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Curriculum Vitae (*abbreviated*)

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EDUCATION

King's College, University of Aberdeen, Aberdeen Scotland
Doctor of Philosophy in Systematic Theology
Thesis Title: "Pannenberg on God's Reconciling Action"
Supervisor: Dr. Donald Wood
Readers: Profs. John Webster (St. Andrews); Timothy Bradshaw (University of Oxford)

Denver Seminary, Denver Colorado
Master of Divinity

Calvin College, Grand Rapids Michigan
Bachelor of Science

SCHOLARSHIP

Books

Co-editor of the series *Soteriology and Doxology*, with Kyle Strobel. Grand Rapids: Baker Academic, under contract.

The five books in the series concern Christian teaching related to salvation (Soteriology): Union with Christ, Atonement, Justification, Sanctification, and Glorification. The orientation of each volume is dogmatic and doxological, locating its particular focus within the whole of the Christian confession and demonstrating how theological reflection spills over into prayer and praise.

Sanctification, with Kyle Strobel. *Soteriology and Doxology*. Grand Rapids: Baker Academic, under contract.

Reading Theology Wisely: A Practical Introduction to a Reflective Discipline. Eerdmans, Forthcoming 2022.

The Grammar of Grace: Readings from the Christian Tradition, edited with Ashley Cocksworth and Anna Silvas. Eugene, OR: Cascade, 2019.

Theology as Retrieval: Receiving the Past, Renewing the Church, with W. David Buschart. Downers Grove, IL: IVP Academic, 2015.

Sanctified by Grace: A Theology of the Christian Life, edited with Kyle Strobel. London: T&T Clark, 2014.

Faithful to Save: Pannenberg on God's Reconciling Action. Studies in Systematic Theology. Vol. 10. London: T&T Clark, 2011.

Peer-Reviewed Articles, Essays, & Book Chapters

"Theology for Life Together: Three Lenses, Three Prayers." In the *Journal of the Christian Institute on Disability*. Forthcoming.

"Are we Outsourcing the Personal? Remote Learning and the Challenge of Interpassivity." In *Didaktikos: Journal of Theological Education*. (April, 2021): 35-36.

"Encountering Mystery in the Classroom." In *Didaktikos: Journal of Theological Education*. (September, 2020): 27-28.

"Teaching Virtue Theory Experientially." In *The Wabash Center Journal on Teaching*, Vol. 1, No. 2 (April 2020), 107.

"Oral Exams as Theological Conversation." In *Teaching Theology and Religion*, 20 (2017), 342.

"Wolfhart Pannenberg." In *The T&T Clark Companion to the Atonement*, edited by Adam Johnson (London: T&T Clark, 2017), 665-668.

"The Beauty and Strangeness of Being: Imagining God in Marilynne Robinson's *Lila*." In *Cruce: A Journal of Christian Thought and Opinion*, Vol. 52/3-4 (Fall/Winter, 2016): 60-68.

"Embodying Faithfulness: New Monastic Retrieval and the Christian Imagination." In *Marking the Church* edited by Gregory Scott Peters and Matt Jenson (Eugene: Wipf and Stock, 2016), 92-110.

"'An overtaking of depth': Theology as Retrieval," with W. David Buschart. In *American Theological Inquiry*, Vol. 8, No. 1 (August, 2015): pp. 1-20.

"Jonathan Edwards and Wolfhart Pannenberg toward Trinitarian Prayer." In *The Ecumenical Edwards*, pp. 213-233, edited by Kyle Strobel (Surrey: Ashgate, 2015).

"The Christian Life in Dogmatic Key," with Kyle Strobel. In *Sanctified by Grace: A Theology of the Christian Life*, pp. 1-17, edited by Kent Eilers and Kyle Strobel (London: T&T Clark, 2014).

"Hermeneutical Empathy: Receiving Global Texts in Local Classrooms." In *Teaching Theology and Religion*, 17/2 (2014): 165-66.

"New Monastic Social Imaginary: Theological Retrieval for Ecclesial Renewal." In *American Theological Inquiry*, 6/2 (2013): 45-57.

