

S. Ross Hickling

Curriculum Vitae

Kernersville, North Carolina
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EDUCATION

North-West University, South Africa-Potchefstroom Campus Ph.D. in Missiology (Christian apologetics)	2017
Biola University, La Mirada, California M.A. in Christian Apologetics Highest Honors	2014
Liberty Baptist Theological Seminary, Lynchburg, Virginia M.A. Religion Graduate with High Distinction	2010
Liberty University, Lynchburg, Virginia B.S. Religion Summa Cum Laude	2007
Saint Leo University (Norfolk extension campus) Associate of Arts	2004

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

DMin: Charlotte Theological Seminary, Charlotte, NC- "Creating a Global Vision in the Local Church," "Issues Confronting Urban Pastors," and "World Religions in the City" (online missiology/urban ministry courses;" created syllabi for these courses, designed the course pages, taught the classes). Currently slated to teach "Christian Apologetics" in the fall. 20-21

Liberty University, College of Arts and Sciences, Lynchburg, VA- "Inquiry 101" and "Research 201" (Taught both of these research-based courses in the Spring term in the online format). 2021

Ratio Christi, Masters in Christian Apologetics, Philippines 2020
In conjunction with Baptist Bible College of Asia- Formulated and taught two distance learning classes-"The Historical Reliability of the New Testament" and "The Resurrection"

North-West University, Potchefstroom, South Africa, Guest Lecturer
Topic: "Evidence and the Resurrection: Analyzing Skeptical Arguments" 2018

Liberty University, Educational Methods Class, Guest Lecturer

Topic: "Apologetics and Questions in the Classroom" '16, '17, '18, '19, '20, 21'

Graduate Level: Carolina Graduate School of Divinity- Taught

"Introduction to Christian apologetics" from a "legal/juridical apologetics" perspective (created syllabus for in-class instruction)

2016

PUBLICATIONS

- Hickling, S.R. 2018. *An Evidentiary Analysis of Doctor Richard Carrier's Objections to the Resurrection of Jesus Christ* (Ph.D. thesis). Bonn: Verlag fur Kultur und Wissenschaft (Culture and Science Publisher). (Also published by Wipf and Stock (Eugene, OR, 2018).
- Hickling, S. Ross and Gregory S. Walker, Jr. "Is the Gospel the Same as Social Justice?" Charlotte: E360, 2018.
- Articles: Numerous blog articles located on the "Shield Your Faith" Internet website: <http://shieldsyourfaith.org/blog>

CONFERENCES/SEMINARS

Christianity and Culture: Rural Hall Christian Church

2021

Presentations Made During Course:

- Introduction to Christian Apologetics
- Evidence for the Resurrection
- Evidence for the Reliability of the New Testament
- Darwin's Dangerous Idea
- Is the Bible Relevant: Police Brutality
- Is the Bible Relevant: Social Justice/Critical Race Theory
- Is the Bible Relevant: Sexuality
- Christianity and Culture, A Way Forward

SES National Conference on Christian Apologetics, Charlotte, NC

2019

- "Jesus From Dying and Rising Gods?: An Investigator Examines Carrier's Claims"

Unshakable Truth Apologetics Conference, Wilmington, NC

2019

- "Evidence for the New Testament"

Ratio Christi, South Africa- 15 Day Speaking Tour

2018

- "Worldview Weekend" speaker for Nelson Mandela U. and Rhodes University

- Taught a theology class at NWU in Potchefstroom, South Africa
- Taught at Ratio Christi chapter meetings in Potchefstroom and Pretoria
- Spoke at churches in Pretoria and White River, S.A.
- Met with the South African Police Service executive staff in Potchefstroom, South Africa

Community Bible Church, High Point, NC

Six-day Christian apologetics course entitled, "Contend for the Faith" 2018

Presentations made during the course:

- Introduction to Apologetics
- Darwin and Design
- The Problem of Evil
- The Great Good (a discussion of the goodness of God as it relates to the problem of evil)
- Reliability of the New Testament
- The Resurrection by the Evidence

Corinthian Reformed Church Men's Retreat

Topic: "Authentic Masculinity" 2018

Ratio Christi (RC) Symposium- The Reason of Christ: Bridging, Church, College, and Culture:

2017

- Ratio Christi regional directors training module
- Ratio Christi national staff and chapter director training module

Mount Vernon Baptist Church/Ratio Christi, Engage Conference

2017

Presentations at Engage Conference (Boone, NC):

Evidence for the New Testament: An examination and application of the *Federal Rules of Evidence* and federal pattern jury instructions to the New Testament Scriptures.

Contradictory Gospels?- An Assessment of the Evidence: An evidentiary examination of a prominent skeptic's claim that the resurrection accounts contradict each other.

