

CURRICULUM VITAE

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EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Biblical Studies Trinity Theological Seminary Dissertation—“‘Touch Not the Unclean Thing’ The Implications of Barnabian Kosher Typology for Biblical Exegesis.”	April 2000
M.A. in Theology University of Notre Dame	April 1996
B.A. in Philosophy Idaho State University	August 1991

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Professor , Department of Church History and Doctrine, Brigham Young University	2017—Present
Associate Professor , Department of Church History and Doctrine, Brigham Young University	2011–2017
Assistant Professor , Department of Church History and Doctrine, Brigham Young University	2005–2011
Instructor , Department of Ancient Scripture, Brigham Young University	2003–2005
New Testament Curriculum Writer , College Curriculum Church Educational System	2002–2003
Director , Palo Alto Institute of Religion, Church Educational System	1995–2003

COURSES TAUGHT AT BRIGAHM YOUNG UNIVERSITY

- **Religion E 632: World Religions** 2019
Department of Church History and Doctrine, Religious Education
- **Religion E 640: Christian History** 2007-2014
Department of Church History and Doctrine, Religious Education
- **Religion C 351: Survey of World Religions** 2005–Present
Department of Church History and Doctrine, Religious Education
- **Religion C 325: Doctrine & Covenants (Sections 77–138)** 2005–2010
Department of Church History and Doctrine, Religious Education
- **Religion C 324: Doctrine & Covenants (Sections 1–76)** 2005–2008
Department of Church History and Doctrine, Religious Education
- **Religion A 327: The Pearl of Great Price** 2004–2012
Department of Ancient Scripture, Religious Education
- **Religion C 352: Christian History and the Restored Gospel** 2009-2014
Department of Church History and Doctrine, Religious Education
- **Religion A 121: Book of Mormon (First Half)** 2003-2005
Department of Ancient Scripture, Religious Education
- **Religion A 122: Book of Mormon (Second Half)** 2003-2005
Department of Ancient Scripture, Religious Education
- **Religion A 211: The Four Gospels** 2003-2004
Department of Ancient Scripture, Religious Education
- **Religion A 211: Acts Through Revelation** 2003-2004
Department of Ancient Scripture, Religious Education

PUBLICATIONS

BOOKS AUTHORED

- Alonzo L. Gaskill, *Sacred Symbols: Finding Meaning in Rites, Rituals, and Ordinances, Deluxe Edition* (Springville, UT: CFI, 2018). 230 pages.
- Alonzo L. Gaskill, *65 Questions and Answers About Patriarchal Blessings* (Springville, UT: CFI, 2018). 182 pages.
- Alonzo L. Gaskill, *Miracles of the Book of Old Testament: A Guide to the Symbolic Messages* (Springville, UT: CFI, 2017). 472 pages.

