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EDUCATION

2014 Ph.D., Systematic Theology, *summa cum laude*, Princeton Theological Seminary
2008 M.Div., Princeton Theological Seminary
2004 B.A., English Literature, *summa cum laude*, Wheaton College, Wheaton, IL

PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYMENT

2021–Present Senior Editor
University Press of Kansas, Lawrence, KS

2023 Adjunct Instructor
Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School, Rochester, NY

2017–2021 Acquisitions Editor
University Press of Kansas, Lawrence, KS

2017–Present Adjunct Instructor
University of Dubuque Theological Seminary, Dubuque, IA

2012–2017 Associate Editor
IVP Academic, Westmont, IL

PUBLICATIONS

Books

2024 *Who Is a True Christian? Contesting Religious Identity in American Culture*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

2016 *The God Who Saves: A Dogmatic Sketch*. Eugene, OR: Cascade Books.

2015 *Rudolf Bultmann: A Companion to His Theology*. Eugene, OR: Cascade Books.

2015 *The Mission of Demythologizing: Rudolf Bultmann's Dialectical Theology*. Minneapolis: Fortress Press.
Reviewed in: *Bulletin for Biblical Research*, *Cultural Encounters*, *International Journal of Systematic Theology*, *Journal for the Study of the New Testament*, *Lutheran Quarterly*, *Mission Studies*, *Theology Today*

Edited Volumes

2023 *Varieties of Christian Universalism: Exploring Four Views*. Grand Rapids: Baker Academic.

2019 *Converting Witness: The Future of Christian Mission in the New Millennium* (coedited with John G. Flett). Lanham, MD: Lexington Books.

2014 *Karl Barth in Conversation* (coedited with W. Travis McMaken). Eugene, OR: Pickwick.

Book Chapters

In Press “The Historical Jesus and Theology.” In *The Oxford Handbook of the Historical Jesus*, edited by Stephen J. Patterson, Angela Standhartinger, and Giovanni Bazzana (New York: Oxford University Press, forthcoming).

In Press “Theology and Hermeneutics.” In *T&T Clark Handbook of Modern Theology*, edited by R. David Nelson and Philip G. Ziegler. Under contract with Bloomsbury T&T Clark.

In Press “Eschatology and Resurrection.” In *T&T Clark Handbook of the Doctrine of Creation*, edited by Jason Goroncy. Under contract with Bloomsbury T&T Clark.

In Press “The Use of New Testament Scholarship in Twentieth-Century Theology.” In *T&T Clark Companion to Christology*, edited by Chris Tilling and Darren Sumner. London: Bloomsbury T&T Clark.

2022 “Kerygma and History: Bultmann's Hermeneutical Theology in North America Today.” In *Rudolf Bultmann und die neutestamentliche Wissenschaft der Gegenwart*, edited by Lukas Bormann and Christof Landmesser, 79–110. Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck.

2020 “*Desperatio Fiducialis*: Barth and Bultmann on the Anthropological Significance of Revelation.” In *Luther, Barth, and Movements of Theological Renewal (1918–1933)*, edited by [Christine Helmer,] Heinrich Assel, and Bruce L. McCormack, 125–146. Berlin: De Gruyter.

2020 “Barth and Hermeneutics.” In *The Oxford Handbook of Karl Barth*, edited by Paul Dafydd Jones and Paul T. Nimmo, 564–579. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

2019 “Demythologizing as an Intercultural Hermeneutic.” In *Converting Witness: The Future of Christian Mission in the New Millennium*, edited by John G. Flett and David W. Congdon, 103–121. Lanham, MD: Lexington Books.

2017 “Rudolf Bultmann.” In *T&T Clark Companion to Atonement*, edited by Adam J. Johnson, 417–420. London: Bloomsbury T & T Clark.

2017 “David W. Congdon: Systematic Theology.” In *Theologians and Philosophers Using Social Media: Advice, Tips, and Testimonials*, edited by Thomas Jay Oord, 65–67. San Diego: SacraSage Press.

2015 “Theology as Theanthropology: Barth’s Theology of Existence in Its Existentialist Context.” In *Karl Barth and the Making of Evangelical Theology: A Fifty-Year Perspective*, edited by Clifford Anderson and Bruce L. McCormack, 30–66. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans.

