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Personal

Born: 19 October 1955 in Leavenworth, Kansas, USA
Married to the former Precious Olsen 29 July 1978
Two grown children, Hope (28) and Jesse (26)
One grandchild, Jovie Hope Atchison (2)

Education

KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY, Manhattan, KS USA
Ph.D. in History, 2007
Dissertation: "The English Interpret St. Paul's Epistle to the Romans Chapter Thirteen: From God Save the King to God Help the King, 1532-1649." Dr. Robert D. Linder, supervisor.

DALLAS THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY, Dallas, TX USA
Th.M in Systematic Theology, 1981
Thesis: "The Tribulation Period in the History of Dispensational Theology." Dr. Frederic Howe, supervisor.

KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY, Manhattan, KS USA
B.A. in History and in Philosophy, 1977

Postgraduate coursework taken at NOVA SOUTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY, Fort Lauderdale, FL USA (Higher Education Administration); COLORADO CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY, Morrison, CO USA (Biblical Counseling); Nazarene Theological College, UNIVERSITY OF MANCHESTER, Manchester, UK (New Testament History and Hermeneutics).

Educational Experience

FOUNDER AND CO-DIRECTOR, Emmanuel House, Manhattan, KS USA
2002 to Present

Emmanuel House is a non-profit spiritual formation center that prepares church leaders for mentoring in spiritual and emotional health. Curriculum oversight and vision along with teaching in a highly relational environment with small groups of graduate students who are preparing for ministry vocations. Duties also include teaching American religious history, historical theology, Greek, hermeneutics, history of Christianity, of Reformation, and of spiritual direction.
www.emmahouse.org

INSTRUCTOR IN HISTORY, Department of History, Kansas State University, Manhattan, KS
2005 – 2008

Teaching courses in Ancient History for the K-State history department. www.ksu.edu

GRADUATE TEACHING ASSISTANT IN HISTORY, Department of History, Kansas State University, Manhattan, KS

2003 - 2005

Teaching courses in Western Civilization for the K-State history department while working on doctorate degree.

FACULTY MEMBER AND ADMINISTRATOR, Western Seminary, Seattle Campus (Now known as Mars Hill Graduate School), Bothell, WA USA

1996 – 2002

Founding Administrator and Dean in charge of establishing an accredited site for Western (Conservative Baptist) Seminary of Portland, Oregon in Seattle. Duties included teaching,

recruiting students, hiring faculty, and meeting all requirements in anticipation of focused visits by Western Association of Schools and Colleges and later, the Association of Theological Schools.
1996

Academic Dean, Seattle site, 1996-2000

Associate Professor of Historical Theology, 1996-2002

FOUNDING EDITOR of *Mars Hill Review*, a triennial journal of Christianity and culture
1994-2003.

Duties include that of being a contributing editor, actual editing and evaluation of submissions, and recruitment of timely and relevant articles. www.marshillreview.com

FACULTY MEMBER AND ADMINISTRATOR, Colorado Christian University, Morrison, CO USA
1984-1996

Besides teaching Biblical Studies, Theology, History, and Greek, administrative duties eventually included oversight of the graduate program in Biblical Counseling that was founded by Dr. Larry Crabb. In connection with the latter program, I also compiled and edited documents, and prepared the program for focused visits of teams from North Central Association.

Administrative Director, Master of Arts in Biblical Counseling program 1991-96

Chairman of undergraduate Biblical Studies department 1990-91

Assistant Professor of Biblical Studies, 1987-1996

Instructor in Biblical Studies and History, 1984-1987

Ministry Experience

CHURCH PLANTING PASTOR, Berean Fellowship of Churches, Kearney, NE USA

1980-1984

Assisted in a church plant in Minnesota and planted a church in Kansas.

<http://www.bereanchurchfellowship.org>

PASTOR, Lakewood Bible Church, Lakewood, CO USA

1984-1988

Invited by Berean Fellowship to resuscitate a church which had lost significant membership. Instituted a plan of growth using small home groups rather than traditional attractional means. Continued to work with the church until attendance reached the 150 range, when I resigned in favor of an organizing pastor.

INTERIM PASTOR, Colorado District of Evangelical Free Churches,

1990-1992

Gave oversight to a small church after its pastor resigned.

MISSIONS BOARD MEMBER, Cadence International, Englewood, Colorado, USA

1990-1998

Served as a board member for a missions organization that ministered to military communities overseas, including non-American military, and in the United States. Served as Chairman of the Board from 1995-1997 and presided over the selection of, and transition to, a new General Director: the day-to-day executive of the mission. <http://www.cadence.org/>

I have also served on several church boards during the years I was not a staff member.

