

AMERICAN SCIENTIFIC AFFILIATION
FELLOW NOMINEE

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Education

<u>University</u>	<u>Major</u>	<u>Degree</u>	<u>Year</u>
Southern Baptist Theological Seminary	Evangelism	Ph.D.	1982
Southern Baptist Theological Seminary	(general)	MDiv	1978
University of South Carolina	English	B.A.	1975

Employment History

2000–present	Union University, Charles Colson Professor of Faith and Culture
1996–2000	Union University, Vice President, Academic Resources and Information Service
1994–1996	Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Associate Vice President for Academic Programs, Associate Professor of Evangelism and Church Growth
1991–1994	Bethel Theological Seminary, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs Associate Professor of Evangelism
1988–1991	Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Assistant Professor of Evangelism
1986–1988	Kentucky Baptist Convention, Associate Director of Evangelism
1982–1986	Simpsonville Baptist Church, Pastor, Simpsonville, Kentucky
1978–1982	Kentucky State Reformatory, Assistant Chaplain

Year joined ASA – 2000

Personal Christian experience and commitment

I was raised by Christian parents and grew up in a Baptist Church where I made a profession of faith at the age of eight. At the age of ten I experienced a call to ministry at a church camp, but I kept this matter secret for many years during which time I planned a career in law and politics. I had many renewed experiences of the call to ministry through the years but did not make my break with politics until the age of twenty four when I resigned my political post and went to seminary to train for the ministry. I expected to be a pastor, so I pursued doctoral studies that I believed would help me. I was allowed to combine, New Testament literature, philosophy, and church history under a rubric of evangelism without any thought that I would ever teach. I served as a prison chaplain and pastor before being invited to teach at my alma mater. Since my first year at seminary, I have been interested in the intersection of faith and culture, including how the gospel relates to the arts and to the sciences. I believe that the misconceptions that many conservative Christians have about science and the presuppositions that they have about the interpretation of the Bible pose a barrier to faith for many people in our culture. I am also concerned about the philosophical assumptions that many secular people have that they confuse with science which prevent them from taking faith seriously.

Describe all national and/or local involvement with the ASA

My primary active involvement in the ASA has been as a reader of prospective manuscripts for *Perspectives* and as a contributor to the journal. I have also submitted brief pieces for the newsletter. I attended the 2006 meeting at Calvin College and presented a paper. I will also be attending the 2007 meeting in Edinburgh where I will also present a paper.

Publications, Invited lectures, Courses taught, Conferences organized, etc (include awards and honors)

A. Science and Christianity:

Course:

“Science and Faith” – Three-hour undergraduate course cross listed in Chemistry and Christian Studies taught with Jimmy Davis.

Awards: 1) Templeton Science and Religion Course Award, 1998, 2) ASA/Templeton Lectureship Grant, 1999, and 3) Templeton Course Development Grant, 2002

Publications:

Science and Faith: An Evangelical Dialogue (Broadman & Holman, 2000) [with Jimmy H. Davis]

Designer Universe (Broadman & Holman, 2002) [with Jimmy H. Davis]

Award: *Christianity Today* Book of the Year Merit Award

What God Knows: Time and the Question of Divine Knowledge (Baylor, University Press, 2005) [co-edited with J. Stanley Mattson]
God and the Cosmos: How God Relates to the Physical World (IVP, forthcoming) [co-authored with Jimmy Davis]
“Beyond the God of the Gaps.” *Christian Intellectual Life in a New Dark Age*. Proceedings of the 2003 Christianity in the Academy Conference (Southern Pines, NC: Carolina Press, 2005).
“Sand Castles” and “The Arrow of Time” in *Perspectives on Science and Religion* (March 2007)
“From Scientific Method to Methodological Naturalism” in *Perspectives on Science and Religion* (forthcoming)

Conferences Organized:

2002 C. S. Lewis Summer Institute Science Symposium,

Award: John Templeton Foundation Grant. Basis for book *What God Knows: Time and the Question of Divine Knowledge*.

2005 C. S. Lewis Summer Institute–Science Symposium

Award: John Templeton Foundation Grant

B. Professional Fields

Endowed chair funded by Prison Fellowship and named for Charles Colson was created for me in 2002.

Publications:

The Fruit of Christ’s Presence (Broadman, 1990)

The Gospel and Its Meaning (Zondervan, 1996)

Christian Witness in a Postmodern World (Abingdon, 2001)

Christianity in the Academy (Baker, 2004)

See No Evil: The Existence of Sin in an Age of Relativism (Kregel, 2004)

C. S. Lewis Remembered (Zondervan, 2006) [co-edited with Rebecca Whitten Poe]

Think on These Things: Meditations on the Good, the True, and the Beautiful (Chalice, forthcoming)

12 chapters contributed to edited volumes

29 published poems

Over 100 articles and reviews published in journals

Awards and Honors:

1990 Grawemeyer Award for Instructional Development, Kentucky Metroversity (consortium of six universities and seminaries in the Louisville-Southern Indiana metropolitan area) for a course on “Spiritual Awakenings”

Invited Lectures:

1997 “Understanding Postmodernity” a retreat for the Kentucky Prison Chaplains which formed part of the basis for *Christian Witness in a Postmodern World*

1998 “Apologetics in a Postmodern World” – a seminar for the C. S. Lewis Summer Institute which formed part of the basis for *Christian Witness in a Postmodern World*

1999 “Christianity in the Academy” – a series of lectures for the faculty of Anderson College which formed part of the basis for *Christianity in the Academy*

2003 “The Elusive Edgar Poe: A Personal Perspective” – University of Memphis Library

2003 “Understanding the Times for Evangelism” – Billy Graham School of Evangelism, Asheville, NC and Kansas City, MO

2007 “Toward a Christian Understanding of Classical Education” keynote address for the annual Christianity in the Academy Conference, Memphis, TN

2007 “Culture and Worldview” a lecture for Prison Fellowship’s Centurians program.

Conferences Organized:

2002 C. S. Lewis Summer Institute

2005 C. S. Lewis Summer Institute

2004–07 Edgar Allan Poe Young Writers Conference

Other material pertaining to the criteria for Fellow

2001 *Christian Scholar’s Review*, Editorial Board

2000 Amsterdam 2000, Theology Task Group

1999 C. S. Lewis Foundation, Program Director for C. S. Lewis Institute in Oxford and Cambridge, Board Member

1999 Edgar Allan Poe Museum and Foundation of Richmond, Virginia
President (2002-)
Board member (1999-)

1998 Community Music Center (Jackson, TN), Board Member

1997 Jackson Symphony, Board Member
President (2005-2006)
President-elect (2003-2005)
Endowment Committee, Chair (2002-)
Development Committee, Chair (2000-2001)
Education Committee, Chair (1997-2000)

1996 Evangelical Theological Society

1996 Center for Religion and the Arts (Southern Seminary), Director

1995 Global Horizons (international missions), Board Member

1993-94 Minnesota Consortium, Secretary (consortium of five seminaries)

1991-96 Association of Doctor of Ministry Education, Board Member 1994-1996

1987 The Academy for Evangelism in Theological Education
President 2004-2005
Vice-President 2003
Secretary 1993-2000