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ACADEMIC AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICE

- 2022 – Present **Director, Weyerhaeuser Center for Christian Faith and Learning**
Assistant Professor of Philosophy
Whitworth University
- 2020 – 2022 **Director, Institute for Leadership and Service**
Raquet Endowed Director's Chair
Valparaiso University
- 2016 – 2019 **Assistant Professor of Theology**
Director, Andreas Center for Reformed Scholarship and Service
Dordt University

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

Theological ethics; virtue and vocation; moral and political philosophy; Christian higher education; Reformation and early modern history; American religious history; virtue and natural law; religion, domination, and resistance; secularity and secularism; Augustine of Hippo; Thomas Aquinas; John Calvin; Johannes Althusius; Karl Barth.

BOOKS

- *Ventured Love: Christian Love Under Modern Critique*. Under contract with Baker Academic.
- *The Liberating Arts: Why We Need Liberal Arts Education*. Co-author and co-editor. Walden, New York: Plough Publishing, 2023.
- *The Immortal Commonwealth: Covenant, Community, and Political Resistance in Early Reformed Thought*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2019.

SELECT PUBLICATIONS

- “Venturing Our Selves.” *Comment* (Summer 2022), 11-19.
- “Character in Crisis: The Challenges of Moral Formation in Higher Education” (with Michael Lamb). *Comment* (Spring 2021), 58-64.
- “Love Consoled.” *Fare Forward* 11 (Spring 2021).
- “Church and State” in *The Oxford Dictionary of the Christian Church* 4th edition, ed. Andrew Louth. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2022.
- “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.
- “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.
- “Possessing Heaven in Our Head: A Reformed reading of incarnational ascent in Kathryn Tanner.” *Journal of Reformed Theology* 4:3 (2010), 171-184.

SELECT FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

- Cardus Senior Fellow, 2021-Present
- Co-principal investigator, CCCU Networking Grant, 2020
“Between Pandemic and Protest: Exploring the Future of the Liberal Arts in Higher Education” (with Noah Toly, Jessica Hooten Wilson, and Jeffrey Bilbro)
- Manfred Lautenschlaeger Award for Theological Promise, 2020
University of Heidelberg
- President, Fellowship for Protestant Ethics, 2018-2019
- 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.”
- 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
- Goodwin Writing Prize for Excellence in Theological Writing, 2013
Theological Horizons
- J.D. Rockefeller Jr. Fellowship, 2011-2016
Princeton University
- Outstanding Student Award, 2008
New St. Andrews College

SELECT PRESENTATIONS

- “Is It Okay to Choose Your Friends?” Presented at Whitworth University’s Faculty Scholarship Forum, April 2023.
- Breakfast with the Author, *The Immortal Commonwealth*. Society of Christian Ethics, January 2021.

- “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.” *Luxxcast*, 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.
- “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.

SELECT PROFESSIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

- Organizer, Weyerhaeuser Speaker Series, Whitworth University
 - Speakers include: Elizabeth Bruenig, John Inazu, Jonathan Tran, and Christian Wiman.
- Founder, *The Liberating Arts*: a collective devoted to renewing the liberal arts tradition.
- Host, *Call & Character* podcast
 - Guests include: Makoto Fujimura, Jemar Tisby, Fr. Greg Boyle, Lydia Dugdale, Tish Harrison Warren, and Francis Su.
- Peer reviewer, *Journal of Religion*, *Political Theory*, *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 and vice-president, Fellowship for Protestant Ethics, 2017-2019.
- 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.
- Conference organizer, *Culture, Criticism, and the Christian Mind*, Dordt College, November 2017.
- Member, President’s Leadership Council, Dordt College.
- Member, Provost’s Council, Dordt College.
- 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.