

# Paul James Gutacker

## EMPLOYMENT

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Executive Director, Brazos Fellows	2018 to present
Part-Time Lecturer, History Department, Baylor University	2022 to present
Temporary Full-Time Lecturer, History Department, Baylor University	2019 – 2022
Assistant Book Review Editor, <i>Journal of Church &amp; State</i>	2017 – 2019

## EDUCATION

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Ph.D. in History, Baylor University	2019
Th.M. in Church History, Regent College, Vancouver, British Columbia	2014
M.A. in Theological Studies, Regent College, Vancouver, British Columbia	2013
B.A. in Communication Studies, Bryan College, <i>summa cum laude</i>	2008

## PUBLICATIONS

### Book

*The Old Faith in a New Nation: American Protestants and the Christian Past*. Oxford University Press, 2023.

- Recipient of the 2023 A. Donald MacLeod Award for Presbyterian History from the Presbyterian Scholars Conference
- Review in *Journal of the Early Republic* (link: <https://doi.org/10.1353/jer.2023.a915186>)
- Review in *Church History* (link: <https://doi.org/10.1017/S0009640723003244>)
- Review in *The Journal of Ecclesiastical History* (link: <https://doi.org/10.1017/S0022046924000137>)
- Review in *The Journal of Presbyterian History* (forthcoming)
- Review in *The University Bookman* (link: <https://kirkcenter.org/reviews/constantine-versus-the-u-s-constitution/>)
- Review in *Religion & Liberty* (link: <https://www.acton.org/religion-liberty/volume-33-number-4/be-deep-history-be-protestant>)
- Review in *Ad Fontes Journal* (link: <https://adfontesjournal.com/book-review/the-old-faith-in-a-new-nation-a-review/>)

### Book Chapter

“Revivalism,” co-authored with Thomas S. Kidd, in *The Oxford Handbook of Early Evangelicalism*, Oxford University Press, 2022: 406–425.

### Peer-Reviewed Articles

“Seventeen Centuries of Sin: The Christian Past in Antebellum Slavery Debates.” *Church History* 89, no. 2 (June 2020): 307–332.

“What We Have Done and What We Have Left Undone: Christian History as Confession.” *International Journal of Christianity & Education* 23, no. 2 (July 2019): 204–30.

“Joseph Milner and his editors: eighteenth- and nineteenth-century evangelicals and the Christian past.” *The Journal of Ecclesiastical History*, 69, no. 1 (January 2018), 86–104. doi:10.1017/S0022046917000744.

“The Past Judging the Present: Joseph Milner’s Evangelical Critique of Eighteenth-Century Britain.” *CRUX* 49, no. 2 (Summer 2013): 22–30.

### Review Essay

“Recovering the Ancient Roots of Evangelical Protestantism.” *Fides et Historia* 50, no. 2 (Fall 2018): 144–150.

### Book Reviews

*America’s Book: The Rise and Decline of a Bible Civilization, 1794–1911* by Mark A. Noll. *Fides et Historia*, 55, no. 1-2 (Winter/Spring – Summer/Fall 2023): 205–207.

*Slavery and Sacred Texts: The Bible, the Constitution, and Historical Consciousness in Antebellum America* by Jordan T. Watkins. *The Journal of Church & State*, 64, no. 4 (Autumn 2022): 755–757.

*Inward Baptism: The Theological Origins of Evangelicalism* by Baird Tipson. *The Journal of Ecclesiastical History*, 73, no. 3 (July 2022): 667–669.

*They Knew They Were Pilgrims: Plymouth Colony and the Contest for American Liberty* by John G. Turner. *Fides et Historia*, 53, no. 2 (Summer-Fall 2021): 109–111.

*A Holy Baptism of Fire and Blood: The Bible & the American Civil War* by James P. Byrd. *Journal of Religious History*, 45, no. 4 (December 2021): 699–701.

*Hot Protestants: A History of Puritanism in England and America* by Michael P. Winship. *Journal of Religion*, 100, no. 4 (October 2020): 533–535.

*Bible Culture and Authority in the Early United States* by Seth Perry. *Journal of Religious History* 43, no. 5 (December 2019): 551–553.

*The Origins of American Religious Nationalism* by Sam Haselby. *Journal of Religious History* 40, no. 4 (December 2016): 619–20.

*American Exceptionalism and Civil Religion: Reassessing the History of an Idea* by John D. Wilsey. *Fides et Historia* 48, no. 2 (Summer-Fall 2016): 175–77.

### **Invited Essays / Reviews**

“One Year, Seven Transformations, and the Emergence of a ‘WEIRDER’ World.” Review of Andrew Walker’s *Remaking the World*. Christianity Today. December 2023.

“Defending the Protestant Nation: The Role of Church History in 1830s Nativism.” The Anxious Bench. July 2023.

