

Curriculum Vitae

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Associate Professor of Philosophy and Religion

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Education

Ph.D. University of St Andrews, St Andrews Scotland, 2008

Th.M. Calvin Theological Seminary, Grand Rapids, 2001 (*Honors*)
including 1 year at Philipps-Universität Marburg, Marburg Germany

M.Div. Princeton Theological Seminary, Princeton, New Jersey, 1997 (*Honors*)

B.A. Taylor University, Upland, Indiana, 1993 (*Summa Cum Laude*)

Awards

2020: Distinguished Professor Award, Taylor University

2019: Women's Giving Circle Research Grant

2018: Logos Institute Research Fellow, University of St Andrews

2013: Joe Burnworth Teaching Award, Taylor University

2011: Faculty Research Grant, Taylor University

2008–2009: Frederick J. Crosson Postdoctoral Research Fellowship at the University of Notre Dame

2005–2008: ORS: UK Overseas Research Scholarship

Employment

2020–present: Taylor University, Professor of Philosophy and Religion

2013–2020: Taylor University, Associate Professor of Philosophy and Religion (2015: tenured)

2009–2013: Taylor University, Assistant Professor of Philosophy and Religion

2008–09: University of Notre Dame, Post-graduate Instructor and Researcher

Teaching

2009–present Taylor University: Contemporary Christian Belief, Faith and Philosophy, Epistemology, Logic, Metaphysics, Western and Eastern World Religions, Foundations of the Christian Liberal Arts

2008–09 University of Notre Dame: Philosophy of Religion

Research

Ph.D. Thesis:

“The Theology of Revelation and the Epistemology of Christian Belief: The Compatibility and Complementarity of the Theological Epistemologies of Karl Barth and Alvin Plantinga.”

Th.M. Thesis:

“Timelessness, Relationality and the Incarnation: Relational Ontology and Temporal Omnipresence.”

Publications:

“Trinitarian Advantages for Divine Action in the Natural World.” In *Theology and Science*. (forthcoming, 2024, Taylor & Francis).

“Karl Barth and Apologetics.” In the *Wiley-Blackwell Dictionary of Christian Apologists and Their Critics*. Edited by Doug Geivett and Robert Stewart. (Forthcoming 2024, John Wiley & Sons Ltd).

“Karl Barth and Apologetics.” In the *Wiley-Blackwell Dictionary of Christian Apologists and Their Critics*. Edited by Doug Geivett and Robert Stewart. (Forthcoming 2024, John Wiley & Sons Ltd).

“Barth and Philosophy.” In the *Wiley Blackwell Companion to Karl Barth*, First Edition. Edited by George Hunsinger and Keith L. Johnson. (2020, John Wiley & Sons Ltd).

“Incarnational Education in a Socially Distant Age.” In the *Taylor University Alumni Magazine* (2020): 12-13.

Invited review of Dieter Schönecker (ed.) *Plantinga's 'Warranted Christian Belief': Critical Essays with a Reply by Alvin Plantinga*, De Gruyter, 2015, for *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews* (June 2016).

Theology's Epistemological Dilemma: How Karl Barth and Alvin Plantinga Provide a Unified Response. Strategic Initiatives in Evangelical Theology (2014, IVP).

“Is God Necessarily Who God Is? Alternatives for the Trinity and Election Debate.” *Scottish Journal of Theology*, 66, no. 2 (2013): 209-220.

“Can Arguments Boost Warrant for Christian Belief? Warrant Boosting and the Primacy of Divine Revelation.” *Religious Studies*, 47, no. 2 (2011): 185-200.

"Karl Barth and the Relationship Between Philosophy and Theology." *Heythrop Journal* 51, no. 6 (2010), 1035-1052.

"Are Sin and Evil Necessary for a Really Good World? Questions for Alvin Plantinga's Felix Culpa Theodicy." *Faith and Philosophy* 25, no. 1 (2008): 87-101.

"Does Contemporary Theology Require a Postfoundationalist Way of Knowing?" *Scottish Journal of Theology* 60, no. 3 (2007): 271-293.

Papers Given:

Invited paper, "Vulnerability to Abuse in Reconciliation and the Vicarious Humanity of Christ" for the *Logos Conference in Analytic and Exegetical Theology* at the University of St Andrews (June 2019).

"In Search of a Unifying Framework for Understanding the Atonement" *Logos Institute Seminar* at the University of St Andrews (April 5, 2018).

Invited paper, "Atonement and the Vicarious Humanity of Christ: Reflections on Eleonore Stump's *Atonement*," for the Baylor University Symposium on Eleonore Stump's Atonement manuscript (May 2017).

Invited paper, "Critical Insights for the Doctrine of the Atonement: David Moffitt's Hebrews," for the *Logos Conference in Analytic and Exegetical Theology* at the University of St Andrews (June 2017).

Invited lectures, "Thinking Theologically about World Religions" for the Honors Colloquium at LeTourneau University, Longview, TX (March 2016).

Invited paper, "A response to Paul La Montagne's *Barth and Rationality: Critical Realism in Theology*", for the Karl Barth Society meeting at the American Academy of Religion 2015 Annual Meetings (November 2015).

Invited paper, "Implications of Christian Trinitarian Theology for Divine Action and its Relationship to the Natural World", for *Science and Personal Action: Human and Divine*, MIT (July 2015).

"George MacDonald's Theological Case for Universal Reconciliation" Taylor University (May 6, 2014)

"The Theology of Reconciliation and the Injustice of Forgiveness: Is There a Place for Unilateral Forgiveness in Transitional Justice?" Taylor University 'Restoration of the Other' Honors Conference: Upland, IN. (March 31, 2012)

"Punishment or Forgiveness? Are There Conflicts in a Christian Approach to Justice and International Peacemaking?" Taylor University MLK Day, Upland, IN. (January 16, 2012)

"Vision for the Liberal Arts." Taylor University Colleague's College, Lake Placid, IN. (August 10, 2011)

Reply to D. Stephen Long's "Sources as Canons: The Question of Canonical Coherence" Logos Conference: Notre Dame, IN. (June 4, 2011)

"Barth Vader and the Evil Galactic Philosophical Empire." Philosophy Colloquium, Taylor University. (April 29, 2011)

"Reply to Kevin Hector's 'Immutability, Necessity, and the Limits of Inference: Toward a Resolution of the Trinity and Election Controversy.'" Logos Conference: Notre Dame, IN. (May 30, 2009)

"Trinity, Election, and Divine Self-Determination: Modal Considerations and the Bounds of Orthodoxy." Philosophy Colloquium, Taylor University. (October 9, 2009)

"Non-Evidentialist Positive Apologetics." EPS Conference, Providence, Rhode Island. (November 21, 2008)

"O Felix Incarnatio: Can We Accept Alvin Plantinga's Solution to the Problem of Suffering and Evil?" EPS Conference, Washington, DC. (November 16, 2006)

"Does Contemporary Theology Require a Postfoundationalist Way of Knowing?" EPS Conference, Valley Forge, Pennsylvania. (November 17, 2005)

Service

- Co-Executive Editor of the Journal for Analytic Theology (2012-2020)
- Regular reviewer of books for Oxford University Press, Cambridge University Press and InterVarsity Press
- Peer reviewer for several journals of articles in religious epistemology, analytic theology and the philosophy of religion
- External examiner for Ph.D. vivas