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## EDUCATION

The University of Tennessee | Knoxville, TN May 2009  
*Bachelors of Arts in Communication*

The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary | Louisville, KY May 2013  
*Master of Divinity*

The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary | Louisville, KY In Coursework  
*Doctor of Philosophy in Ethics and Public Theology with minor in Philosophy*

## PRIMARY PUBLICATIONS

### Books

*The Age of AI: Artificial Intelligence and the Future of Humanity*, Zondervan (March 2020)

*Following Jesus in A Digital Age*, B&H Publishing (Forthcoming, June 2022)

*Track: A Student's Guide to Social Media*, Christian Focus (Forthcoming, 2022)

### Edited Volumes

*The Digital Public Square: Christian Ethics in a Technological Society*, B&H Academic (Forthcoming, November 2022)

Series co-editor with C. Ben Mitchell, *Essentials in Christian Ethics*, 12 volumes, B&H Academic (Forthcoming 2023-2025)

### Scholarly Articles/Presentations

"Always Known, But Rarely Loved: A Christian Ethical Assessment of Facial Recognition Technology" | Evangelical Theological Society, 20 November 2020.

“Is Technology Simply a Tool? Toward a Christian Philosophy of Technology through the Lens of Jacques Ellul” | Southeast Chapter of the Evangelical Philosophical Society, 19 March 2020.

“Dangers in the Digital Public Square: A Christian Ethical Response to Conspiracy Theories and Misinformation” | Evangelical Theological Society, 16 November 2021.

“Always Known, But Rarely Loved: A Christian Ethical Assessment of Facial Recognition Technology” | Africanus Journal, November 2021.

Review of *Christian Worldview*, by Herman Bavinck, Southern Baptist Journal of Theology 24, no. 3 (Fall 2020): 141-143.

## **Representative Articles/Statements**

“Rumors of AI Wars: Where Google and the Bible Agree” | Christianity Today, 2 November 2018.

“Artificial Intelligence Favors the Powerful. But It Doesn’t Have To.” | Christianity Today, 12 April 2020

“Artificial Intelligence: An Evangelical Statement of Principles” | ERLC, 14 April 2019.

“How is Technology Changing Democracy?” | Providence Magazine, 15 November 2019.

“(Fake) Sex in a Technological Age” | The Gospel Coalition, 5 March 2020.

“Should We Give Up Privacy to Fight Coronavirus?” | The Gospel Coalition, 12 May 2020.

“What is Digital Authoritarianism?” | ERLC, 28 September 2020

“How Social Media Has Aided the Disintegration of Our Public Discourse” | ERLC, 8 January 2021

“The Purpose of Privacy” | ERLC, 1 February 2021

“Jan. 6 was fueled by misinformation. More content moderation won’t fix it.” | The Week, 6 January 2022

“Disciplined by Algorithms: Where Is ‘Big Tech’ Leading You?” | Desiring God, 7 January 2022

## **Representative Interviews/Media/Lectures**

“How Southern Baptists Are Grappling With Artificial Intelligence,” Slate, 12 April 2019.

“Is Technology the Cure We Need?,” World Radio, 21 April 2020.

“TikTok: Is Time Running Out For This App?,” Daily Caller, 10 July 2020

“The Age of AI: Artificial Intelligence, Ethics, and Society,” Lecture at the Chautauqua Institution, 17 July 2020

“Ethics of in the Age of AI: Defining and Pursuing the Good for Our Good,” Lecture at the Reasons to Believe AI Workshop, 16 January 2021

“Australia Forces Facebook to Support Journalists” | World Radio, 11 March 2021

## **Teaching Experience**

Adjunct Instructor in Worldview and Apologetics  
Boyce College | Louisville, KY  
Fall 2021 - Present

## **Professional Experience**

Chair of Research in Technology Ethics & Director of Research Institute  
The Ethics and Religious Liberty Commission  
March 2020 - Present

Associate Research Fellow  
The Ethics and Religious Liberty Commission | Nashville, Tennessee  
September 2018 - Present

Associate Fellow  
The Kirby Laing Centre for Public Theology | Cambridge, United Kingdom  
February 2022 - Present

## **Memberships**

Evangelical Theological Society  
Evangelical Philosophical Society  
Society of Christian Philosophers  
Scholar Community | Reasons to Believe