

**Albert R. Beck**  
**Academic Vita**

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- Education:**
1. Ph.D.—Baylor University, Waco, Texas, 2008.  
Religion, Politics, and Society.  
Dissertation: “‘All Truth is God’s Truth’: The Life and Ideas of Frank E. Gaebelien, 1899-1983.”
  2. M.A.—Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, Deerfield, Illinois, 1996.  
Church History and the History of Christian Thought; cognate in Philosophy of Religion (*Magna Cum Laude*).  
Thesis: "An Examination and Evaluation of the Use of Providence in Christian High School History Textbooks."
  3. A.B.—University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan, 1991.  
History; cognate in Political Science (Graduated with Distinction).
  4. A.B.Ed.—University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan, 1991.  
Elementary Education (Graduated with Distinction).
  5. Diploma—Cadillac High School, Cadillac, Mich., 1986.

- Academic Employment:**
1. Adjunct Lecturer, Baylor Interdisciplinary Core, Baylor University, Waco, Texas, 2011-present.
  2. Admissions and Advisement Coordinator, The Honors Program, Baylor University, Waco, Texas, 2007-present.
  3. Administrator, Texas Christian Academy, Waco, Texas, 2001-2007.
  4. Teacher, Texas Christian Academy, Waco, Texas, 1999-2007.
  5. Doctoral Fellow, J. M. Dawson Institute of Church-State Studies, Baylor University, Waco, Texas, 1996-1999
  6. Graduate Assistant, Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, Deerfield, Ill., 1995.
  7. Teacher (Junior & Senior High), Saline Christian School, Saline, Mich., 1991-1993.

**Teaching  
Experience:**

**College and University:**

1. BIC 2344, World Cultures 4, Baylor Interdisciplinary Core, Baylor University.
2. HON 4V87, Honors Thesis, The Honors Program, Baylor University (Course Coordinator).
3. HON 3200, Honors Colloquium, The Honors Program, Baylor University.
4. HIS 1306, World History from 1400 to 1750, History Department, Baylor University (Graduate Assistant)
5. CH 5060, American Church History, Church History Department, Trinity Evangelical Divinity School (Graduate Assistant)

**Secondary School:**

1. World History
2. American History
3. U. S. Government
4. Bible
5. Biology/Life Science
6. Computers and Technology
7. Math

**Administrative  
Experience:**

1. Honors College Representative, Advising Leadership Council, Baylor University, Waco, Texas, 2014-present.
2. Honors College Representative, Academic Advising Council, Baylor University, Waco, Texas, 2010-present.
3. Admissions and Advisement Coordinator, The Honors Program, Baylor University, Waco, Texas, 2007-present.
4. Head of School, Texas Christian Academy, Waco, Texas, 2005-2007.
5. Assistant Head of School, Texas Christian Academy, Waco, Texas, 2003-2005.
6. Elementary Principal, Texas Christian Academy, Waco, Texas, 2001-2005.
7. Faculty Mentor, ESC Region 12 Alternative Certification Program, Waco, Texas, 2002-2003.
8. School Accreditation Coordinator, Texas Christian Academy, Waco, Texas, 2001-2007.
9. Middle School Coordinator, Texas Christian Academy, Waco, Texas, 2000-2001.

**Academic  
Publications:**

1. "Church - State (overview)." In *Encyclopedia of Protestantism*. Edited by Hans Hillerbrand. New York: Routledge Press, 2004.
2. Book Review: *The Dawn of the New Cycle: Point Loma Theosophists and*

