

Curriculum Vitae

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Areas of Expertise: Modern and Contemporary Protestant Theology, Ecclesiology, Christian Thought on War and Peace

Teaching Areas: Christian Theology (Systematic and Historical), History of Christianity, Christian Ethics

Education

- 2005-2011 Ph.D., Baylor University, Religion, concentration: Theology
Internal Minor: Church History; External Minor: Philosophy
Dissertation Title: *Ontology, Ecclesiology, Nonviolence: Resistance to War in the Thought of John Howard Yoder, Dorothy Day, and William Stringfellow*, directed by Dr. Barry Harvey.
- 2000-2003 M.Div., George W. Truett Theological Seminary, Theology,
Graduated Summa Cum Laude
- 1996-2000 B.A., Ouachita Baptist University, English Literature,
Graduated Magna Cum Laude

Additional Study: Calvin College Seminars in Christian Scholarship , “War, Religion, and the Meaning of America”, June 27-July 16, 2010, (Grand Rapids, MI).

Teaching Experience

2012-2014

Postdoctoral Fellow in Theology and Ethics, Baylor University, Department of Religion and George W. Truett Theological Seminary

Courses Taught:

REL 1310: Introduction to Christian Scriptures

REL 1350: Introduction to the Christian Heritage

THEO 7345: Introduction to Christian Theology

THEO 7364: Studies in Historical Theology: Dietrich Bonhoeffer

THEO 7320: Studies in Systematic Theology: War and Peace in Christian Thought

THEO 7320: Studies in Systematic Theology: Postliberal Theology

PTSM 7380: Studies in Sports Ministry: Sports and Mission

2011-2012

Temporary Lecturer of Theology, Baylor University, George W. Truett Theological Seminary

Courses Taught:

THEO 7380: Topics in Christian Ethics—Methods in Christian Ethics
THEO 7380: Topics in Christian Ethics—20th Century Christian Ethics
THEO 7345: Introduction to Christian Theology
THEO 7362: Texts and Traditions 3 (Modern Theology)
THEO 7361: Texts and Traditions 2 (Reformation Era Theology)
THEO 7360: Texts and Traditions 1 (Patristic and Medieval Theology)
HON 3201: Honors Colloquium (*The Things They Carried*)

2008-2011

Teaching Fellow, Baylor University: Department of Religion, Department of Great Texts, and George W. Truett Theological Seminary

Courses Taught:

REL 1350: The Christian Heritage
THEO 7345: Introduction to Christian Theology
THEO 7362: Texts and Traditions 3 (Modern Theology)
GTX 2302: Medieval Intellectual Tradition
HON 3201: Honors Colloquium (*The Things They Carried*, Tim O'Brien)
HON 3201: Honors Colloquium (*Silence*, by Shusaku Endo)
U1000: University 1000
Participant, Teaching Colloquium, Department of Religion, Fall 2008.

Nominated for “Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor” by the Graduate School, Fall 2009 (THEO 7345), and Spring 2010 (GTX 2302)

2006-2008

Baylor University, Graduate Assistant, Department of Religion
Assisted Dr. Carey Newman

2005-2006

Baylor University, Graduate Assistant, Department of Religion
Assisted Prof. Daniel B. McGee

Publications

Books:

Bodies of Peace and War: Nonviolence, Ecclesiology, and Witness (forthcoming, Fortress Press, 2014)

Edited Books:

Christianity and Sports: A Source Reader. Edited by John White and Myles Werntz (under consideration with Routledge Publishing)

Corners in the City of God: The Wire and Theology. Edited and Introduced by Jonathan Tran and Myles Werntz (Cascade Books: Eugene, OR), 2013.

Revolutionary Christianity, by John Howard Yoder. Edited and Introduced by Paul Martens, Mark T. Nation, Matthew Porter, and Myles Werntz, (Wipf and Stock Publishing: Eugene, OR), 2012.

A Brief History of Non-Violence: The Warsaw Lectures, by John Howard Yoder. Edited and Introduced by Paul Martens, Matthew Porter, and Myles Werntz (Baylor University Press: Waco, TX, 2010).

Peer Reviewed Articles:

“The Ubiquity of Christ’s Redemption: William Stringfellow, the Powers, and the Church”, *International Journal of Public Theology*, Fall 2013.

