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### **Biography**

I am an American religious historian that lived outside the United States (Armenia, Türkiye, United Kingdom) for almost 20 years analyzing ethnic and minority peoples and population segments in Iran and the Caucasus area. My main academic interest concerns how Christians in Iran – both ethnic Christians and those who converted to Christianity – interact among themselves and among the general population.

### **Education**

1. Doctor of Philosophy (PhD), Iranian History. St Leonard's College, University of St Andrews, Scotland, 2019.
  - a. Supervisor: Professor Ali M Ansari.
  - b. Thesis: "Can I Play with Madness: American Missionaries in Iran during the 1960s and 1970s."
2. Doctor of Philosophy (PhD), Applied Theology. Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, North Carolina, 2005.
  - a. Supervisor: Professor Keith E Eitel.
  - b. Thesis: "Missions for the Glory of God: An Analysis of the Missionary Theology of John Piper."
3. Master of Arts (MA), Christian Education. Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, North Carolina, 1998.
4. Bachelor of Arts (BA), History. The King's College, New York, 1995.

### **Teaching Experience**

1. Gateway Seminary (2019-Present)
  - a. *Chair, Missions and Intercultural Studies Department*, 2025-Present.
  - b. *Professor of Missions*, 2023-Present.
  - c. *Professor of Church History*, 2022-2023.
  - d. *Associate Professor of Church History*, 2020-2022.
  - e. *Adjunct Professor, Online Program*, 2019-2020.
2. *Lecturer of Christianity and Islam, History of Ideas, and Worldviews*, Institute of Oriental Studies, Russian-Armenian (Slavonic) State University (Yerevan, Armenia), 2017-Present.
3. *Research Associate*, Centre for World Christianity, School of Oriental and African Studies (University of London, United Kingdom), 2018-2020.

4. *Adjunct Professor, Online Program*, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary (Wake Forest, North Carolina), 2015.
5. *Adjunct Professor, Online Program*, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, (Fort Worth, Texas) 2010-2011.
6. *Adjunct Professor*, European Regional Academy of the Caucasus, Language Center (Yerevan, Armenia), 2006-2007.
7. *Adjunct Instructor, Applied Theology*, Southeastern College at Wake Forest (Wake Forest, North Carolina), 2004-2005.
8. *Teaching Fellow*, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary (Wake Forest, North Carolina), 1999-2005.

### **Professional Experience**

1. Gateway Seminary
  - a. Host, *From Here to Eternity* (podcast), 2025-Present
  - b. Editor (Applied Theology), *Gateway Journal of Theology*, 2023-Present.
2. Evangelical Missiological Society
  - a. Vice President Southwest Region (Arizona, California, Hawaii, Nevada), *Evangelical Missiological Society*, 2024-Present.
  - b. Events
    - i. Organizer, "Anthropology and Mission," *Evangelical Missiological Society Annual Southwest Regional Meeting*, Gateway Seminary, Ontario, California, 6 March 2026.
    - ii. Organizer, "Ecclesiology and Mission," *Evangelical Missiological Society Annual Southwest Regional Meeting*, Gateway Seminary, Ontario, California, 4 April 2025.
    - iii. Co-Organizer, "New Frontiers in Missiology," *Evangelical Missiological Society Annual Southwest Regional Meeting*, Gateway Seminary, Ontario, California, 6 April 2024.
3. Associate Editor (Intellectual History, Religion, Theology), *IRAN* (British Institute of Persian Studies), 2023-Present.
4. Russian-Armenian University
  - a. Co-Organizer on the Planning Committee, *The Association for the Study of Persianate Societies (ASPS) Biennial Conference*, Institute of Oriental Studies, Russian-Armenian University and the Institute of Archaeology and Ethnology of the National Academy of Sciences, Yerevan, Armenia; 28 May-4 June 2023.
  - b. Chair of the Religion Session, *Second International Conference: Anatolia-the Caucasus-Iran Dedicated to the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Iran and the Caucasus* (Brill); Institute of Oriental Studies Russian-Armenian University, Yerevan, Armenia; 21-23 June 2022.
  - c. Organizing Committee, *Second International Conference: Anatolia-the Caucasus-Iran Dedicated to the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Iran and the Caucasus* (Brill); Institute of Oriental Studies Russian-Armenian University, Yerevan, Armenia; 21-23 June 2022.
  - d. Editor, *Yerevan Oriental Series* (Russian-Armenian University), 2021-2024.

