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EDUCATION

- Ph.D. Philosophy of Religion and Theology, Claremont Graduate University, May 2016
Dissertation: "Globalization, Violence and Salvation: Toward a Transmodern Political Theology of Neighborliness and Resistance"
Areas of Competency: History of Philosophy and Theology, Globalization Studies, World Religions, Latin American Philosophy and Theology, Christian Social Justice, Economic Ethics, Political Theology, Spiritual Formation and Spiritual Direction
- M.T.S. (M.Div. Equivalency) Baylor University, Truett Theological Seminary, August, 2010
- B.B.A. Baylor University, May, 2007 Major/Minor — Economics, International Business and Spanish

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- Lecturer (Part-time)*, Truett Seminary, Baylor University, Waco, TX (June 2017 - present)
- Courses Taught: Modern Theology ("Texts & Traditions III")
 - Introduction to Spiritual Formation
- Lecturer (Part-time)*, Baylor Interdisciplinary Core and Hankamer School of Business, Waco, TX (2017-present)
- The Examined Life Course: Social Dimension
 - Christian Ethics Applied to Business
- Online Instructor*, MA Program in Christian Leadership, William Jessup University (2016-present)
- Christian Spirituality (Fall 2016-2017)
 - Vocation and Calling in Leadership (Fall 2017)
 - Contemporary Discipleship Praxis
- Part-time Lecturer*, Central Texas College, Killeen, TX (2017-18)
- Introduction to Philosophy (Spring and Summer 2018)
 - Philosophy of Religion (Spring 2018)
- Directed Study Instructor*, Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary (2016-2018)
- Christian Spirituality (Spring 2017)
 - Systematic Theology I-II (Fall 2016, Spring 2017, Spring 2018)
- Lecturer*, University of the Incarnate Word, San Antonio, TX (August 2012 - June 2014)
- Religious, Philosophical and Christian Ethics (Fall 2012 – Fall 2013)
 - Introduction to Theology and Ethics (Spring 2013 – Fall 2013)
 - Introduction to Philosophy (Fall 2013)
- Supplemental Instructor, Baylor University (2004-2007)
- Hankamer School of Business, History of Economics

PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS HELD

Director of Vocation, Christ Church of Austin (May 2019 – present)

- Develop a plan for mobilizing every member of Christ Church to live out their vocation
- Building and leading a vocation ministry team of volunteer and marketplace leaders
- Creating and implementing tools, events, experiences, content that activate people's vocation
- Develop a service catalogue for connection and resourcing formation and mission offerings
- Establish and maintain external partnerships related to vocation and community outreach
- Occasional Sunday morning teaching and preaching

Assistant Director of Spiritual Formation, Truett Seminary, Baylor University (June 2017 – May 2019)

- Coordinating and overseeing the Covenant Group Program for all seminary students
- Co-teach Introduction to Spiritual Formation courses each semester
- Serve as Doctor of Ministry Covenant Group Leader and Project Supervisor
- Assisting with curriculum design and development for the Spiritual Formation program
- Assisting and supporting the launch of the two-year Spiritual Direction Training Program

Associate Pastor, St. Peter's Church, Mt. Pleasant, SC (July 2014 - June 2017)

- Preach one to two times per month; co-lead liturgy and celebrate communion
- Coordinate and oversee discipleship leadership training for small group leaders
- Assist with all pastoral care and counseling ministries
- Coordinate and teach adult formation and education classes and events
- Plan and lead retreats and special weekly class offerings

Youth Director, Santa Clarita United Methodist Church, Santa Clarita, CA (August 2011 - July 2012)

- Develop, plan & oversee all youth-related activities: Sunday night gatherings, service trips, summer camp, & training a team of parents and college student leaders

Resident Chaplain and Ministry Associate, Baylor Spiritual Life (Aug 2008 - May 2010)

- Lead Monday night gatherings and weekly Small Groups for first-year students on campus
- Make pastoral care and hospital visits to students; assist with all Spiritual Life programs
- Oversee and facilitate evening prayer services in the chapel at the Honors Residential College

