

Bruce P. Baugus

Annual Out of Bounds Report to Presbytery of Mississippi Valley: 2015–16

Reformed Theological Seminary

I continue to serve as Associate professor of Philosophy and Theology at RTS-Jackson, where I teach a full load of courses each semester, mentor students, and serve the institution in a variety of other ways, as asked. I also teach courses at RTS's Memphis extension center and occasionally elsewhere and advise MA Theses for the RTS global.

Writing & Scholarly Projects

I taught a course on Calvin's *Institutes* (with Chad VanDixhoorn as a guest for half a day) and a course on Christology in two different locations in East Asia.

I continue writing for Reformation21.org as a regular contributor.

I presented the paper, "Theological Education and China's Reforming Churches" and served as a panelist at *China Seminar: The Intellectual and Ethical Foundations of the Flourishing Society* hosted by Acton Institute.

I published or worked on other projects including book reviews, a chapter on the post-Enlightenment history of the doctrine of Justification for a forthcoming Crossway, and my dreamed about textbook on the history of philosophy for understanding Christian theology. (I have not been as active in this area as I would like this year and do not foresee much improvement for the next several years.)

I continue my work as a member of an international consortium for the training of indigenous faculty to serve Reformed seminaries in East Asia. (Our first student completed the certificate program at RTS Jackson this year as part of his advanced training program).

Adjunct Positions

I serve as an adjunct professor at a Reformed seminary in East Asia where I teach one course per year, and at Belhaven University in Jackson, Mississippi where I teach one course each semester and have recently started accepting online courses to help pay for my son's college.

Preaching & Teaching

I continue to preach at least twice each month in the presbytery's churches, occasionally administering the Lord's Supper. (I sometimes also preach outside of PMV.)

Presbytery

I have attended each stated meeting of presbytery this year.

I serve on the credentials committee, which I currently chair.

Request

I am grateful for the opportunity to devote myself to these and other ways of serving Christ's church as a teaching elder in this presbytery. I hope to continue serving out of bounds at RTS in the upcoming year and request your permission to do so.

Gratefully Submitted,

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