- e. *Founder and Managing Director, Academics in Culture and Tourism* (Yerevan, Armenia; Izmir, Türkiye; London, United Kingdom; Richmond, Virginia), 2005-2023.
5. Editorial Board and Ghost Writer, *Iran and the Caucasus* (Brill), 2007-2024.
6. United States Postal Service, 2000-2005; Managing Director, 2004-2005.

### **Ministerial Experience**

1. Supply Preacher at various churches in the United States, Europe, the Middle East, and Asia, 2005-Present.
2. Ordained, *International Bible Church of Armenia*, Yerevan, Armenia, 26 March 2023.
3. Co-Elder/Pastor (helped start a multi-ethnic church), Yerevan, Armenia, 2022.
4. Small Group Leader, *International Presbyterian Church*, London, United Kingdom, 2018.
5. Iranian Small Group Leader, *International Presbyterian Church*, London, United Kingdom, 2017-2020.
6. Small Group Leader, *Gunnersbury Baptist Church*, London, United Kingdom, 2012-2016.
7. Missions Director/Church Council, *Open Door Baptist Church*, Raleigh, North Carolina, 2002-2005.
8. Missions Director, *United Believers Fellowship* (a church plant), Raleigh, North Carolina, 1998.
9. Youth Director, *United Believers Fellowship* (a church plant), Raleigh, North Carolina, 1997.

### **Academic Affiliations**

1. American Academy of Religion
2. Association for Iranian Studies
3. The Association for the Study of Persianate Societies
4. British Institute of Persian Studies
5. Evangelical Missiological Society
6. Evangelical Theological Society

### **Books, Chapters, Journal Articles**

1. *A History of Christianity in Central Asia, the Middle East, and North Africa*, co-written with Kambiz Saghaey (Nashville: Broadman and Holman Academic, 2028), upcoming.
2. "A Baptist Missiological Interpretation of the Nicene Creed," in *The Nicene Creed's Enduring Relevance for Southern Baptist Theology and Ministry in California*, ed. by Cameron Schweitzer and Ryan Rippee, (Nashville: Broadman and Holman Academic, 2026), upcoming.
3. "The Subversive Nature of Christianity in Modern Iran," in *I. B. Tauris Handbook of State and Society in Modern Iran*, ed. by Cameron Amin (London: I. B. Tauris, 2026), upcoming.
4. "The Islamic Republic of Iran's Mandate for Females to Wear Traditional Muslim Clothing – the *Manteau* and *Rousari* – and the American Evangelical Response," *Gateway Journal of Theology* 1:2 (Spring 2026): upcoming.

5. *John Piper, Calvinism, and Missions: A Way Forward* (Cantonment, FL: Energion, 2024).
6. “The Forgotten Armenians,” in *The Ethno-Cultural Others of Turkey: Contemporary Reflections*, ed. by Ahmet Kerim Gultekin and Cakir Ceyhan Suvari (Yerevan: Russian-Armenian University Press, 2021), 249-68. Translated into Turkish by Erdogan Boz (2022).
7. *American Missionaries in Iran during the 1960s and 1970s* (London: Palgrave MacMillan, 2020), paperback edition, 2021.
8. “An Overview of the Missions Activities of the Southern Baptist Convention’s Foreign Mission Board in Iran,” *Iran and the Caucasus* 22:2 (2018): 168-76.
9. “Iran’s Ethnic Christians: The Assyrians and The Armenians,” *Journal of the Evangelical Theological Society* 61:1 (2018): 137-52. Translation into Korean by Simon Lee in *Silk Wave Mission* (Sept 2021).
10. “Mission to Unreached People Groups,” in *The Mission of God*, ed. by Bruce R Ashford (Nashville: Broadman and Holman, 2011), 173-85.
11. “Modern Western Christian Missions in Iran: The Connection Between Government and Missionary,” *Iran and the Caucasus* 19:4 (2015): 299-309.
12. “On Why the United States Should Not Attack Iran: A Conservative, Evangelical Christian Response,” co-written with Bruce R Ashford, *The Quarterly Journal of Political Studies of Islamic World* 1:1 [Imam Khomeini International University Qazvin, Iran] (Spring 2012): 21-33.
13. *God’s Desire for the Nations: The Missionary Theology of John Piper* (Gonzalez, FL: Energion, 2010).