- American Culture*. By Michael Ashcraft. Knoxville, Tenn.: University of Tennessee Press, 2002. Review in *Church History* 72, no. 4 (2003): 897.
3. "New England, Colonial to Early Republic." In *Encyclopedia of Religious Freedom*. Edited by Catherine Cookson. New York: Routledge Press, 2003.
  4. "Church and State, 1500-1789." In *Censorship: A World Encyclopedia*. Edited by Derek Jones. London, Chicago: Fitzroy Dearborn Publishers, 2001.
  5. Entries in *Encyclopedia of Religion and American Politics*. Edited by Jeffrey D. Schultz, John G. West, Jr., and Iain Maclean. Volume 2 in the *American Political Landscape Series*. Phoenix: Oryx Press, 1999. (Over 20 entries, including ones on Evangelicalism, Fundamentalism, Theonomy, and a number of significant Supreme Court cases dealing with church-state matters.)
  6. Book Review: *Interpreting the Free Exercise of Religion: The Constitution and American Pluralism*. By Bette Novit Evans. Chapel Hill: UNC Press, 1997. Review in *Church History* (December 1998): 810-11.
  7. Book Review: *Evangelicals at the Ballot Box*. By Albert J. Menendez. Amherst, N.Y.: Prometheus Books, 1996. Reviewed in *The Journal of Church and State* (Autumn 1997): 822-23.
  8. "'Freedom to do that Which is Right': A Look at the Early American Synthesis of Liberty and Virtue." In *Freedom and Order*. Grand Rapids, Mich.: Acton Institute for the Study of Religion and Liberty, 1997, pp. 1-10.
  9. "Evangelical Historical Scholarship, 1994." With B. Hankins and G. Treloar. In *The Furtherance of Religious Beliefs, A Special Combined Edition of Lucas: An Evangelical History Review 19/20 (1995-1996)*, ed. by G. Treloar. Sydney: Evangelical History Association of Australia, 1997, pp. 217-41.

**Conference Presentations:**

1. "Why Do Science Students Quit Honors?" with Dr. Wesley Null. National Collegiate Honors Council annual meeting, San Antonio, Texas, October 2008.
2. "Faith and Learning Integration: Past, Present, and Future?" Cultivating Inquiry: Faith and Worldview Teaching: Cultivating Inquiry Across the Curriculum, Lexington Christian Academy, April 2006.
3. "The Integration of Faith and Learning: The History and Usefulness of an Educational Ideal." Conference on Faith and History biennial meeting, Hope College, October 2004.
4. "Baptist Battles: Two Controversies Involving Waco Baptists." Baylor University Scholars' Day, Waco, Texas, March 2004.
5. "In the Interest of Sanctified Learning: Tensions and Transitions in the Christian Character of Northwestern University." Conference on Faith and History biennial student conference, Houghton College, October 2002.
6. "The Quest for Christian America as Revealed in Christian School History Books." Conference on Faith and History biennial meeting, Point Loma Nazarene University, October 2000.
7. "Appeasing the Lord of History: The Preservation of Protestant Civic Piety in

Christian School History Texts and Supplemental Readers." Southwestern Social Science Association meeting, San Antonio, Texas, March 1999.

8. "Robert Findlay's *Vindication of the Sacred Books*: The Scottish Evangelical Response to Voltaire." Graduate Student Research Day, Baylor University, April 1997.

**Research  
Interests:**

1. History of American Fundamentalism and Evangelicalism.
2. History of Christian School Education.
3. Civil Religion and American Education.

**Honors &  
Awards:**

1. Winner, 1997 Lord Acton Essay Contest, Acton Institute for the Study of Religion and Liberty, Grand Rapids, Michigan.
2. Graduated Magna Cum Laude (M.A.), Trinity International University, Deerfield, Ill., 1996.
3. Graduated with Distinction (A.B., A.B.Ed.), University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Mich., 1991.
4. Class Honors, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Mich., 1988, 1990, 1991.
5. Michigan Competitive Scholarship recipient, Ann Arbor, Mich., 1986.

**Other  
Activities:**

1. Association of Christian Schools International, Southwest District Accreditation Team Member, 2004-2007.
2. Calvin College Faculty Seminar in Christian Scholarship, Calvin College, Grand Rapids, Michigan, 1999. (With George Marsden)
3. Liberty Fund Student Conference, Acton Institute for the Study of Religion and Liberty, Grand Rapids, Michigan, 1999.
4. Judge, Lord Acton Essay Contest, Acton Institute for the Study of Religion and Liberty, Grand Rapids, Michigan, 1998.
5. Judge, Heart of Texas Regional History Fair, Baylor University, Waco, Texas, 1998.
6. Toward a Free and Virtuous Society Conference participant, West Cornwall, Connecticut, 1997.
7. Active Member, Alliance Bible Church, Waco, Texas, 1996-present. (Sunday-School Teacher, Missions Committee, and Deacon)
8. Awana Leader, 1987-2008.

**Professional  
Affiliations:**

1. Phi Alpha Theta (history honor society)
2. Pi Sigma Alpha (political science honor society)
3. Conference on Faith and History
4. National Japanese-American Historical Society