- Alonzo L. Gaskill, *Converted: True Mormon Conversion Stories From 15 Religions* (Springville, UT: CFI, 2017). 167 pages.
- Alonzo L. Gaskill, *Know Your Religions Volume 3—A Comparative Look at Mormonism and Jehovah’s Witnesses* (Springville, UT: CFI, 2016). 245 pages.
- Alonzo L. Gaskill, *Temple Reflections: Insights into the House of the Lord* (Springville, UT: CFI, 2016). 275 pages.
- Alonzo L. Gaskill and Stephen H. Webb, *Catholic and Mormon: A Theological Conversation* (New York: Oxford University Press, 2015). 218 pages.
- Alonzo L. Gaskill, *Miracles of the Book of Mormon: A Guide to the Symbolic Messages* (Springville, UT: CFI, 2015). 450 pages.
- Alonzo L. Gaskill, *The Miracles of the New Testament: A Guide to the Symbolic Messages* (Springville, UT: CFI, 2014). 416 pages.
- Alonzo L. Gaskill, *Remember: Sacred Truths We Must Never Forget* (Springville, UT: CFI, 2013). 150 pages.
- Alonzo L. Gaskill, *The Lost Teaching of Jesus on the Sacred Place of Women* (Springville, UT: CFI, 2013). 101 pages.
- Alonzo L. Gaskill and Steven T. Linford, *Love At Home: Insights From the Lives of Latter-day Prophets* (Springville, UT: CFI, 2013). 97 pages.
- Alonzo L. Gaskill, *The Truth About Eden: Understanding the Fall and Our Temple Experience* (Springville, UT: CFI, 2013). 253 pages.
- Alonzo L. Gaskill, *Sacred Symbols: Finding Meaning in Rites, Rituals, and Ordinances* (Springville, UT: CFI, 2011). 310 pages.
- Alonzo L. Gaskill, *Know Your Religions Volume One—A Comparative Look at Mormonism and Catholicism* (Orem, UT: Millennial Press, 2008). 205 pages.
- Alonzo L. Gaskill, *Odds Are, You’re Going to be Exalted: Evidence that the Plan of Salvation Works* (Salt Lake City, UT: Deseret Book, 2008). 159 pages.
- Alonzo L. Gaskill, *The Nativity—Rediscover the Most Important Birth in All History* (Salt Lake City, UT: Deseret Book, 2006). 164 pages.
- Alonzo L. Gaskill, *The Savior and the Serpent: Unlocking the Doctrine of the Fall* (Salt Lake City, UT: Deseret Book, 2005). 239 pages.
- Alonzo L. Gaskill, *The Lost Language of Symbolism: An Essential Aid for Recognizing and Interpreting the Symbols of the Scriptures and the Temple* (Salt Lake City, UT: Deseret Book, February 2003). 476 pages.

BOOKS EDITED

- Alonzo L. Gaskill, compiler, *Converted: True Mormon Conversion Stories from 15 Religions* (Springville, UT: CFI, 2017), 167 pages.
- Alonzo L. Gaskill and Stanley A. Johnson, *Our Savior's Love: Hope & Healing in Christ* (Salt Lake City, UT: Deseret Book, 2015). 156 pages.
- *The Doctrine and Covenants: Revelations in Context*, Andrew H. Hedges, J. Spencer Fluhman, and Alonzo L. Gaskill, editors (Salt Lake City, UT: Deseret Book, 2008). 305 pages.

BOOK SERIES EDITED

- *Know Your Religions* Volumes 1 through 3 (Orem, UT: Millennial Press, 2008 & 2009 and Springville, UT: Cedar Fort, 2016).

BOOK CHAPTERS

- Alonzo L. Gaskill, “Greek Orthodox,” in Alonzo L. Gaskill, *Converted: True Mormon Conversion Stories from 15 Religions* (Springville, UT: CFI, 2017), Pp.119-129.
- Alonzo L. Gaskill and Seth G. Soha, “The Woman at the Veil: The History and Symbolic Merit of One of the Salt Lake Temple’s Most Unique Symbols,” in *An Eye of Faith: Essays in Honor of Richard O. Cowan*, Kenneth L. Alford and Richard E. Bennett, editors (Salt Lake City, UT: Deseret Book, 2015). Pp.90-111.
- Alonzo L. Gaskill, “‘The Ceremony of the Shoe’: A Ritual of God’s Ancient and Covenant Peoples,” in *By Our Rites of Worship: Latter-day Saint Views on Ritual in Scripture, History, and Practice*, Daniel L. Belnap, editor (Provo, UT: Religious Studies Center, 2013). Pp.133-150.
- Alonzo L. Gaskill, “Clothed in Holy Garments: The Apparel of the Temple Officers of Ancient Israel,” in *Ascending the Mountain of the Lord: Temple, Praise, and Worship in the Old Testament*, David R. Seely, Jeffrey R. Chadwick, and Matthew J. Grey, editors (Provo, UT: Brigham Young University Religious Studies Center and Deseret Book, 2013). Pp.85-104.
- Alonzo L. Gaskill, “‘...To Every Man is Given a Gift...’: The Spiritual Legacy of Wilford Woodruff,” in *Banner of the Gospel: Wilford Woodruff*, Alexander L. Baugh and Susan Easton Black, editors (Provo, UT: Brigham Young University Religious Studies Center, 2010), Pp.159-196.
- Alonzo L. Gaskill, “Types, Shadows, and Symbols of Christ Seen by the Church Fathers,” in *The Gospel of Jesus Christ in the Old Testament*, D. Kelly Ogden, Jared W. Ludlow, and Kerry Muhlestein, editors, (Provo, UT: Religious Studies Center, 2009). Pp.282-299.

