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Education

University of St Andrews (St Andrews, SCT, UK)

Degree: Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)

Field: Divinity

Thesis: *The Dignity of Every Human Being: Disability and a Theology of Healthcare Rationing* (tentative)

Supervisor: Andrew Torrance

Received: November 2024 (Anticipated)

Union Presbyterian Seminary (Richmond, VA, US)

Degree: Master of Theology (ThM)

Thesis: *Ascetical Salvation: A Soteriological Study and Constructive Proposal through the Work of Sarah Coakley*

Adviser: Dawn DeVries

Received: May 2021

Degree: Master of Divinity (MDiv)

Received: May 2020

North Carolina State University (Raleigh, NC, US)

Degree: Bachelor of Arts (BA)

Major: Religious Studies (Minor in Journalism)

Received: May 2017

Teaching and Research Interests

Systematic and philosophical theology (especially soteriology, eschatology, moral theology, and disability theology); philosophy of religion (particularly with reference to metaphysics, philosophy of mind, and religious epistemology); religion and science (particularly intersections with neuropsychology and cognitive science); and philosophy of law (especially health law and human rights law).

Publications

Monographs

Desire and Divinization: A Theology of Everyday Asceticism (working title). Analyzing Theology. Eugene: Cascade, under contract.

Edited Volumes

Disability Theology and Eschatology: Hope, Justice, and Flourishing (working title). Co-edited with Preston Hill. Lanham: Lexington Books, under contract.

Refereed Articles

"Horizons of Hope: Disability, Eschatology, and the Work of the Holy Spirit." *Journal of Disability & Religion* (forthcoming).

["Analytic theology."](#) *Religion Compass* (Early View): 1-11.

["Draw Me After You: Toward an Erotic Theosis."](#) *Scottish Journal of Theology* 76, no. 2 (May 2023): 139-152.

["Making and Mending Our Selves: A Practical Proposal."](#) *TheoLogica* 6, no. 1 (March 2022): 178-196.

[“Compassionate Exclusivism: Relational Atonement and Post-Mortem Salvation.”](#) *Journal of Analytic Theology* 9 (September 2021): 158-179.

Chapters

“A Theory of Well-Being for Disability Theology,” in *Disability Theology and Eschatology: Hope, Justice, and Flourishing*, ed. Preston Hill and Aaron Brian Davis. Lanham: Lexington Books, forthcoming.

“Disability, Eschatology, and *Sword Art Online*,” in *Theology, Religion, and Anime*, ed. Roberto J. De La Noval and David Armstrong. Theology, Religion, and Pop Culture. Lanham: Lexington Books/Fortress Academic, forthcoming.

Popular Articles

[“Lewis Meets Thile: Imagining Salvation through Art.”](#) *Earth & Altar Magazine* (June 2023).

[“A Prayerbook Centered Children’s Chapel.”](#) *Building Faith* (July 2022).

Edited Journal Issues

Guest co-editor with Danielle Jansen for a symposium in *Philosophia Christi* on William Lane Craig’s *Atonement and the Death of Christ: An Exegetical, Historical, and Philosophical Exploration* (forthcoming).

Book Reviews

“Lisa. D. Powell, *The Disabled God Revisited: Trinity, Christology, and Liberation.*” *International Journal of Systematic Theology* (forthcoming).

[“Drew Collins, *The Unique and Universal Christ: Refiguring the Theology of Religions.*”](#) *Journal of Analytic Theology* 11 (Summer 2023): 710-715.

[“David McLachlan, *Accessible Atonement: Disability, Theology, and the Cross of Christ.*”](#) *McMaster Journal of Theology & Ministry* 23 (2021-2022): R47-R52.

[“Sarah Coakley, *Spiritual Healing: Science, Meaning, and Discernment.*”](#) *Reading Religion* (April 2022).

[“Oliver D. Crisp, *Approaching the Atonement: The Reconciling Work of Christ.*”](#) *Reading Religion* (October 2021).

[“Oliver D. Crisp, *Analyzing Doctrine: Toward a Systematic Theology.*”](#) *Anglican Theological Review* 103, no. 2 (May 2021): 248-249.

[“Eleonore Stump, *Atonement.*”](#) *McMaster Journal of Theology & Ministry* 21 (2019-2020): R31-R36.

