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ACADEMIC AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICE

2020 – Present **Raquet Endowed Director’s Chair**
Institute for Leadership and Service
Valparaiso University

Fall 2019 **Visiting Assistant Professor of Religion**
Gustavus Adolphus College

2016 – 2019 **Assistant Professor of Theology**
Director, Andreas Center for Reformed Scholarship and Service
Dordt College

EDUCATION

2016 **Ph.D Princeton University**
Religion, Ethics, and Politics

2014 **M.A. Princeton University**
Religion

2011 **M.T.S. University of Notre Dame**
Moral Theology

2008 **B.A. New St. Andrews College**
Liberal Arts and Culture, Cum Laude

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

Christian theology; virtue and vocation; moral and political philosophy; environmental ethics; religion and social theory; Reformation and early modern history; American theological traditions; virtue and natural law; religion, domination, and resistance; secularity and secularism; Augustine of Hippo; Thomas Aquinas; John Calvin; Johannes Althusius; G.W.F Hegel; Karl Barth.

PUBLICATIONS

- Book, *The Immortal Commonwealth: Covenant, Community, and Political Resistance in Early Reformed Thought*. Forthcoming from Cambridge University Press, 2019.

(Endorsed by Nicholas Wolterstorff, Jeffrey Stout, Jennifer Herdt, Paul Lim, and Luke Bretherton.)

- “Contesting the Legacy of the Protestant Reformation.” *Journal of Religious Ethics* (forthcoming 2020).
- “Church and State” in *The Oxford Dictionary of the Christian Church* 4th edition, ed. Andrew Louth (forthcoming 2020).
- “An Augustine for Our Time.” *Studies in Christian Ethics* 32:1 (February 2019).
- “A Regimen of Grace.” *Comment* (Winter 2018), 19-25.
- “Resisting the Devil’s Instruments: Retrieving Early Modern Resistance Theory for Late Modern Times.” *Journal of the Society of Christian Ethics*, 38.1 (Spring/Summer 2018), 43-57.
- “Not Trained By Angels.” *Comment* (Fall 2017), 27-34.
- “Hegelian Natural Law: Situating Hegel’s Early Essay among the Theologians and Moderns.” Forthcoming.
- “Reasons for Law and the Bond of Love.” *Comment* (Spring 2016), 18-24.
- “Rights, Recognition, and the Order of Shalom: On Wolterstorff’s Political Theology.” *Studies in Christian Ethics* 27:4 (November 2014), 453-73.
- “Putting Love to Work: A Review of Martha Nussbaum’s *Political Emotions*,” *Comment* (Spring 2014), 53-57.
- “Can These Bones Live?: Unexpected Lessons from the Life of Kuyper,” *Comment* (Fall 2013), 57-62.
- Review, *To See History Doxologically: History and Holiness in John Howard Yoder’s Ecclesiology*, by J. Alexander Sider, *The Journal of Theological Studies*, 64:2 (October 2013), 823-25.
- Review, *Natural Law and the Two Kingdoms: A Study in the Development of Reformed Social Thought*, by David VanDrunen, *Journal of Church & State* 53:1 (Winter 2011), 122-24.
- Review, *The Word of God for the People of God*, by J. Todd Billings, *Reviews in Religion & Theology* 18:2 (March 2011), 203-05.
- “Possessing Heaven in Our Head: A Reformed reading of incarnational ascent in Kathryn Tanner.” *Journal of Reformed Theology* 4:3 (2010), 171-184.
- “Re-imagining Calvin: Two Reviews,” *Scottish Bulletin of Evangelical Theology* 28:2 (Autumn 2010), 229-31.
- Review, *Secret Faith in the Public Square: An Argument for the Concealment of Christian Identity*, by Jonathan Malesic, in *Political Theology* 11:4 (2010), 628-31.