“Evil in the Classroom: Deception and Desire,” with David E. Alexander. In *The Other Journal* (theotherjournal.com), August 6, 2012.

“Apprenticing Wise Interpreters.” In *Teaching Theology and Religion*, 15/3 (July, 2012): 258.

“Rowan Williams and Christian Language: Mystery, Disruption, and Rebirth.” In *Christianity and Literature*, 61/1 (Autumn, 2011): 19-31.

Entries in Dictionaries & Encyclopedias

“Marriage.” In *The Evangelical Dictionary of Theology*, edited by Dan Treier (Grand Rapids: Baker Academic, 2017), 525-527.

“Sister Elizabeth Kenny.” In *The Encyclopedia of American Disability History* (New York: Facts on File, 2009)

Book Reviews

Review of *A Human-Shaped God: Theology of an Embodied God*, by Charles Halton. In *Didaktikos: Journal of Theological Education* (2021 Fall Books Preview): 34-37.

Review of *Worship, Mission, and the Church Year: How Union with Christ Forms Worshipers for Mission in Every Season*, by Nicholas W. Monsma. In the *Journal for Spiritual Formation and Soul Care*, 12/2 (2019): 279-81.

Review of *God Without Measure: Working Papers in Christian Theology*, 2 vols., by John Webster. In the *Scottish Journal of Theology*, 70/2 (2017): 227-230.

Review of *Pannenberg on the Triune God*, by Iain Taylor. In *The European Journal of Theology*, 20/2 (2011): 184-86.

Review of *The Future of Christology*, by Roger Haight, S.J. In *The European Journal of Theology*, 20/2 (2011): 186-87.

Review of *The Historicity of Nature: Essays on Science and Theology* by Wolfhart Pannenberg, edited by Niels Henrik Gregerson. In *The International Journal of Systematic Theology*, 13/1 (2010): 111-14.

Review of *The Oxford Handbook of Systematic Theology*, edited by John Webster, Kathryn Tanner, and Alan Torrance. In *The European Journal of Theology* 19/1 (2010): 84-85.

Review of *Global Dictionary of Theology*, edited by William Dyrness and Veli-Matti Kärkkäinen. In *The Scottish Bulletin of Evangelical Theology*, 28/1 (2010).

Double review of *The Gospel of Justification in Christ*, edited by Wayne Stumme and *Justification in Perspective*, edited by Bruce McCormack. In *Themelios* 34/3 (November 2009): 423-27.

Review of *Wolfgang Pannenberg on Human Destiny*, by Kam Ming Wong. In *The International Journal of Systematic Theology* 11/2 (2009): 235-36.

Review of *The Person of Christ*, edited by Stephen Holmes and Murray A. Rae. In *The European Journal of Theology* 17/2 (2008): 174-75.

Review of *Stricken by God? Nonviolent Identification and the Victory of Christ*, edited by Brad Jersak and Michael Hardin. In *The European Journal of Theology* 17/2 (2008): 180-82.

Review of *The Oxford Handbook of Eschatology*, edited by Jerry L. Walls. In *Themelios* 33/3 (December 2008): 98-100.

Review of *Ancient Faith for the Church's Future*, edited by Mark Husbands and Jeffrey Greenman. In *Themelios* 33/2 (September 2008): 108-09.

Review of *Christ in Focus: Radical Christocentrism in Christian Theology*, by Clive Marsh. In *American Theological Inquiry* 1/2 (July 15, 2008).

Review of *The Touch of Transcendence*, by Mayra Rivera. In *Theological Book Review* Vol. 20 (April 1, 2008): 90.

Review of *Promise of Peace: A Unified Theory of Atonement*, by Alan Spence. In *The International Journal of Systematic Theology* 10/2 (April 2008): 210-12.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

"Simone Weil on Study, Prayer, and Love." *The Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion Blog*. August 8 (2018).

Conversations: VTI Reader. Anthology edited for the Veritas Theology Institute of Huntington University (Summer 2017).

"Slow Procession," poem published in *Ictus* (Spring 2013), 4.

"Urgency and Panic," in *The Huntingtonian*, October 2011.

