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EDUCATION

- Ph.D. **Princeton Theological Seminary** (2024). Theology (Systematics).
Dissertation: "Deep Ecclesiology: An Ecological Recalibration of the Doctrine of the Church"
Committee: Hanna Reichel (Supervisor), Dirk Smit, Nathan Stucky
External Examiner: Norman Wirzba
- M.Th. **University of Edinburgh** (2019), *with Distinction*. Systematic Theology.
Dissertation: "A Theological Phenomenology of Agoraphobia: Bonhoeffer, Fallenness, and the Anxiety of Disorientation"
Supervisor: Joshua Ralston
- M.Div. **George W. Truett Theological Seminary at Baylor University** (2018). Theology.
- B.A. **Baylor University** (2013). Religion (Theology & Ethics). Minor in Philosophy.

RESEARCH INTERESTS AND EXPERTISE

- Ecclesiology
- Christology
- Doctrine of creation
- The theology of Dietrich Bonhoeffer
- Ecotheology
- Baptist identity and theology
- Theology of psychological suffering
- Phenomenological psychopathology
- Agrarianism and land use
- Christian veganism/vegetarianism

AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

- National Association of Baptist Professors of Religion Dissertation Award** (2023)
- Merit Tuition Scholarship, Princeton Theological Seminary** (2019-2024)
- Princeton Doctoral Fellowship, Princeton Theological Seminary** (2019-2024)
- Presidential Scholarship, Princeton Theological Seminary** (2019-2024)
- School of Divinity Fellowship, University of Edinburgh** (2018-2019)
- The Rev. Dr. Norma P. Robertson Scholarship, University of Edinburgh** (2018-2019)
- Fellowships at Auschwitz for the Study of Professional Ethics Seminary Fellow** (2016)
- Dean's Award Full Tuition Scholarship, George W. Truett Theological Seminary** (2014-2018)
- Theta Kappa Alpha Religious Studies and Theology Honor Society** (2013)
- Baylor University Ministry Guidance Program Scholarship** (2011-2013)

PROFESSIONAL AND ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

Postdoctoral Fellow for Digital Learning and Continuing Education

Princeton Theological Seminary, 2024—Present

Teaching Assistant to Dr. Amelia Kennedy, Princeton Theological Seminary

“Growing Old: Historical and Spiritual Perspectives” (Spring 2024, Online Course)

Research Assistant to Dr. Hanna Reichel, Princeton Theological Seminary

Summer 2022

Teaching Assistant to Dr. Hanna Reichel, Princeton Theological Seminary

“Theologies of Order and Chaos” (Fall 2021)

Teaching Assistant to Prof. William Stacy Johnson, Princeton Theological Seminary

“Theology and Ethics of Reinhold Niebuhr and Martin Luther King, Jr.” (Spring 2021)

Teaching Assistant to Prof. William Stacy Johnson and Dr. Keri Day, Princeton Theological Seminary

“Introduction to Doing Theology” (Fall 2020)

Research Assistant to Dr. Hanna Reichel, Princeton Theological Seminary

Summer 2020

Research Assistant to Prof. Nancy Duff, Princeton Theological Seminary

Summer 2020

Teaching Assistant to Prof. Dirk Smit, Princeton Theological Seminary

“Reformed Theologies of Worship and Public Life” (Spring 2020)

Graduate Assistant to Dr. Kimlyn Bender, Truett Theological Seminary

Fall 2015 – Spring 2018

Teaching Assistant to Dr. Jonathan Tran, Baylor University

“Introduction to Christian Heritage, Honors College” (Spring 2017)

COURSES TAUGHT

“**Theology and Psychological Suffering**” (Princeton Seminar Series)

Princeton Theological Seminary Continuing Education (Virtual, Synchronous): February 2025

“**Christ, Creation, and the Church: Explorations in Ecotheology**” (Princeton Seminar Series)

Princeton Theological Seminary Continuing Education (Virtual, Synchronous): October 2024

