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EDUCATION

- 2022 PhD in Divinity (New Testament), University of St Andrews, St Andrews, UK
- Thesis: Remembering Jesus in James, Peter, Jude: The Function of Jesus Traditions in Epistolary Argumentation*
Supervisor: T.J. Lang
- 2012 MDiv, Westminster Seminary California, Escondido, CA
- 2008 BS in Business Administration, Thomas Edison State University, Trenton, NJ

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2022–present Course Organiser (Department Chair) and Lecturer, Edinburgh Theological Seminary, Edinburgh, UK
- Elementary Greek
New Testament 1: Gospels and Acts
- 2020–2021 Tutor, University of St Andrews, St Andrews, UK
- New Testament 1: Jesus and the Gospels
New Testament 2: Paul and the Epistles
Co-chair of Didache Greek Reading Seminar
- Teacher Development Certification: *Teaching Online: Next Steps in Design and Development*
- 2017–2019 Visiting Lecturer, Baptistička Teološka Škola, Novi Sad, Serbia
- Biblical Theology (modular class on methodology and interpretation)
New Testament Intro II (modular class on Pauline and Catholic Epistles)
Systematic Theology II (modular class on Christology and soteriology)

2012–2013 Lecturer, African Bible University, Kampala, Uganda

Exodus
Joshua and Judges
Greek I, II, IV, VI
Introduction to Theological Research

2011–2012 Teaching Assistant, Westminster Seminary California, Escondido, CA

Greek I–IV

PUBLICATIONS

Pastor-Scholar Articles

“Seeking the Kingdom: Anxiety, Eschatology, and Shalom in Matthew 6:25–34.” *Catechesia Forum*, August 2020: <https://catechesia.com/2020/08/26/seeking-the-kingdom-anxiety-eschatology-and-shalom-in-matthew-625-34/>

Book Reviews

Review of Jonathan Bernier, *Rethinking the Dates of the New Testament: The Evidence for Early Composition* (Grand Rapids: Baker Academic, 2022) in *Themelios* 47 (2022), forthcoming.

Review of David L. Mathewson, *Voice and Mood: A Linguistic Approach* (Grand Rapids: Baker Academic, 2021) in *BBR* 32 (2022), forthcoming.

Review of Craig S. Keener, *1 Peter: A Commentary* (Grand Rapids: Baker Academic, 2021) in *Themelios* 46.3 (2021).

Review of Dana M. Harris, *An Introduction to Biblical Greek Grammar: Elementary Syntax and Linguistics* (Grand Rapids: Zondervan Academic, 2020) in *BBR* 31 (2021).

Review of Gene L. Green, *Vox Petri: A Theology of Peter* (Eugene, OR: Cascade, 2019) in *BBR* 31 (2021).

Review of Joshua W. Jipp, *The Messianic Theology of the New Testament* (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2020) in *Themelios* 46.2 (2021).

Review of Chris Keith, Helen Bond, Jens Schröter, and Christine Jacobi, eds., *The Reception of Jesus in the First Three Centuries*, 3 vols. (London: T&T Clark, 2020) in *Themelios* 46.1 (2021): 187–89.

Review of Steven Harris, *God and the Teaching of Theology: Divine Pedagogy in 1 Corinthians 1–4* (Notre Dame, IN: University of Notre Dame Press, 2019) in *RRT* 27 (2020): 220–23.

Review of Donald Fairbairn and Ryan M. Reeves, *The Story of Creeds and Confessions: Tracing the Development of the Christian Faith* (Grand Rapids: Baker Academic, 2019) in *Theology in Scotland* 27 (2020): 77–80.

ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS

Conferences

“James, Jesus, Jeremiah, and the Double Love Command.” SBL Annual Meeting, San Antonio, November 2021.

“Boundary Construction in Barnabas: Rereading an *Adversus Judaeos* Text.” IBR Annual Meeting, San Antonio, November 2021.

“Πίστις in Χριστός: The Epistle of James as an Example of Messianic Discourse.” Biblical Studies Symposium, St Andrews, UK, July 2021.

“Divine Ambiguity: The Grammar of Christology in 2 Peter 1:3–4.” SBL Annual Meeting, Boston, November 2020.

“Messianic Faith in the Epistle of James: A Re-examination of πίστις in Jas 2:1–13.” ETS Annual Meeting, Providence, November 2020.

“Virtue and the Kingdom of Christ: Christology, Eschatology, and Ethics in 2 Peter 1:3–11.” British New Testament Society, Durham, UK, September 2020.

Invited Lectures

“Seeking the Kingdom: Anxiety, Eschatology, and Shalom in Matthew 6:25–34.” Graduate Research Seminar, Edinburgh Theological Seminary, October 2020.

“Divine Christology in 2 Peter.” Student Theology Society, Edinburgh Theological Seminary, September 2020.

ANCIENT and MODERN LANGUAGES

Ancient Languages: Koine Greek, Biblical Hebrew, Ecclesiastical Latin

Modern Languages: English (fluent), German (reading)

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Catholic Epistles; NT canon formation and reception history; social memory theory and oral tradition; Greek language and pedagogy

HONOURS and AWARDS

Recognized in Who's Who Among American Students	2012
Selected by Dean of Students to deliver chapel message	2012
Samuel and Ann Van Til Prize, Westminster Seminary California <i>Awarded for best major research paper</i>	2010
Anniversary Scholarship, Westminster Seminary California <i>Awarded to minority students for academic promise</i>	2009–2012

SOCIETY MEMBERSHIPS

Society of Biblical Literature
Institute for Biblical Research
Evangelical Theological Society

MINISTERIAL EXPERIENCE

Elder, St Andrews Free Church (FCOS), St Andrews, UK	2021–2022
Assistant Pastor, Rincon Mountain Presbyterian Church (PCA), Tucson, AZ	2013–2019
Pastoral Intern, New Life Presbyterian Church (PCA), Escondido, CA	2009–2012
Pastoral Intern, Misión Vida Nueva (PCA), Escondido, CA	2009–2012

LEADERSHIP/ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE

Chair of the Ordination Team, Arizona Presbytery (PCA) <i>Led extensive revision of documents, exams, and procedures</i>	2017–2018
Steering Committee, Arizona Presbytery (PCA) <i>Cast organizational vision and created standing rules</i>	2017
Reformed University Fellowship Committee, Southwest Presbytery (PCA)	2014–2017

Westminster Student Association
Elected senior class representative

2012