Green Fire Symposium by the Association for the Study of Literature and Environment (ASLE). Hosted at University of North Florida.

2023 – University of North Florida English Graduate Organization Conference – Untitled presentation on the theological function of despair and suicidal ideation in conversion narratives from the Black Atlantic in the 18th and 19th centuries.

2022 – University of North Florida English Graduate Organization Conference – “The Change is Killing!” Presentation on Despair and Conversion in Frances Burney’s *Camilla*

Other Related Experience

New Books Network:

Conducted podcast interviews for the New Books Network on their Christian Studies channel.

“*The Divine Institution: White Evangelicalism’s Politics of the Family*” by Dr. Sophie Bjork-James (Rutgers University Press, 2021). Published August 12, 2023

“*Robert Louis Stevenson and the Pacific: The Transformation of Global Christianity*” by Dr. L. M. Ratnapalan (Edinburgh UP, 2023). – Published September 9, 2023

Employment

Graduate Teaching Associate at the University of Tennessee-Knoxville / 2025 – present

English Teacher – Eagle’s View Academy / 2016-2019

Teaching Assistant – Trinity Baptist College / 2013-2016