2014 “The Spirit of Freedom: Eberhard Jüngel’s Theology of the Third Article.” In *Indicative of Grace – Imperative of Freedom: Essays in Honour of Eberhard Jüngel in his 80th Year*, edited by R. David Nelson, 13–27. London: T & T Clark.

2014 “Following the Deacon Jesus in the Prophetic Diaconate: Toward an Apocalyptic ‘Third Way’ Beyond Barth and Tanner.” In *Karl Barth in Conversation*, edited by W. Travis McMaken and David W. Congdon, 143–151. Eugene, OR: Pickwick.

2012 “Eschatologizing Apocalyptic: An Assessment of the Present Conversation on Pauline Apocalyptic.” In *Apocalyptic and the Future of Theology: With and Beyond J. Louis Martyn*, edited by Douglas Harink and Joshua Davis, 118–136. Eugene, OR: Cascade.

2010 “The Word as Event: Barth and Bultmann on Scripture.” In *The Sacred Text: Excavating the Texts, Exploring the Interpretations, and Engaging the Theologies of the Christian Scriptures*, edited by Michael F. Bird and Michael W. Pahl, 241–265. Piscataway, NJ: Gorgias.

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

2022 “Deworlded within the World: Recovering Bultmann’s Paradox in an Age of Polarization.” *Theology Today* 79, no. 1 (2022): 52–66.

2018 “Apocalypse as Perpetual Advent: The Apocalyptic Sermons of Rudolf Bultmann.” *Theology Today* 75, no. 1 (2018): 51–63.

2017 “‘See What Is Coming to Pass and Not Only What Is’: Alain Badiou and the Possibility of Postmetaphysical Theology.” *Journal of Cultural and Religious Theory* 16, no. 3 (2017): 294–329.

2017 “The Nature of the Church in Theological Interpretation: Culture, *Volk*, and Mission.” *Journal of Theological Interpretation* 11, no. 1 (2017): 101–17.

2017 “Is Bultmann a Heideggerian Theologian?” *Scottish Journal of Theology* 70, no. 1 (2017): 19–38.

2017 “Demystifying the Program of Demythologizing: Bultmann’s Theological Hermeneutics.” *Harvard Theological Review* 110, no. 1 (2017): 1–23.

2016 “Emancipatory Intercultural Hermeneutics: Interpreting Theo Sundermeier’s *Differenzhermeneutik*.” *Mission Studies* 33, no. 2 (2016): 127–146.

2015 “Is There a Kerygma in This Text? A Review Article.” *Journal of Theological Interpretation* 9, no. 2 (2015): 299–311.

2014 “*Apokatastasis* and Apostolicity: A Response to Oliver Crisp on the Question of Barth’s Universalism.” *Scottish Journal of Theology* 67, no. 4 (2014): 464–480.

2014 “Dialectical Theology as Theology of Mission: Investigating the Origins of Karl Barth’s Break with Liberalism.” *International Journal of Systematic Theology* 16, no. 4 (2014): 390–413.

2014 “Kerygma and Community: A Response to R. W. L. Moberly’s Revisiting of Bultmann.” *Journal of Theological Interpretation* 8, no. 1 (2014): 1–23.

2013 “Bonhoeffer and Bultmann: Toward an Apocalyptic Rapprochement.” *International Journal of Systematic Theology* 15, no. 2 (2013): 172–195.

2012 “Reconsidering Apocalyptic Cinema: Pauline Apocalyptic and Paul Thomas Anderson.” *Journal of Religion and Popular Culture* 24, no. 3 (2012): 405–418.

2010 “*Creatio Continua ex Electione*: A Post-Barthian Revision of the Doctrine of *Creatio ex Nihilo*.” *Koinonia* 22 (2010): 33–53.

2010 “‘A Beautiful Anarchy’: Religion, Fascism, and Violence in the Theopolitical Imagination of Guillermo del Toro” and “Secular Parables of the Truth: A Reply to Jenson and Lubeck.” *Cultural Encounters* 6, no. 2 (2010): 43–67, 77–83.

2009 “Jesus and Faith: The Doctrine of Faith in Scripture and the Reformed Confessions.” *Journal of Reformed Theology* 3 (2009): 321–344.

2008 “The Trinitarian Shape of ΠΙΣΤΙΣ: A Theological Exegesis of Galatians.” *Journal of Theological Interpretation* 2, no. 2 (2008): 231–258.