“Tradition, the Bible, and America’s Debate over Slavery.” The Gospel Coalition. January 2023.

“The Old Faith in a New Nation: A Conversation With Paul Gutacker.” The Anxious Bench. January 2023.

“Resisting the Vice of Curiosity: Reflections on a PhD Quest for Knowledge.” Bear Tracks, Baylor Graduate School. November 2020.

“Don’t Think For Yourself: Attention, Discernment, and Community.” Bear Tracks, Baylor Graduate School. October 2019.

“Forming Communities of Practice.” Covenant Blog, The Living Church Foundation. April 2018.

“The Christian Past in the Early Republic: Church History, Disestablishment, and American Exceptionalism.” Berkley Center for Religion, Peace & World Affairs. September 2017.

“Leaving Christendom Behind: The Historiographic Roots of American Religious Freedom.” Berkley Center for Religion, Peace & World Affairs. July 2017.

## **PRESENTATIONS**

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### **Featured Panels**

Panel Discussion of *The Old Faith in a New Nation*. Presbyterian Scholars Conference, Wheaton, IL. October 2023.

Public Conversation on *The Old Faith in a New Nation*. Regent University Honors College, Virginia Beach, VA. September 2023.

### **Panels Organized**

“Remembering Catholic Violence.” American Society of Church History, San Francisco, CA. January 4, 2024.

“Experiments in Hagiography: Gender and Religious Memory in the Nineteenth Century.” American Society of Church History, Philadelphia, PA. January 7, 2023.

“Painting the Protestant Empire: Sacred and Civil Art in Nineteenth Century America.” Baylor Symposium on Faith and Culture, Waco, TX. October 27, 2022.

“Female Piety and Nineteenth-Century Women Authors.” Conference on Faith and History, Waco, TX. April 1, 2022.

“Race, Religion, and American Exceptionalisms.” American Society of Church History, New York, NY. January 3, 2020.

“Eighteenth- and Nineteenth-Century Anti-Catholicism in America and its Legacies.” American Society of Church History, Chicago, IL. January 6, 2019.

“U.S. Protestant Women and Transatlantic Intellectual Cultures in the Nineteenth Century.” American Society of Church History, Washington, DC. January 5, 2018.

“Remembering the Reformation in Nineteenth-Century America.” Baylor Symposium on Faith and Culture, Waco, TX. October 27, 2017.

“Uses of Church History in America, 1850—1950.” American Society of Church History, Denver, CO. January 6, 2017.

- “Teaching Virtue: Interdisciplinary Perspectives on Pedagogy, Liturgy, and Moral Formation.” Baylor Symposium on Faith and Culture, Waco, TX. October 27, 2016.
- “Converts, Nuns, and Daughters: Gender and Religious Identity in the Long Nineteenth-Century.” American Society of Church History, Atlanta, GA. January 8, 2016.

### **Papers Presented**

- “The same evil as in the Dark Ages’: American Protestant Memories of the Inquisition.” American Society of Church History, San Francisco, CA. January 4, 2024.
- “Remembering Augustine’s Mother: Nineteenth-Century Hagiographies of St. Monica.” American Society of Church History, Philadelphia, PA. January 7, 2023.
- “A True Protestant Artist: Ary Scheffer’s St. Monica and Protestant Aesthetics.” Baylor Symposium on Faith and Culture, Waco, TX. October 27, 2022.
- “Martyrs and mothers: Female Saints in Nineteenth-Century Protestant Memory.” Conference on Faith and History, Waco, TX. April 1, 2022.
- “Patterns of genuine wives and mothers’: Antebellum Protestants and Female Saints.” American Society of Church History, New Orleans, LA. January 7, 2022.
- “The enlightened nations consider them corner stones’: Race and Christian History in Antebellum America.” American Society of Church History, New York, NY. January 3, 2020.
- “Almost fifteen centuries has the legal establishment of Christianity been on trial’: Anti-Catholic Historiography and American Religious Disestablishment.” American Society of Church History, Chicago, IL. January 6, 2019.
- “Let any anxious and pious mother remember the perils, and the rescue of the son of Monica’: St. Monica as Female Exemplar in Nineteenth-Century Protestantism.” Conference on Faith and History, Grand Rapids, MI. October 6, 2018.
- “Pious Mothers of the Early Church’: Antebellum Women Historians and the Christian Past.” American Society of Church History, Washington, DC. January 5, 2018.
- “Church Fathers and ‘Nursing Mothers’: Adaptations of Religious Historiography by Antebellum Women Historians.” Society for U.S. Intellectual History, Dallas, TX. October 28, 2017.
- “No man is a legitimate Protestant who lends his sanction to this infamous system’: Nineteenth-Century Slavery Debates and the Protestant Reformation.” Baylor Symposium on Faith & Culture, Waco, TX. October 27, 2017.
- “Seventeen Centuries of Sin?: Uses of Christian Tradition in Nineteenth-Century Proslavery Arguments.” American Society of Church History, Denver, CO. January 6, 2017.
- “What We Have Done and What We Have Left Undone: Christian History as Confession.” Baylor Symposium on Faith and Culture, Waco, TX. October 27, 2016.
- “Seventeen Centuries of Sin?: Uses of Christian Tradition in Nineteenth-Century Proslavery Arguments.” Conference on Faith and History, Virginia Beach, VA. October 21, 2016.
- “Confessing Priests, Authentic Narratives, and Roman Recantations: Gender and Anti-Catholic Sentiment in Jacksonian America.” American Society of Church History, Atlanta, GA. January 8, 2016.
- “Tender and indulgent towards the bishops of Rome’: Nineteenth-Century Church Historiography, Evangelical Identity, and the Problem of the Christian Past.” Baylor History Colloquium, Waco, TX. September 2, 2015.
- “Tender and Indulgent towards the Bishops of Rome’: The Publication History of Joseph Milner’s Evangelical Ecclesiastical Historiography.” American Society of Church History, Minneapolis, MN. April 16, 2015.
- “Joseph Milner’s Historical Selection as Noteworthy Revision of Protestant Historiography and Identity.” Conference on Faith and History, Malibu, CA. September 26, 2014.
- “This Same Jesus’: Theological Implications of the Ascended Body of Christ.” Regent College Academic Symposium, Vancouver, BC. March 9, 2013.