Youth Pastor, First Baptist Church of Eddy, TX (August 2007 - July 2008)

- Develop, plan & lead all youth-related activities: Sunday night gatherings and worship, mission trips, summer camp, & training a team of parents and college student leaders

ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

A Theology of the Drug War: Globalization, Violence and Salvation, Minneapolis: Lexington-Fortress Press (2020)

Slabodsky, Santiago; Sholz, Suzanne (eds.), "Learning Liberation Theology from Marc Ellis in the Classroom," *Scholarship in the New Diaspora: The Practices of the Intellectual in Exile*. Minneapolis: Lexington Books (2020)

"Globalization, Violence and NAFTA: 20 Years of Free Trade as Decolonial Struggle"
Universidad Autonoma de Ciudad Juarez Press in *Dimensiones Filosóficas y Políticas del TLCAN: Analizando 20 Años de Libre Comercio* (2016)

Sellars, Jeffrey (ed.) "Surf's Up: A Spirituality of Transformation and Hope in the Beach Boys"
Faith, Hope and Love in the Beach Boys, Wipf & Stock, 2015 (82-94)

"Response to Mark Lewis Taylor: The (In)Adequacy of Trans-Immanence for Decolonial Struggle"
Min, Anselm (ed.) *The Task of Theology: Leading Theologians on the Most Compelling Questions for Today*.
MaryKnoll, Orbis Books: 2014 (157-166)

"A Christian Liberationist Approach to the Crisis at the U.S.-Mexico Border"
Cooper, Thia (ed.) *The Reemergence of Liberation Theology*. New York: Palgrave Press, 2013 (171-180)

GRANT WRITING AND RESEARCH

Walker, W.A., Wang, D.C., Reed, A.H., Rudy-Froese, A., Lattimore, V., Lee, D., Kim, C. L., Bee, R.,
Canada, A., & Poston, J. (2018-2019). An empirical, mixed-methods investigation into the prevalence
and impact of shame on the financial behavior of graduate students. Lilly Endowment. **Funded:**
\$27,500.

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

Lunch and Learn Virtual Gathering, Church of the Cross, Austin (January 25, 2021)

- "A Theology of Globalization"

"Kingdom Perspectives on Racial Justice" Presentation, Christ Church of Austin (August 11, 2020)

Hill House Christian Study Center Scholar Visit (March 5, 2020) — "Christians and the Drug War"

Resource Global Cohort Gathering (March 23, 2020) — "A Theology of Faith and Work"

Chapel Speaker at Truett Seminary, "Unity Through the Gospel: 1 Corinthians 1" January 29, 2019

"Class, Labor and Religion" Workshop at AAR Annual Meeting, Denver, CO (November 19, 2018)

- "Liberationist Reflections on Free Trade and the Immigration Crisis at the U.S.-Mexico Border"

Truett Theological Seminary, November 7, 2018

- "Ministry in Central America: A Conversation with the Salvadorian Missionaries"

The Apprentice Gathering, Friends University, Wichita, KS (October 26, 2018)

- "The Spirituality of Latin American Liberation Theology for Living Deep in the Kingdom"

College Theology Society Annual Meeting, St. Catherine's University St. Paul, MN (June 2, 2018)

- "Loving Resistance: The Possibility of a Non-Violent Ecclesial Witness to Liberation"

Life with God Conference, Westmont College, Santa Barbara, CA (May 17, 2018)

- "The Morality of Spiritual Formation and Atonement in the Theology of Dallas Willard"

Honoring the Work of Marc H. Ellis, Perkins School of Theology, April 4, 2018

- "Learning from Marc Ellis in the Classroom: A Christian Liberationist Reflection"

Baptist General Covenant of Texas Campus Ministry Leaders Retreat, Baylor University, Jan 2018

- "Leading with Weakness: Reflections on Jesus' Testing in the Wilderness"

ACNA Matthew 25 Gathering, Phoenix, AZ, Sept. 29, 2017

- "Justice and Mercy Contending for Shalom: Reflections on Social Justice from the Perspective of a Eucharistic Sacramental Theology"