Apologetics Conference: "The Momentum of Christian Thinking"

Manila, Philippines- Ratio Christi Apologetics-Plenary/Breakout Speaker 2016

Presentations at Manila Conference:

Contradictory Resurrection Narratives?: A study of the Gospels from a "juridical apologetics" perspective. Are the resurrection narratives contradictory in nature? Do accepted principles of evidence support this conclusion?

Darwin’s Dangerous Idea- An overview of the life and thought of Darwin, his naturalistic perspective, and the dangerous outcomes from his naturalistic philosophy.

Don’t Be Fooled: Know Good Evidence for Yourself- An overview of accepted principles of evidence from the criminal justice system and applying these principles to the ministry, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Debunking “Hallucinating Disciples”- An explanation of the theory that the disciples hallucinated and an analysis of this view from an evidentiary or “juridical apologetics” perspective.

The Resurrection of Jesus Christ from Pagan Myths?- An overview of this skeptical perspective and an evidentiary analysis (from a “juridical apologetics” viewpoint)

Presentations to Conferences of Law Enforcement Organizations/Groups (FBI NA Alumni, Triad Area Association of Chiefs of Police, and the NC Sheriff’s Association) 2010-2013

Presentation made: Presentations made to these organizations during this time frame were related to the U.S. Marshals Service Sex Offender Program.

PODCASTS AND TELEVISION SHOWS

Podcast: “ExJANEge” June 2020
Topic: Police Brutality, Public Relations, & Building Unity

Podcast: Ratio Christi Chapter Directors October 2019
Featured Chapter Director

Television Show: Ratio Christi, Truth Matters March 2019
Topic: “The Historical Jesus: An Investigator’s Perspective”

Podcast: Deeper Waters with Nick Peters September 2018
Topic: “Richard Carrier and the Resurrection of Jesus”

Television Show: Ratio Christi, Truth Matters December 2017
Topic: “Key to Effective Apologetics: Partnering with Others”

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS

- Highest Honors- Biola University 2014
- Graduate with High Distinction- Liberty Baptist Theological Seminary 2010
- Summa Cum Laude-Liberty University 2007

WORK EXPERIENCE

Founder, “Shield Your Faith” 2014-present

A ministry founded to inform Christians and non-Christians alike about the great evidence for faith in Jesus Christ (www.shieldyourfaith.org)

Adjunct Professor of Missiology and Apologetics, Charlotte Theological Seminary 2020- present

Create the syllabi, design class pages, and currently teaching classes (see teaching experience). Have also designed syllabi for other classes

Adjunct Instructor, Liberty University, College of Arts and Sciences 2021- present

Teaching online research related courses (Inquiry 101, and Research 201) with Liberty University Online

Vice President of Campus Operations, Ratio Christi (vol.) 5/2017- 12/2017

Administrative oversight for Ratio Christi campus chapters in the continental USA

Regional Director for NC and SC/ Chapter Director for the UNCG club, Ratio Christi (vol.) 2015-Present

Along with my ministry “Shield Your Faith,” I have functioned in the capacity of a regional director (8/2015-3/2018) and/or chapter director for Ratio Christi (2015 to present), a national apologetics campus ministry.

Adjunct Professor of Theology, Carolina Graduate School of Divinity 2016

Formulated/taught “Introduction to Christian Apologetics” (MA Level) at C.G.S.D. before its closure in June of 2016

Deputy U.S. Marshal/Senior Inspector- U.S. Marshals Service (ret.) 1993-2014

Worked in many roles fulfilling the mission of the U.S. Marshals Service to include:

- Sex Offender Investigations Coordinator
- National Critical Incident Response Team Leader (Assistant)
- On Scene Critical Incident Team Leader
- High Threat Trial Supervisor

- Fugitive/Sex Offender Operation Supervisor
- Fugitive Investigator/Coordinator
- Protective Investigations Coordinator

Police Officer/Detective- Portsmouth, Virginia Police Department 1988-1993

- Uniformed Police Officer
- Narcotics/Vice Detective
- Tactical Response Team Member (SWAT, Street Narcotics, High Risk Stakeouts, Dive Team)

LAW ENFORCEMENT AWARDS

- Certificate of Appreciation, U.S. Attorneys Office 2014
- Law Enforcement Public Service Award, U.S. Attorneys Office 2009
- Newport News Police Department Group Award- Fugitive Task Force 2009
- Certificate of Appreciation, U.S. Attorney’s Office 2008
- Certificate of Appreciation, Outstanding Contributions- DEA 2008
- Certificate of Appreciation, New York Police Department (Detective Endowment Association) 2000
- Certificate of Appreciation-Director of the U.S. Marshals “Operation TAPS” 1997
- Five U.S. Marshals Service Directors Awards for Distinguished Group (2002, 2007, 2010, 2012x2)
- The Honor Graduate, Federal Law Enforcement Training Center Criminal Investigator Class 1993
- Medal of Honor 1989

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- U.S. Marshals Service Association
- Evangelical Philosophical Society