“Theology and Ethics of Eating” (Master’s Level)

Princeton Theological Seminary: Summer 2023

“Introduction to Christian History and Theology” (Master’s Level)

George W. Truett Theological Seminary at Baylor University: Fall 2022, Spring 2023, Fall 2023

PUBLICATIONS

“Sleep Science and the Limits of Creaturely Life: On Bonhoeffer and a Theology of Bodily Responsibility”

Pro Ecclesia (2024, in press)

“Phenomenological Psychopathology, a Representative Review: Toward a More Integrated Theological Anthropology”

Journal of Psychology and Christianity 42:3 (2023)

“Toward a Baptist Theology of Creation: Thinking in Place with Willie James Jennings and Baptist Ecclesiology”

Journal of European Baptist Studies 22:2 (2022)

“Addiction, Sin, and the Kierkegaardian Self: On Immanent and Transcendent Goods”

Journal of Psychology and Theology 50:4 (2022)

“Mens Curva in Se: Dietrich Bonhoeffer’s Critique of Idealism and a Christological Redescription of Psychology”

Perspectives in Religious Studies 49:3 (2022)

Book Review: *Can “White” People Be Saved? Triangulating Race, Theology, and Mission*

Theology in Scotland 26:1 (2019)

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

(**DENOTES PAPERS ACCEPTED AND CANCELLED DUE TO COVID-19)

“Sin Language in the Theology of Psychological Disorder: Recent Trends and Potential Directions”

AAR Annual Meeting, Systematic Theology Unit (2021)

“Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Mayra Rivera, and Fleshly Anthropology: Foundations for a Christology of Psychological Disorder”

National Association of Baptist Professors of Religion Annual Meeting (2021)

“Toward a Theological Ecopsychology: An Eco-Spiritual Narrative”**

Harvard Divinity School Evolution of Spirituality Conference (2021)

“Phobia as Ecological Hermeneutic: Agoraphobic Phenomenology and Willie James Jennings’ Vision of Creation”

Yale Graduate Conference on Religion and Ecology (2021)

“Foundations for a Theology of Depression: Psycho-Phenomenology and Jürgen Moltmann’s Perichoretic Anthropology”**

AAR Mid-Atlantic Regional Conference (2020)

“Addiction, Sin, and the Human Good: Recent Tensions and Potential Directions in the Theology of Addiction”**

Princeton Theological Seminary Graduate Conference (2020)

“The Christological Implications of Martin Luther’s Two Kingdoms: Not Quite Heresy, Not Quite *Not Heresy*”

National Association of Baptist Professors of Religion Annual Meeting (2017)

“Beyond Good and Evil: Sin, Knowledge, and Mastery in Dietrich Bonhoeffer’s *Creation and Fall*” (co-written with Gerhard Stübben)”

Southwest Commission on Religious Studies Conference (2017)

“12 Marks of New Monasticism: A Missiological Analysis”

National Association of Baptist Professors of Religion Annual Meeting (2016)

““In the Quality of a Detective-Inspector”: Reflections on Francis Schaeffer’s Critique(s) of Karl Barth”

Southwest Commission on Religions Studies Conference (2016)

“Up on the Rooftop and Down through the...Ages: Reflections on the Real Saint Nicholas and How He Was Reshaped by the Reformation”

Southwest Commission on Religions Studies Conference (2015)

“Dietrich Bonhoeffer’s Ethic of Responsible Action and the Order of Charity in the *Summa* of Thomas Aquinas”

Southwest Commission on Religions Studies Conference (2014)

CHURCH AND MINISTRY EXPERIENCE

Pastoral Associate for College and Graduate Students, DaySpring Baptist Church (Waco, TX)

2024-Present

Associate College Minister, First Baptist Woodway (Waco, TX)

2014-2015

College Ministry Intern, First Baptist Woodway (Waco, TX)

2012-2013

Community Ministries Intern, First Baptist Tulsa (Tulsa, OK)

Summer 2012, Summer 2013