### **Professional Presentations**

14. “Christianity in Iran and Conflict,” *Evangelical Missiological Society Annual Southwest Regional Meeting, Gateway Seminary, Ontario, California, 27 March 2026*.
15. “The Nicene Creed and Missions,” *Bay Area Theology Symposium, Gateway Seminary, Union City, California, 7-8 Nov 2025*.
16. “The Islamic Republic of Iran’s Mandate for Females to Wear Traditional Muslim Clothing – the *Manteau* and *Rousari* – and the American Evangelical Response,” *Evangelical Missiological Society Annual Southwest Regional Meeting, Gateway Seminary, Ontario, California, 4 April 2025*; repeated at *Evangelical Missiological Society Annual Regional Meeting, Dallas Theological Seminary, Dallas, Texas, 2 Oct 2025*.
17. “The Contemporary Use of 1960s and 1970s Practices of Foreign Mission Board Missionaries of the Southern Baptist Convention in Iran,” *Evangelical Missiological Society Annual Southwest Regional Meeting, Gateway Seminary, Ontario, California, 6 April 2024*.
18. “A Christian Response to the Protests in Iran,” *Russian-Armenian University’s Serendipity Series, Institute of Oriental Studies, Russian-Armenian University, Yerevan, Armenia, 9 Nov 2022*.
19. “Westernization and Modernization of Christianity in Iran,” *Second International Conference, Anatolia-the Caucasus-Iran: Dedicated to the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Iran and the Caucasus, Institute of Oriental Studies, Russian-Armenian University, Yerevan, Armenia, 21-23 June 2022*.

20. "Of When Wars are Just: The Examples of the Conflicts Between Ukraine (2022) and Georgia (2008) with Russia, and Armenia with Azerbaijan (1988-Present) Compared to the Wars by the United States Against Afghanistan (2001-2021) and Iraq (2003)," *Russian-Armenian University's Oriental Studies Series*, Yerevan, Armenia, 31 March 2022.
21. "The Calvinist Understanding of the Doctrine of Election in Relation to the Proclamation of the Gospel," *International Conference on Practical Theology*, Qom, Iran, 6-7 March 2022.
22. "The Transitioning Model of American Christianity in Iran during the Last Years of the Pahlavis," *25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Iran and the Caucasus* (Brill), 1 June 2021, Yerevan, Armenia.
23. "In the Absence of Evidence: Mill and James Against Hume's 'On Miracles' in Conversation with Ancient Voices and Sacred Texts", with Adam Groza, *International Conference of Rationality, Theism and Atheism*, The Institute of Iranian Philosophy, 1-2 March 2021, Tehran, Iran.
24. "Proselytization Efforts of American Protestant Missionaries in Iran during the Last Years of the Pahlavis," *2020 Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion*, 21-24 Nov 2020, Boston, Massachusetts.
25. "Christian Missions in Gorgan," *Association for Iranian Studies Biennial Conference*; 14-17 Aug 2018, Irvine, California.
26. "Worldviews in Concept: A Comparison of Christianity and Islam," *The Sixth International Conference on Contemporary Philosophy of Religion*; 6-7 February 2018; Tehran, Iran (submitted and accepted, but visa denied).
27. "Southern Baptist Missions in Iran," *The Association for the Study of Persianate Societies Biennial Conference*; 8-11 Sept 2015, Istanbul, Turkey.
28. "Pain, Suffering, and Death to the Glory of God: An Explanation of Evangelical Theologian John Piper's Understanding of the Problem of Evil," *The International Conference on Contemporary Philosophy of Religion*; 23-24 December 2012, Tehran, Iran (submitted and accepted, but visa denied).
29. "Geographical Issues Facing Israel and the Middle East: Eschatological Fulfillment of the Promises of Land Made to the Jews," *International Conference: Middle East: Language, Literature, and History*, 20-21 Oct 2012, Yerevan, Armenia.
30. "A Conservative, Evangelical Response to US Foreign Policy towards Iran," *International Conference: The Turkic World, the Caucasus, and Iran – Crossroads of Civilizational Interaction*, 10-12 July 2009, Yerevan, Armenia.
31. "Muslims and Christians Together: Pain Suffering and Death to the Glory of God," *International Conference: Iran and the Caucasus: Unity and Diversity*, 6-8 June 2008, Yerevan, Armenia.
32. "Inspiration," *Macmillan Publishing Company*, 8 March 2007, Yerevan, Armenia.

