

# DR. KRISTEN FERGUSON, EDD

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## EDUCATION

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- Edd** The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Educational Leadership Dec 2016  
Thesis: “Evangelical Faculty Perception of Online Learning in Theological Education”  
Committee: Anthony Foster (chair) and John David Trentham
- MDiv** The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Advanced Track May 2014  
Thesis: “Righteous and Sinful Jealousy”  
Advisors: Bruce Ware and Robert Vogel
- BAT** California Baptist University, Applied Theology Dec 2010  
Graduated *Magna Cum Laude*

## HONORS, AWARDS, AND CERTIFICATION

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- Bachelor of Applied Theology Leadership Award** 2009  
California Baptist University
- ACCESS Course of the Year, Honorable Mention** 2015  
Online and hybrid course design award through ACCESS.
- Online Learning Consortium Online Teaching Certificate** 2015
- Grant Project Director, ATS Innovation Grant** 2017-2018  
Association of Theological Schools awarded Gateway with a \$50,000 grant to create faculty-centered instructional design model for online and hybrid courses.
- Distinguished Service in Christian Ministry** 2018  
California Baptist University, Alumni Award
- Strategic Planning Task Force, Member** 2018-2019  
Researched external and internal sources to develop a strategic plan for Gateway Seminary’s future in 2020-2030.
- Resolutions Committee of the SBC, Member (2022) and Vice Chair (2023), Chair (2024)**  
Served Southern Baptists in reading, editing, and presenting the Resolutions for the 2022, 2023 and 2024 (forthcoming) SBC Annual Meeting.

## EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

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**Director of Online Education, Associate Dean of Educational Effectiveness**  
Gateway Seminary 2016 to Present

**Instructional Designer**, The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary 2014 to 2016

**Administrative Assistant**, Boyce College Online 2013-2014

**Archivist/Administrative Assistant**, Sayers Classical Academy 2012-2013

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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**Gateway Seminary**, Ontario, CA October 2016 to Present  
*Associate Professor*, Educational Leadership

**The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary**, Louisville, KY April 2014-Sept 2016  
*Guest Lecturer*, Teaching and Learning Doctoral Seminar  
*Faculty Development Workshop Leader*, SBTS and Boyce Online

**Boyce College Online**, Louisville, KY May 2014 to Aug 2014  
*Adjunct Professor*

- Co-taught C.S. Lewis: Life, Writings, and Legacy online.

**Sayers Classical Academy**, Louisville, KY August 2012 to June 2013  
*Kindergarten Tutor*

## PUBLICATIONS

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### Books:

Ferguson, Kristen, *Excellence in Online Education: Creating Christian Community on Mission*. Nashville: B & H Academic, 2020. \*Book of the Year recognition from SWBTS faculty in the Southwestern Journal of Theology

Ferguson, Kristen and Christopher W. Morgan. "Baptists, Theology of Unity, and the Christian Tradition." In *Baptists and the Christian Tradition: Towards an Evangelical Baptist Catholicity*, eds. Christopher W. Morgan, Matthew Y. Emerson, and Y. Luke Stamps. Nashville: B & H Academic, 2020.

Ferguson, Kristen. "Henrietta Mears and Sunday School Evangelism," ed. Tom Johnston in *A History of North American Evangelism*. Kregel, 2021.

**Articles:**

Ferguson, Kristen. "Do We Care? Strategies to Care for Online Students." *Didaktikos Journal*, 2022.

Ferguson, Kristen. "Faithfully Transitioning to Online Education," *Southwestern Journal of Theology*, v 62, n2, Spring 2020: 103-118.

Ferguson, Kristen. "Getting Online Students Offline: Integrate Knowledge and Praxis Through Contextual Teaching and Learning," *Didaktikos Journal*, Sept 2019.

Ferguson, Kristen. "Adding Video to Your Teaching Toolkit," *Didaktikos Journal*, Nov 2018.

Ferguson, Kristen, and Ryan Baltrip. "Leveraging Transactional Distance: Bringing the Real World into the Online Classroom." Online Learning Consortium, Inc. 2015. Accessed June 2018. [https://secure.onlinelearningconsortium.org/effective\\_practices/leveraging-transactional-distance-bringing-real-world-online-classroom](https://secure.onlinelearningconsortium.org/effective_practices/leveraging-transactional-distance-bringing-real-world-online-classroom).

