

Curriculum Vitae

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Education

PhD in Divinity, University of St Andrews (September 2021)

Thesis: *Forsaking the Fall? An Inquiry into the Possibility of a Nonlapsarian Christianity*

Supervisors: Joshua Cockayne, Oliver D. Crisp | (Alan J. Torrance)

Examiners: Gavin D'Costa and Andrew Torrance (pass with no corrections)

MLitt in Analytic and Exegetical Theology, University of St Andrews (2017)

Dissertation: *A Response to the Critics of Divine Eternity*

Supervisor: Oliver D. Crisp

BA in Religion, minor in Philosophy, Pepperdine University (2016)

Research Areas

Primary: Hamartiology, Philosophy of Mysticism, Analytic and Exegetical Theology, Philosophy of Religion, World Religions

Secondary: Early Christianity, Soteriology, Ethics and Moral Theology, Biblical Studies

Languages

English (native)

Spanish (fluent - read, write, speak [C1])

Arabic (Fusha) (intermediate [B1])

Ancient Greek (reading proficiency)

Publications

Books

(2023) *Forsaking the Fall: Original Sin and the Possibility of a Nonlapsarian Christianity*. Abingdon: Routledge. | Reviewed in *Journal of Reformed Theology*, *Forum Philosophicum*, *Journal of Analytic Theology*, and *Journal of Biblical and Theological Studies*

Peer-Reviewed Articles

(2026) "Still Standing: A Reply to Haratine on Nonlapsarianism." *International Journal for Philosophy of Religion*. 99 (31)

(2025) "On the Hegemony of Ancestral Sin in Early Greek Thought: A Hesitation." *Journal of Theological Studies*. 76 (1): 156–177

- (2023) “Athens and Jerusalem Redux: Monastic Mystical Discourse and the Rule of Faith.” *Forum Philosophicum* 28 (1): 99–126
- (2022) “Mysticism Monistic and Theistic: A Probing Argument and Pike’s Case for Phenomenological Distinction.” *Philosophia Christi* 24 (1): 65–84
- (2021) “The Challenge of Mysticism: A Primer from A Christian Perspective.” *Sophia* 60 (4): 1027–1045
- (2021) “Did St. Paul Believe in Original Sin? Yeah, but so What?” *Journal of Analytic Theology* 9: 291–313
- (2020) “Evolution, Middle Knowledge, and Theodicy: A Philosophical Reflection.” *Forum Philosophicum* 25 (2): 215–233
- (2019) “Social Trinitarianism and the Tripartite God.” *Religious Studies* 55 (2): 189–198

Book Reviews

- (2025) Matthias Grebe and Johannes Grössl, eds: *T&T Clark Handbook of Suffering and the Problem of Evil*. *Journal of Biblical and Theological Studies*.
- (2022) William Lane Craig: *In Quest of the Historical Adam: A Biblical and Scientific Exploration*. *Journal of Analytic Theology* 10: 700–705.

Academic Presentations

- “Partial and Fitful Remembrance: Language and the Problem of Mystical Resemblance.” *Helsinki Analytic Theology Workshop 2026*, University of Helsinki, 12 February 2026.
- “Mystical Resemblance: An Unsolved Puzzle for the Christian Philosophy of Religion.” *American Academy of Religion, Western Region Annual Conference*, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, 16 March 2024.
- “Paradise Now: A Theological Examination of Dostoevsky’s Christian Mysticism.” *American Academy of Religion, Western Region Annual Conference*, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, 16 March 2024.
- Invited Panel Discussion on my book *Forsaking the Fall*. Pepperdine University, 14 March 2024.
- “Athens and Jerusalem Redux: *Nous*, *Theoria*, and the Contemplative Ideal.” *Christian Philosophy and its Challenges*, Ignatianum University in Kraków, 20–22 September 2022.
- “Modelling Christ: A Ground Rule.” *ESSSAT 2021: European Conference on Science and Theology: Creative Pluralism?* Universidad Pontificia Comillas, June 2021.
- “Mysticism and Philosophical Analysis: Some Christian Strategies.” *Christian Philosophy: its Past, Present and Future*, Ignatianum University in Kraków, 23 September 2020.
- “A Nonlapsarian Christianity? Philosophical, Theological, and Exegetical Foundations.” *Evolution, the Fall, and Original Sin Conference*, St. Louis University, 23 June 2020.