#### **White Papers/Online Articles**

33. "Persecution and Protection of Iranian Christians," *The Gateway Press*, 4 March 2026.
34. "First Person: Persecution and Protection of Iranian Christians," *Baptist Press*, 3 March 2026.

35. "Of Faith, Conscience, and Conflict: Reflections of Philip Hopkins on Ethics in a Time of War," *Organization for Defending Victims of Violence* [a non-governmental organization in Special Consultative Status with the UN Economic and Social Council], Tehran, Iran, 6 Aug 2025.
36. "Excerpt: John Piper, Calvinism, and Missions: A Way Forward," *The Gateway Press*, 8 Nov 2024.
37. White Paper: "A Christian's Response to the Protests in Iran," written to IMB missionaries to Iran, 4 Nov 2022.
38. White Paper: "The Dangers of Expatriate Iranian Messianic Jews Being Deported from the United States to Iran," part of information used in a federal court case, 21 Aug 2019, East Palo Alto, California.
39. "A Lesson American Evangelicals Can Learn from Iranian Christians Regarding Making Religious Liberty an Idol," *Academics Connecting Together*, 25 Sept 2018, Reprint: *Reformed Perspectives Magazine* 20:50 (9-15 Dec 2018). Reprint: "Idolizing Religious Liberty," *The Gateway Press*, Gateway Seminary, Ontario, California, (18 Feb 2022).
40. "Armenian Christianity in Iran," *Academics Connecting Together*, 17 April 2017.
41. "An Introduction to the History of Christianity in Iran," *Academics Connecting Together*, 20 July 2015.

## Reviews

42. *Crossing Cultures with the Gospel: Anthropological Wisdom for Effective Christian Witness*, by Darrel Whitman, *Themelios* 51:1 (April 2026): forthcoming.
43. *The Rule of Law in the Islamic Republic of Iran: Power, Institutes, and the Limits of Reform*, edited by Hadi Enayat, *The Middle East Journal* 79:1 (Winter 2026): 123-124.
44. *The Iranian Christian Diaspora: Religion and Nationhood in Exile*, by Benedikt Römer, *Journal of the Evangelical Missiological Society* 5:2 (Fall 2025): 91-93.
45. *Mission Manifest: American Evangelicals and Iran in the Twentieth Century*, by Matthew K. Shannon, *The Middle East Journal* 78:2-3 (Spring 2025): 289-290.
46. *Muslim-Christian Polemics in Safavid Iran*, by Alberto Tiburcio, *Iran and the Caucasus* 25:2 (2021): 313-16.
47. *Confronting Christianity: 12 Hard Questions for the World's Largest Religion*, by Rebecca McLaughlin, *Southeastern Theological Review* 11:1 (Spring 2020): 139-41.
48. *Revival and Awakening: American Evangelical Missionaries in Iran and the Origins of Assyrian Nationalism*, by Adam H Becker, *Academics Connecting Together*, 21 June 2018.
49. *Too Many to Jail: The Story of Iran's New Christians*, by Mark Bradley, *Iran and the Caucasus* 21:2 (2017): 249-50.
50. *The Carter Administration & the Fall of Iran's Pahlavi Dynasty: US-Iran Relations on the Brink of the 1979 Revolution*, by Javier Gil Guerrero, *Iran and the Caucasus* 21:1 (2017): 118-19. Translated into Farsi, by Ali Mohammad Azadeh, *The Database of Islamic Republic of Iran's Literature Office*, 18 Jan 2022.
51. *One Nation Under God: A Christian Hope for American Politics*, by Bruce Ashford and Chris Pappalardo, *Southeastern Theological Review* 7:1 (Summer 2016): 140-42.
52. *The Child Catchers: Rescue, Trafficking, and the New Gospel of Adoption*, by Kathryn Joyce, *Southeastern Theological Review* 6:1 (Summer 2015): 124-26.

