

# David Mark Rathel

Associate Professor of Christian Theology  
Director, Academic Graduate Studies  
Gateway Seminary

## Education

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- 2019: The University of St Andrews, St Mary's College  
*Ph.D. in Divinity*  
Academic Supervisor: Rev. Dr. Stephen R. Holmes
- 2012: Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary  
*Master of Theology with Thesis*
- 2008: Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary  
*Master of Divinity in Apologetics with Biblical Languages*
- 2004: The Baptist College of Florida  
*Bachelor of Arts in Theology*

## Teaching Experience

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- 2019–Present: Gateway Seminary  
*Associate Professor of Christian Theology*  
*Director of Academic Graduate Studies*
- 2010–19: The Baptist College of Florida  
*Adjunctive Online Professor of Philosophy and Theology*
- 2015–17: The University of St Andrews  
*Postgraduate Tutor in Systematic Theology*  
*Postgraduate Lecturer in Systematic Theology*  
*Academic Skills Project Workshop Leader*

## Publications and Academic Conferences

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### Books

*Andrew Fuller and the Search for a Faith Worthy of All Acceptation.* London: T & T Clark, 2024.

*Retrieving Classical Christology: Recovering the Ancient Witness.* Nashville: B & H Academic, forthcoming

*John Johnson and His Influence: Selected Writings from an Eighteenth-Century Baptist Minister.* Oxford: Centre for Baptist Studies in Oxford University, forthcoming.

*Baptists and the Emerging Church Movement: A Baptistic Assessment of Four Themes of Emerging Church Ecclesiology.* Eugene: Wipf & Stock, 2014.

#### Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

“John Gill and the Rule of Faith: A Case Study in the Baptist Retrieval of Tradition.” *Southeastern Theological Review* 14, no. 2 (2023): 55–72.

“John Gill and the Charge of Hyper-Calvinism: Assessing Contemporary Arguments in Defense of Gill in Light of Gill’s Doctrine of Eternal Justification.” *Southern Baptist Journal of Theology* 25, no. 1 (2021): 43–62.

“Evangelicals, Ecclesiology, and Empire: How Ecclesial Commitments Shaped Early Evangelical Reactions to British Rule in India.” *American Baptist Quarterly* 38, no. 2 (2019): 126–145.

“A Case Study in Baptist Catholicity: The Scriptures and the Tradition in the Theology of John Gill.” *Baptist Quarterly* 49, no. 3 (2018): 108–116.

“John Gill and the History of Redemption as Mere Shadow: Exploring Gill’s Doctrine of the Covenant of Redemption.” *Journal of Reformed Theology* 11, no. 4 (2017): 377–400.

“Was John Gill a Hyper-Calvinist?: Determining Gill’s Theological Identity.” *Baptist Quarterly* 48, no. 1 (2017): 47–59.

#### Contributed Book Chapters

“Baptist Theology in the Age of Enlightenment: Contextualizing the Soteriological Proposals of John Gill and Andrew Fuller” in *Baptists, Gospel and Culture*, ed. William L. Pitts. Macon: Mercer University Press, 2021.

“The Covenant Theology of Jonathan Edwards,” in *The Miscellanies Companion*, ed. Robert Boss. Fort Worth: Jonathan Edwards Society Press, 2018.

#### Select Conference Proceedings

“Divine Identity and Theology: Richard Bauckham's Divine Identity Framework and Modern Dogmatics” Evangelical Theological Society Annual Meeting. San Diego, CA. November 19, 2024.

"John Gill the Autodidact: A Case Study in Baptist Self-Education" International Conference of Baptist Studies. Cambridge, UK. August 9, 2024.

"John Gill the Autodidact: A Case Study in Baptist Self-Education" Evangelical Theological Society Annual Meeting. San Diego, CA. November 20, 2024.

"John Gill and the Rule of Faith: A Case Study in Theological Retrieval" Davenant Institute California Convivium. Pasadena, CA, Sept 23, 2023.

John Gill and the Rule of Faith: A Case Study in Theological Retrieval" ETS Annual Meeting. San Antonio, Texas, Nov 14, 2023.

"Divine Identity and the Theologians: Assessing the Usefulness of Richard Baukham's Divine Identity Framework for Modern Dogmatics" Pacific Systematic Theology Colloquium Ontario, CA, Feb 2, 2024.