JOURNAL ARTICLES

- Alonzo L. Gaskill, “Stephen H. Webb (1961-2016): Universal Scholar and Personal Friend,” in *BYU Studies*, Vol 55, No 4 (2016): 85-98.

- Alonzo L. Gaskill, “Guru Nanak’s Vision of God as a Model for Christian Ecumenism,” in *Journal of Ecumenical Studies*, Vol 52, No 2 (Summer 2017): 330-343.
- Alonzo L. Gaskill, “Ammon and the Arms of the Lamanites: Have We Been Misreading the Book of Mormon?,” in *Restoration Studies*, Volume XV, 2014, Pp. 82-94.
- Alonzo L. Gaskill, “Location Veneration: Independence, Missouri, in Latter-day Saint Zionist Tradition & Thought,” in *Mormon Historical Studies*, Vol. 14, No. 1 (June 2013): 162-183.
- Alonzo L. Gaskill, “Clothed Upon With Glory’: Sacred Underwear and the Consecrated Life,” in *Journal of Interreligious Dialogue*, Issue 12, Spring 2013, Pp.9-22.
- Alonzo L. Gaskill, “Spencer J. Palmer: ‘A Preacher of the Gospel to the World,’” in *BYU Religious Education Review* (2013), Pp.12-17.
- Alonzo L. Gaskill, “The Seal of Melchizedek?,” in *The Religious Educator—Perspectives on the Restored Gospel*, Volume 11, Number 3, 2010, Pp.94-121.
- Alonzo L. Gaskill, “Does Beelzebub Have a Body? The Corporeal Nature of Satan in Early Restoration Experience and Thought,” in *Restoration Studies*, Volume X, 2009, Pp. 41-56.
- Alonzo L. Gaskill, “Musings of a Mormon: Reflections on My Time at Notre Dame,” in *Notre Dame Magazine*, Spring 2007, Pp. 56-58.
- Alonzo L. Gaskill, “D&C 129:8 and the Reality of Satan’s Physicality,” in *The Religious Educator—Perspectives on the Restored Gospel*, Volume 8, Number 1, 2007, Pp.31-54.
- Alonzo L. Gaskill, “*Maximus Nothus Decretum*: A Look at the Recent Catholic Declaration Regarding Latter-day Saint Baptisms,” in *F.A.R.M.S. Review of Books* (Provo, UT: Brigham Young University) Volume 13, Number 4, 2001, Pp. 175-196.

REVIEWS

- Alonzo L. Gaskill, “Reporting Suicide,” in *The Christian Century: Thinking Critically, Living Faithfully*, Volume 133, Number 11 (2016): 6.
- Alonzo L. Gaskill, “Review” of *The Journey of a People: The Era of Restoration—1820 to 1844* and *The Journey of a People: The Era of Reorganization—1844-1946*, in *BYU Studies*, Vol. 55, No. 3 (2015): 207-214.
- Alonzo L. Gaskill, “Review” of *Banishing the Cross: The Emergence of a Mormon Taboo*, in *BYU Studies*, Vol. 52, No. 4 (2014): 185-187.
- Alonzo L. Gaskill, “Review” of *By What Authority? The Vital Questions of Religious Authority in Christianity*, in *BYU Studies*, Volume 50, Number 1 (2011): 172-173.