“Speaking for/with God: John Howard Yoder and Peter Ochs on the Possibilities of Communal Speech about God”, invited article for *The Journal of Scriptural Reasoning* (forthcoming, Spring 2014)

“Many Roots, One Tree: Dorothy Day on The Mystical Body of Christ, Judaism and War”, forthcoming, *The Journal of Scriptural Reasoning*, Summer 2013

“On ‘Seeing’ Nonviolence in 1983: Nonviolence and Ecclesiology in Hauerwas and Yoder”, with Matthew Porter, *Conrad Grebel Review* (2011): 32-45

“War in Christ’s World: Bonhoeffer and Just Peacemaking on War and Christology”, *Dialog: A Journal of Theology* 50, no.1 (2011): 90-96.

“Signs and Wonders: Recent Investigations of the Nature and Works of the Holy Spirit”, *Religious Studies Review* 34 (2008): 57-62.

“Stan Grenz Among the Baptists”, *Princeton Theological Review* 34 (2006): 31-33

Book Chapters:

“The Works of the Spirit, Pneumatological Recognition and the Quest for Unity”, in Barry Harvey and Bryan Hollon, eds., *Handing on the Tradition?* (under consideration with Cascade Press)

“‘What God Has Joined’: Submission, Church, and Powers in Sarah Coakley and John Howard Yoder”, in *Sarah Coakley and the Future of Systematic Theology*, ed. Ben Myers, Nathan Kerr, and Janice Rees, (Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 2013)

“On Naming the Work of God: Ecclesiological Witness and Theological Transformation in *The Wire*”, in *Corners in the City of God: The Wire and Theology*, ed. Jonathan Tran and Myles Werntz (Cascade Publishing: Eugene, OR), forthcoming, 2013.

“Toward a More Human Economy: Dorothy Day, the Mystical Body of Christ, and the Ends of Work”, in *Render Unto God: Christianity and Capitalism Reconsidered*, ed. David Chapman and Ryan McIlhenny, (University Press of America: Lanham, MD), forthcoming, 2013.

"Erase this from the Blackboard: Pearl Jam, John Howard Yoder, and the Overcoming of Violence", in *Secular Music and Sacred Theology*, ed. Tom Beaudoin (Minneapolis: Liturgical Press, 2013).

“The Burden of Incarnation”, in *Becoming Fire: Spiritual Writing from Rising Generations*, Andover Newton Publications, 2006.

Popular Essays

“Response to ‘Church Discipline in the Baptist Context: Lessons from the Church Reformers’”, *Truett Journal of Mission*, Fall 2013.

“Rethinking ‘Visibility’: Church, Repentance, and 9/11 Ten Years Later”, *The Other Journal*, Fall 2011.

Encyclopedia Entries:

“Retribution”, “Morality and Ethics”, *Oxford Handbook of Scripture and Ethics*, with John B. White, ed. Stephen Fowl (Oxford: Oxford University Press, forthcoming).

“Salvation Army”, *Baker Handbook of Denominations and Ministries*, ed. George Kurian. (Baker Academic Books: Grand Rapids, forthcoming).

“Alexsandr Solzhenitsyn”, “Emil Brunner”, “Narrative Theology”, “Teilhard de Chardin”, *The Encyclopedia of Christian Civilization*, ed. George Kurian. (Blackwell Publishers: London, 2011).

“Reinhold Niebuhr”, “Yves Congar”, Hermeneutical Theology”, *Encyclopedia of Christian Literature*, ed. George Kurian and James D. Smith III. (Scarecrow Press: Lanham, MD, 2010).

Professional Presentations and Invited Lectures:

Session Convener, “Freedom and Poverty: A Contribution to a Franciscan Political Theology”, *Society of Christian Ethics*, Seattle, WA, January 2014.

“War, Peace, and Church”, LeTourneau University Honors Program, November 2013 (invited lecture).

Panel Convener, “*The Wire* and Religious Ethics”, *American Academy of Religion*, Baltimore, MD, November 2013.

“Beyond a Christological Ecclesiology: Recovering the Spirit in Bonhoeffer's Early Work”, *Southwest Commission on Religious Studies*, March 2013, Dallas, TX.

“Christ is as Christ Does: The Perils and Pitfalls of Ethical Christologies”, *Los Angeles Theology Conference*, Los Angeles, CA, January 2013.

