

Michael R. Licona

Curriculum Vitae

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Education

- Ph.D. in New Testament Studies, University of Pretoria (2009), completed with distinction and the highest mark (External Reader: Richard Hays, Duke; dissertation published by IVP Academic, 2010)
- M.A. in Religious Studies, Liberty University (2000)
- B.A. in Applied Music, Liberty University (1983)

Positions Held

- Associate Professor of Theology, Houston Baptist University (August 2012— Present)
- Extraordinary Associate Professor, Faculty of Theology, North-West University, South Africa (Potchefstroom Campus) (January 2014—Present)
- External Research Collaborator, Faculty of Theology, North-West University, South Africa (Potchefstroom Campus) (December 2010—December 2013)
- Research Professor of New Testament, Southern Evangelical Seminary, Charlotte, NC (June 2009—October 2011)
- Apologetics Coordinator, North American Mission Board (Jan. 1, 2005—Dec. 31, 2011)

Professional Memberships

- Studiorum Novi Testamenti Societas
- Society of Biblical Literature
- Institute for Biblical Research
- Evangelical Theological Society / Evangelical Philosophical Society

Publications

Books

- *Why Are There Differences in the Gospels? What We Can Learn from Ancient Biography* (New York: Oxford University Press, 2017)

- *The Resurrection of Jesus: A New Historiographical Approach* (Downers Grove: IVP Academic, November 2010).
- *Evidence for God: 50 Arguments for Faith from the Bible, History, Philosophy, and Science* (co-edited with William A. Dembski, Grand Rapids: Baker, 2010). Four essays of mine are included: “Can We Be Certain That Jesus Died on a Cross? A Look at the Ancient Practice of Crucifixion”; “Were the Resurrection Appearances of Jesus Hallucinations?”; “Is Jesus the Only Way?”; “What About Those Who Have Never Heard the Gospel?”
- *Paul Meets Muhammad* (Grand Rapids: Baker, 2006).
- *The Case for the Resurrection of Jesus* (with co-author Gary Habermas, Grand Rapids: Kregel, 2004). Recipient of *Christianity Today*’s “Award of Merit” (i.e., second place for “Book of the Year”) in Apologetics.

Essays/Chapters in Books

- “Habermas, Gary R” in *Dictionary of Christian Apologists and Their Critics* (Hokoken, NJ: Wiley-Blackwell, 2018 projected)
- “Compositional Techniques Within Plutarch and the Gospel Tradition” in *Christian Origins and the Establishment of the Early Jesus Movement* (EHC 4), Stanley E. Porter and Andrew W. Pitts, eds. (Leiden, Netherlands: Brill, 2017 projected).
- “It Depends on What You Mean by the Term ‘Historically Reliable’” in *Can We Trust the Bible on the Historical Jesus: Craig Evans and Bart Ehrman in Dialogue*, Robert B. Stewart, ed. Minneapolis: Fortress, late 2017 projected).
- “Viewing the Gospels as Ancient Biographies Resolves Many Perceived Contradictions,” pp. 319-24 in *Biographies and Jesus: What Does It Mean for the Gospels to be Biographies?* Craig S. Keener and Edward T. Wright, eds. (Lexington, KY: Emeth Press, 2016).
- “A New Starting Point in Historical Jesus Research: The Easter Event” in *The Quest for the Real Jesus*, Jan van der Watt, ed. (Leiden, Netherlands: Brill, 2013), 99-127.
- “Paul on the Nature of the Resurrection Body” in *Buried Hope or Risen Savior: The Search for the Jesus Tomb*, Charles L. Quarles, ed. (Nashville: B&H Academic, 2008), 177-198.

Journal Articles

- “Is the Sky Falling in the World of Historical Jesus Research?” in *Bulletin for Biblical Research* 26.3 (Fall-Winter 2016), 353-68.
- “What are the Primary Sources for Jesus’s Resurrection” in *The City: Resurrection* 9:1 (Spring 2016), 23-30.

- “What Jesus’ Enemies Said About Him” in *The City: Jesus and His Enemies* 8.1 (Summer 2015), 92-100.
- “Historians and Miracle Claims” in *Journal for the Study of the Historical Jesus* 12 (2014), 106-129.
- “In Reply to Habermas, McGrew, and McCullagh” in *Southeastern Theological Review* 3.1 (2012), 55-69.
- “A Roundtable Discussion with Michael Licona on *The Resurrection of Jesus: A New Historiographical Approach* (Danny Akin, Craig Blomberg, Paul Copan, Michael Kruger, Michael Licona, and Charles Quarles)” in *Southeastern Theological Review* 3.1 (2012), 71-98.
- “Did Jesus Predict His Death and Vindication/Resurrection?” in *Journal for the Study of the Historical Jesus* 8.1 (2010), 47-66.
- “The adjudication of miracles: Rethinking the criteria of historicity” with Jan G. van der Watt in *Hervormde Theological Studies* 65.2 (2009).
- “Historians and miracles – the principle of analogy and antecedent probability reconsidered” with Jan G. van der Watt in *Hervormde Theological Studies* 65.1 (2009).