Divine Identity and the Theologians: Assessing the Usefulness of Richard Baukham's Divine Identity Framework for Modern Dogmatics" ETS Far West Regional Meeting, El Cajon, CA, April 4, 2024.

"*Theologia*, Economy, and Divine Action: Examining John Gill's Significance for Contemporary Debates Over the Trinity." Paper presented at the Evangelical Theological Society Far West Meeting. Gateway Seminary, 1 April 2022.

"The Covenant Theology of Jonathan Edwards' Miscellanies." Paper presented at the Evangelical Theological Society Far West Meeting. Online Meeting, 23 April 2021.

"Professor James B. Torrance and the Marrow of Free Grace: A Critical Reading of Prof. Torrance's Appeals to Theological Precursors in the Reformed Tradition." Paper presented at the Evangelical Theological Society Annual Meeting. Online Meeting, 17 November 2020.

"Religion Beyond 'Bare Faith': Understating Jonathan Edwards' Religious Epistemology Through the Writings of Andrew Fuller." Paper presented at the Evangelical Theological Society Annual Meeting. Online Meeting, 19 November 2020.

"Who Was John Johnson? Answering an Important (But Forgotten) Question in Andrew Fuller Research." Paper presented at the Evangelical Theological Society Annual Meeting. San Diego, California, 20 November 2019.

“Neither Arian Nor Athanasian: A Fresh Consideration of the Trinitarian Theology of Isaac Watts.” Paper presented at the Evangelical Theological Society Annual Meeting. Denver, Colorado, 14 November 2018.

“Baptist Theology in the Age of Enlightenment: Contextualizing the Soteriological Proposals of John Gill and Andrew Fuller.” Paper presented at the International Conference on Baptist Studies VIII. Baylor University, 20 July 2018.

“Professor James B. Torrance and the Marrow of Free Grace: A Critical Reading of Prof. Torrance’s Appeals to Theological Precursors in the Reformed Tradition.” Paper presented at the Edinburgh Dogmatics Conference. Edinburgh, Scotland, 29 August 2017.

“Baptists and the British Empire: Examining Calls for Religious Toleration in the East India Company.” Paper presented at the Ecclesiastical History Society Conference. Magdalene College, University of Cambridge, 14 January 2017.

“Innovating the Covenant of Redemption: John Gill and the History of Redemption as Mere Shadow.” Paper presented at the 2016 Evangelical Theological Society Annual Meeting. San Antonio, Texas, 15 November 2016.

“The Burial of the Dead in the Scottish Reformations: Exploring Diversity of Practice in Sixteenth-Century Scotland.” Paper presented at Death and Identity in Scotland Conference. The University of Edinburgh, 30 January 2016.

“John Gill and Hyper-Calvinism: Assessing Recent Arguments Over Gill’s Theological Identity.” Paper presented at the 2015 Evangelical Theological Society Annual Meeting. Atlanta, Georgia, 17 November 2015.

#### Encyclopedia Entries

“Goat” and “Eunuch” in *The Lexham Bible Dictionary*. Edited by John D. Barry and Lazarus Wentz. Bellingham: Lexham Press, 2015.

#### Select Book Reviews

Review of *Constructing a Theology of Prayer: Andrew Fuller’s (1754-1815) Belief and Practice of Prayer*, by Matthew C. Bryant and *Andrew Fuller’s Theology of Revival: Divine Sovereignty and Human Responsibility in Spiritual Renewal*, by Ryan Rindels. *Baptist Quarterly* 54 (2023): 193–195

Review of *The Task of Dogmatics: Explorations in Theological Method*, edited by Oliver Crisp and Fred Sanders. *Evangelical Quarterly* 92 (2021): 387–389.

Review of *God in Himself: Scripture, Metaphysics, and the Task of Christian Theology*, by Steven J. Duby. *Southeastern Theological Review* 12, no. 2 (2021): 110–112.

Review of *The Ascension of Christ: Recovering a Neglected Doctrine*, by Patrick Schreiner. *Themelios* 46, no. 2 (2021): 452–453.

Review of *The Word Made Flesh*, by Ian McFarland. *Credo* 11, no. 2 (2021): n.p.

Review of *Useful Learning: Neglected Means of Grace in the Reception of the Evangelical Revival among English Particular Baptists*, by Anthony R. Cross. *American Baptist Quarterly* 38, no. 1 (2019): 116–117.

Review of *The Baptist Story* by Anthony Chute, Nathan Finn, and Michael A. G. Haykin. *Baptist Quarterly* 50, no. 4 (2019): 170–171.

