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### 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**

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-present 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.”

**LEADERSHIP/COLLABORATIONS**

2024-present 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 Psychedelic; Emory Center

2023-present [Field Scholar, Emory University Center for Psychedelics and Spirituality.](https://psychedelics.emory.edu/about-us/index.html)

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, 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

**ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS** (\*indicates presentations scheduled but not completed)

\*2025 Speaker at "The Enchanted State." 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 Plenary speaker at Science on Spiritual Health. Emory University. April 2.

2025 Presenter. "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.

2025 Keynote. "Religious Experience and Psychedelics." 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, 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, the Bible, and the Divine." Toronto School of Theology. June 1.

2024 “Psychedelics and Theological Education.” Perkins School of Theology. Dallas. Feb. 27.

2023 [“Psychedelics and Soul Care.” Cleveland Clinic Psychedelic Science Group. Dec. 14.](https://www.clepsychedelics.com/about-4?pgid=lngdiikr-866878ee-2998-4340-83f4-85be854bae84&fbclid=IwAR2w88A8LH8BhueqOlHsO7ISo2B0ZtDIajnCZcDjvEuwmPvWiGFkkAB2Ei8)

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.](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qG64HgfYxps&feature=youtu.be)

**COMMUNITY PRESENTATIONS**

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. "Dying to Know: Ram Dass and Timothy Leary." Santa Fe, NM. July 20.

2022 “Christians and the Psychedelic Renaissance.” Chacruna Religion and Psychedelics Forum. April 24.

**PODCAST PRESENTATIONS**

2025 "Reimagining Faith: Exploring Psychedelics & the Sacred Mind." Creating Space podcast. March 12. [Link to podcast episode](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YUOtB_pOcCA).

2024 "Psychedelics and Christianity." The Well QA Podcast [The Well QA Podcast](https://thewellshow.libsyn.com/psychedelics-and-christianity-with-rev-dr-jaime-clark-soles) Dec. 19.

2024 [“Psychedelics and the Church.” Good Faith Media Podcast. April 19.](https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=752047293725067)

2024 ["Psychedelics and Faith" webinar. *Baptist News Global*. June 4.](https://baptistnews.com/article/seminary-professor-describes-deep-spiritual-experience-of-participating-in-psychedelics-study)

###### 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**

* "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](https://www.sfexaminer.com/news/health/religious-leaders-say-psychedelics-standards-growingly-vital/article_ea9cbe7a-4f8b-11ef-a9a4-170a7d714fca.html?fbclid=IwY2xjawEbzhpleHRuA2FlbQIxMQABHen-WaVS84Rq0-7crr0tH-DZF0kFdQ6xsWbTvb6VdDjNGa9l8FJkQnSpcw_aem_l1mKddsv8SqT1f9on1lzNw)
* [Baptist News Global: “Baptist Scholar Speaking and Writing about her Experience in Psychedelics Trials.”](https://baptistnews.com/article/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](https://www.npr.org/2023/09/24/1201095225/as-psychedelic-assisted-therapy-grows-so-does-interest-from-a-new-group-chaplain?fbclid=IwAR1OHnobNGF2G3YbBLDHiGCYRE4cCPEDeQGsvtOgpvWgTO_9tZ9PWHI6hMA)
* [Lion’s Roar: “Psychedelics and Spirituality: Exploring the Intersection at Psychedelic Science 2023”](https://www.lionsroar.com/psychedelic-science-2023/)
* [New Scientist: “Religious leaders given psilocybin say they ‘felt God’”](https://www.newscientist.com/article/2379589-religious-leaders-given-psilocybin-say-they-felt-god/)
* [The Christian Century: “Soul-altering substances”](https://www.christiancentury.org/article/features/soul-altering-substances)