53. *Religions of Iran: From Prehistory to the Present*, by Richard Foltz, *Iran and the Caucasus* 19:2 (2015): 199-200.
54. *Iran: A Very Short Introduction*, by Ali Ansari, *Iran and the Caucasus* 19:1 (2015): 115-16.
55. *The Politics of Nationalism in Modern Iran*, by Ali Ansari, *Iran and the Caucasus* 17:2 (2013): 235-37.
56. *Christian Encounters with Iran: Engaging Muslim Thinkers after the Revolution*, by Sasan Tavassoli, *Southwestern Journal of Theology* 54:2 (2012): 241-43.
57. *The Fervent Embrace: Liberal Protestants, Evangelicals, and Israel*, by Caitlin Carenen, *Southeastern Theological Review* 3:2 (Winter 2012): 271-72.
58. *Non-Muslims in the Early Islamic Empire: From Surrender to Coexistence*, ed. by Milka Levy-Rubin, *Iran and the Caucasus* 16:1 (2012): 265-66.
59. *Texts, Documents and Artefacts: Islamic Studies in Honour of D S Richards*, ed. by Chase E Robinson, *Academics Connecting Together*, 18 May 2012.
60. *The Ayatollah's Democracy: An Iranian Challenge*, by Hooman Majd, *Between the Times*, 5 February 2011. Reprint: *Academics Connecting Together*, 18 May 2012.
61. *The Oxford Handbook of Iranian History*, ed. by Touraj Daryaee, *Academics Connecting Together*, 5 May 2012.
62. *Iran's Constitutional Revolution*, ed. by H. E. Chebabi and Vanessa Martin, *Iran and the Caucasus* 15:1 (2011): 337-41.
63. *Hafiz and the Religion of Love in Classical Persian Poetry*, ed. by Leonard Lewisohn, *Iran and the Caucasus* 14:2 (2010): 452-54.
64. *The World of Achaemenid Persia - History, Art and Society in Iran and the Ancient Near East*, ed. by John Curtis and St John Simpson, *Iran and the Caucasus* 14: 2 (2010): 459-60.
65. *Yek-Sad-o Shast Sal Mobahraze bah Deeyahnet Bahia: Gooshah-yi az Tarikh Ejtamah'a-yi – Deeni Iran dar Dorahn Ma'ahsar* [160 Years of Persecution: An Overview of the Persecution of the Baha'is of Iran], by Fereyduun Vahman, *Iran and the Caucasus* 14:1 (2010): 192-95.
66. *Dschidad im Kaukasus: Antikolonialer Widerstand der Dagestaner und Tschetschenen gegen Zarenreich (18 Jahrhundert bis 1859)* [Jihad in the Caucasus: Anti-Colonial Resistance of the Dagestanis and Chechens against Tsarist Russia (18th Century to 1859)], by Clemens P Sidorko, *Iran and the Caucasus* 13:2 (2009): 434 [written with pen name].
67. *Herrschaft, Recht und Islam in Daghestan: Von den Khanaten und Gemeindebünden zum gihad-Staat* [Rule, Law and Islam in Dagestan: Khanates and Municipal Federations of the Jihad State], by Michael Kemper, *Iran and the Caucasus* 13:2 (2009): 432 [written with pen name].
68. *Horses in Asia: History, Trade and Culture*, ed. by Bert G Fragner, Ralph Kauz, Roderich Ptak, and Angela Schottenhammer, *Iran and the Caucasus* 13:2 (2009): 415-17.
69. *Osmanismus, Nationalismus und der Kaukasus: Muslime und Christen, Türken und Armenier im 19. und 20. Jahrhundert* [Ottomanism, Nationalism and the Caucasus: Muslims and Christians, Turks and Armenians in the 19th and 20th Centuries], ed. by Adanir Fikret and Bernd Bonwetsch, *Iran and the Caucasus* 13:2 (2009): 433.
70. *The Ayatollah Begs to Differ: The Paradox of Modern Iran* by Hooman Majd, in *Iran and the Caucasus* 13:1 (2009): 225-26.

71. *Al-Qaeda: The True Story of Radical Islam*, by Jason Burke, *Iran and the Caucasus* 13:1 (2009): 227-28.
72. *Method and Theory in the Study of Islamic Origins*, ed. by Herbert Berg, *Iran and the Caucasus* 12:1 (2008): 153-57.
73. *The Brill Dictionary of Religion*, ed. by Kocku von Stuckrad, *Iran and the Caucasus* 11:2 (2007): 315-18.