Selected Book Reviews

2022 Review of *Demythologizing Revelation: A Critical Continuation of Rudolf Bultmann’s Project*, by Chester O’Gorman (Lexington Books/Fortress Academic, 2019). *Lutheran Quarterly* 36, no. 1 (2022): 87–89.

2018 Review of *Bultmann Handbuch*, edited by Christof Landmesser (Mohr Siebeck, 2017). *International Journal of Systematic Theology* 20, no. 4 (2018): 597–600.

2016 Review of *Beyond Bultmann: Reckoning a New Testament Theology*, edited by Bruce W. Longenecker and Mikeal C. Parsons (Baylor University Press, 2014). *Catholic Biblical Quarterly* 78, no. 1 (2016): 196–197.

2015 Review of *Justification and the Gospel: Understanding the Contexts and Controversies*, by R. Michael Allen (Baker Academic, 2013). *Interpretation: A Journal of Bible and Theology* 69, no. 3 (2015): 368–369.

2013 Review of *Bultmann Unlocked*, by Tim Labron (T&T Clark, 2011). *International Journal of Systematic Theology* 15, no. 4 (2013): 490–493.

2011 Review of *Dietrich Bonhoeffer Works, Vol. 12: Berlin, 1932-1933*, by Dietrich Bonhoeffer (Fortress, 2009). *Reviews in Religion and Theology* 18, no. 4 (2011): 563–567.

2011 Review of *Theology of Money*, by Philip Goodchild (Duke, 2009). *Reviews in Religion and Theology* 18, no. 4 (2011): 573–576.

2011 Review of “Jesus Is Victor!”: *The Significance of the Blumhardts for the Theology of Karl Barth*, by Christian T. Collins Winn (Pickwick, 2009). *Reviews in Religion and Theology* 18, no. 3 (2011): 469–472.

2011 Review of *Manifold Witness: The Plurality of Truth*, by John R. Franke (Abingdon, 2009). *Reviews in Religion and Theology* 18, no. 1 (2011): 159–162.

2010 Review of *Incarnation Anyway: Arguments for Supralapsarian Christology*, by Edwin Chr. van Driel (Oxford UP, 2008). Center for Barth Studies. Princeton Theological Seminary (December 6, 2010): <http://libweb.ptsem.edu/collections/barth/reviews/incany.aspx>.

2009 “Grace and Obedience.” Review of *Divine and Human Agency in Paul and His Cultural Environment*, edited by John M. J. Barclay and Simon J. Gathercole (T&T Clark, 2007). *Reviews in Religion and Theology* 16, no. 3 (2009): 494–499.

Online Publications

2021 “The Christian Case for Vaccine Mandates.” *Sojourners*. October 19, 2021. <https://sojo.net/articles/christian-case-vaccine-mandates>.

2018 “The Global-Church Industrial Complex.” *The Anxious Bench*. May 17, 2018. <http://www.patheos.com/blogs/anxiousbench/2018/05/the-global-church-industrial-complex/>.

2017 “No, The American Church Isn’t ‘in Exile.’” *Sojourners*. April 19, 2017. <https://sojo.net/articles/no-american-church-isn-t-exile>.

2016 “Ten Reasons Why Theology Matters” (coauthored with W. Travis McMaken). *Christianity Today*. October 27, 2016. <http://www.christianitytoday.com/ct/2016/october-web-only/ten-reasons-why-theology-matters.html>.

2016 “Syndicate Symposium on *The Mission of Demythologizing* by David Congdon.” *Syndicate*. October 2, 2016. <https://syndicate.network/symposia/theology/the-mission-of-demythologizing/>.
 Response to Phil Ziegler: “Reflections on Proclamation, Myth, and Politics”
 Response to Paul Hinlicky: “Demythologizing as Denarratizing”
 Response to R. David Nelson: “No!”
 Response to Shannon Smythe: “Demythologizing, Past and Future”

Manuscripts in Preparation

The Karl Barth – Rudolf Bultmann Debate: Texts and Commentary. Under contract with Cascade Books.

Eschatological Mystical Liberalism: A New Interpretation of Dialectical Theology. In development.

Unnatural Love: A Theology of Polyamory. In development.