**Blogs:**

Ferguson, Kristen, "Community and Spiritual Formation Online," International Alliance for Christian Education (IACE) Blog, April 3, 2020.

<https://iace.education/blog/community-and-spiritual-formation-online-part-4-of-4>

Ferguson, Kristen, "Preparing Excellent Online Education for Next Semester (Part 3 of 4)," International Alliance for Christian Education (IACE) Blog, April 2, 2020.

<https://iace.education/blog/preparing-excellent-online-education-for-next-semester-part-3-of-4>

Ferguson, Kristen, "Making the Most of Remote Teaching Now (Part 2 of 4)," International Alliance for Christian Education (IACE) Blog, April 1, 2020.

<https://iace.education/blog/making-the-most-of-remote-teaching-now-part-2-of-4>

Ferguson, Kristen, "Online Education vs. Remote Teaching (Part 1 of 4)," International Alliance for Christian Education (IACE) Blog, March 31, 2020.

<https://iace.education/blog/online-education-vs-remote-teaching-part-1-of-4>

Ferguson, Kristen, "Surprising Community," Community Dispersed Blog, Gateway Seminary, March 26, 2020. <https://www.gs.edu/community-dispersed/surprising-community/>

Ferguson, Kristen, "Connecting Members to Members (and Beyond) During the COVID-19 Pandemic," Community Dispersed Blog, Gateway Seminary, March 26, 2020.

<https://www.gs.edu/community-dispersed/connecting-members-to-members-and-beyond-in-the-covid-19-pandemic/>

Ferguson, Kristen, "Connecting Members to Leaders During the COVID-19 Pandemic," Community Dispersed Blog, Gateway Seminary, March 26, 2020.  
<https://www.gs.edu/community-dispersed/connecting-members-to-leaders-in-the-covid-19-pandemic/>

Ferguson, Kristen, "Connecting Members to Content During the COVID-19 Pandemic," Community Dispersed Blog, Gateway Seminary, March 21, 2020.  
<https://www.gs.edu/community-dispersed/connecting-members-to-content-in-the-covid-19-pandemic/>

Ferguson, Kristen, "What Does Online Education Have to Do with the Church During the COVID-19 Pandemic?," Community Dispersed Blog, Gateway Seminary, March 20, 2020. <https://www.gs.edu/community-dispersed/what-does-online-education-have-to-do-with-church-during-the-covid-19-pandemic/>

**Other:**

Contributed 10 entries for *Open Windows*, Summer 2018.

**PRESENTATIONS**

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Ferguson, Kristen, "Teaching the Bible in a Digital Age," Shaping Lives Bible Teaching Conference, January 2024, Gateway Seminary.

Ferguson, Kristen, "Creative Bible Teaching Strategies for Adults," Shaping Lives Bible Teaching Conference, January 2024, Gateway Seminary.

Ferguson, Kristen, "Come," CSBC Nor Cal Women's Conference, Redding, CA, October 2023.

Ferguson, Kristen, "Identity in Crisis or in Christ?" Immanuel Baptist Church Women's Conference, Oct 2023, Highland, CA.

Ferguson, Kristen, "Master Your Craft: Online Community," Master Your Craft Faculty Development, SEBTS, Zoom, Sept 2022.

Ferguson, Kristen, "Soli Deo Gloria," Immanuel Baptist Church Women's Conference, Oct 2022, Highland, CA.

Ferguson, Kristen, "Teaching the Bible Virtually," Empower Conference, Oct 2022, Long Beach, CA.

Ferguson, Kristen, "Choosing and Using Adult Bible Study Curriculum," New Beginnings: Bible Teaching Conference, Feb 2023, Gateway Seminary, Ontario, CA.

Ferguson, Kristen, "Social Media, Bible, and Young Adults," New Beginnings: Bible Teaching Conference, Feb 2023, Gateway Seminary, Ontario, CA.

Ferguson, Kristen and Anthony, "Fighting Fair: Marriage Conference," First Baptist Church of Barstow, CA, March 2023.

Ferguson, Kristen, Preston Pearce, and Kyle Brosseau, "ThED Talk: Online Education and Community," IMB Europe Theological Education Podcast, June 2023.

Ferguson, Kristen, "Enhancing Community through Online Education," Society of Biblical Literature Regional Conference, February 2022.