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

- Manfred Lautenschlaeger Award for Theological Promise, 2020
Forschungszentrum für Internationale und Interdisziplinäre Theologie
University of Heidelberg
- President, Fellowship for Protestant Ethics, 2018-Present.
- Lilly Fellows Regional Collaboration and Conference Grant, 2018-19
Lilly Fellows Program in Humanities and the Arts
- Eliot Award for Theological Writing, 2018: “A Regimen of Grace.”
- Summer Scholarship Grant, 2017
Dordt College
- Political Philosophy Research Award, 2016

- University Center for Human Values
- Laurence S. Rockefeller Graduate Prize Fellow, 2015-2016
University Center for Human Values
- Graduate Research Fellow in Religion & Culture, 2015-2016
Center for the Study of Religion
- Dean's Fund for Scholarly Travel, 2014 & 2015
Princeton University
- Goodwin Writing Prize for Excellence in Theological Writing, 2013
Theological Horizons
- J.D. Rockefeller Jr. Fellowship, 2011-2016
Princeton University
- University Center for Human Values Prize, 2011-2012
- Full tuition scholarship and graduate stipend award, 2009-2011
University of Notre Dame
- Valedictorian, 2008
New St. Andrews College
- Outstanding Student Award, 2008
New St. Andrews College

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- Gustavus Adolphus College
REL 123: Faith, Religion, and Culture*
REL 132: Religion and Ecology
- Dordt College
CORE 150: Biblical Foundations*
CORE 200: Introduction to Philosophy*
PHIL 202: Philosophy of Logic
PHIL 302: Medieval Philosophy: Love, Friendship, and Sexuality
PHIL 304: Contemporary American Moral Philosophy
THEO 341: Christian Ethics and Contemporary Society*
THEO 343: Theology in Public: Christianity, Community, and Civil Disagreement
- Princeton University
Religion and Law (Visiting instructor)
Christian Ethics and Modern Society (Assistant instructor, seminar leader, and course administrator)
Roman Catholic Moral Theology (Assistant instructor and seminar leader)
- University of Notre Dame
The Catholic Faith (Assistant instructor)

* - taught on multiple occasions

SELECT PRESENTATIONS

- “Traditioned Critique: Political Legacies of the Protestant Reformation.” Presented at the University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, IN, November 2019.
- “Securing Liberty: Radical Legacies of the Protestant Reformation.” Presented at the Society of Christian Ethics, Louisville, KY, January 2019.
- “The Future of Christian Political Theology.” Presented at Redeemer University College, Hamilton, ON, March 2018.
- “Civility and Dissent.” *Luxcast*, episode 4.6—a podcast of Western Theological Seminary, March 2018.
- “Political Theology in the Age of Trump.” Presented at Western Theological Seminary, Holland, MI, February 2018.
- “Resisting the Devil: Early Modern Resources for Late Modern Times.” Presented at the Religion, Ethics, and Philosophy Colloquium, Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL, October 2017.
- “Resisting the Devil’s Instruments: Retrieving Early Protestant Resources for Thinking about Politics, Power, and Social Authority.” Presented at the Society of Christian Ethics, New Orleans, LA, January 2017.
- “Breaking Covenant: Systemic Sin and Mutual Accountability in the Early Reformed Tradition.” Presented at the American Academy of Religion, San Antonio, TX, November 2016.
- “Social Contracts and Double Covenants in Early Modern Thought.” Presented at the Laurance S. Rockefeller Graduate Prize Fellowship Seminar, Princeton, NJ, February 2016.
- “Sacred and Secular Covenants: A New Perspective on Early Modern Political Theology.” Presented at the Brown-Yale-Princeton Ethics Colloquium, New Haven, CT, October 2015.
- “The Law of the Covenant: Relations and Norms in the Theological Context.” Presented at the Wheaton Workshop in Political Theory, Wheaton, IL, July 2015.
- “Protestant Natural Law: For What Purpose?” Presented at the Society of Christian Ethics, Chicago, IL, January 2015.
- “The Covenanting God: Defining the Source and Modes of Covenantal Fellowship.” Presented at the Political Theology Workgroup at the American Academy of Religion, San Diego, CA, November 2014.
- “The Immortal Commonwealth.” Presented at the Wheaton Workshop in Political Theory, Wheaton, IL, July 2014.
- “Imaging an Absent Christ: Political Theology in Light of the Ascension.” Presented at the University of Chicago Divinity School conference, “Eschatology and Moral Order,” Chicago, IL, April 2014.
- “The Grammar of Virtue: Ethical Anxieties and Moral Formation in the Early Reformed Tradition.” Presented at the American Academy of Religion, Baltimore, MD, November 2013.
- “Hegelian Natural Law: Situating Hegel’s Early Essay Among the Theologians and Moderns.” Presented at the Ethics Colloquium, Department of Religious Studies, Yale University, March 2013.
- “The Dead Letter: Defining Natural Law and Covenant in Puritan America.” Presented at the Princeton Theological Seminary Bicentennial Celebration:

Scottish Common Sense Philosophy and the Natural Law Tradition in America,
September 2012.

