

## Instructors and Administration

**Derek O. Coleman Jr., Ph.D.**  
Co-Founder, President and Dean of Academic Affairs  
Faculty - Systematic Theology



Dr. Coleman has a B.S. Degree from Southern Illinois University, a Master of Divinity from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and a Ph.D. in Philosophy from the Graham School of Missions, Evangelism, and Church Growth at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. Dr. Coleman was also a U.S. Navy instructor at the Naval Nuclear Power Training Units in Ballston Spa, NY and Charleston, SC. Dr. Coleman is currently senior pastor Gardenside Baptist Church, Lexington, KY. He has ministered in eight different churches as senior pastor or in missions or education ministry positions. He has also served as Adjunct Professor in two seminaries instructing undergraduate and graduate courses in evangelism, missions, and church growth. Dr. Coleman is President and Dean of Academic Affairs for Caraguá Baptist Seminary.

**Alex Hensley**  
Co-Founder and Vice President of Brazilian Affairs

Alex Hensley is Co-Founder of Caragua Baptist Seminary and is the Vice President for Brazilian Affairs. He is responsible for coordination of Seminary activities in Brazil including development of regional campuses and facilities. He also develops networks of regional teams in Brazil. These include regional representatives that help distribute information and provide class facilities, interpreters, and volunteers. Mr. Hensley also provides assistance with instructor travel and accommodations in Brazil. Alex lives in Lexington KY with his wife Barbara, Advisor to the Board, Caragua Baptist Seminary.



**Jeffrey W. Stringer, Ph.D.**  
Administrator, Caragua Baptist Seminary

Dr. Stringer is a founding board member and Administrator of Caragua Baptist Seminary Inc. Dr. Stringer oversees finances of the Seminary and manages student data, communications, and provides academic support for instructors. He lives in Lexington Kentucky where his professor at the University of Kentucky.



**Raymond Edge, Ph.D.**  
Faculty - Old Testament

Dr. Edge is Adjunct Professor of Hebrew and Old Testament at Southwest Theological Seminary in Austin Texas and an active researcher of the Dead Sea Scrolls conducting lectures in the U.S. and Brazil. He graduated with a Ph.D. in Middle Eastern Language and Culture-Hebrew Studies from the University of Texas and a Masters of Arts in Biblical Hebrew Language from Criswell College. Dr. Edge also holds a Bachelor of Arts in Old Testament and History of the Nation of Israel from The Hebrew University in Jerusalem, Israel. Dr. Edge is currently senior pastor at First Baptist Church in Bastrop TX, USA.



**Gregory L. Waltermire, Ph.D.**  
Faculty - Church History

Dr. Waltermire holds a Ph.D. in Higher Education- Policy Studies and Evaluation from the University of Kentucky, and a Master of Arts from Morehead State University in Adult and Higher Education-Counseling. Dr. Waltermire also holds a Bachelor of Arts in Ministry – Communications from Lexington Baptist College and a Master of Arts in Christian Education-Teaching and Leadership from Southern Baptist Seminary, Louisville, KY, USA. Dr. Waltermire has pastored two churches and currently is at Heritage Baptist Church, Lexington, KY, USA, where he has pastored for the last 17 years.



**Terry Leap, Ph. D.**  
Faculty – New Testament, Evangelism, Apologetics

Dr. Terry Leap obtained Bachelor of Arts degrees from Temple Baptist College and Northern Kentucky University and a Masters of Divinity and a Doctor of Philosophy degree from the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, KY. Dr. Terry Leap currently serves as pastor of the Williamstown Baptist Church in Kentucky, USA and as adjunct instructor at Northern Kentucky University. His specialty interests include Christian evangelism, apologetics, and World Religions.



**Chris Dortch, D. Min.**  
Lecturer - New Testament

Dr. Chris Dortch has multiple degrees from Liberty University and Liberty Baptist Theological Seminary where he graduated with a Doctor of Ministry. Dr. Dortch is a Southern Baptist pastor and has been serving in ministry since 1993. He currently serves as the Lead Pastor of First Baptist Church of Mount Sterling, Kentucky. He also serves as a Church Revitalization Consultant and serves on the Mission Board of the Kentucky Baptist Convention.



**Steven Scherer, D. Min.**  
Lecturer – Pastoral Ministry, Care and Counselling

Dr. Steven Scherer is a graduate of The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky, earning a Master of Divinity and a Doctor of Ministry in Church Revitalization. He currently serves as the senior pastor of Central Baptist Church in Paris, Kentucky. Dr. Scherer serves in various capacities with the Central Kentucky Network of Baptists and the Kentucky Baptist Convention.