- Ferguson, Kristen, "Social Media, Young Adults, and the Bible." Legacy of Faith Conference, Gateway Seminary, Jan 2022.
- Ferguson, Kristen, "Choosing and Using Curriculum." Legacy of Faith Conference, Gateway Seminary, Jan 2022.
- Groza, Adam, Daniel Grimes, and Kristen Ferguson., "Creating an Culture of Collaboration." Enrollment Management: All Hands on Deck, ATS Conference, October 2021.
- Ferguson, Kristen, "Excellence in Online Education," ABTEN conference, June 2021.
- Ferguson, Kristen. "Virtual Bible Teaching," Canadian National Baptist Convention Women, March 2021.
- Ferguson, Kristen, "How Do We Teach the Bible in 2021?" Women's Network, Gateway Seminary, January 2021.
- Ferguson, Kristen, "Teaching the Bible Virtually," Enduring Faith Conference, Gateway Seminary, January 2021.
- Ferguson, Kristen, "Creative Teaching for Children," Enduring Faith Conference, Gateway Seminary, January 2021.
- Ferguson, Kristen, "Teaching Sunday School: Adult Learning and Virtual Learning," Ministry Connections Sunday School Conference, Mt. Zion Baptist Church, October 2020.
- Ferguson, Kristen, "Creative Teaching Methods for Adults" Proclaim: Bible Teaching Conference, Gateway Seminary, January 2020.
- Ferguson, Kristen, "Creative Teaching for Children" Proclaim: Bible Teaching Conference, Gateway Seminary, January 2020.
- Ferguson, Kristen, "Media Influences throughout Childhood to Early Adulthood," Next Gen Conference, Gateway Seminary, January 2019.
- Ferguson, Kristen, "Who We Are: 1 Peter 2:9-10." Women's Mission Union of the Inland Empire Conference, Bryant St. Baptist Church, October 2018.
- Ferguson, Kristen, "Social Media: My Holiness and God's Mission." Sisterhood Workshops, Lakeshore City Church, August 2018.
- Ferguson, Kristen, "Renewing My Anxious Mind." Sisterhood Workshops, Lakeshore City Church, July 2018.
- Ferguson, Kristen, "Social Media and Ministry: Why and How to?" Women's Network, Gateway Seminary, March 2018.
- Ferguson, Kristen, "Social Media and Ministry: My Kingdom or His?" Women's Leadership Conference, Gateway Seminary, February 2018.
- Ferguson, Kristen, "The State of Online Theological Education." Technology in Theological Education Group of the Association of Theological Schools (TTEG ATS), November 2016.
- Ferguson, Kristen, "Evangelical Faculty Perceptions of Online Learning in Theological Education," Society of Professors of Christian Education (SPCE), October 2016.
- Ferguson, Kristen and Ryan Baltrip, "From Spielberg to Screen Capture: Production Models for Creating Quality Online Videos." Online Learning Consortium International Conference, October 2014.

Ferguson, Kristen, Brian Renshaw, and Ryan Baltrip, "Simple Steps that Make a Difference: Improving the Visual Design of Your Online Course(s)," Online Learning Consortium International Conference, October 2014.

Ferguson, Kristen, and Ryan Baltrip. "Leveraging Transactional Distance: Bringing the Real World into the Online Classroom." Online Learning Consortium International Conference, October 2015.

## **MINISTRY EXPERIENCE**

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<b>11<sup>th</sup> Street Baptist Church, Upland, CA</b>	2019 to Present
Pastor's wife and volunteer in the following ministries: home group host, kid's ministry leader, young adult's leader, marriage ministry leader, and drummer for the worship team.	
<b>Lakeshore City Church, Corona, CA</b>	2016 to 2019
Lay Member, Discipleship Ministry & D Group Host	
<b>Audubon Baptist Church, Louisville, KY</b>	2011 to 2016
Lay Member, Kid's Ministry Leader	
<b>Highview Baptist Church, Louisville, KY</b>	2010 to 2011
Lay Member, Kid's Ministry Teacher	
<b>Shoreline Baptist Church, Fountain Valley, CA</b>	2008 to 2009
Youth Intern	
<b>The Grove Community Church, Riverside, CA</b>	2007 to 2008
Intern	
<b>First Baptist Church, Barstow, CA</b>	Summer 2007
Intern	