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ACADEMIC EDUCATION

2000 PhD in New Testament, Yale University
 Dissertation, under the direction of Wayne A. Meeks: *Scripture Cannot Be Broken: The Social Function of the Use of Scripture in the Fourth Gospel*

1993 M.Div., Yale Divinity School, *summa cum laude*

1992 Archaeological Dig at Tel Beth Shean, Hebrew University, Jerusalem

1989 B.A., Stetson University, *magna cum laude*; Phi Beta Kappa
 Major: Philosophy; Minor: Russian Studies

HUMAN SUBJECT RESEARCH CERTIFICATION

2026 Responsible Conduct of Research: Human Subject Research Track. CITI.

2026 Human Subjects Protection: Group 2. Social/Behavioral Focus. CITI.

PSYCHEDELICS TRAINING and CERTIFICATIONS

2025 Ketamine-Assisted Therapy Training. Polaris Insight.

2023-24 Certificate in Psychedelic-Assisted Therapies and Research, California Institute of Integral Studies

2023 MDMA-Assisted Therapy Education

2017 Study participant, Johns Hopkins University Medical School. “Effects of Psilocybin-Facilitated Experience on the Psychology and Effectiveness of Professional Leaders in Religion.”

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

2016–present Professor of New Testament, Perkins School of Theology

2007–2016. Associate Professor of New Testament, Perkins School of Theology

2001–2007 Assistant Professor of New Testament, Perkins School of Theology

1999–2000 Instructor, Yale Divinity School

1995–1998 Teaching Fellow, Yale Divinity School and Yale College

ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENT

2018-2025 Founding Director, Baptist House of Studies, Perkins School of Theology

GRANTS

2025 Louisville Institute Grant for Researchers for book project: *Psychedelics and Soul Care: What Christians Need to Know*.

2024 Perkins Scholarly Outreach Award for book project: *Psychedelics and Soul Care: What Christians Need to Know*.

2023 Perkins Scholarly Outreach Award for essay: “Psychedelics, the Bible, and the Divine.”

RESEARCH AFFILIATIONS/COLLABORATIONS

- 2024-2026 Affiliated Researcher, Harvard Law School Petrie-Flom Center for Health Law Policy, Biotechnology, and Bioethics PULSE Project (Psychedelic Use, Law, and Spiritual Experience)
- 2024-present Consultant, Study of Christian Clergy Attitudes about Psychedelics; Emory Center
- 2023-present [Field Scholar, Emory University Center for Psychedelics and Spirituality.](#)
- 2023-present Pastoral Advisory Group, UT Southwestern Medical Center, Dallas, TX
This group advises on chaplaincy and spiritual care aspects related to patients, staff, and the wider community.
- 2023-present Psychedelic Educators Network
- 2022- present Transforming Chaplaincy Psychedelic Chaplaincy Network
Also, on the subcommittee devoted to developing standards for credentialing and accountability.

RELEVANT PUBLICATIONS

Books, Single Author

Psychedelics and Soul Care: What Christians Need to Know. Eerdmans, Jan. 7, 2027).

The Agony, the Ecstasy, and the Ordinary: Experiencing God in the New Testament. In process.

1 Corinthians: Searching the Depths of God. Nashville: Abingdon, 2021. [Contains references to Mystical Experiences].

Journal Articles

Lewis, S. P., **J. Clark-Soles**, O. Mayorga, S. K. Sawyer, E. Slavet, B. J. Vidt, S. Shanti, et al. “Chaplains in Psychedelic Assisted Therapy: Rationale and Competencies.” *Journal of Religion and Health* 65, no. 2 (2026): 1562–86. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10943-026-02591-9>.

Ishan Pasricha, Caroline Peacock, Roman Palitsky, **Jaime Clark-Soles**, Jessica L. Maples-Keller, George H. Grant, & Deanna M. Kaplan. “What Motivates Spiritual Health Practitioners in Psychedelic-Assisted Therapy? A Qualitative Study And Implications For Facilitator Training Practices.” *Psychedelics*. 1(9):1-9 (April 2025). DOI: 10.61373/pp025r.0008

“Psychedelics, the Bible, and the Divine.” In the Special Issue of *Religions* devoted to “Theology and Science: Loving Science, Discovering the Divine.” *Religions*. 15, no. 5 (May 2024). <https://doi.org/10.3390/rel15050582>

“Experiencing God in the Gospel of John.” *Interpretation*. 77, no. 4 (October 2023): 346-357.

Essays and Chapters in Books

“Searching the Depths of God: The Bible, Psychedelics, and Christian Practice.” In *Psychedelics and Monotheistic Traditions*. Edited by Jay Michaelson. Harvard Law School. Accepted for publication. December, 2025.