ENCYCLOPEDIC ARTICLES

- Alonzo L. Gaskill, “Bride,” in Dennis Largey and Larry Dahl, editors, *Doctrine and Covenants Reference Companion* (Salt Lake City, UT: Deseret Book, 2012), Pp.67-68.
- Alonzo L. Gaskill, “Bridegroom,” in Dennis Largey and Larry Dahl, editors, *Doctrine and Covenants Reference Companion* (Salt Lake City, UT: Deseret Book, 2012), P.68.
- Alonzo L. Gaskill, “Darkness,” in Dennis Largey and Larry Dahl, editors, *Doctrine and Covenants Reference Companion* (Salt Lake City, UT: Deseret Book, 2012), P.134.
- Alonzo L. Gaskill, “Fire,” in Dennis Largey and Larry Dahl, editors, *Doctrine and Covenants Reference Companion* (Salt Lake City, UT: Deseret Book, 2012), P.212.
- Alonzo L. Gaskill, “Hell,” in Dennis Largey and Larry Dahl, editors, *Doctrine and Covenants Reference Companion* (Salt Lake City, UT: Deseret Book, 2012), P.260.
- Alonzo L. Gaskill, “Rock(s), stone(s),” in Dennis Largey and Larry Dahl, editors, *Doctrine and Covenants Reference Companion* (Salt Lake City, UT: Deseret Book, 2012), Pp.556-557.

AUDIO RECORDINGS

- Alonzo L. Gaskill, *Sacred Symbols: Finding Meaning in Rites, Rituals, and Ordinances* (Springville, UT: CFI, 2017). Audio Book on 4 CDs, read by the author.
- Alonzo L. Gaskill, “The Savior’s Premortal Ministry,” in *Our Savior: A Fourteen-Part Course on the Life of Christ* (Salt Lake City, UT: Deseret Book, 2007).
- Alonzo L. Gaskill, *Making Sense of Gospel Symbols* (American Fork, UT: Covenant Communications, 2001).

REPRESENTATIVE SAMPLING OF ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS

- Alonzo L. Gaskill, “Joseph Smith and the Beginnings of Mormon Egalitarianism,” *John Whitmer Historical Association*, Nauvoo, IL, September 22-24, 2017.
- Alonzo L. Gaskill, “The Kirtland Endowment: The Liturgical Rites of the First Restoration Temple,” *John Whitmer Historical Association*, Kirtland, Ohio, September 22-25, 2016.
- Alonzo L. Gaskill, “Ritual and the Creation of Sacred Space,” *USC Conference on Temples, Sacred Space, & Sacred Clothing*, Los Angeles, CA: November 3-4, 2016.
- Alonzo L. Gaskill, “Guru Nanak’s Vision of God as a Model for Christian Ecumenism,” *John Whitmer Historical Association*, Independence, MO, Fall 2015.

- Alonzo L. Gaskill, “Mormon and Catholic Dialogue: A Beginning,” *Center for Interfaith Cooperation*, Indianapolis, IN, October 2015.
- Alonzo L. Gaskill, “Mormon Ritual Undergarments and the Sacrosanct Life,” *Mormonism and Exoticism*, Academic Royale de Belgique, Brussels, Belgium, May 2013.
- Alonzo L. Gaskill, “Location Veneration: The Place of Independence in Latter-day Saint Zionist Tradition and Thought,” *John Whitmer Historical Association*, Independence, MO, April 2012.
- Alonzo L. Gaskill, “‘To Every Man is Given a Gift’: The Spiritual Legacy of Wilford Woodruff,” *Wilford Woodruff Symposium*, Brigham Young University, Spring 2010.
- Alonzo L. Gaskill, “Mormonism, Hagiography, and the Virgin Mary: A Look at the Role of Patron Saints in LDS Belief and Practice,” *Claremont Mormon Studies Conference: Upon All Nations—Religious Pluralism*, Spring 2009.
- Alonzo L. Gaskill, “Does Beelzebub Have a Body? The Corporeal Nature of Satan in Early Restoration Experience and Thought,” *Restoration Studies Symposium*, Graceland University, Independence, MO, Spring 2008.
- Alonzo L. Gaskill, “‘...To Every Man is Given a Gift...’: The Spiritual Legacy of Parley P. Pratt,” *Parley P. Pratt Conference*, University of Arkansas—Fort Smith, April 2007.
- Alonzo L. Gaskill, “‘For They Truly Testify of Christ’: An Early Christian Reading of the Old Testament,” *Brigham Young University Easter Conference*, April 2006.