### Interviews, Unpublished, and Popular Articles

74. Diana Chandler, "Iranian Ministers, Gateway Professor Assess Plight of Iranian Christians," *Baptist Press*, 11 March 2026.
75. Scott Barkley, "Pivotal Moment for Iranian Christians, Gateway Prof Says," *Baptist Press*, 12 Jan 2026.
76. Edwin Keshish-Abnous, "Iran and Christianity," *Unmuted*, Heart of Iran [Christian Broadcasting Network], 13 Sept 2025.
77. "Remembering the Armenian Genocide," 2 May 2025, *Baptist Press*.
78. Mohammad Memarian
  - a. "The United States Attacking Iran Harms Christianity," *Iran Daily*, TBD, 2026.
  - a. "The 12 Day Israel Iran War: A Christian Perspective," *Islamic Republic of Iran Broadcasting (IRIB)*, 9 July 2025.
  - b. "Alignment with the Shah Hurt Missionaries in the Long Run," *Iran Daily*, 12 Feb 2023: 7.
  - c. "Shah Baroyeh Takeem Ghadar Tash Pah az Gleemish dar az Tar Kard" [To Consolidate Power, the Shah Extended His Strength], *Iran Daily*, 10 Feb 2023:19.
  - d. "The New Versus Old: Christianity in Iran," *Iran TV 4*, 24 Oct 2022.
  - e. "A Catholic Theologian's Look into Gun Violence in the US: Ultimately, They Want to be God, to be in Control," *Iran Daily*, 8 June 2022: 10.
  - f. "Materialism is Killing the West," *Iran Daily*, 10 April 2022: 6.
  - g. "Christian Missions of a Dubious Nature," *Iran Daily*, 24 January 2022: 6.
79. Nima Alizadeh, *The Gospel Coalition*: "Missionaries in Iran," 31 Oct 2022.
80. Jeff Iorg, "Maintaining a Global Perspective with Dr Philip Hopkins," *Lead On Podcast*, 18 Sept 2022.
81. "Why We Do Missions as Family," [written under the pseudonym Benjamin Breeg], *Baptist Press*, 25 Jan 2022.
82. Fatima Tofighi [assistant professor of religious studies at the University of Religions in Qom, Iran], "Islam and Modernization, Theological Considerations: A Woman's Role in Islam in Relation to a Woman's Role in Christianity," *University of Religions*, Qom, Iran, 9 Nov 2021.
83. Seyyed Hossein Nasr, "What is Islam and Its Relation to Christianity and the Modern World," *George Washington University*, Washington DC, 28 Oct 2021.
84. 'Amid Pandemic Consider the Persecuted Church,' [written under the pseudonym Benjamin Breeg], 14 April 2020, *Baptist Press*.
85. "Did Islam Conquer Christianity in Iran? A Response to Jon Pentecost," PCI Conference, 2014 [written with pen name].

86. Keith R Parks [former president of the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention], Murfreesboro, North Carolina, 4 April 2000. Transcript, *Southeastern SBC Historical Missiology Oral History Collection*, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, North Carolina.

### **Guest Speaker Interviews**

87. Windfield and Susan Scott, “Christians in Central Asia and Persecution,” Gateway Seminary, Ontario, California, 15 Jan 2026.
88. Gerald Lee, “Spiritual Conflict and Missions,” *Gateway Seminary*, Ontario, California, 4 Nov 2024.
89. Dr James, “Spiritual Warfare Overseas,” *Gateway Seminary*, Ontario, California, 28 Oct 2024.
90. Matt Sigmon, [Executive Pastor, Imago Dei Church, Raleigh, North Carolina], “The Importance of Missions at the Local Church from an Executive Pastor’s Perspective,” *Gateway Seminary*, Ontario, California, 23 Sept 2024.
91. JD Greear [Lead Pastor of The Summit Church, Durham, North Carolina], “The Persecuted Church,” *Gateway Seminary*, Ontario, California, 11 Sept 2024.
92. Scott Logsdon [pastor of Dutch Chapel, Istanbul, Türkiye], “Cross-Cultural Learning for Westerners,” *Gateway Seminary*, Ontario, California, 22 May 2024.