“Psychedelics, the Bible, and the Divine.” In *Christian Perspectives on Psychedelic Spirituality*. Edited by Ron Cole-Turner. Savannah, GA: Ligare, 2026.

“Psychedelics, the Bible, and the Divine.” In *Theology and Science: Loving Science, Discovering the Divine*. Edited by Tracy J. Trothen and Calvin Mercer. Basel: MDPI, 2026.

Article Commentary

Winkleman, Michael J., G. William Barnard . . . **Jaime Clark-Soles**, et al. “Psychedelic Christianity: Commentary and Reply.” *Journal of Psychedelic Studies* (19 July 2024):<https://doi.org/10.1556/2054.2024.01356>

Digital Symposia Publications

"Searching the Depths of God: The Bible, Psychedelics, and Christian Practice." In *Psychedelics and Monotheistic Traditions*. Edited by Jay Michaelson. Harvard Law School. Submitted, September 3.

"Churches Need to Have a Stance on Psychedelics." *Bill of Health*. The Petrie-Flom Center for Health Law Policy, Biotechnology, and Bioethics at Harvard Law School. November 27, 2025.

ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS

- 2026 “Psychedelics and Soul Care: What Christians Need to Know”: A Conversation with Jaime Clark-Soles. American Academy of Religion. Denver. November 21.
- 2026 “Psychedelics and Soul Care: What Christians Need to Know.” Wasiwaska Research Center. Florianópolis, Brazil. June 6.
- 2025 “A Qualitative Study of Christian Clergy Attitudes Toward Psychedelics” in a session devoted to “Psychedelics and Religious Traditions: New Studies and Findings.” Drugs and Religion Unit. American Academy of Religion. Boston. Nov. 22.
- 2025 “Caught Up to the Third Heaven: Psychedelics and Spiritual Experience.” The Enchanted State Conference. Santa Fe, NM. Sept. 7. “The Enchanted State is a groundbreaking one-day conference exploring the transformative role of psychedelics in mental health, addiction recovery, healing, and the spiritual dimensions of consciousness. This visionary gathering will also address how New Mexico’s elected officials can lead the way in crafting safe, progressive policies that foster a healing economy for the benefit of the state’s people.”
- 2025 "Christianity," part of the “MOSAIC: New Research on Muslim, Christian and Jewish Psychedelic Use” project. MAPS Conference. Denver, CO. June 18.
- 2025 “Spiritual Health in Psychedelics.” California Institute for Integral Studies Certificate in Psychedelic Therapies and Research. April 26. Online lecture.
- 2025 “Psychedelics and Soul Care. Bridging Science and Spirituality.” Science on Spiritual Health Symposium. Emory University. April 3. [Link to presentation here.](#)
- 2025 “Searching the Depths of God: Non-Ordinary States of Consciousness in Christian Scripture.” Symposium on Psychedelics in Monotheistic Traditions: Sacramental Practice and Legal Recognition. Harvard Law School. Cambridge, MA. March 5. [Link to presentation here.](#)
- 2025 “Psychedelics and Christianity.” Religion and the Mind Lecture Series. Butler University. Indianapolis, IN. Feb. 25.

- 2025 Presenter. “Defining and Defending Sacred Communities: Law and the Future of Psychedelic Churches.” Psychedelic Intersections: Betwixt & Between Chaplaincy, Plant Medicine, & Aesthetics. Center for the Study of World Religions. Harvard University. Cambridge, MA. Feb. 15.
- 2025 “Psychedelics, Christianity, and the Law”: PULSE Conference on Sacred Rights: Psychedelics, Law, and Spirituality. Harvard Law School. Cambridge, MA. Feb. 14.
- 2024 Panelist. “Introducing PULSE: Psychedelic Use, Law, and Spiritual Experience.” Harvard Law School Petrie-Flom Center for Health Law Policy, Biotechnology, and Bioethics; Project on Psychedelics Law and Regulation. October 24.
- 2024 “Psychedelics and Soul Care.” Perkins Faculty Luncheon. Dallas, TX. Dec. 2.
- 2024 “Psychedelics, the Bible, and the Divine.” Toronto School of Theology. June 1.
- 2024 “Psychedelics and Theological Education.” Perkins School of Theology. Dallas. Feb. 27.
- 2023 “Christianity and Psychedelics: Responding to Theological and Institutional Promises and Challenges.” American Academy of Religion. San Antonio. Nov. 19.
- 2023 Panelist. “Sacramental Plants and Fungi: Historical and Scientific Insights for the Religious Life.” Parliament of the World’s Religions. Chicago. August 16.
- 2023 Panelist. “Psychedelic Perspectives of Judaism, Christianity, and Islam.” Psychedelic Science Conference. Denver. June 22.
- 2022 “Alternate States of Consciousness in Hebrew and Christian Scriptures.” Ligare.org Forum. August 31.
- 2022 “Christians and the Psychedelic Renaissance.” Chacruna Religion and Psychedelics Forum. April 24.

