

Curriculum Vitae

DAVID M. BELL

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◆ ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Full-time

Senior Lecturer and Departmental Director of Core Curriculum, 2008-present
Georgia State University

Part-time

Adjunct Professor
Emory University, Candler School of Theology 2005-2009
Mercer University, McAfee School of Theology 2006-2008
University of Tennessee at Chattanooga 2005
Teaching and Research Assistant, Emory University 2002-2004

◆ AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Psychology and Religion

Religious Identity and Faith Development

Rituals and Cognition

Moral Development

Research Methods in the Study of Religion

Qualitative and quantitative methods for the study of religion

Research design and implementation for religious studies scholars

Religion and Science

History of religion and science in America, 19th century

Philosophy of religion and science

Religion and Culture

Sociological trends in American religion

Evangelical religion in American South

◆ EDUCATION

Emory University 2001-2009

Ph.D., Graduate Division of Religion, Persons and Culture

Princeton Theological Seminary 1994-1997

M.Div., Psychology and Religion, Christianity in America

Samford University 1990-1994

B.A., Religion major; Sociology minor

Invited scholar status: Princeton University, University of Durham (UK), Universität Tübingen

◆ DOCTORAL EXAMS

Methodological Approaches to the Study of Religion; Science, Religion and the Legacy of William James; Psychology of Psychosocial Generativity; Evolutionary Psychology and Religion

◆ DOCTORAL DISSERTATION

Religious Identity: Conceptualization and measurement of the religious self

Summary: This was an interdisciplinary project using methods from the humanities and the social sciences to establish a theoretical foundation for understanding the ways in which religious practices,

experiences, and cultural institutions factor into individual religious identity. It also served as a construct validity study establishing a measure for religious identity based on cognitive science, phenomenological methods, and narrative theory.

◆ ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS

Georgia State University, Darwin Day Lectures “ <i>Evolutionary Foundations to Religious Thinking</i> ”	February, 2015
University of West Georgia, 2014 Ethics and Society Speaker Series “ <i>Moral Injury and Moral Identity: Understanding How War Factors into the Identity of Soldiers</i> ”	March, 2014
American Academy of Religion (Baltimore, MD) “ <i>Conflict, Cognition, and Moral Injury: Understanding religious attachments and cognitive dissonance as concatenate factors in the experience of moral trauma</i> ”	November, 2013
Society for the Scientific Study of Religion (Boston, MA) “ <i>Moral Identity and Moral Injury: How faith development factors into the experience of trauma during and after deployment</i> ”	November, 2013
Laboratory for Experimental Research in Religion Annual Conference (Brno, Czech Republic) “ <i>What is Old is New Again: A response to Ingram’s ‘Shifts in Religious Belief in Early Adolescence’</i> ”	October, 2012
Society for the Scientific Study of Religion (Milwaukee, WI) “ <i>Religious Incongruence: Personal narratives, expectations, and variability among religious groups in Atlanta</i> ”	October, 2011
International Association for the Psychology of Religion Biannual Conference (Bari, Italy) “ <i>Religious Identity and Cognitive Styles among Atlanta Baptists</i> ”	August, 2011
American Academy of Religion (Montreal, Canada) “ <i>Homophobia in the Black Church: Congregations, Identities, and Gender</i> ”	November, 2009
American Academy of Religion (Montreal, Canada) “ <i>Rethinking Religious Identity: Cognitive approaches</i> ”	November, 2009
Society for the Scientific Study of Religion (Denver, CO) “ <i>The Cognitive Psychology of Religious Identity</i> ”	October, 2009
International Association for the Psychology of Religion Triennial (Vienna, Austria) “ <i>Rethinking Explanation and Identity in Religion</i> ”	August, 2009
American Psychological Association (San Francisco, California) “ <i>The Psychology of Religion in American Pragmatism</i> ”	August 2007
American Academy of Religion (Washington D.C.) “ <i>The Identity Marketplace: Conceptualizing religious identity development for research and spiritual care in pluralistic societies</i> ”	November 2006
International Association for the Psychology of Religion Triennial Conference (Leuven, Belgium) “ <i>The Sacred Self: Implicit and explicit aspects of religious identity</i> ”	September 2006
British Sociology of Religion Conference (Manchester, United Kingdom) “ <i>Development of the Religious Self: A theoretical foundation for measuring religious identity</i> ”	April 2006
Southeastern Regional American Academy of Religion (Atlanta, Georgia) “ <i>Closer to the gods: rethinking the stigma of mental disability and its role in religious experiences</i> ”	March 2006
American Psychological Association, Psychology of Religion Mid-year Conference (Baltimore, Maryland) “ <i>Religious Identity: Conceptualizing a measure for research and practice</i> ”	March 2006

