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TEACHING AND RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Furman University, Department of Religion (August 2013 – present)

- *Assistant Professor of Religion*

Aurora University, Department of Religion (August 2010 – May 2013)

- *Assistant Professor of Religion*
- *Fellow of the Wackerlin Center for Faith and Action*

University of North Carolina at Greensboro, Department of Religious Studies

- *Visiting Professor* (Spring 2010)

Wake Forest University, Department of Religion

- *Visiting Professor* (Spring 2009)

Duke University, Department of History

- *Visiting Instructor* (Fall 2007)

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

History of Christianity and Christian thought from antiquity to modernity (with special expertise in late medieval and early modern Europe); history of biblical interpretation and biblical scholarship; Dante; Christianity and warfare; wealth and poverty in Christian thought and practice; modernity and secularization

EDUCATION

Duke University • Durham, NC

PH.D., Religion, May 2010

- Dissertation: “Divided by Faith: The Protestant Doctrine of Justification and the Confessionalization of Biblical Exegesis” (Prof. David C. Steinmetz, chair)
- Major Field: Christianity in Reformation Europe, 1300-1700
- Minor Fields: Early Christianity, Christian Theology and Ethics, and Early Modern European History
- Awards and Fellowships: Lilly Fellowship (2004-2009); Allen and Joyce Temple Graduate Research Fellowship (Summer 2008); Conference Travel Fellowship (Fall 2007, Spring 2009)

Trinity Evangelical Divinity School • Deerfield, IL

M.Div., *cum laude*, April 2004

- Concentration: Church History and the History of Christian Thought

SCHOLARLY PUBLICATIONS

Works in Progress

Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Songs, in *The Reformation Commentary on Scripture* (under contract with InterVarsity Press; estimated date of completion: August 2018).

“Money, Medieval to Reformation, Christianity,” in *Encyclopedia of the Bible and Its Reception*, edited by Christine Helmer, Leiden: Brill (950 words, due October 15, 2018).

Peer-Reviewed Articles

“Bullshitting Augustine: Patristic Rhetoric and Theological Dialectic in Philipp Melancthon’s *Apologia* for the Augsburg Confession.” *Studia Patristica* 75 (2017): 167-180.

“Un-Reading Renunciation: Luther, Calvin, and the ‘Rich Young Ruler.’” *Modern Theology* 32:4 (Oct 2016): 569-593.

“Martin Luther’s Reading of Galatians.” In *Reformation Readings of Paul: Explorations in History and Exegesis*. Edited by Michael Allen and Jonathan A. Linebaugh, 23-48. Downer’s Grove, Ill.: InterVarsity, 2015.

“John Mair’s Doctrine of Justification within the Context of the Early Sixteenth Century,” in *A Companion to the Theology of John Mair*. Edited by John T. Slotemaker and Jeffrey Witt, 223-240. Leiden: Brill, 2015.

“Was There a ‘Reformation Doctrine of Justification?’” *Harvard Theological Review* 103, No. 2 (2010): 205-236.

“The Reformation Revis(it)ed: A Review Essay of Recent Survey Texts,” *Fides et Historia* 40, No. 2 (2008): 49-66.

“‘The Doers of the Law Will Be Justified’: The Exegetical Origins of Martin Bucer’s *Triplex Iustificatio*,” *Journal of Theological Studies* 58, No. 2 (Oct 2007): 485-524.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

Articles

“Luther in Freedom and Bondage: A Review of Recent Luther Lives,” *Marginalia: A Los Angeles Review of Books Channel*, [forthcoming].

“In necessity all things are common’: Christian ethics and DACA,” *The Greenville News/USA Today* (Sept. 9, 2017), <https://www.usatoday.com/story/opinion/2017/09/09/necessity-all-things-common-christian-ethics-and-daca/646514001/>.

“People Who Steal the Soul,” *Christian History* 118 (2016), 34-37.

“The Man Who Yielded to No One,” *Christian History* 115 (2015), 46-49.

