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EXECUTIVE PROFILE

Executive leader and institution builder with a record of launching transformative initiatives, scaling programs, and driving organizational growth in international nonprofit settings. Experienced in fundraising, board governance, organizational restructuring, and cross-cultural leadership, with a demonstrated ability to align diverse stakeholders around a shared vision and advance complex initiatives across countries and languages.

Brings a distinguished academic background, including multidisciplinary research, grant-funded program development, and an international reputation as a scholar, author, and public speaker. A trusted convener of donors, academics, churches, and nonprofit partners, committed to strengthening communities, developing Christian leaders, and addressing complex global challenges.

Mission-driven CEO who turns vision into action, helming global Christian initiatives in leader formation, forced migration, wartime theology, and sexual abuse prevention.

CORE COMPETENCIES

▸ Organizational Leadership	▸ Strategic Planning	▸ Board Governance
▸ Fundraising	▸ New Program Development	▸ Organizational Growth
▸ Strategic Partnerships	▸ Public Speaking	▸ Thought Leadership

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Scholar Leaders

February 2022 – Present

- **Built an Advancement team and grew annual revenue from $1.74M (FY21) to $5.85M (FY26)** to expand ministry operations and sustain a headcount increase from 8 to 22.
- Named President of **reSource Leadership International** (Canadian nonprofit) and integrated reSource as a Joint Ministry with Scholar Leaders (Sep 2025).
- Acquired and integrated **Theological Book Network** into Scholar Leaders (Feb 2024).
- Created the new **Church & Society** program area, encompassing:
  - **Ukraine in Wartime:** multi-institutional collaboration combining wartime refugee aid, interdisciplinary research, international library shipments, a new regional accrediting association, and state-accredited degree programs.
  - **No More:** cross-disciplinary global endeavor to confront sexual abuse in Christian communities, leveraging the ecosystem of theological education from seminary to local congregation.
  - **Network of Centers for Christian-Muslim Relations (NCCMR):** international collective of 29 think-tanks advancing cross-cultural religious literacy.
- Oversaw creation and AI enhancement of **BiblioTech**, a video and eBooks theological library for Majority World seminaries.
- Built a **Marketing & Communications** team that rebranded both SL and reSource, created a new Marcoms strategy, and launched the *Faith on the Road* podcast.
- Spearheaded restructuring of Scholar Leaders board: established 4 committees, created Emeritus & Advisory Boards, and reduced the Governing Board from 35 to 13 members.
- Aligned Scholar Leaders and reSource boards and strategies while maintaining fiduciary independence.

Fundación Universitaria Seminario Bíblico de Colombia

November 2013 – August 2021

Full Professor of New Testament

- Responsible for teaching (New Testament, Greek), research, publication, and thesis supervision.
- Director of *Faith and Displacement*, a **$1.8M six-year** international project of missional action research addressing the crisis of forced internal migration due to violence in Colombia.
  - Directed six teams and over 40 scholars/practitioners: 18 field research protocols, 4 international conferences, 7 ecclesial intervention sites, 20 impact analysis protocols, and 10× scaling.
  - The project produced 35 publications, 21 curricula, 95 videos, 14 original artworks, and 74 presentations.
- Launched and oversaw the translation of BibleMesh Greek language online courses (3 semesters) from English to Spanish.

University of Oxford

September 2010 – August 2013

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British Academy Postdoctoral Research Fellow — Keble College / Faculty of Theology

- Head of the Oxford Postdoctoral Colloquium on Eschatology.
- Co-convener (with Dr. Ard Louis, Rudolf Peierls Centre for Theoretical Physics) of an interdisciplinary working group on Genesis and Modern Science.

Rheinische Friedrich-Wilhelms Universität Bonn

September 2008 – August 2010

Wissenschaftlicher Mitarbeiter / Hilfskraft — Evangelisch-Theologische Fakultät

- Coordinator of the Master's Programme in Ecumenical Studies (MESt).

EDUCATION

British Academy Postdoctoral Fellowship — *University of Oxford* 2010–2013

Doctor of Philosophy, New Testament Studies — *University of Oxford* 2009

MA Theological Studies — *Wheaton College* 2006

MA Biblical Exegesis — *Wheaton College* 2004

BA Ancient Languages, *summa cum laude* — *Wheaton College* 2002

BOARD SERVICE & DISTINGUISHED AFFILIATIONS

- **Board of Directors**, Cook Media Global — *September 2022 – Present*
- **Board of Directors, *ex officio***, Scholar Leaders — *March 2022 – Present*
- **Senior Advisory Board**, Global Formation Project — *April 2023 – Present*
- **Collaborating Network Member**, Global Faculty Initiative — *2021 – Present*
- **Member**, Georgetown University Building Bridges Seminar — *July 2018 – Present*
- **Consultant**, Anglican Communion Science Commission — *January 2022 – September 2023*
- **Associate Fellow**, Centre for Enterprise, Markets, and Ethics (Oxford) — *January 2013 – January 2022*
- **Member**, Archbishop of Canterbury's St Augustine Seminar — *November 2018 – May 2019*
- **Co-chair**, SBL International 'Bible & Empire' Section — *December 2012 – December 2021*
- **Editorial Board**, *Verbum et Ecclesia* journal — *July 2014 – August 2021*
- **Co-chair**, SBL 'Texts & Traditions in the 2nd Century' Consultation — *March 2014 – December 2016*
- **International Research Associate**, University of Pretoria — *May 2010 – December 2016*

SELECT PUBLICATIONS

Author and editor of nine books and over 50 articles and essays, including:

- *Theology in Wartime: Ukrainian Dilemmas.* With Syniy & Fearing. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2027 (forthcoming).
- *Eight Million Exiles: Missional Action Research and the Crisis of Forced Migration.* Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2024.
- *Renouncing Everything: Money and Discipleship in Luke.* New York: Paulist, 2016.
- *When the Son of Man Didn't Come: A Constructive Proposal Regarding the Delay of the Parousia.* With Gallaher, Konstantinovsky, Ounsworth, & Strine. Minneapolis: Fortress, 2016.
- *Evangelical Faith and the Challenge of Historical Criticism.* With Christopher Ansberry. Grand Rapids: Baker/SPCK, 2013.
- *Luke's Wealth Ethics: A Study in Their Coherence and Character.* Wissenschaftliche Untersuchungen zum Neuen Testament II, vol. 275. Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, 2010.

LANGUAGES

Ancient: Greek, Hebrew, Latin, Coptic, Aramaic, Syriac

Modern: German, Spanish, French (reading), Italian (reading), Arabic (just a skosh!)