Review of *People of the Promise: A Mere Protestant Ecclesiology*, ed. Joseph Minich and Bradford Littlejohn. *Evangelical Quarterly* 89, no. 3 (2018): 281–282.

Review of *Strictures on Sandemanianism*, ed. Nathan A Finn. *Journal for Eighteenth Century Studies* 41, no. 4 (2018): 619.

Review of *Memoirs of the Rev. Samuel Pearce*, ed. Michael Haykin. *Themelios* 43, no. 2 (2018): 297–298.

Review of *The Extent of the Atonement: A Historical and Critical Review*, by David L. Allen. *Southeastern Theological Review* 8, no. 2 (2017): 121–123.

Review of *Protestant Paths: A Story of Dissent*, by Pauline Ashbridge. *Regent's Reviews* 8, no. 2 (2017): 38.

Review of *Baptist Foundations: Church Government for an Anti-Institutional Age*, ed. Mark Dever and Jonathan Leeman. *Journal for Baptist Theology and Ministry* 13, no. 2 (2016): 126–129.

Review of *The First American Evangelical: A Short Life of Cotton Mather*, by Rick Kennedy. *Themelios* 41, no. 2 (2016): 348–349.

Review of *Andrew Fuller: Model Pastor-Theologian*, by Paul Brewster. *Journal for Baptist Theology and Ministry* 13, no. 1 (2016): 82–83.

Review of *Andrew Fuller and the Evangelical Renewal of Pastoral Theology*, by Keith S. Grant. *The Pacific Journal of Baptist Research* 10, no. 2 (2015): 37–39.

## Administrative and Leadership Experience

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Gateway Seminary, January 2022—Present

*Director of Academic Graduate Studies*

- Created new marketing initiatives and connections with local churches and partner institutions that led to a student enrollment increase of 68% and a program revenue increase of over 150%
- Led the faculty in revising the PhD and ThM curriculum to improve academic rigor
- Supervised all faculty teaching related to Gateway's AGS programs; created faculty teaching schedules; managed the AGS program budget; supervised the program's administrative assistant
- Led a degree program assessment process to ensure all Gateway AGS degrees met accreditation requirements and engendered high student satisfaction
- Led a faculty committee responsible for AGS student care and enrollment
- Created new program initiatives related to work efficiency, student care, and marketing

The University of St Andrews, September 2017–2018

*Postgraduate Representative for Enhancement Theme*

- Part of a team that met with heads of schools, administrators, and directors of teaching across the University of St Andrews to supervise the disbursement of a £30,000 grant intended to improve the student learning experience. This team also liaised with the Scottish government to ensure accreditation compliance.

The University of St Andrews, November 2016–2018

*Editor for The Roundel*

- Created *The Roundel*, the official academic blog of St Mary's College
- Led a team of Ph.D. students who served as book review editors

The University of St Andrews, August 2016–May 2017

*School Coordinator for the Academic Skills Project in St Mary's College*

- Created a new curriculum to provide incoming undergraduate students with instruction in study skills; managed program budget; and recruited and supervised a team of Ph.D. students who served as classroom instructors.
- Applied for and received additional funding grants from the University of St Andrews to aid in program promotion.

SBC of Virginia, 2012–Autumn 2014

*Member of State Executive Board*

Dan River Baptist Association, 2010–2012

*Chairperson of Missions and Evangelism Committee*

*Vice-President of Pastor's Conference*

## Ministry Experience

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Scottish Baptist Lay Preachers' Association, 2015–2018

*Itinerant Minister*

Fork Baptist Church, Scottsburg, VA, 2008–2014

*Pastor*

Westville Baptist Church, Westville, FL, 2002–2005

*Pastor*

## Service to Profession

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- Member of Baptist Dogmatics Roundtable
- Co-Chair of Evangelicalism in the Long Eighteenth Century Study Group at ETS
- External Reviewer for *Evangelical Quarterly* and *Baptist Quality*
- Book Reviewer for *Christianity Today* Annual Book Awards Issue

## Grants and Funding Received

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2015–16: £800 in Grants Awarded by the University of St Andrews

2016: Bursary Awarded by the Ecclesiastical Historical Society

2016: Applied for and Received Additional Funding Grant from the University of St Andrews for the Academic Skills Project

## Fellowships and Memberships

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Associate Fellow of Higher Education Academy

Fellow at Center for Baptist Renewal