HEALTHCARE CONTEXT PRESENTATIONS

- 2025 “Psychedelics and Soul Care: The Chaplaincy Angle. Houston Methodist Hospital Chaplaincy Department. September 23.
- 2024 “Psychedelics, the Brain, and Soul Care: At the Intersection of Health Care and Religious Faith.” The Center for Integrative Counseling and Psychology. Dallas. August 16.
- 2023 [“Psychedelics and Soul Care.” Cleveland Clinic Psychedelic Science Group. Dec. 14.](#)

COMMUNITY/NONPROFIT CONTEXT PRESENTATIONS

- 2026 “Entities and the Bible: Equipping the Saints (and the rest of us) for Engagement.” Ligare.org. February 5.
- 2025 “Revelation and Return: Religious Professionals Share Their Stories From the Hopkins Trial.” Shefaflow.org. September 16.
- 2025 “Psychedelics and Soul Care: What Christians Need to Know.” Wild Goose Festival. Harmony, NC. August 30.
- 2025 “Claiming a Ministry: Resourcing Christians for Psychedelic Spiritual and Pastoral Care.” Wild Goose Festival. Harmony, NC. August 29.
- 2024 “Psychedelics and Spirituality: What the Church Needs to Know.” Royal Lane Baptist Church. Dallas. October 9.

- 2024 Panelist. “Kaleidoscope of Healing: The Expanding Potential of Psychedelics.” Greater Love Collective. Dallas. August 26.
- 2024 Panelist. Film: “Dying to Know: Ram Dass and Timothy Leary.” Santa Fe, NM. July 20.

PODCAST APPEARANCES

- 2025 “The Women They Tried to Erase: The Bible, Power & Psychedelics.” The Sacred Speaks podcast. April 27. [Link to episode 121 here.](#)
- 2025 “Reimagining Faith: Exploring Psychedelics & the Sacred Mind.” Creating Space podcast. March 12. [Link to podcast episode.](#)
- 2024 “Psychedelics and Christianity.” The Well QA Podcast [The Well QA Podcast](#) Dec. 19.
- 2024 “Psychedelics and Spirituality.” Theology on the Rocks podcast. Oct. 16.
- 2024 [“Psychedelics and Faith” webinar. Baptist News Global. June 4.](#)
- 2024 [“Psychedelics and the Church.” Good Faith Media Podcast. April 19.](#)

ECCLESIASTICAL EXPERIENCE

Ecclesiastical Standing/Pastoral Experience

- 1996 Ordained, First Baptist Church, New Haven, CT (American Baptist Churches, USA)
- 1996–present Preaching and teaching for various churches
- 2005–2008 Scholar-in-Residence, CityChurch, Dallas, Texas
- 2003–2008 Disciple Bible Study consultant, author, and video presenter; United Methodist Publishing House, Nashville, Tennessee
- 1996 Interim Minister, First Baptist Church, New London, Connecticut
- 1992–1995 Pastoral Care Department, Connecticut Hospice, Branford, Connecticut

Select News Items

- “After a Decade of Controversy, Clergy Psychedelic Study is Published.” Kathryn Post. *Religion News Service*. June 2, 2025. [Link here.](#)
- “This is Your Priest on Drugs.” Michael Pollan. *The New Yorker*. May 19, 2025. [Link here.](#)
- “Is God a Mushroom?” *Long Now*. <https://longnow.org/ideas/is-god-a-mushroom/>. Feb. 26, 2025.
- “Religious leaders say legal gray area makes psychedelics standards vital.” *San Francisco Examiner*. August 1, 2024. <https://www.sfexaminer.com/news/health/religious-leaders-say-psychedelics-standards-growingly-vital>
- [Baptist News Global: “Baptist Scholar Speaking and Writing about her Experience in Psychedelics Trials.”](#) January 3, 2024.
- [NPR Weekend Edition: “As psychedelic-assisted therapy grows, so does interest from a new group: chaplains.”](#) September 24, 2023
- [Lion’s Roar: “Psychedelics and Spirituality: Exploring the Intersection at Psychedelic Science 2023”](#)
- [New Scientist: “Religious leaders given psilocybin say they ‘felt God’”](#)

- [The Christian Century: “Soul-altering substances”](#)