“Liberating Those Who Work,” *Christian History* 110 (2014), 20-25.

Scholarly Reviews

The New Cambridge History of the Bible, Volume 3: From 1450 to 1750, edited by Euan Cameron. *Reading Religion* (forthcoming).

The Oxford History of Anglicanism, Volume 1: Reformation and Identity, c 1520-1662, edited by Anthony Milton. *Reading Religion* (forthcoming).

John Wyclif on War and Peace, by Rory Cox. *Fides et Historia* (forthcoming).

The Oxford Handbook of Martin Luther’s Theology, edited by Robert Kolb, Irene Dingel, L’ubomir Batka. *Reading Religion* <<http://readingreligion.org/books/oxford-handbook-martin-luthers-theology>>.

Reformations: The Early Modern World, 1450-1650, by Carlos M. N. Eire. *Reading Religion* <<http://readingreligion.org/books/reformations>>.

A Companion to St. Paul in the Middle Ages, edited by Steven R. Cartwright. *Sixteenth Century Journal* 44, No. 4 (2013): 1081-1083.

Karlstadt and the Origins of the Eucharistic Controversy: A Study in the Circulation of Ideas, by Amy Nelson Burnett. *Journal of Theological Studies* 63, No. 2 (2012): 773-775.

Justification and Participation in Christ: The Development of the Lutheran Doctrine of Justification from Luther to the Formula of Concord (1580), by Olli-Pekka Vainio. *Religious Studies Review* 35, No. 4 (2009): 290.

Early Evangelicalism: A Global Intellectual History, 1670-1789, by W. R. Ward. *Sixteenth Century Journal* 40, No. 2 (2009): 503-504.

The History of Justification: The Legacy of Origen’s Commentary on Romans, by Thomas P. Scheck. *Journal of Theological Studies* 60, No. 1 (2009): 279-282.

Späthumanismus und reformierte Konfession, edited by Christoph Strohm, Joseph S. Freedman, and Herman J. Selderhuis. *Sixteenth Century Journal* 34, No. 4 (2008): 1214-1216.

The Cambridge History of Christianity, Volume 6, Reform and Expansion, 1500-1660, edited by R. Po-chia Hsia. *Religious Studies Review* 34, No. 3 (2008): 213-214.

Marguerite de Navarre: Mother of the Renaissance, by Patricia Cholakian and Rouben C. Cholakian. *Reformation and Renaissance Review* 9, No. 2 (2007): 215-217.

Promissory Notes on the Treasury of Merits: Indulgences in Late Medieval Europe, edited by R. N. Swanson. *Religious Studies Review* 33, No. 2 (2007): 252.

The Doctrine of Salvation in the Sermons of Richard Hooker, by Corneliu C. Simuț. *Trinity Journal* 28, No. 1 (2007): 186-188.

Wonderful Blood: Theology and Practice in Late Medieval Northern Germany and Beyond, by Caroline Walker Bynum. *Reformation and Renaissance Review* 8, No. 2 (2006): 249-252.

Sex, Marriage, and Family in John Calvin's Geneva: Courtship, Engagement, and Marriage, by John Witte, Jr. and Robert M. Kingdon. *Fides et Historia* 38, No. 2 (2006): 108-110.

Calvin's Christology, by Stephen Edmondson. *Trinity Journal* 27, No. 2 (2006): 331-332.

Preaching During the English Reformation, by Susan Wabuda. *Fides et Historia* 36, No. 2 (2004): 144-146.

A History of Lutheranism, by Eric Gritsch. *Trinity Journal* 24, No. 2 (2003): 292-295.

ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS AND INVITED LECTURES

“Would You Hide a Dreamer in Your Dorm Room?” Lecture presented at the Furman University Mere Christianity Forum, September 27, 2017.

“Is Christianity the Only Way?” Lecture presented at the Furman University Mere Christianity Forum, February 8, 2017.