Book Reviews

- *An Overview of Perplexing Matters Related to Jesus’ Resurrection*. A review of Lidija Novakovic, *Resurrection: A Guide for the Perplexed* in *The Expository Times* 128.3 (December 2016), 149-50.
- *Why Resurrection (When There Is A Better Way)?* A review of Carlos Blanco, *Why Resurrection? An Introduction to the Belief in the Afterlife in Judaism and Christianity* in *The Expository Times*, Volume 124, Number 4, January 2013, 191.
- *The Reliability of the New Testament: Bart Ehrman and Daniel Wallace in Dialogue* by Robert B. Stewart, ed. (*Review of Biblical Literature [RBL]*, August 12, 2011).
- *Revisiting the Empty Tomb: The Early History of Easter* by Daniel A. Smith (*RBL*, December 15, 2010).
- *The Resurrection: History and Myth* by Geza Vermes (*RBL*, July 5, 2008).
- *The Empty Tomb Tradition of Mark: Text, History, and Theological Struggles* by Mark W. Waterman (*RBL*, March 31, 2007).
- *Lo, I Tell You a Mystery: Cross, Resurrection, and Paranesis in the Rhetoric of 1 Corinthians* by David A. Ackerman (*RBL*, September 16, 2006).
- *The Resurrection of Jesus: John Dominic Crossan and N. T. Wright in Dialogue* by Robert B. Stewart, ed. (*RBL*, September 9, 2006).
- *Resurrecting Jesus: The Earliest Christian Tradition and Its Interpreters* by Dale C. Allison (*RBL*, August 12, 2006).

- *Text and History: Historiography and the Study of the Biblical Text* by Jens Bruun Kofoed (RBL, February 18, 2006).
- *Exegetical Essays on the Resurrection of the Dead* by Samuel M. Frost (RBL, November 5, 2005).
- *Historiography and Hermeneutics in Jesus Studies: An Examination of the Work of John Dominic Crossan and Ben F. Meyer* by Donald L. Denton (RBL, June 11, 2005).
- *The Resurrection of the Son of God* by N. T. Wright (RBL, June 19, 2004).

Papers Read

- “Synthetic Chronological Placement in Ancient Biography,” delivered at the annual meeting of the Evangelical Theological Society on November 18, 2015 in Atlanta, GA.
- “A Critical Review of *Reading the Gospels Wisely* by Jonathan Pennington” delivered as part of a panel discussion at the annual meeting of the Evangelical Theological Society on November 19, 2014 in San Diego, CA.
- “Viewing the Gospels as Ancient Biographies Resolves Many Perceived Contradictions (Part 2),” delivered at the annual meeting of the Evangelical Theological Society on November 21, 2013 in Baltimore, MD.
- “Is it Appropriate for Biblical Scholars to Speak of Supernatural Causation?” Delivered at the annual meeting of the Evangelical Theological Society on November 19, 2013 in Baltimore, MD.
- “Did Jesus Claim to be God in Some Sense?” Delivered at North-West University (Potchefstroom, SA) on August 20, 2013.
- “Viewing the Gospels as Ancient Biographies Resolves Many Perceived Contradictions (Part 2),” delivered at Stellenbosch University on August 16, 2013.
- “Viewing the Gospels as Ancient Biographies Resolves Many Perceived Contradictions,” delivered at the annual meeting of the Evangelical Philosophical Society on November 15, 2012 in Milwaukee, WI.
- “When the Saints Go Marching In: Historicity, Apocalyptic Symbol, and Biblical Inerrancy,” delivered at the annual meeting of the Evangelical Philosophical Society on November 17, 2011 in San Francisco, CA.
- “The Resurrection of Jesus: A New Historiographical Approach,” delivered at the Evangelical Philosophical Society on November 18, 2010 in Atlanta, GA.
- “What are Historians to do with Miracle Claims,” delivered at the annual meeting of the Evangelical Philosophical Society on November 14, 2007 in San Diego, CA.

Colloquiums

- Viewing the Gospels as Ancient Biographies Resolves Many Perceived Contradictions (Houston Baptist University; February 21, 2013)
- Are there contradictions in the Gospels? (University of South Africa; May 2010)

Adjunct Teaching

- Biola University (June 2011-2013)
- Luther Rice Seminary (January, 2010)
- Southern Evangelical Seminary (June 2009-October 2011)

Awards

- Liberty Baptist Theological Seminary 2010 “Alumnus of the Year”
- *Christianity Today* 2005 Award of Merit (i.e., Second Place, Book of the Year in Apologetics) for *The Case for the Resurrection of Jesus*

Website

- RisenJesus.com