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Curriculum Vitae

Professor of Theology, Huntington University
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EDUCATION

King's College, University of Aberdeen, Aberdeen Scotland

Doctor of Philosophy in Systematic Theology (2009)

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 (2004)

Calvin College, Grand Rapids Michigan

Bachelor of Science (1998)

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. Downers Grove: IVP Academic, forthcoming 2020.

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.

Articles, Essays & Book Chapters

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

"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 *Crux: 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 *Worship, Mission, and the Church Year: How Union with Christ Forms Worshipers for Mission in Every Season*. In the *Journal for Spiritual Formation and Soul Care* (forthcoming).

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 Wolphart 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 *Wolphart 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

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

"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

NON-SCHOLARLY PRESENTATIONS, PUBLIC ADDRESSES, CHAPEL TALKS, ETCETERA

“The Holiness of God & the Holiness of God’s People.” Two talks given at the Huntington University Chapel (Huntington, IN): October, 2018.

“Loving the Church Jesus Loves.” Talk given at the Huntington University Chapel (Huntington, IN): February 9, 2018.

“Be a Man.” Talk given at the Huntington University Chapel (Huntington, IN): December 7, 2017.

“Who is Jesus? The Son of God: Athanasius” & “Who is Jesus? The Son of Man: Irenaeus.” Sessions at the Huntington University Veritas Theology Institute (Huntington, IN), June 2017, 2018, 2019.

“Epiphany Seminar: What is Truth?” Three-day seminar given at Vanguard (Wheaton College Gap-Year Program), with A.J. Poelarends. Three Lakes, WI: January 15-17, 2017, 2018.

“Worship and the Bible.” Presentation given at the Sons and Daughters Worship School. Hamilton Lake, IN: October 1, 2016.

“Wrath.” Talk given for the Huntington University Student Life Event, “Reclaiming Your Purpose.” Huntington University (Huntington, IN): April 18, 2016.

“Directed and Independent Studies: Concerns, Approaches, and Best Practices.” Presentation made to the faculty of Huntington University (Huntington, IN): March 30, 2016.

“Monastic Insights for Dorm Life.” Talk given in Wright Hall, Huntington University (Huntington, IN): February 25, 2016.

Invited Panelist: “Viewer Discretion Advised: Media Sophistication—Is it for Christians” presented by Prof. Dawn Ford, Huntington University. Forrester Lecture Series, Huntington University (Huntington, IN): April 30, 2015.

“Directing our Steps: Planning for the Future and Trusting God.” Talk given followed by panel discussion. Huntington University Chapel service (Huntington, IN): March 24, 2015.

“Work-Life Balance: Is it possible?” Talk given followed by panel discussion. Huntington University Chapel service (Huntington, IN): March 26, 2015.

“Sacred Presence: Incarnation & the ‘Spirited’ Presence of Christian Health Care Professionals.” Presentation made to the Health Professionals Organization of Huntington University (Huntington, IN): October 6, 2014.

"Truth-Telling and the Authority of Scripture." Talk given at the chapel service of Huntington University (Huntington, IN): September 30, 2014.

"The Dispositions, Capacities, & Disciplines of Theological Retrieval." Paper presented at the fourth annual Huntington University Division VI Colloquium (Huntington, IN): August 24, 2014.

"Why am I crying during Toy Story 3? Interpreting Films as Cultural Texts." Talk given at the chapel service of Kalamazoo Christian High School (Kalamazoo, MI): May 22, 2013.

"Prayers of Forgiveness and Assurance." Presentation made at *Refresh* student worship service (Huntington, IN): November 19, 2013.

"Practical Theodicy: Responses to Evil that Enable Faithfulness." Presentation made at *Refresh* student worship service (Huntington, IN): February 19, 2013.

"Friendship According to the Patterns of Life and Scripture." Talk given at the chapel service of Huntington University (Huntington, IN): September 25, 2012.

"Interpretive Virtue and Christian Hermeneutics: Apprenticing Wise Interpreters." Paper presented at the Huntington University Division VI Colloquium (Huntington, IN): August 20, 2012.

"What will be the Character of our Relationship with People of Other Faiths? Compassionate, Convicted, Civility." Talk given at Kalamazoo Christian High School (Kalamazoo, MI): May 16, 2012.

"Christian Nursing: Vulnerable Compassion in the Name of Christ." Public address given at the pinning ceremony of the Huntington University Nursing Department (Huntington, IN): May 11, 2012.

"An Evangelical Perspective." Multifaith Dialogue Event: "How Good Must I Be: The Consequences of My Actions" (Canterbury Middle School, Fort Wayne IN): April 11, 2012.