Under Review/In Progress

“A Moderated Ecumenical Interpretation of the Atonement.”
Under review with Pro Ecclesia

“Hopeful Universalism and the Goodness of God.”
In progress

“Time and Purgation: A Psychological Approach.”
In progress

Academic Experience

University of St Andrews (St Andrews, SCT, UK)
Graduate Teaching Assistant, September 2023 – Present

Courses taught: God and the World: Introducing Theology (DI 1001), Introduction to Practical Theology and Theological Ethics (DI 1012)

Research Grants

University of St Andrews (St Andrews, SCT, UK)

Scotland's Future Series Grant, August 2023

- £960 to fund my organization of an interdisciplinary symposium titled "Scotland's NHS? A Workshop on Healthcare Accessibility." Hosted by the University of St Andrews's School of Divinity, this workshop scrutinizes what it means for healthcare resources to be accessible to Scots on the NHS. For example, if someone has a provider nearby but that provider is dismissive of said person's symptoms do they count as having access to care? Questions like these are addressed by participants hailing from a range of fields (e.g., medicine, theology, sociology, philosophy, and so forth) and include both junior scholars and established researchers. Participation is limited to twenty people, including six giving papers, in order to stimulate in-depth discussions and encourage further dialogue after the workshop's conclusion.

Professional Experience

St. Timothy's Episcopal Church (Wilson, NC, US)

Youth and Family Minister, August 2021 – July 2022

Grace & Holy Trinity Episcopal Church (Richmond, VA, US)

Coordinator of Children, Youth, and Family Ministries, August 2017 – June 2021

Union Presbyterian Seminary (Richmond, VA, US)

Grant Project Assistant, August 2020 – June 2021

North Carolina State University (Raleigh, NC, US)

Lead Audio-Visual Technician, December 2015 – July 2017

Audio-Visual Technician, July 2015 – December 2015

Speaking Engagements

Invited Talks

"Prolegomena for a Theology of Healthcare Rationing." Paper presentation with response from Louise Lawrence at the School of Divinity Equality, Diversity, and Inclusion (EDI) conference, University of St Andrews, SCT, UK, March 17, 2023.

Lectures and Seminars

"Disability, Genetic Medicine, and Well-Being: A Theory of Human Flourishing." Lecture for the 2023-2024 St Leonard's College Lecture Series, University of St Andrews, St Andrews, SCT, January 31, 2024.

Conference Papers

"Do we all have time to be saved? Psychological time dilation and post-mortem salvation." Paper presentation at the Helsinki Analytic Theology Workshop, University of Helsinki, Helsinki, FI, February 7-9, 2024.

"The Ableism Problem for Moral Exemplarism." Paper presentation at the Toronto Philosophy of Religion Workshop, Toronto Metropolitan University, Toronto, CA, December 14-15, 2023.

"Disabled Flourishing: Genetic Medicine and the Nature of Human Well-Being." Paper presentation at the Society for Christian Bioethicists Second Conference, online, October 20-21, 2023.

"Upon Him Was the Punishment? A New Legal Consideration for Penal Substitution." Paper presentation at the Annual Conference of the European Academy of Religion, University of St Andrews, St Andrews, SCT, UK, June 19-23, 2023.

“Horizons of Hope: Disability, Eschatology, and the Work of the Holy Spirit.” Paper presentation to the Christian Systematic Theology Unit at the Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion. Denver, CO, US, November 19-22, 2022.

“The Analytic Missiological Turn? Critical Introspection and the Missionary’s Ongoing Conversion.” Paper presentation at the Annual Meeting of the American Society of Missiology, St. Mary’s College, Notre Dame, IN, US, June 17-22, 2022.

“When is Salvation Compassionately Exclusivist? Temporal Possibilities for Post-Mortem Salvation.” Paper presentation at the Carolina Analytic Theology Workshop, Anderson University, Anderson, SC, US, May 20-21, 2022.

“Unconditioned Desire? Tillich and Coakley in Constructive Dialogue.” Paper presentation at the Christian Philosophy at Villanova/Augustinian Institute conference “God and the Unconditional,” Villanova University, Villanova, PA, US, April 1-2, 2022.

“Imagining Saintly Bodies: Modeling an Ecclesiological Soteriology.” Paper presentation to the Constructive Theologies Section at the Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion – Southeast Region, Florida State University, online due to COVID-19, March 11-13, 2022.

“‘Comfort, O Comfort My People:’ Exploring the Pastoral Import of Eleonore Stump’s Analytic Theology.” Paper presentation at the Logia Postgraduate Interdisciplinary Conference “Women and God,” University of St Andrews, online due to COVID-19, May 27, 2021.

“The Moderated Ecumenical Interpretation: A Mashup Account of the Atonement.” Paper presentation to the Constructive Theologies Section at the Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion – Southeast Region, Florida State University, online due to COVID-19, March 12-14, 2021.

“‘Draw Me After You:’ Toward an Erotic Theosis.” Paper presentation to the Christian Systematic Theology Unit at the Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, online due to COVID-19, November 29-December 10, 2020.