AWARDS AND HONORS

- 2018 Rudolf Bultmann Prize in Hermeneutics. Awarded to *The Mission of Demythologizing: Rudolf Bultmann's Dialectical Theology* (Fortress, 2015) by the Rudolf Bultmann Institute for Hermeneutics at the Philipps University of Marburg.
- 2008 Edward A. Dowey, Jr. Award for Excellence in Reformation Theology, Princeton Theological Seminary
- 2008 John Finley McLaren Award in Biblical Theology, Princeton Theological Seminary
- 2007 Benjamin Stanton Prize in Old Testament, Princeton Theological Seminary
- 2004 James Jameson Essay Contest, 2nd place, Wheaton College
- 2003 James Jameson Essay Contest, 1st place, Wheaton College

PUBLIC LECTURES

- 2023 “Christian Universalism: Past Varieties and Future Possibilities.” St James’ Institute. October 11, 2023.
- 2022 “The Overlooked Legacy of Rudolf Bultmann: The Quest for the Essence of Christianity.” Westar Institute. March 9, 2022.
- 2018 “Bultmann’s Greatest Gift to the Church.” Henry Gustafson Lecture in New Testament. United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities. Minneapolis, MN. March 12, 2018.

INVITED TALKS

- 2021 “C4DISC Antiracism Toolkit for Organizations.” Presentation for the Association of University Presses Equity, Justice, and Inclusion Committee. November 9.
- 2020 “From Dissertation to Published Book: A Guide for First-time Authors.” *Beyond the Professoriate.* August 24, 2020.

2019 “Demythologizing Salvation.” *The Podluck*. October 28, 2019.

2017 “The Church in America.” Cascade Church. Portland, OR. December 29, 2017.

CONFERENCE ACTIVITY

2023 “Get Your Book Published: Advice from Authors and Editors.” Chair and panelist for the roundtable at the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL. April 14.

2022 “Turning Your Dissertation into a Book.” Panelist for the roundtable at the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL. April 10.

2022 “Get Your Book Published: Advice from Editors.” Chair and panelist for the roundtable at the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL. April 8.

2021 “From Dissertation to Book: A Roundtable Conversation with University Presses about Scholarly Publishing.” Panelist for the roundtable at the Western History Association, Portland, OR. October 29.

2021 “The State of University Publishing in 2021.” Panelist for the roundtable at the Western History Association, Portland, OR. October 28.

2021 “Get Your Book Published.” Chair and panelist for the roundtable at the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL. April 17.

2021 “Writing and Publishing a Book.” Panelist for the roundtable at the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL. April 15.

2019 Editors’ Panel for Wallace Johnson Program for First Book Authors at the American Society for Legal History, Boston, MA. November 21.

2018 Editors’ Panel for Wallace Johnson Program for First Book Authors at the American Society for Legal History, Houston, TX. November 8.

2018 “Getting Your Book Published.” Panelist for the roundtable at the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL. April 7.

2016 “Apocalypse as Perpetual Advent: The Christmas Sermons of Rudolf Bultmann.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, San Antonio, TX. November 20.

2016 “Missional Hermeneutics and Intercultural Theology: An Appreciation of James V. Brownson’s *Speaking the Truth in Love: New Testament Resources for a Missional Hermeneutic*.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, San Antonio, TX. November 20.

2015 “God’s Being Is in Self-Contradiction: Eberhard Jüngel and the Contemporary Debate over Divine Simplicity.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, Atlanta, GA. November 23.

2015 “Evolution, Ontology, and Love: Toward a Postmetaphysical Hamartiology and Soteriology.” Paper presented at the Colossian Forum conference on “Re-imagining the Intersection of Evolution and the Fall,” Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary, Evanston, IL. March 27.

2014 “Demythologizing as Recontextualizing: The Contextual Theology of Rudolf Bultmann.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Society of Missiology, Minneapolis, MN. June 21.

2012 “Hegeling Kierkegaard: Barth’s Historicization of Kierkegaard’s Incognito-Christology.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, Chicago, IL. November 18.

2012 “The Missionary Situation of a World Come of Age: The Problem of the *Missionsgemeinde* and *Volkskirche* in Bonhoeffer.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, Chicago, IL. November 17.

2012 “Theology as Theanthropology: Barth’s Theology of Existence in Its Existentialist Context.” Paper presented at the 2012 Karl Barth Conference at Princeton Theological Seminary, Princeton, NJ. June 19.

2011 “Eschatologizing Apocalyptic: Reconsidering the Messianic Event.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, San Francisco, CA. November 20.

2011 Invited participant to 2011 Logos Workshop. Theme: “Divine Revelation: Meaning, Authority, and Canon.” University of Notre Dame, South Bend, IN. June 2–4.