“The Ubiquity of Christ and the Sites of Redemption: William Stringfellow and the Resistance to Death”, Apocalyptic Theology Group, *American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting*, November 2012, Chicago, IL.

“What Has Basel to do with M.I.T.? Karl Barth on Theology and Other Disciplines”, LeTourneau University, Longview, TX, September 2012.

“The Resistance to Death is Death: Christ, Church, and the Powers in William Stringfellow”, *National Association of Baptist Professors of Religion Annual Meeting*, May 2011, Gardner-Webb University, Boiling Springs, NC.

“Worlds Without Ends: Foucault and Augustine on Social Conscription and War”, Religion, Social Conflict and Peace Group, *American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting*, November 2010, Atlanta, GA.

“Obscuring the Person: Dorothy Day and the Critique of Mass Charity”, *Baylor Symposium on Faith and Culture, Human Dignity and the Future of Health Care*, October 2010, Baylor University, Waco, TX.

"Yoder and the Apocalyptic: A Reconsideration", *National Association of Baptist Professors of Religion Annual Meeting*, May 2010, Mercer University, Atlanta, GA.

"War, Power, and the Creation of Worlds: Augustine and Foucault on the Ontology of War", *Southwest Commission on Religious Studies*, March 2010, Dallas, TX.

"Giving the World Its True Self: Bonhoeffer, Christological Union, and Just Peacemaking's Misguided Secularity", *Secularization and Revival: The Fate of Religion in Modern Intellectual History, Third Annual Baylor Symposium on Faith and Culture*, October 2009, Baylor University, Waco, TX.

"John Howard Yoder, Catholicism, and the Question of a Unified Nonviolent Witness", *National Association of Baptist Professors of Religion Annual Meeting*, May 2009, Baylor University, Waco, TX.

"Trinity and Providence: Essences and their Impact in John Calvin's *Institutes*", *Southwest Commission on Religious Studies*, March 2009, Dallas, TX.

"Aquinas, Poverty, and Rethinking Contemplation", *Revelations: Discoveries in Sacred & Secular Literature & Art*, April 18, 2008, Baylor University, Waco, TX.

"Communal Responses to HIV: Sex, Poverty and Theological Reflection", *Southwest Commission on Religious Studies*, March 2008, Dallas, TX.

"HIV, Poverty, and Sexuality: Challenges and Conflicts in Liberation Thinking", *Going Global: Interfaith Journeys on the Road to Liberation*, Baylor University, October 11-14, 2007.

"Walter Rauschenbusch and the Recovery of Specific Providence", *Southwest Commission on Religious Studies*, March 2007, Dallas, TX.

"Let the Music Guide Us: Towards an Engagement between Karl Barth and Friedrich Nietzsche", *Southwest Commission on Religious Studies*, March 2007, Dallas, TX.

Works in Progress

"Christ is as Christ Does: The Perils and Pitfalls of Ethical Christologies" (article in progress)

"Yoder and Apocalyptic Method: A Reconsideration", (article in progress)

"The Suspended Option: Barth, Judaism, and the *Grenzfall*", (article in progress)

“Beyond Christological Ecclesiology: Dietrich Bonhoeffer and the Holy Spirit”,
(article in progress)

“A Peaceable Unity or a Unity in Peace? John Howard Yoder on Ecumenism and
Nonviolence”, (article in progress)

Selected Reviews:

Dementia: Living in the Memories of God, John Swinton. *Reviews in Religion and
Theology* (forthcoming)

Perspectives on Ecclesiology and Ethnography, ed. Pete Ward. *Reviews in
Religion and Theology* (forthcoming)

*To See History Doxologically: History and Holiness in John Howard Yoder’s
Ecclesiology*, J. Alexander Sider, *Pro Ecclesia* (forthcoming)

The Cambridge Companion to the Trinity, ed. Peter C. Phan, *Reviews in Religion
and Theology* (forthcoming)

Killing Enmity, Thomas Neufeld Yoder, *Journal of Church and State* (March,
2012).

Commanding Grace: Studies in Barth’s Ethics, ed. Daniel Migliore, *Reviews in
Religion and Theology* (Fall 2012)

The Politics of YHWH, John Nugent, *Mennonite Quarterly Review* (Spring 2012)

Bonhoeffer and King: Their Legacies and Import for Christian Social Thought,
ed. Willis Jenkins and Jennifer McBride, *Reviews in Religion and
Theology*, Fall 2011.