"1 Corinthians 12:27-13:3." Divine Hours Chapel Message (Huntington University): March 23, 2012.

"Matthew 23:27-28; Psalm 31:19-22." Divine Hours Chapel Message (Huntington University): December 7, 2012.

"The Principle of Waterloo and Eton." Talk given at the chapel service of Huntington University (Huntington University): September, 2010.

“Radical Orthodoxy as Theological Retrieval.” Paper presented at the Bible, Religion, and Philosophy Colloquium, Huntington University (Huntington, IN): August, 2011.

“What you can’t comprehend of God won’t kill you: making space for divine mystery.” Talk given at the chapel service of Kalamazoo Christian High School (Kalamazoo, MI): May 12, 2011.

“1 Corinthians 7:1-9.” Teaching given at the Divine Hours chapel service of Huntington University (Huntington University): March 25, 2011.

“Faith in the Midst of Unmet Dreams (1 Samuel 1).” Talk given at the chapel service of Huntington University (Huntington University): October, 2010.

“Give us Grace and Impatience (The Lord’s Prayer).” Talk given at the chapel service of Huntington University, (Huntington University): September, 2009.

FELLOWSHIPS & AWARDS

Emeriti Fellows Research Grant, Summer 2015

Huntington University Research Fellowship, 2012

Huntington University Professor of the Year, 2012

ACADEMIC TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Huntington University (2009–)

BR 414 and BR 415 – Systematic Theology I & II: These courses concentrate on the beliefs arising from the Apostles Creed: God the Creator and his triune life, Creation, the human person, sin, Christ's person and work, the Spirit's activity in the church, the Christian Life, and the consummation of history. They also consider the nature and tasks of theology more generally, its sources, and norms.

BR421 – Contemporary Christian Theology: A study of the major developments in Christian theology during the twentieth and twenty-first centuries, in light of the changing intellectual and cultural situation. Topics considered include Karl Barth, American Fundamentalism, process theology, liberation theology, and the Emergent Church

BR341 – The History of Christianity: This course is a survey of Christian history from the close of the New Testament to the present. It will focus on major doctrinal developments and the origins of the currently existing varieties of Christianity.

BR333DOC – Doctrine of the Christian Life: A study of the doctrine of the Christian life with specific reference to its biblical and theological foundations, historical

developments, and practical significance. A doctrine of the Christian life considers the lived existence of the Christian in fellowship with the triune God, made possible through the life, death, and resurrection of Christ, and exercised through prayer, worship, and discipleship.

BR333TB – Theological Bioethics: Theological Bioethics covers biblical and theological bases for bioethics and develops in students the skills for ethical decision making and action. The course will help students to conceptualize the differences between Christian approaches and general or philosophical approaches to bioethics while introducing students to contemporary issues in biological, healthcare and medical ethics.

BR311PET – 1 Peter: A chapter by chapter exposition and analysis of 1 Peter with consideration of the genre and cultural setting, major themes and theology, and relevance to Christian faith and discipleship.

BR311COL – Colossians: A chapter by chapter exposition and analysis of Colossians with consideration of the genre and cultural setting, major themes and theology, and relevance to Christian faith and discipleship.

BR271 – Biblical Interpretation: A study of the science of biblical interpretation employing inductive Bible study techniques. Emphasis is placed upon the adaptation of methods to various types of literary genre, the analysis of structural arrangement, word studies and principles of practical application. Students will do exegetical notebooks on selected passages.

BR111 – Biblical History and Literature: A survey of the Bible with emphases on its nature and authority; its historical, cultural and religious backgrounds; its historical development; its types of literature; and its content and major themes.

BR491 – Senior Seminar (Spring 2013): Disability, Christianity, and the Bible

BR491 – Senior Seminar (Spring 2012): Christianity and Islam

BR491 – Senior Seminar (Spring 2011): Karl Barth's Doctrine of Reconciliation

HUNTINGTON UNIVERSITY GRADUATE SCHOOL

MI525 – Theology of the Church: It is imperative for Christian leaders to minister with an orthodox understanding of the nature and mission of the Church, founded on biblical principles and sound theological foundations. This course will develop those foundations and enable students to articulate the role of the Church within contemporary society. Consideration will be given Christian Ministry Programs to appropriate strategies for connecting non-churched persons with the mission of Christ.

HUNTINGTON UNIVERSITY VERITAS THEOLOGY INSTITUTE

Teaching Scholar & Member of the Leadership Team: 2016 - .