

JAIME CLARK-SOLES
Perkins School of Theology/SMU
Southern Methodist University

ACADEMIC EDUCATION

- 2000 PhD, Yale University
- 1993 MDiv, Yale Divinity School, *summa cum laude*
- 1992 Archaeological Dig at Tel Beth Shean, Hebrew University, Jerusalem
- 1989 BA, Stetson University, *magna cum laude*; Phi Beta Kappa

PSYCHEDELICS EDUCATION

- 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-present Director, Baptist House of Studies, Perkins School of Theology

LEADERSHIP/COLLABORATIONS

- 2024-present Affiliated Researcher, Harvard Law School Petrie-Flom Center for Health Law Policy, Biotechnology, and Bioethics; Project on Psychedelics Law and Regulation
- 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 Network Psychedelic Chaplaincy
Subcommittee devoted to developing standards for credentialing and accountability.

RELEVANT PUBLICATIONS

Books, Single Author

Psychedelics and Soul Care: What Christians Need to Know (Eerdmans, in process).

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

“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*. October 2023.

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>

PRESENTATIONS (*indicates presentations scheduled but not completed)

- *2025 Plenary speaker at Science on Spiritual Health. Emory University. April 2.
- *2025 "Religious Experience and Psychedelics." Butler University. Indianapolis. February 25. Part of the "Butler Series 2024-2025: Religion and the Mind."
- 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 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 "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.
- 2024 ["Psychedelics and Faith" webinar. Baptist News Global. June 4.](#)
- 2024 "Psychedelics, the Bible, and the Divine." Toronto School of Theology. June 1.
- 2024 ["Psychedelics and the Church." Good Faith Media Podcast. April 19.](#)
- 2024 "Psychedelics and Theological Education." Perkins School of Theology. Dallas. Feb. 27.
- 2023 ["Psychedelics and Soul Care." Cleveland Clinic Psychedelic Science Group. Dec. 14.](#)
- 2023 "Christianity and Psychedelics: Responding to Theological and Institutional Promises and Challenges." American Academy of Religion. San Antonio. Nov. 19.
- 2023 "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.

ECCLESIASTICAL EXPERIENCE

Ecclesiastical Standing/Pastoral Experience

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
1996 Ordained, American Baptist Churches, USA
1992–1995 Pastoral Care Department, Connecticut Hospice, Branford, Connecticut

In the News/Media Appearances

- "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”](#)