REPRESENTATIVE SAMPLING OF SUPPORTIVE SCHOLARSHIP

- Alonzo L. Gaskill, “Temple Reflections,” *Dallas Temple President’s Lecture*, Dallas, TX, June 2016.
- Alonzo L. Gaskill, “What Ancient Rites Can Teach Us About The Modern Temple,” *Oakland Temple Jubilee*, Oakland, CA, November 2014.
- Alonzo L. Gaskill, “Common Misconceptions About the Fall,” *BYU Campus Education Week*, August 2013.
- Alonzo L. Gaskill, “Facing the Storms of Life and Avoiding the Enticements of the World,” *BYU Campus Education Week*, August 2013.
- Alonzo L. Gaskill, “Finding Personal Meaning in the Fall,” *BYU Campus Education Week*, August 2013.
- Alonzo L. Gaskill, “Putting the Lord First and Learning to Laugh at What Life Throws Your Way,” *BYU Campus Education Week*, August 2013.

- Alonzo L. Gaskill, “Supporting Each Other—Not Controlling Each Other,” *BYU Campus Education Week*, August 2013.
- Alonzo L. Gaskill, “Textual Insights into the Doctrine of the Fall,” *BYU Campus Education Week*, August 2013.
- Alonzo L. Gaskill, “The Temple, Our Covenants, and Becoming One,” *BYU Campus Education Week*, August 2013.
- Alonzo L. Gaskill, “You and I as Adam and Eve,” *BYU Campus Education Week*, August 2013.
- Alonzo L. Gaskill, “Ancient Ordination Rituals and the Use of the Creation and Fall in the Roman Catholic Mass,” *BYU Campus Education Week*, August 2012.
- Alonzo L. Gaskill, “Clothing Rituals & Covenant Making Rituals in Ancient Judaism, Roman Catholicism & Islam,” *BYU Campus Education Week*, August 2012.
- Alonzo L. Gaskill, “People in Ritual and the Initiation Rites of Ancient Judaism and Roman Catholicism,” *BYU Campus Education Week*, August 2012.
- Alonzo L. Gaskill, “Prayer & Marriage Rituals in Ancient Judaism, Roman Catholicism & Hinduism,” *BYU Campus Education Week*, August 2012.
- Alonzo L. Gaskill, “Textual Insights into the Doctrine of the Fall,” *BYU Campus Education Week*, August 2007.
- Alonzo L. Gaskill, “The Ante-Mortal Ministry of Christ,” *BYU Campus Education Week*, August 2007.
- Alonzo L. Gaskill, “The Baptism of Jesus and the Restoration,” *BYU Campus Education Week*, August 2007.
- Alonzo L. Gaskill, “The Fall: A Common Misunderstanding,” *BYU Campus Education Week*, August 2007.
- Alonzo L. Gaskill, “The Intertestamental Period and Jesus’ Messianic Call,” (Two Lecture Presentation) *BYU Campus Education Week*, August 2007.
- Alonzo L. Gaskill, “You and I as Adam and Eve,” (Two Lecture Presentation) *BYU Campus Education Week*, August 2007.
- Alonzo L. Gaskill, “The Savior and the Serpent: Unlocking the Doctrine of the Fall,” *BYU Campus Education Week*, August 2005.

AUDIO–VISUAL AND ONLINE PUBLICATIONS

- *Mormon Matters* Interview with Dan Wotherspoon, July 15, 2016.

- *Mormon Matters* Interview with Dan Wotherspoon, May 24, 2016.
- *The Millennial Star* Interview, October 24, 2015.
- “Remember the Captivity of Your Fathers,” in *Meridian Magazine*, May 14, 2014.
- *FAIR Mormon* Interview with Ned Scarisbrick, March 1, 2014.
- *FAIR Mormon* Interview with Ned Scarisbrick, February 27, 2014.
- *Mormon Jaw* Interview with Diego Mazzoleni, November 25, 2012.
- *Everyday Lives, Everyday Values* Interview with Doug Wright, November 2011.
- *Mormon Identities* Interview, February 7, 2011.
- *Mormon Identities* Interview, December 27, 2010.
- *Bob Lonsberry* Interview, November 11, 2008.
- *Everyday Lives, Everyday Values* Interview with Doug Wright, December 4, 2005.
- *Everyday Lives, Everyday Values* Interview with Doug Wright, April 24, 2003.