(Cancelled due to Covid-19) “Engaging Comparative Mysticism: A Test Case from Taoism and Developments in Neuropsychology.” *The Logos Institute*, University of St Andrews, 27 April 2020.

“Participation and Deification: An Evolutionary Vision of Salvation.” *Helsinki Analytic Theology Workshop 2020*, University of Helsinki, 28 February 2020.

“Evolution, Middle Knowledge, and Theodicy: A Philosophical Reflection.” *Engaging the Contemporary 2019: The Philosophical Turn Toward Religion*, University of Malta, 8 November 2019.

“The Fall, Evolution, and Middle Knowledge: A Reflection on Theodicy” *Oxford Symposium on Religious Studies*, University of Oxford, 2 August 2019.

“Genesis 2–3 and the Fall: A Tentative Rereading” *The Logos Institute*, University of St Andrews, 17 May 2019.

Public Presentations

“Scriptural Authority and Christian Faith(s).” Dundee Northeast Church, 1 February, 2025.

“World Religions.” Dundee: Northeast Church, 25 May, 2024.

“Extraterrestrial Life and the Cosmos.” Dundee Northeast Church, 27 April, 2024.

“Artificial Intelligence and Transhumanism.” Dundee Northeast Church, 30 March, 2024.

“New Age Spirituality and the Occult.” Dundee Northeast Church, 24 February, 2024.

“Injustice, Suffering, and the Problem of Evil.” Dundee Northeast Church, 27 January, 2024.

“In Adam: The Doctrine of Original Sin in the Early Apologists and John Calvin.” Dundee West Church, 27 May, 2023.

Teaching

Tutor | Jesus and the Gospels, University of St Andrews (Spring 2021)

Guest Lecture | “Psychedelics and Mystical Experience,” Science, Religion, and the Mind, University of St Andrews (10 November, 2020)

Tutor | Science, Religion, and the Mind, University of St Andrews (Fall 2020)

Guest Lecture | “Original Sin: Texts and Traditions,” Introduction to World Religions, University of St Andrews (20 April, 2020)

Tutor | Introduction to World Religions, University of St Andrews (Spring 2020)

Tutor | Jesus and the Gospels, University of St Andrews (Spring 2020)

Tutor | Philosophical Theology, University of St Andrews (Fall 2019)

Tutor | Jesus and the Gospels, University of St Andrews (Spring 2019)

Tutor | Issues: Theology and History, University of St Andrews (Fall 2018)

Postgraduate English instructor at China Agricultural University (Summer 2018)

Honors

Religious Studies postgraduate essay prize (joint) runner-up (2018)

Award for Academic Excellence, Department of Religion, Pepperdine University (Spring 2016)

Additional Experience/Professional Development/Memberships

Referee for various articles in: *Religious Studies*, *TheoLogica*, *Internet Encyclopedia of Philosophy*, *Forum Philosophicum*

Member, *American Academy of Religion* (2023–present)

Research Assistant for Andrew Torrance (2021–2022)

International Assistant Editor, *Forum Philosophicum* (2021–2024)

Full Member, Evangelical Philosophical Society (2020–2023)

Member, Scottish Evangelical Theology Society (2019–2022)

Book editor/research assistant for Chris Doran's *Hope in the Age of Climate Change* (2016)

Book editor/cartographer for Dyron Daugherty's *Understanding World Christianity: India* (2015–16)

Independent research collaboration with Dyron Daugherty on the Protestant Reformation (2015)