L. Thomas Strong III

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EDUCATION

Ph.D. (New Testament and Greek), May 1992 New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, New Orleans, LA Dissertation Title: "The Significance of the 'Knowledge of God' in the Epistles of Paul" (Dr. Gerald Stevens, Dissertation Chairperson)

Master of Divinity (Biblical Studies), May 1987 New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, New Orleans, LA

Bachelor of Arts (Majors: Religion, Greek, and Sociology), May 1983 Union University, Jackson, TN

Additional Studies

Completed courses at UCLA and United Theological Seminary regarding online education pedagogy, best practices, and course development.

CURRENT POSITION

Vice-President of Spiritual Formation and Student Life at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary and Leavell College; Dean of Students; Professor of New Testament and Greek; Occupying the Broadmoor Chair of Discipleship.

HONORS AND AWARDS

- Graduated Magna Cum Laude from Union University
- Academic Excellence Medals in Religion, Greek, and Sociology from Union University presented to those with highest GPA in discipline
- Marvin Jones Award for Excellence: Outstanding Churchman New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, 2008
- Named Broadmoor Chair of Discipleship, August 2020
 New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary
- Recognized for 25 years of service on the faculty of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, 2018
- Recognized for 30 years of service on the faculty of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, 2023.

CERTIFICATION

- SACSCOC Peer Evaluator
 - o Training Completed July 2017

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Vice-President of Spiritual Formation and Student Life, Dean of Students,

New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, June 2022-present

- Serves on the President's Cabinet
- Provides oversight for the planning, evaluating, and encouraging of spiritual formation of the students and faculty
- Provides oversight of the chapel services
- Serves as the senior administrator over the office of Spiritual Formation and Student Life, including the areas of spiritual formation, student affairs, and student life
- Responsible for dealing with disciplinary matters related to students

Dean, Leavell College, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, June 1999-June 2022

- Serves on the President's Cabinet
- Performing administrative duties by providing oversight of the college faculty, college curriculum, and students
- Leading assessment
- Representing Leavell College at administrative meetings and advocating for the college in regard to the establishment and enforcement of policies
- Responsible for the hiring process of both full-time faculty and all adjuncts.
- Serves as a liaison for the administration to students when dealing with student issues
- Represents the college at public settings and private gatherings
- Developed curriculum for current majors: Christian Ministry, Biblical Studies, Worldview and Apologetics, Pastoral Ministries, Intercultural Studies
- Developed new courses: Senior Seminar, Christian Scriptures, Biblical Backgrounds, NT Studies: Life of Jesus, NT Studies, Life of Paul, Personal Spiritual Development, et al.

Professor of New Testament and Greek, Leavell College, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, August 1993-present

- Teaching undergraduate courses in New Testament, Greek, and Biblical Studies
- Additional, courses in the areas of discipleship
- Provides oversight for the practicum courses in the college
- Advising undergraduate students regarding their degree programs
- Serving on various faculty committees
- Was promoted to full professor in 1999

Full-time Adjunct Faculty Member, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, August 1990-July 1991

- Taught graduate courses: Intro to Greek 1, Intro to Greek 2, New Testament Survey, Pastoral Epistles, Romans, Galatians, Prison Epistles
- Served as an advisor to graduate students

Adjunct Instructor, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, 1986-1990

- Taught undergraduate courses in New Testament, Greek, Biblical Studies Concentrations
- Taught graduate courses in Greek Grammar

Contract Teacher, William Carey University, Jan. 1989-Dec. 1989

- Taught undergraduate course in New Testament Survey
- Taught at the Williams Carey Nursing School in New Orleans, LA

Teaching Assistant, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, New Orleans, LA, 1986-1992

- Teaching Assistant for Dr. Gerald Stevens, Profess of New Testament and Greek
- Teaching Assistant for Dr. Jerry Breazeale, Dean of the School of Christian Studies and Professor of New Testament and Greek

Collator, International Greek New Testament Project

• New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, 1993-1999

COURSES TAUGHT REGULARLY

- Biblical Studies: New Testament Survey, Biblical Backgrounds, Christian Scriptures, NT Studies: Life of Jesus, NT Studies: Life of Paul, NT Interp: Romans, NT Interp: Pastoral Epistles, NT Interp: Acts
- Language: Intro to Greek 1, Intro to Greek 2, Readings from the Greek New Testament, Advanced Readings from the Greek New Testament
- Spiritual Formation: Personal Spiritual Development, Christian Life Development
- Capstone: Senior Seminar

PUBLICATIONS

- "4 Reasons Bi-vocational Ministers Need Theological Education" in *Logos Seminary Guide*, 2024 Edition.
- "In the Pulpit While in the Classroom" in *Vision: New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary and Leavell College*, Spring 2024.
- "An Essential Unity" and "Contrasts: Luke 18" in the *Theological Educator*
- "Mentoring in a Seminary Community," Published in "The Proceedings of the International Mentoring Association," Fall 1999
- Various articles in *Eerdmans Bible Dictionary* and *Biblical Illustrator*

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

• Co-presenter with Dr. Karla McGehee and Dr. Sandy Vandercook for a three hour preconference workshop entitled: "Creating a Sustainable Rubric to Assess General Education." SACSCOC Annual Meeting, Dec. 2, 2021.

- Co-presenter with Dr. Karla McGehee and Dr. Sandy Vandercook, "Developing a Common Rubric to Assess General Education Competencies." SACSCOC Annual Meeting, Houston, Dec. 9, 2019
- Co-presenter with Dr. Karla McGehee and Dr. Sandy Vandercook, "Starting Over: Reinventing Your General Education Assessment Process," SACSCOC Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA, December 10, 2018

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- Society of Biblical Literature
- Evangelical Theological Society
- Alpha Chi Honorary Fraternity
- Association of College Registrars and Admissions Officers
- Louisiana Association of Independent College and Universities

DENOMINATIONAL AND MINISTRY SERVICE

- Senior Pastor, Metairie Baptist Church, Metairie, LA 2005-present.
- Interim Pastor, at Metairie Baptist, May 2003 Feb. 2005.
- Interim pastor at Westside Baptist Church in Ponchatoula, LA (twice) and Enon Baptist Church in Franklinton, LA.
- Pastor, Enon, Baptist church, Franklinton, Nov. 1989-1993
- Baptist Student Union Director and NAMB Semester Missionary, Wayne State Univ, Detroit, MI 1983-1984
- Short Term Missionary: Burkina Fasso, West Africa and Hurlock, MD
- Previously served on the Executive Board of the LBC, 2008 to 2014
 - o Served on the Executive Committee of the Board
 - o Served as Chairman of the Business and Finance Committee, 2011-2013
 - o Served as Vice Chair of the Board, 2013-2014
- Served as a board member for Global Maritime Ministries.
- Taught January Bible Study for Pastor Preparation on Galatians for pastor's in Louisiana.
- Taught the Bible sessions at the Louisiana Baptist Convention meeting in November 2022.
- Regular preacher during the chapel services of NOBTS.
- Preached numerous times at the associational and local level

REFERENCES

• Available upon request

INTERESTS

Spending time with family, working in the garden, reading, traveling

FAMILY

- Jana Strong wife married December 1984.
- Kathry Strong Burns daughter
- Nathan Strong son