Apocalyptic Thought in Early Christianity, ed. Robert J. Daly, SJ,
Religious Studies Review (forthcoming)

*God’s Wounds: Hermeneutic of the Christian Symbol of Divine Suffering, Volume
One*, by Jeff B. Pool. *Religious Studies Review* (forthcoming)

*Kingdom to Commune: Protestant Pacifist Culture Between World War I and the
Vietnam Era*, by Patricia Appelbaum. *Religious Studies Review*
(forthcoming)

Political Myth: On the Uses and Abuses of the Bible by Roland Boer. *Religious
Studies Review* (forthcoming)

The End of Work: Theological Critiques of Capitalism, John Hughes. *Religious
Studies Review* 34 (2008): 272

The Eucharist: Bodies, Bread and Resurrection, by Andrea Bieler and Luise
Schottroff. *Religious Studies Review* 34 (2008): 271

Stricken by God? Nonviolent Identification and the Victory of Christ, ed. Brad
Jersak and Michael Hardin *Religious Studies Review* 34 (2008): 273.

The Fear of Beggars: Stewardship and Poverty in Christian Ethics, by Kelly
Johnson. *Religious Studies Review* 34 (2008): 92.

Gathered for the Journey: Moral Theology in Catholic Perspective. Edited by
David Matzko McCarthy and M. Therese Lysaught. *Religious Studies
Review* 34 (2008): 39

The Price of Peace: Just War in the Twenty-First Century. Edited by Charles
Reed and David Ryall. *Religious Studies Review* 33 (2007): 224-5.

Tokens of Trust: An Introduction to Christian Belief, Rowan Williams. *Religious Studies Review* 33 (2007): 223-4.

The Triune God: An Essay in Post-Liberal Theology, William Placher. *Religious Studies Review* 33 (2007): 221.

Academic Honors

Outstanding Graduate Instructor, Nominee (Fall 2009, Spring 2010)
Presidential Graduate Fellowship, Graduate School, Baylor University (2005-2010)
Graduate Doctoral Fellowship, Department of Religion, Baylor University (2005-2009)
Glen Hillburn Scholarship, Department of Religion, Baylor University (2008)
Outstanding Biblical Studies Student (2003)—George W. Truett Theological Seminary
University Ministerial Scholarship (2000-2003)—George W. Truett Theological Seminary
Dean's List (2000-2003)—George W. Truett Theological Seminary
President's List (1996-2000)—Ouachita Baptist University
Sigma Tau Delta International English Honor Society—Ouachita Baptist University (1999)

Professional Service

Convener, Colloquium on Christian Ethics (2012-)
Assistant Director, Kyle Lake Center for Effective Preaching, George W. Truett Theological Seminary, Baylor University, 2009-2010
Faculty co-sponsor, Student Global AIDS Campaign (2007-08)
Student Representative, Graduate Student Council (2006-7)
Graduate Theological Fellowship Committee Member, Baylor University Department of Religion (2005- 2007)
Chaplain, Graduate Student Council (2006)
Co-convener, "So, You Want to Do a Ph.D...", George W. Truett Theological Seminary,
Respondent, "Writing a Successful Dissertation", Graduate Theological Fellowship, Baylor University, April 12, 2010
Assistant Editor, Baylor University Press, 2006-2009.
General responsibilities included securing of evaluations of proposals for books, and securing endorsements for all Baylor University Press volumes. Served as lead editor of *Liberalism without Illusions*, Christopher H. Evans, (Baylor University Press: Waco, 2008). Compiled index for *Saving Women: Retrieving Evangelistic Theology*, Lacey Warner (Baylor University Press, 2007), among others.

Professional Organizations

American Academy of Religion
National Association of Baptist Professors of Religion
Society of Christian Ethics

Church Service: Calvary Baptist Church, Waco, TX
Seminary Intern Lay Committee (2011)
Communications Chair-Elect, Coordinating Council (2010-2011)
Deacon, Calvary Baptist Church (2005-2008)
Youth Worker, Calvary Baptist Church (2001-2008)
English as a Second Language teacher (2006)

References

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