◆ PUBLICATIONS

Chapters

- “Fathering, Rituals, and Mating: Exploring Paternal Stability and Sexual Strategies in Early Religions Practices,” chapter in *The Attraction of Religion: A New Evolutionary Psychology of Religion*, (New York: Bloomsbury Academic, 2015)
- “Science, Ritual, and Sacrifice,” chapter in *Science and the World’s Religions*, (Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-CLIO Press, 2013), with Kathryn McClymond
- “Development of the Religious Self: A theoretical foundation for measuring religious identity,” chapter in *Religion and the Individual: Belief, Practice, Identity* (Hants, UK: Ashgate, 2008)

Peer Reviewed Articles

- “The Effects of Prayer on Attention Resource Allocation and Attention Biases,” accepted January 2013 to the *International Journal for the Psychology of Religion*, with Holly Adams and David Washburn
- “Religious Identity Development: Understanding Styles and Stages in the Religious Self,” under review, submitted September 2013 to *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*
- “Distinguishing Structural and Functional Models of Human Development,” *Identity* 3:3, 2003, with John Snarey

Encyclopedia Entries

- “Faith Development Theory,” entry *Encyclopedia of Christian Education*, (Scarecrow Press, forthcoming)
- “Evolutionary Psychology of Identity,” entry *Encyclopedia of Identity*, (New York: Sage, 2010)
- “Identity Development,” entry *Encyclopedia of Identity*, (New York: Sage, 2010)
- “Self Concept,” entry *Encyclopedia of Identity*, (New York: Sage, 2010), with Holly Adams
- “Theory of Mind,” entry in *Encyclopedia of Identity*, (New York: Sage, 2010), with Christopher See
- “Religious Identity,” entry *Encyclopedia of Psychology and Religion*, (New York: Springer, 2009)
- “Erikson, Erik,” entry *Encyclopedia of Religious and Spiritual Development*, (London: Sage, 2005)

Book Reviews

- “Life Over Death in the Psychology of Religion,” *Death Studies* 31:4, 383-387, April 2007
extended book review of *Handbook of the Psychology of Religion and Spirituality*, ed.’s Raymond Paloutzian and Crystal Park (New York: Guilford, 2005)
- “Review of ‘Erikson on Development in Adulthood’ by Carol Hoare,” *Journal of Moral Education* 35:1, March, 2005

◆ GRANTS

- U.S. Army Medical Research and Material Command – under review, *submitted 2014*
1.5 million request, Co-Principle Investigator, GSU
Comprehensive Programs for Preventing, Identifying, and Treating Moral Injury as a Distinct Form of PTSD
- Templeton Foundation, Awarded \$750,000, primary author, Emory University *2006-2011*
The Pursuit of Happiness: Scientific, Theological and Interdisciplinary Perspectives on the Love of God, Neighbor, and Self

◆ AWARDS AND HONORS

- Georgia State University *2008-2012*
Outstanding Teaching Competence
- Emory University *2006-2007*
Dean’s Teaching Fellowship
(*University wide award for excellence in teaching, \$17,000*)
- Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, Belgium *August, 2006*

Research and travel grant in religious identity (Funded jointly by Emory and Katholieke U. Leuven, \$3,500)	April, 2006
University of Manchester, United Kingdom	
Research and travel grant in identity formation (Funded jointly by Emory and the University of Manchester, \$2,800)	
Emory University	2005-2006
Woodruff Library Research Fellowship (Religion and Christian Missions of Africa Project, \$15,000)	
Duke University	July, 2005
Summer research grant in religion and mental health (Funded by Emory University, \$2,800)	
Emory University	June, 2005
Master Teacher Program Fellowship (Awarded to two doctoral candidates across the university, \$1,200)	
Emory University	2001-2005
Graduate School of Arts and Sciences Fellowship (Four year full tuition scholarship and stipend, \$167,000)	
Princeton Theological Seminary	1994-1997
Academic scholarship (Three year full tuition and board scholarship, \$37,000)	

◆ EDITORIAL SERVICE

Editorial Board, *Philosophical Writings*, (Durham, UK) 2002-present (review articles submitted in American Pragmatism)

Editorial peer reviewer, *International Journal of Practical Theology*, 2008-present (review articles in science and religion, and research approaches in practical theology)

◆ PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES

American Academy of Religion

American Psychological Association, Div. 36

International Association for the Psychology of Religion

International Association for the Cognitive Science of Religion

North American Association for the Study of Religion

Society for the Scientific Study of Religion

◆ TEACHING COMPETENCE

Psychology and Religion; American Religions; Research Methods in Religion; Sociology and Religion; Religion and Science; Moral Development; Religion and Science; Religion and Gender; Religion in American South

◆ TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Pedagogical Training:

Master Teacher Program Award, Emory University Advisory Council on Teaching, June, 2005

TATTO program, Emory University (workshops and courses on teaching), 2001-2003

Philosophy of Education (graduate course, Georgia State University), Fall, 2000

Dean's Teaching Fellowship, awarded for excellence in teaching, Emory University, 2006-2008