"Christian Atheism," in *The Huntingtonian*, January 29, 2011.

"17 Creative Ways to Approach Bible Study," in *Small Group Ministry in the 21st Century*, edited by pp. M. Scott Boren (Group Publishing, 2004): 130-136.

PAPERS & PRESENTATIONS AT PROFESSIONAL CONFERENCES & WORKSHOPS

"The Grammar of Grace." Faculty Lecture, Forrester Lecture Series (Huntington University, IN): April, 2021.

"Present in Time: Reflections on Relationships with Developmentally Disabled Friends in the Church." Senior Adult luncheon, New Hope UB Church (Huntington, IN). November, 2020.

"Theology Labs: Experimenting at the Intersections of Theology and Everyday Life." Paper presented at the 71st Annual Meeting of the Evangelical Theological Society (San Diego, CA): November, 2019.

"Theology for Life Together: Three Lenses, Three Prayers." Paper presented as the keynote address at the inaugural Idea to Action Symposium (Huntington University): October, 2019.

"The Grammar of Grace." Presentation made in the Huntington University Honor's Program (Huntington University): April, 2019.

"Seeing as They See: A Strategy for Cultivating Students with Hermeneutical Empathy." Paper given at the CCCU Global Summit (Dallas, TX): January 18, 2018.

"Hermeneutical Empathy: Forming Readers who Receive Strange Texts." Paper given at the biannual meeting of the Kuyler's Institute for Christian Teaching and Learning, (Calvin College, MI): October 2015.

"Maintaining the Center at the Crossroads: Receiving and Passing on 'the Deposit' (1 Tim. 6:20)." Presentation made at the National Meeting of the Association of Christian Librarians (Huntington, IN): June 12, 2014.

"Classroom Diversity: Student Engagement Across the Spectrum." Plenary panelist at the 16th Annual Fort Wayne Area Deans Teaching Conference (IPFW, Fort Wayne, IN): February 22, 2013.

"New Monasticism as Retrieval for Ecclesial Renewal." Paper presented at the 64th Annual Meeting of the Evangelical Theological Society (Milwaukee, WI): November, 2012.

"'That which he did not assume he did not heal': The Incarnation and Christian Pedagogy." Presentation made at the Huntington University Faculty Workshop (Huntington University, Huntington, IN): August 25, 2012.

"Lament and Celebration as Fitting Practices of Christian Pedagogy." Presentation made at the Council of Christian Colleges and Universities New Faculty Institute (Indiana Wesleyan University, Marion, IN): June 6, 2012.

“Theological Cultures and Theological Interpretation: Practices, Agency, and Ontology.” Paper presented at the 63rd Annual Meeting of the Evangelical Theological Society (San Francisco, CA): November, 2011.

“Rowan Williams and the Gratuitous Mystery of Theology’s Object.” Paper presented at the Midwest Regional Conference on Christianity and Literature (University of St. Francis, Fort Wayne IN): September 22-24, 2011.

“Looking Back, Moving Forward: Retrieval as Theological Method.” Paper presented with Dr. David Buschart at the 61st Annual Meeting of the Evangelical Theological Society (New Orleans, LA): November, 2009.

“Living from Reconciliation toward Reconciliation: Theological Explorations in Divine and Human Reconciliation.” Paper presented at the 59th Annual Meeting of the Evangelical Theological Society (San Diego, CA): November, 2007

“God’s Faithfulness to Creation: The Doctrine of Reconciliation in W. Pannenberg’s *Systematic Theology*.” Paper presented at the 2007 Scottish Universities Conference for Postgraduate Students in Divinity and Religious Studies (University of Aberdeen, Scotland): June 21, 2007

“An Old Way Forward: Christian Engagement in the Public Arena According to Luther’s Two Kingdom’s Doctrine.” Paper presented at the 58th Annual Meeting of the Evangelical Theological Society (Washington D.C.): November 16, 2006

FELLOWSHIPS & AWARDS

Emeriti Fellows Research Grant, Summer 2015.

Huntington University Research Fellowship, 2012.

Huntington University Professor of the Year, 2012.