2011 “Bonhoeffer and Bultmann: An Overlooked and Misunderstood Relationship.” Paper presented at New Conversations on Bonhoeffer’s Theology: A Graduate Student Conference, University of Notre Dame, South Bend, IN. April 11.

2011 “Event and Being: Bultmann Reads Badiou.” Paper presented at the Mid-Atlantic Regional Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, New Brunswick, NJ. March 18.

2010 “Being as Event: The Relation between Theology and Philosophy in Barth and Bultmann.” Paper presented at the Mid-Atlantic Regional Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, New Brunswick, NJ. March 11.

2010 “*Creatio Continua ex Electione*: Divine Self-Determination and the Doctrine of Creation.” Paper presented at the Koinonia Annual Forum, Princeton Theological Seminary, Princeton, NJ. February 19.

2008 “A Beautiful Anarchy: Religion, Fascism, and Violence in the Theopolitical Imagination of Guillermo del Toro.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, Chicago, IL. November 1.

2008 “Reevaluating the Fallen Humanity of Christ: An Examination of Chalcedonian Christology in Light of Oliver Crisp and Karl Barth.” Paper presented at the Mid-Atlantic Regional Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, New Brunswick, NJ. March 28.

2007 “‘A Pre-Appearance of the Truth’: Toward a Christological Aesthetics.” Paper presented at the Mid-Atlantic Regional Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, Baltimore, MD. March 2.

TEACHING AREAS

Systematic Theology
Modern Christian Thought
Reformed and Lutheran Theology
Christianity and Racial Justice
Global and Intercultural Theology
New Testament Theology

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of Dubuque Theological Seminary

Navigating Identity: Self, Society, and Church before God (DMin cohort, 2022–2024)
Christianity and Racial Justice (1 term, 2019)
Presbyterian History and Confessions (2 terms, 2018–2019)
Reformed Theology (18 terms, 2017–2024)

Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School

Presbyterian Confessions and Worship (1 term, 2023)

Princeton Theological Seminary

Reformed and Lutheran Confessional Theology in the Sixteenth Century (Spring, 2012)

Missional Theology and Practice (Fall, 2011)

Systematic Theology (Fall, 2010; Fall, 2011)

Princeton University

Christian Ethics and Modern Society (Fall, 2011)

INVITED GUEST LECTURES

2021 “Publishing Your Dissertation.” University of Kansas. April 7, 2021. Course: Professional Development (Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies 804). Instructor. Dr. Katie Batza.

2021 “Introduction to Academic Publishing.” Monmouth College. February 18, 2021. Course: Intro to Lit/Scholarly Editing and Publishing (English 288). Instructor. Prof. David C. Wright.

2011 “Ernst Troeltsch, Apophaticism, and Dialectical Theology.” Princeton Theological Seminary. December 1, 2011. Course: Systematic Theology. Instructor: Dr. Mark Lewis Taylor.

2011 “The Evangelical Hypothesis: Recovering a Counterimperial Christianity.” Princeton Theological Seminary. November 17, 2011. Course: Systematic Theology. Instructor: Dr. Mark Lewis Taylor.

2010 “*Pan’s Labyrinth*: Imagination as Radical Vocation.” Princeton Theological Seminary. March 1, 2010. Course: Faith, Film, and the Spiritual Formation of Young Adults. Instructor: Dr. Kenda Creasy Dean.

DISSERTATION COMMITTEE WORK

2022 External Reader on the Midterm Evaluation for Filip Rasmussen, doctoral fellow at the Norwegian School Theology, Religion and Society

SERVICE TO PROFESSION

2018–Present Series Coeditor, *Studies in Dialectical Theology*
Lexington Books (Rowman & Littlefield)

2017–Present Society for Dialectical Theology
Cofounder and Executive Committee Member

2010–2012 Executive Editor, *Koinonia*
Princeton Theological Seminary, Princeton, NJ

2006–2008 General Editor, *Princeton Theological Review*
Princeton Theological Seminary, Princeton, NJ

2006–2008 Assistant, Center for Barth Studies
Princeton Theological Seminary Library, Princeton, NJ

PEER REVIEW SERVICE

International Journal of Systematic Theology
Journal of Religion
Mission Studies
Modern Theology

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Academy of Religion
American Society of Missiology
Association of University Presses
International Bonhoeffer Society
Karl Barth Society of North America
Society for Dialectical Theology
Westar Institute Fellow