Educational Consulting

NAZARENE THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE, Didsbury, Manchester, United Kingdom

1995-97

I consulted with the college on obtaining validation by the University of Manchester to establish a Master of Arts in counseling program at the college. The program was modeled upon the Master of Arts in Biblical Counseling program I had directed at Colorado Christian University. When the university approved the curriculum it became the first validated master's program in counseling (Christian or otherwise) in Britain.

L'ECOLE POUR L'INFORMATIQUE ET LES TECHNIQUES AVANCÉES (EPITA), Paris France
and San Francisco, CA

2000-01

I consulted with a French technological university that was attempting to establish a branch campus for French students in the Bay Area. The notion was that French students could continue their education while interning or working with Silicon Valley companies.

Other Teaching and Speaking

ASSOCIATION OF CHRISTIANS MINISTERING TO INTERNATIONALS (ACMI)

CONFERENCE, Manhattan, Kansas

2010

Responsible for leading two workshops entitled, "Geography of the Soul," dealing with the need for the spiritual and emotional health of people who minister to international students. The conference is scheduled for May 27-29. <http://acmiconference.com/>

PERSPECTIVES ON THE WORLD CHRISTIAN MOVEMENT, Lawrence, Manhattan, and Salina,
Kansas

2009

I was responsible for teaching a survey of missions history (Section #6) for a course offered by the U.S. Center for World Missions (Fayetteville, AR) in three Kansas college towns. The course covered four major epochs in Christian history from the first to the seventeenth century. <http://www.perspectives.org/>

XENOS SUMMER INSTITUTE, Columbus, Ohio

2008

I led a session entitled "Curiosity: Answering the Knock of Relationship," in which I described the importance of presence and curiosity as crucial skills Christian ministers should employ in promoting spiritual formation among people with whom they work in churches and sodalities. <http://www.xenos.org>

Publications

Co-authored with Precious Atchison, *Grief*. Colorado Springs: NavPress, 1993.

Various articles and book reviews published in *Mars Hill Review*, *The Socratic Enquirer*, *Fides et Historia*, journals and *Confident Living* magazine of which the following are selected:

"Sucked Into the Vortex of Rationalism: Picard's Tableau of the Flight From God," *Mars Hill Review* 1 (January 1995).

"Marcel as Counselor: Four Ideas Toward Other-Centered Repentance," *Mars Hill Review* 2 (May 1995). <http://www.leaderu.com/marshall/mhr02/marcel1.html>

"Curiosity: Answering the Knock of Relationship," *Mars Hill Review* 3 (Fall 1995). <http://www.leaderu.com/marshall/mhr03/curio1.html>

"Faithful Wounds of an Enemy: Nietzsche's 'Death of God' Invective," *Mars Hill Review* 4 (Winter/Spring 1996). <http://www.leaderu.com/marshall/mhr04/faith1.html>

"The Idea of a University: A Community Engaged in the Leisure of Scholarship," *Mars Hill Review* 9 (Fall 1997). <http://www.leaderu.com/marshall/mhr09/univ1.html>

"Friends Have All Things in Common: Erasmus' Utopian Dreams of a Better World," *Mars Hill Review* 19 (Winter/Spring 2002).

"Where Have You Gone, Tom Bombadil? Faith, Hope, Love, and Special Effects in *The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring*," *Mars Hill Review* 20 (Summer 2002).

"The Idea Of A Seminary: How the English Grew Their Shepherds," *Mars Hill Review* (Forthcoming).

"The Outsider Comes to Mukilteo: A Remembrance of Colin Wilson's Seminal Work," *Mars Hill Review* (Forthcoming).

Unpublished Papers

"Evangelical Perspectives on the War in Vietnam," presented to Kansas state annual meeting of Phi Alpha Theta, Manhattan, Kansas, 1977.

"Friends Have All Things in Common: Utopianism in the Writings of Desiderius Erasmus," presented to Kansas State History Teachers Association annual meeting, Topeka, Kansas, 2001.

"Are You a Wildcat or a Jayhawk: Choosing a Religion in Kansas," presented to the Mid-America Conference on History annual meeting, Lawrence, Kansas, 2005.

Honors

Phi Beta Kappa (Beta of Kansas) since 1977
Phi Kappa Phi since 2001
Turner History Scholarship recipient --1976
Phi Alpha Theta History Honorary since 1977
Outstanding Young Men of America --1982

Associations

American Historical Association
Conference on Faith and History
American Society of Church History
The Historical Society

References

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Other references available on request.

Websites and Weblogs

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Personal: <http://liamatchison.com>; <http://bettenson.com>;