“No Longer through a Glass Dimly: Conciliar Orthodoxy and Foundational Propositional Knowledge.” Paper presentation at the Christ Among the Disciplines Conference, online due to COVID-19, November 18-25, 2020.

“Loving Self, Neighbor, and God: A Hybrid Approach to Mission and Relationality.” Lightning Talk at the Annual Meeting of the American Society of Missiology, St. Mary’s College, Notre Dame, IN, US, June 19-21, 2020.

Rescheduled to 2021 Annual Meeting due to COVID-19

“Making Our Selves: Flourishing through Narrative and Fellowship.” Paper presentation to the Contemporary Theology Section at the Annual Meeting of the Mid-Atlantic Region of the American Academy of Religion, Princeton Theological Seminary, Princeton, NJ, US, March 9-10, 2020.

Cancelled due to COVID-19

“Orthodoxy and Family: Addressing Cultural Change Contra-Dreher.” Paper presentation to the Constructive Theologies Section at the Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion-Southeast Region, University of Georgia, Athens, GA, US, February 28-March 1, 2020.

“Compassionate Exclusivism: Toward a Broader Soteriology through the Relationality of Grace.” Paper presentation to the Christian Systematic Theology Unit at the Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, San Diego, CA, US, November 23-26, 2019.

Public Engagement

“Theology for a new conversation: disability and healthcare rationing” *University of St Andrews Research Impact*, November 3, 2023. <https://impact.wp.st-andrews.ac.uk/theology-for-a-new-conversation-disability-and-healthcare-rationing>.

[“Disability Theology.”](#) The London Lyceum (podcast), August 30, 2023.

Preaching

Regular preaching at St Timothy’s Episcopal Church (Wilson, NC) from 2021-2022. Occasional preaching at St Andrews Episcopal Church (St Andrews, UK) from 2023-present and Grace & Holy Trinity Episcopal Church (Richmond, VA) from 2017-2021. Guest preaching at First Mennonite Church (Richmond, VA) in 2019.

Personal Honors and Awards

St Luke’s College Foundation (Tavistock, ENG, UK)

Personal Grant Award, September 2023 – Present

Foundation of St Matthias (Bristol, ENG, UK)

Personal Grant Award, July 2023

University of St Andrews (St Andrews, SCT, UK)

Postgraduate Travel Award, October 2022 & October 2023

School of Divinity Postgraduate Research Scholarship, September 2022 – Present

Union Presbyterian Seminary (Richmond, VA, US)

Master of Theology Merit Scholarship, September 2020 – May 2021

Wade and Lou Boggs Scholarship for Excellence in Christian Theology, April 2019

Ida, Susan, Matilda, and Joseph Chesnutt Merit Scholarship, August 2017 – May 2020

Professional and Community Service

Peer-Review

Journals: *Religious Studies*

Dictionaries/Encyclopedias: *St Andrews Encyclopedia of Theology*

St Andrews Episcopal Church (St Andrews, SCT, UK)

Youth Ministry Volunteer, September 2023 – Present

Audio-Visual Assistant, August 2023 – Present

Lay Preacher, June 2023 – Present

University of St Andrews (St Andrews, SCT, UK)

Divinity Postgrad Research Representative to the St Andrews Students’ Association, October 2022 – Present

Mentor for the St Mary’s College Mentoring Scheme, September 2022 – Present

Society of Christian Philosophers

Member of the Eastern Region Committee, January 2021 – Present

American Academy of Religion – Southeast Region

Co-Chair of the Constructive Theologies Section, February 2020 – March 2023

Union Presbyterian Seminary (Richmond, VA, US)

Volunteer for the Community Life First Year Student Program, June 2019 – May 2021

Volunteer for the Admissions Visitor Program, October 2018 – May 2021

Richmond Student Representative to the Committee on Academic Programs, May 2019 – September 2020

Moderator of the Richmond Student Government Assembly, October 2019 – April 2020

Christ Episcopal Church (Raleigh, NC, US)
Lay Eucharistic Minister, June 2015 – July 2017
Lector, June 2015 – June 2017

North Carolina State University (Raleigh, NC, US)
Vice President of the College of Humanities and Social Sciences Student Council, May 2016 – May 2017
President of the Academic Study of Religions Club, May 2015 – May 2016

Organizational Affiliations

Society for the Study of Theology (SST), October 2022 – Present
European Academy of Religion (EuARe), October 2022 – Present
Society of Christian Philosophers (SCP), February 2019 – Present
American Society of Missiology (ASM), January 2019 – Present
American Academy of Religion (AAR), January 2018 – Present

References

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