### **Select Popular Speaking Engagements**

93. “Do All Religions Teach the Same Thing,” *Special Studies in Philosophy* (taught by Adam Groza), Gateway Seminary, 31 Aug 2024.
94. “Christianity in Iran,” *Chapel Speaker*, Gateway Seminary, 15 Feb 2024; also, *PhD Seminar Luncheon*, Gateway Seminary, 9 Jan 2024.
95. “Teaching the Bible Cross-Culturally,” *Bible Teaching Conference*, Gateway Seminary, Ontario, CA, 27 Jan 2024.
96. “Loving Our Muslim Neighbors,” *Mongolia Baptist Association*, Gracepoint Church, Alameda, CA, 3-4 Nov 2023.
97. “Cultivating Holiness: Holiness Across Cultures,” *Transform 2023*, Gateway Seminary, Ontario, CA, 19 Aug 2023.
98. “Calvinism: What it is and What it is Not,” *Iranian Pastor’s Training Conference*, Nicosia, Cyprus, 31 March 2023.
99. “Christian History in Iran,” International Bible Church of Armenia, Yerevan, Armenia, 23 March 2023.
100. “A Theology of Christian Missions,” *Young Adult Discipleship Conference*, Centre Baptist Church, Yerevan, Armenia, 26 Nov 2022.

### **From Here to Eternity (Podcast) Episodes**

101. Kelly Zbinen, “Project 3000,” 2 March 2026.
102. Peter Lillback, President, Westminster Theological Seminary, 8 Dec 2025.
103. Jamie Dew, Ministering as President of New Orleans Seminary,” 24 Oct 2025.
104. Paul Chitwood, “Ministering as the IMB President,” 29 Sept 2025.
105. Nathan Finn, “Ministering at North Greenville University, 19 Sept 2025.
106. Rico Tice, “The Creation of Christianity Explored,” 2 Sept 2025.
107. Don and Anne Dent, “Ministering as Retired Missionaries,” 19 Aug 2025.

108. Captain Steeve (Steve Scheibner), "Remembering 9/11 with Captain Steeve, Content Creator, Navy and Airline Pilot," 5 Aug 2025.
109. David Dockery, "Ministering as President of Southwestern Seminary," 5 Aug 2025.
110. Clint Pressley, "Ministering as a Pastor and President of the Southern Baptist Convention," 31 July 2025.
111. Danny Akin, "Ministering as President of Southeastern Seminary," 30 July 2025.
112. Victor Chayasirsobhon, "Pastoring in the Greater Los Angeles Area," 15 July 2025.
113. "A Personal Reflection on the Israel/Iran War," 29 June 2025.
114. Julius Tennal, II, "Ministering at The Summit Church in Raleigh-Durham," 2 June 2025.
115. David Rathel, "The Immutability and Impassibility of God," 15 May 2025.
116. Scott Hildreth, "Ministering as a Seminary Professor," 15 May 2025.
117. Mo Sanavi, "Muslim Turned Pastor," 14 May 2025.
118. Stephen Coppenrath, "Church Planting in Southern California," 6 May 2025.
119. Jesse Harris, "Ministering in Spain," 25 April 2025.
120. Mikko Sivonen, "Ministering in Finland," 22 April 2025.
121. Scott Byrd, "Missionary Turned Pastor," 8 April 2025.
122. Various Scholars, "Ecclesiology and Mission," *Evangelical Missiological Society Annual Southwest Regional Meeting, Gateway Seminary, Ontario, California*, 4 April 2025.
123. Paul Levy, "Ministering in London," 25 March 2025.
124. MC, "Ministering in Southeast Asia," 20 March 2025.
125. Darren Logan, "A Lifetime of Ministry," 7 March 2025.
126. Carola Manriquez, "Go/Beyond Trips," 4 March 2025.
127. Brian Kennedy, "The Black Church in America," 26 Feb 2025.
128. Sam Rahmani, "An Iranian Christian's Testimony," 21 Feb 2025.
129. Geoff Logan, "Living as a Third Culture Kid," 21 Feb 2025.
130. Hovig Bajanian, "The Armenian Genocide," 20 Feb 2025.
131. JB, "Ministering in the Eastern Bloc," 19 Feb 2025.
132. David Page, "Persian Theological Education," 18 Feb 2025.
133. Tony and Diana Rodriquez, "Ministering to Migrants," 14 Feb 2025.
134. "The Nature of the Female Dress Code in Iran," 14 Feb 2025.
135. "Introduction to From Here to Eternity," 11 Feb 2025.