- “For the Sake of the World: The Eucharist and Social Justice.” Presented at the L9 Fellowship at Rutgers University, April 2012.
- “Natural Law and Covenant in Puritan America.” Presented at the Virginia Graduate Colloquium: *Democratic Piety?: Theology and Ethics in a Post-Secular Age*, April 2012.

PROFESSIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

- Peer reviewer, *Journal of Religion, Political Theology and Philosophy, Theology and the Sciences*.
- Member, Faculty Research Award Committee, Dordt College.
- Chair, Roundtable Session: “James K.A. Smith’s *Awaiting the King: Reforming Public Theology*.” American Academy of Religion, Boston, MA, November 2017.
- President, Fellowship for Protestant Ethics, 2018-Present.
- Vice-president, Fellowship for Protestant Ethics, 2017-2018.
- Contributing editor, *Comment*, 2017-Present.
- Pulpit supply, Covenant Christian Reformed Church, Sioux Center, IA.
- Conference organizer, *The Prodigal Love of God*, Dordt College, April 4-6, 2019.
 - Confirmed speakers include: Marilynne Robinson, James K.A. Smith, Richard Mouw, Timothy George, Suzanne McDonald, Jemar Tisby, and Tish Harrison Warren.
- Organizer, First Mondays Speaker Series.
 - Speakers include: John Inazu, Gabriel Salguero, Paul Lim, Makoto Fujimura, Tish Harrison Warren, and Francis Su.
- Peer reviewer, Research and Scholarship Committee, Dordt College.
- Faculty mentor, Kuyper Scholars Program, Dordt College.
- Conference organizer, *Culture, Criticism, and the Christian Mind*, Dordt College, November 2017.
- Thesis committee member, “John Calvin on *Communio Sanctorum*: Foundations for Postmodern Political Engagement,” Asia Graduate School of Theology.
- Member, President’s Leadership Council, Dordt College.
- Member, Provost’s Council, Dordt College.
- Member, Department of Theology Search Committee, Dordt College.
- Editor-in-chief, *In All Things* Journal, 2016-2019.
- Student mentor, Values and Public Life Program at Princeton University, 2015-2016.
- Respondent, Religion and Critical Thought Workshop at Princeton University, 2011-2016.
- Respondent, Religion and Culture Workshop at Princeton University, 2015-2016.
- Seminar facilitator and respondent, Laurence S. Rockefeller Graduate Fellows Seminar, 2015-2016.
- Conference organizer, *Religion and Power: New Directions in Social Ethics*, with Eric Gregory and Gustavo Maya, Princeton University, March 2015.
 - Speakers included: Robin Lovin, Luke Bretherton, Melissa Snarr, Ernesto Cortes Jr., Richard Miller, Gary Dorrien, Keri Day, and Jeffrey Stout.
- Book symposium editor, *The Marginalia Review of Books*, “Political Theology and Divine Violence,” February and March 2015.

- Student mentor, Manna Fellowship at Princeton University, 2013-2014.
- Graduate Student Committee Representative, Department of Religion at Princeton University, 2013-2014.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Academy of Religion
Society of Christian Ethics
American Society of Church History
Fellowship for Protestant Ethics

LANGUAGES

Latin, German, French, and Greek

REFERENCES

- Eric Gregory (Professor of Religion, Princeton University)
gregory@princeton.edu
- Jeffrey Stout (Professor of Religion, Princeton University)
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- John Bowlin (Associate Professor of Philosophy and Christian Ethics, Princeton Theological Seminary)
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- M. Cathleen Kaveny (Professor of Law and Theology, Boston College)
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