

FACULTY APPOINTMENT IN THE HISTORY OF EARLY CHRISTIANITY

Perkins School of Theology Southern Methodist University Dallas, TX 75275-0133

This is a tenure-eligible position at junior rank.

I. Responsibilities

A. Full-time teaching and scholarship in the history of Christianity, with particular attention to the history, theologies, and literature of post-New Testament early Christianity.

Specifically:

1. Teaching in the various degree programs of Perkins School of Theology, including regular offerings of foundational courses on the history of Christianity and more specialized courses on early Christianity;
 2. Teaching in the M.A.–Ph.D. curriculum of the Graduate Program in Religious Studies in Dedman College, including teaching as needed in its Core Seminar and supervising field-level studies and dissertations in the history of Christianity;
 3. Scholarship, including publications, in the area of early Christianity.
- B. Participation in the life and work of Perkins School of Theology and Southern Methodist University, including their structures of governance, exercising the responsibilities normally assumed by faculty members.

II. Qualifications

A. Essential

1. Ph.D. or equivalent degree.
2. Demonstrated achievement or clear potential as a teacher.
3. Demonstrated achievement or serious promise as a scholar in the field of early Christianity.
4. Scholarly competence in both the Greek and the Latin theological traditions of early Christianity, including commensurate linguistic competencies.
5. Readiness and ability to relate the study of the history of Christianity to theological preparation for church leadership.
6. Understanding of and commitment to the primary objective of Perkins School of

Theology to prepare persons for leadership in the church, and the primary objective of the Graduate Program in Religious Studies to prepare persons for leadership in the academy.

B. Desirable

1. Understanding of and commitment to the life and practice of Christian communities.
2. Familiarity with and appreciation for the Wesleyan tradition.
3. Background, interests, interdisciplinary perspectives, and abilities that complement those of other members of the Perkins faculty and that further the stated commitment of the Perkins faculty to inclusiveness.

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