CITIZENSHIP POSITIONS AND ASSIGNMENTS

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| ▪ Member, Department Search and Hiring Committee | 2018-Present |
| ▪ Chair, Department Rank and Status Committee | 2018-Present |
| ▪ Member, Department Rank and Status Committee | 2017-Present |
| ▪ Chair, World Religions In-service | 2017-Present |
| ▪ Master’s Thesis Chair, Scott Layton
Religious Education, Brigham Young University | 2016-Present |
| ▪ Master’s Thesis Chair, Garret Shields
Religious Education, Brigham Young University | 2013-2016 |
| ▪ Richard L. Evans Chair for Religious Understanding, Fellow
Office of Religious Outreach, Religious Education, Brigham Young University | 2014-Present |
| ▪ Faculty Advisory Council, Research Committee Chair
Faculty Advisory Council, Brigham Young University | 2014-2016 |
| ▪ Traffic and Parking Committee, Member
Faculty Advisory Council, Brigham Young University | 2014-2016 |
| ▪ Easter Symposium, Chair
Religious Education, Brigham Young University | 2014-2015 |

- Mormon Texts Project, Director of Transcription
Provo, UT
2014-2015

- Payson Interfaith Council, Founder and Committee Member
City of Payson
2013-Present

- Faculty Advisory Council, Research Committee Member
Faculty Advisory Council, Brigham Young University
2013-2014

- Easter Symposium, Committee Member
Religious Education, Brigham Young University
2013-2014

- MEG & ORCA Review Committee, Chair
Religious Education, Brigham Young University
2012-2015

- Religious Studies Center, Review Board
Church History and Doctrine, Brigham Young University
2012-2014

- Master's Thesis Committee Member, David Wetzel
Religious Education, Brigham Young University
2011-2012

- Expert Witness, Federal Terrorism Trial
United States District Court
2011

- New Faculty Mentor, Mauro Properzi
Church History and Doctrine, Brigham Young University
2011-2014

- Honors Thesis Chair, Judson Burton
Philosophy, Brigham Young University
2011-2012

- Student Symposium Reviewer
Religious Education, Brigham Young University
2011-2012

- MEG & ORCA Review Committee, Committee Member
Religious Education, Brigham Young University
2010-2012

- Master's Thesis Chair, Ryan Wilkins
Religious Education, Brigham Young University
2010-2011

- Doctoral Dissertation, Committee Member
Department of Leadership, Andrews University
2009-2012

- Millennial Press Acquisitions Consultant
Orem, Utah
2009

- Master's Thesis Committee Member, James Harrop
Religious Education, Brigham Young University
2008

- Student Symposium, Chair 2008-2009
Religious Education, Brigham Young University
- Student Symposium, Committee Member 2006-2008
Religious Education, Brigham Young University
- The Religion Embassy, Advisor 2006-2007
Student Clubs, Brigham Young University
- Friday Forum, Committee Member 2005
Religious Education, Brigham Young University

HONORS AND RECOGNITION

- Brigham Award, 2015
Brigham Young University
- The Robert J. Matthews Teaching Award 2012
Religious Education, Brigham Young University

MEMBERSHIPS IN SCHOLARLY ORGANIZATIONS

- North American Academy of Ecumenists
- John Whitmer Historical Association
- Evangelical Training Association
- Golden Key International Honor Society

PERSONAL

- Sealed in the Salt Lake Temple December 1989
- Five children (Rachael, Gary, Keaten, Jared, Kathryn)
 - One grandchild (Xander)
- Missionary, England London South Mission 1986–1988
- Church calling: Stake Presidency 2007–Present