### **INVITED LECTURES & TALKS**

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“The Old Faith in a New Nation,” Academy Lecture at A&M United Methodist Church	June 2024
“Religion and Politics in America: De Tocqueville’s Prescient Warning,” Cosmos Club	March 2024
“Don’t Know What You’re Doing After Graduation?,” Malone University	March 2024
“Loving the Lord with All Your Mind,” The Center for Christian Faith & Culture	March 2024
“Don’t Know What You’re Doing After Graduation?,” Honors Forum at Eastern University	March 2024
Honors Student Seminar on <i>The Old Faith in a New Nation</i> , Regent University Honors College	September 2023
“Learning to Cook: The Gift of Tradition,” Anderson University Honors Banquet	April 2023
“Seventeen Centuries of Sin: The Christian Past, etc.,” Anderson University	April 2023

“Seventeen Centuries of Sin: The Christian Past, etc.,” Institute for Religion & Democracy	March 2023
“Don’t Know What You’re Doing After Graduation?,” Convivium (student group)	March 2023
“The Old Faith in a New Nation,” Institute for Studies of Religion	March 2023
“Don’t Know What You’re Doing After Graduation?,” Union University	February 2023
“Don’t Know What You’re Doing After Graduation?,” Hillsdale College	October 2022
“Seventeen Centuries of Sin: The Christian Past in Antebellum Slavery Debates,” Hillsdale C.	October 2022
“Don’t Know What You’re Doing After Graduation?,” Baylor in Washington	March 2022
“Don’t Know What You’re Doing After Graduation?,” John Brown U.	September 2021
“Seventeen Centuries of Sin: The Christian Past in Antebellum Slavery Debates,” John Brown U.	September 2021
“Don’t Know What You’re Doing After Graduation?,” Baylor Honors College	September 2021
“Don’t Know What You’re Doing After Graduation?,” John Brown University	February 2021
“How Old Books Help us Live in an Anxious Time,” Baylor in Washington	September 2020
“St. Edmund’s Day,” Anglican Student Ministries, Baylor University	November 2019
“Angels & Their Mission,” Baylor Theology Society	November 2019
“The Christian Past in Antebellum Slavery Debates,” Torrey Honors Institute	November 2019
“Forming Communities of Practice: Education for the Church’s Future,” Anglican Way Institute	July 2019
“St. Chrysostom on Avarice,” Anglican Student Ministries, Baylor University	September 2018
“St. Michael and All Angels,” Anglican Student Ministries, Baylor University	September 2016
“Loving this World and Longing for the Next,” Anglican Student Ministries, Baylor University	November 2014
“Loving Our Dead Neighbors: History, Hospitality, and the Christian Past,” Regent College	April 2014
“Loving this World and Longing for the Next,” Regent College	July 2013

#### **MEMBERSHIPS**

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Society of Anglican Theologians	2022 to present
American Society of Church History	2015 to present
Conference on Faith & History	2014 to present