“Tobit among the Reformers: Almsgiving and Salvation in Early Protestant Exegesis of the Apocrypha.” Paper presented (*in absentia*) at the American Society of Church History annual meeting, Denver, Co., January 2017.

“Un-Reading Renunciation: Luther and the ‘Rich Young Ruler.’” Paper presented at the Furman Religion Department Faculty Colloquium, April 2015.

“Ascending Mount Purgatory on the Tenure Track.” Paper presented as the 2014 Young Alumni Lecture for the Duke Graduate Program in Religion, September 2014. [[Link](#)]

“Sex First, Love Later: Martin Luther’s Theology of Union with Christ,” Lecture presented at the Theologs Conference, Furman University, September 2013.

“Is Christianity Violent?” Lecture presented at the Furman University Mere Christianity Forum, September 30, 2013.

“The Reformation and *The Church’s Bible*: The View from Romans.” Paper presented at the Conference “Paul through Ancient and Modern Eyes” at Duke Divinity School, March, 2013. [[Link](#)]

“Considering Brad Gregory’s *The Unintended Reformation*: A Panel Discussion.” Panel Chair at the American Society of Church History annual meeting, New Orleans, La., January 2013.

“Melanchthon’s Augustinian Exegesis: Development or Duplicity?” Paper presented at the American Society of Church History annual meeting, Chicago, Ill., January 2012.

“Solomon among the Reformers: Sex and the Bible in the Sixteenth Century.” Paper presented at the American Society of Church History annual meeting, San Diego, Ca., January 2010.

“David Steinmetz as Media Rock Star.” Presentation at the American Society of Church History annual meeting, San Diego, Ca., January 2010.

“Christianity and Western Culture: The Big Picture.” Lecture given at Duke Talent Identification Program, July 2009.

“Calvin on Justification: An Assessment of Continuity and Development, 1540-1556.” Paper presented at the conference, “Calvin and His Legacy, 1509-2009,” Université de Genève, Switzerland, May 2009.

“Introduction to Christian History.” Lecture given at Volunteers of America Spiritual Leadership Institute, Center for Continuing Education, The Divinity School, Duke University, April 2008, 2010.

“The Confessionalization of Faith: The Emergence of the Protestant Doctrine of Justification in its Creedal and Conciliar Development.” Paper presented at the Sixteenth Century Society Conference, Minneapolis, Minn., October 2007.

“The Church Under the Cross: The Development of Calvin’s Ecclesiology and the Reformation of the Refugees, 1536-1555.” Paper presented at the Woodbridge Forum for Historical Research, Deerfield, Ill., October 2003.

EDITORIAL WORK

Editorial Board for “Reading Religion,” the online book review site for the American Academy of Religion (<http://readingreligion.org>); manuscript referee for Oxford University Press

MILITARY SERVICE

US Air Force Reserve (March 2002 – present)

- Wing Chaplain (Maj.), 315th Airlift Wing, Joint-Base Charleston, SC
- Chaplain Candidate (2^d Lt.), HQAFRC (Mar 2002 – Sept 2004)

Minnesota Air National Guard (July 1994 – March 2002)

- C-130 Loadmaster (TSgt.), 109th Airlift Squadron, St. Paul ANGB, MN; 1,200+ flying hours, 100+ combat hours
- Security Specialist (SrA.), 133rd Security Police Squadron, St. Paul ANGB, MN

Professional Development

- Professional Military Education: Squadron Officer School (in-residence), Maxwell AFB, AL (June – July 2008); recipient of SOS Writing Award

- Major Awards and Decorations: Meritorious Service Medal; Air Force Commendation Medal (with oak leaf cluster); Air Force Achievement Medal; Air Force Outstanding Unit Award; Air Reserve Forces Meritorious Service Medal

RESEARCH LANGUAGES

Reading proficiency in German, French, Latin, Greek, and Hebrew

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Academy of Religion
American Society of Church History
Sixteenth Century Society and Conference
North American Patristics Society
Conference on Faith and History