AAR Annual Meeting, Nov. 2016, San Antonio, TX: The Open and Relational Theologies Group

- "Freedom, Contingency & God's Suffering Love: The Analogy of Drama for Imagining the God-World Relationship in the theology of Hans Urs von Balthasar"

Guest Lecturer, The Ridley Institute of Trinity School for Ministry, Mt. Pleasant, SC

- "Spirituality in Public Space" (March 15, 2016)

Subverting the Norm: Political Perspectives on Postmodern Theology & Church (Nov. 5-7, 2015)

- "Imagining the Beauty & Drama of Christ on History's Underside: Ecclesial Political Theology"

The Ridley Institute of Trinity School for Ministry, Mt. Pleasant, SC

- "The Christian Doctrine of Revelation in the 39 Articles of Religion" (Oct. 20, 2015)
- "Christianity, Jesus and other Religions" (Oct. 21, 2014)

AAR Annual Meeting, 2014, San Diego, CA: Kierkegaard and Culture and Reinhold Niebuhr Group

- "Striving for the Good in the Face of Uncertainty: The Paradox of Faith and Politics"

AAR Annual Meeting, Chicago 2012: Ecclesial Investigations Group

- "The Spirit and Economy of Emerging Churches after the Great Recession"

University of Dayton "Ecclesiology and Exclusion" Conference, May 2011

- "Solidarity Before Dialogue: Toward an Ecclesiology of Economic Inclusivity"

CGU School of Religion *Live Options* Conference: March 26, 2011

- "Confessional, Dialectical Theology of Religions in an Age of Globalization"

Guest Lecturer at Claremont McKenna College, Spring 2011

- Social Justice class with Dr. Esther Chung-Kim, "The History of Latin American Liberation Theology"

EDITORIAL WORK

Assisting editor for book project, Wipf & Stock Publishers, 2013

An Inquiry into the Possibility of an Evangelical Liberation Theology, Joao Chavez

Research Assistant for Dr. Esther Chung-Kim, Claremont McKenna College (Summer 2012)

Reformation Commentary on the Acts of the Apostles, Baylor University Press, 2013

Co-editor, *Truett Journal for Church and Missions* (2009-10)

SELECTED BOOK REVIEWS

- Gallaher, Brandon. *Freedom and Necessity in Modern Trinitarian Theology*. Oxford Press, 2016
Reading Religion: Journal of the American Academy of Religion (Online) (Spring 2017)
- Wright, N.T. *How God Became King: The Forgotten Story of the Gospels*. Harper One, March 2012
Christianity Today, May 2012, Vol. 56, No. 5, p. 60, "Books to Note"
- Bauckham, Richard. *Living with Other Creatures*. Baylor University Press, November 2011
Christianity Today, December 2011, Vol. 55, No. 12, p. 65, "Inherently Valuable"
- Smith, Gary Scott. *Heaven in the American Imagination*. Oxford University Press, June 2011
Christianity Today, July 2011. Vol. 55, No. 7, p. 71.

HONORS & AFFILIATIONS

- Member, Lumen Center for Spiritual Direction (2019-present)
- Member, Board of Directors, The Open Table (2019-present)
- Faculty Sponsor, Truett Latino/a Student Association (2018-2019)
- Faculty Sponsor, Omicron Delta Kappa, Baylor Leadership Honors Society (2018-present)
- Member, College Theology Society (2017-present)
- Member, Wesleyan Theological Society (2016-present)
- Member, American Academy of Religion and Society of Biblical Literature (2011-present)
- Albert B. Friedman Grant Recipient, CGU School of Arts and Humanities (Spring 2014)
- Tuition Fellowship, Claremont Graduate University School of Religion (2010-12)
- Cooperative Baptist Fellowship Leadership Scholar (2009-10)

SUMMER LANGUAGE STUDY AND IMMERSION

- ECELA Spanish Study Abroad and Homestay Program, Buenos Aires/Mendoza, Summer 2010
 - Camino Global Internship and Language School Certificate from Universidad Internacional Center for Linguistic and Intercultural Study, Mexico City, Summer 2007
 - Baylor in Madrid, Summer 2005
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