#### **AWARDS**

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A. Donald MacLeod Award for Presbyterian History, Presbyterian Scholars Conference	2023
Nominated for Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor Award, Baylor University	2019
Recipient of Military Challenge Coin, Baylor Veteran Educational and Transition Services	2018
Florence Bell Scholar Award, Drew University	2018
Audience Choice Award, Three Minute Thesis Competition, Baylor University	2017
Board of Governors’ Prize for Proficiency in the ThM Degree Program, Regent College	2014
Church History Prize, Regent College	2013
Academic Symposium Prize, Regent College	2013
P.A. Boyd Award for Senior Influence, Bryan College	2008
Senior Communications Award, Bryan College	2008

#### **SCHOLARSHIPS AND FELLOWSHIPS**

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Finalist, Weaver Fellowship, Intercollegiate Studies Institute	2018
Doctoral Research Travel Award, Graduate School, Baylor University	2017
Doctoral Research Travel Award, History Department, Baylor University	2017
Lynn E. May Study Grant, Southern Baptist Historical Library and Archives	2017
Summer Research Fellowship, Religious Freedom Project at Georgetown University	2017
Armstrong Browning Library Teaching Fellowship, Baylor University	2017
Graduate Fellow, Baylor Institute for Studies of Religion	2015 – 2016
Graduate School Presidential Scholarship, Baylor University	2014 – 2018
Guittard Fellowship, Baylor University	2014 – 2017
Academic Entrance Scholarship, Regent College	2011
Catherine McDonald Communications Scholarship, Bryan College	2007
D.B. Rice Scholarship, Bryan College	2005
Presidential Scholarship, Bryan College	2004

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE & PEDAGOGICAL TRAINING

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### Teacher of Record

<i>United States in Global Perspective</i> , Baylor University	2019 to present
<i>Course of Study</i> (history of Christianity), Brazos Fellows	2018 to present
<i>United States to 1877</i> , Baylor University	2018 to 2020
<i>History of Christianity I</i> (distance graduate course), Regent College	2014 – 2016

### Other Teaching Experience

Guest lecturer, <i>Women's and Gender History</i> , Baylor University	2018
Guest lecturer, <i>United States to 1877</i> , Baylor University	2015
Tutorial instructor, <i>Christian Thought &amp; Culture I &amp; II</i> (graduate courses), Regent College	2013 – 2014
Teaching Assistant for Visiting Professor Mark Noll, Regent College	2013
Tutorial instructor, <i>History of Christianity I &amp; II</i> (graduate courses), Regent College	2012 – 2013

### Pedagogical Training

Teaching Capstone in Higher Education, Baylor University	2018 – 2019
Conyers Scholar, Institute for Faith and Learning, Baylor University	2017 – 2018
<i>Teaching the College Survey Course</i> with Julie DeGraffenreid, Baylor University	2015
<i>Teaching, Imagination, and Christian Practices</i> with David I. Smith, Regent College	2013
<i>Theory and Practice of Christian Pedagogy</i> with Sarah C. Williams, Regent College	2012

## SERVICE & VOLUNTEERING

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### Academic Service

Second Reader for Undergraduate Honors Thesis, Baylor University	April 2023
Hosted Hans Boersma, Baylor University	October 2021
Volunteer Judge for the “Heart of Texas History Fair”	January 2021
Second Reader for Undergraduate Honors Thesis, Baylor University	April 2020
Organized teaching colloquium with David I. Smith, Christ Church Waco	May 2019
Hosted D. Bruce Hindmarsh, Baylor University	February 2019
Organizer, History Department Colloquium, Baylor University	2018 – 2019
Hosted Hans Boersma, Baylor University	February 2018
Hosted Sarah C. Williams, Baylor University	February 2017
Leadership Team, Nineteenth Century Research Seminar, Baylor University	2016 – 2019
Hosted Hans Boersma, Baylor University	February 2016
Graduate-Undergraduate Mentor Program, Baylor University	2015 – 2016
Graduate Anglicans of Christ Church	2014 – 2019
Academic Symposium Review Committee, Regent College	2014

### Church and Community Service

Faculty sponsor, Anglican Student Ministries (Baylor University)	2023 to present
Licensed worship leader, The Episcopal Diocese of Fort Worth	2022 to present
Licensed catechist, The Episcopal Diocese of Fort Worth	2022 to present
Tipsy Orthodoxy coordinator and host (free public theology talks at local coffeeshop)	2019 to present
Staff member, Christ Church Waco	2019 to present
Nursery volunteer, Christ Church Waco	2017 to present
Morning prayer host	2015 to present
Member, Citizens for Responsible Lending (anti-payday loan organization), Waco TX	2015
Vestry member, Christ Church Waco	2015 – 2019
Student mentor, J. H. Hines Elementary School, Waco TX	2015 – 2017
Instructor, Sunday School class on poverty alleviation, Westminster Presbyterian Church	2010 – 2011
Founding member, Mercy Ministries Committee, Westminster Presbyterian Church	2010 – 2011
Founding member, Students Stopping the Trafficking of Persons, Bryan College	2007 – 2008

## REFERENCES

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