

# CLAYTON CARVER

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## EDUCATION

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| <b>PhD</b> | Southern Baptist Theological Seminary<br>Dissertation: “A Theological Analysis of C. S. Lewis’s Argument from Desire”<br>Committee: Timothy Paul Jones (chair), Andrew Walker, Brad Green | 2025 |
| <b>ThM</b> | Southern Baptist Theological Seminary                                                                                                                                                     | 2025 |
| <b>MA</b>  | Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary                                                                                                                                                 | 2020 |
| <b>MTS</b> | Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary                                                                                                                                                 | 2019 |
| <b>BA</b>  | Southeast Missouri State University                                                                                                                                                       | 2016 |

## HONORS AND AWARDS

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| <b>William George Shuster Research Grant for Young Scholars</b><br>Marion E. Wade Center, Wheaton College (IL) | 2024        |
| <b>Doctoral Scholarship</b><br>Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary                                       | 2022 – 2023 |
| <b>Student Scholarship</b><br>C. S. Lewis Foundation                                                           | 2021        |

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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| <b>Taylor University</b> , Upland, IN<br>Assistant Professor of Philosophy | 2026 – Present |
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### Courses Taught:

- Contemporary Christian Belief
- History of Philosophy

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| <b>Malaysia Baptist Theological Seminary</b><br>Adjunct Lecturer | 2023 – Present |
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### Courses Taught:

- Introduction to Philosophy
- Introduction to Apologetics
- Natural Theology
- History of Apologetics

- Faith and Science
- Atheism and Postmodernism

**Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary**, Fort Worth, TX  
Teaching Assistant

2020 – 2023

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## **AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION AND RESEARCH INTERESTS**

### **Areas of Specialization:**

- Apologetics
- Philosophy of Religion

### **Areas of Competence:**

- Philosophical Theology
- Systematic Theology
- Ethics

### **Research Interests:**

- Theology and philosophy of C. S. Lewis
- Theology and philosophy of spiritual longing
- Human experience in a secular age
- Christian view of happiness and the good life

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## **PUBLICATIONS**

### ***Books***

Carver, Clayton and Rod Miller, eds. *C. S. Lewis in the Real World* (working title). Hamden, CT: Winged Lion Press. Forthcoming.

### ***Book Chapters***

“The Pursuit of Happiness: A Lewisian Perspective on the American Dream.” In *C. S. Lewis in the Real World* (working title), edited by Clayton Carver and Rod Miller. Hamden, CT: Winged Lion Press. Forthcoming.

### ***Articles***

“‘A Son of God, Drenched in Joy’: Spiritual Longing and the *Imago Dei*.” In *Sehnsucht: The C. S. Lewis Journal* 20.1. 2026.

### ***Book Reviews***

“Becoming C. S. Lewis Trilogy,” *Southwestern Journal of Theology*, 65 no. 2 (Spring 2023): 141–45.

## PRESENTATIONS AND INVITED LECTURES

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### Plenary Sessions

“Existential Apologetics: C. S. Lewis and the Apologetic of Human Experience”  
*Apologetics Seminar* at Malaysia Baptist Theological Seminary  
March 2022

### Conference Papers

“C. S. Lewis and the Kingdom of God”  
*The Undiscovered C. S. Lewis Conference* at George Fox University (Newberg, OR)  
September 2026 (paper accepted)

“The Pursuit of Happiness: A Lewisian Perspective on the American Dream”  
*Ciceronian Society Conference* (Omaha, NE)  
March 2026

“There and Back Again: Reconsidering C. S. Lewis’s Apologetic Method”  
*Christianity in the Academy Conference* (Oxford, UK)  
July 2025

“*Sehnsucht* and Secularism: An Existential Apologetic for a Secular Age”  
*Baptist Association of Philosophy Teachers Biennial Meeting* (Belton, TX)  
April 2025

“A Theological Analysis of Desire in C. S. Lewis”  
*The Undiscovered C. S. Lewis Conference* at George Fox University (Newberg, OR)  
September 2024

### Guest Lectures

“Biblical Epistemology”  
Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary (Fort Worth, TX)  
November 2022

“C. S. Lewis’s Argument from Desire”  
Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary (Fort Worth, TX)  
October 2022

“Universalism, Pluralism, Inclusivism, Exclusivism”  
Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary (Fort Worth, TX)  
April 2022

“Confucianism”

Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary (Fort Worth, TX)  
November 2021

“Arguments for God’s Existence”  
Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary (Fort Worth, TX)  
September 2021

“Postmodernism”  
Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary (Fort Worth, TX)  
January 2020

#### PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

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| Evangelical Theological Society   | 2022 – Present |
| Evangelical Philosophical Society | 2023 – Present |
| Society of Christian Philosophers | 2023 – Present |

#### CHURCH MINISTRY EXPERIENCE

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| <b>Pastor of Adult Discipleship</b><br>First Baptist Church (Jackson, MO) | 2023 – 2026 |
| <b>Director of Groups Resources</b><br>Rush Creek Church (Arlington, TX)  | 2018 – 2020 |
| <b>Groups Ministry Resident</b><br>Rush Creek Church (Arlington, TX)      | 2017 – 2018 |