

JEFF D. GRIFFIN, PHD

Education:

- December 2003 **University of North Texas**, Denton, TX
Master of Library and Information Science
Honors: Summa Cum Laude
Inductee: Beta Phi Mu - International Library and Information Studies Honor Society
- June 1999 –
August 2000 **Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Rothberg International School**, Israel
Post-doctoral studies
Areas of Concentration: Second Temple literature, Biblical Hebrew
- December 1998 **Mid-America Baptist Theological Seminary**, Germantown, TN
Doctor of Philosophy in Old Testament
Dissertation: “An Investigation of Idiomatic Expressions in the Hebrew Bible with a Case Study of Anatomical Idioms”
Minor Fields: Theology, Church History
- May 1994 **Mid-America Baptist Theological Seminary**, Germantown, TN
Master of Divinity with a concentration in Old Testament
Honors: Magna Cum Laude
- May 1989 **University of Arkansas at Little Rock**, Little Rock, AR
Bachelor of Business Administration in General Business

Librarian Experience:

- October 2006 –
present **Dean of Seminary Libraries**
New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, New Orleans, LA
- Supervised 6 degreed librarians; 5 paraprofessionals; 15 student workers
 - Improved employee relationships and communications with seminary administration
 - Managed 12 extension center libraries in 5 states
 - Increased circulation from 90,000 items in 2003 to 109,000 items in 2005
 - Increased database usage four-fold in three years
 - Secured multiple gift donations of retired ministers’ libraries
 - Designed 6 new extension center libraries and relocation plans
 - Completed two institutional ATS/SACS accreditation reaffirmation
 - Assisted in planning a \$15 million new library building
- April 2004 – September 2006 **Director of Libraries**
April 2003 – March 2004 **Acting Director of Libraries**
August 2002 – March 2003 **Circulation Manager/Distance Education Librarian**
John T. Christian Library,
New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, New Orleans, LA

Teaching Experience:

- Fall 2003 – present **New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary**, New Orleans, LA
Course Taught: Exploring the Old Testament; Biblical Backgrounds; Introductory Hebrew; Intermediate Hebrew; Genesis 12-36; Deuteronomy; 1&2 Samuel; 1&2 Chronicles; Hermeneutics; Old Testament Eschatology; Spiritual Formations
- March 1999 **Moldova Baptist College; Pastor's School**, Republic of Moldova
Introduction to Old Testament Thought and Theology; Doctrine of Eternal Rewards

Promotions and Tenure:

- April 2015 Trustee granted rank of Professor of Old Testament & Hebrew
- May 2009 Trustee granted tenure and rank of Associate Professor of Old Testament & Hebrew

Honors:

- March 2015 Outstanding Classroom Professor – Faculty selected

Presentations:

- March 2006 *The Sufficiency of the Mosaic Law as Scripture, or What value is Torah for the Christian?*
Southern Regional Meeting of the Evangelical Theological Society
- March 2005 *The Glory of God as the God of Glory: Toward a Christological Center of Old Testament Theology*, Southern Regional Meeting of the Evangelical Theological Society

Current Project: *For They are Blessed: An Introduction to the Pentateuch, the Jewish People, and their Patron Deity*

Memberships:

- American Theological Library Association
- Beta Phi Mu - International Library and Information Studies Honor Society
- Evangelical Theological Society

Christian Ministry:

December 1995 – May 1999 **Pastor**, Lula Baptist Church, Lula, MS

Administrative Experience:

May 1989 – July 1990 **Assistant Manager**, Schilling Lincoln-Mercury Motor Company, Inc., Little Rock, AR Production Supervisor, Inter-departmental Liaison

Ordination:

March 1996 **Ordination to the Gospel Ministry**, Geyer Springs First Baptist Church, Little Rock, AR

Denominational Activities:

- 1998 – 1999 **Vice-Moderator**, North Delta Baptist Association, Clarksdale, MS
 Advisory Council Member, Crisis Pregnancy Center, Clarksdale, MS
- 1997 – 1998 **President**, Pastor’s Conference, North Delta Baptist Association, Clarksdale, MS