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Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION

- 2017 **Ph.D.** Durham University, *Theology & Religion*
- 2012 **Th.M.** Southern Seminary, *Historical Theology*
- 2009 **M.Div.** Southern Seminary, *New Testament & Christian Origins*
- 2004 **B.A.** University of Tennessee, *Speech Communication* (cum laude)

ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

- 2021– **Covenant College**
Associate Professor of Historical and Theological Studies
- 2019–2021 **Milligan University**
Instructor of Humanities
- 2017–2019 **Tusculum University**
Instructor in Bible & Religion
- 2014–2016 **Durham University**
Tutor in Theology & Religion
- 2010-2012 **Southern Seminary**
Tutor in New Testament and Christian Origins

PUBLICATIONS

Books

- 2022 *Clement and Scriptural Exegesis: The Making of a Commentarial Theologian.*
Oxford Early Christian Studies series. Oxford University Press.

Edited Books

- 2020 *The Rise of the Christian "Intellectual,"* edited by H. Clifton Ward and Lewis Ayres. DeGruyter.
- Reviews: (1) James Carleton Paget, *Journal of Ecclesiastical History* 72 (2021): 132; (2) Josef Lössl, *Zeitschrift für Antikes Christentum* 25 (2021): 512

Journal Articles

- 2022 "A New Book according to the Syllables': Organizing Scripture in Clement of Alexandria," *Vigiliae Christianae* (online before print): 1–39.
<https://doi.org/10.1163/15700720-bja10046>
- 2017 "We Hold These ἀρχαί to be Self-Evident: Clement of Alexandria, ἐναργεία, and the Search for Truth," *Studia Patristica* 79 (2017): 123–132.
- 2017 "“The Symbolic Mode is Most Useful”": Clement of Alexandria’s Scriptural Imagination," *Journal of Early Christian Studies* 25 (2017): 531–560.

Book Chapters

- Forthcoming* "The Emergence of Christian Scripture," in *Cambridge History of Early Christian Theology*, edited by Lewis Ayres. Cambridge University Press. (under contract)
- Forthcoming* "Morality, Virtue, and the Earliest Christian Spiritualities," in *Early Christian Doctrine*, edited by Michael A. G. Haykin. Lexham Press. (under contract)
- 2019 "Marcion/Marcionites/Marcionism," in the *Brill Encyclopedia of Early Christianity*, edited by David G. Hunter, Paul J.J. van Geest, and Bert Jan Lietaert Peerbolte. Leiden: Brill.
- 2019 "Marcion and His Critics," in *The Oxford Handbook of Early Christian Biblical Interpretation*, edited by Paul M. Blowers and Peter W. Martens, 366–82. Oxford University Press.

Works in Progress

Translation and Edition of Clement of Alexandria, *Stromateis, Books I–VII, with the Eclogae Propheticae, Excerpta ex Theodoto, and Adumbrationes*. In preparation for the Oxford Early Christian Texts series. Oxford University Press.

Clement of Alexandria. Manuscript proposal in progress. Christian Theology in Context series. Oxford University Press.

Gospel Spiritualities: The Matthean Way of Life. Manuscript proposal in progress. First volume of four proposed volumes.

"*Philosophy Hidden in the Words*": Gregory of Nyssa’s Scriptural Exegesis. Manuscript proposal in progress.

Book Reviews

- Forthcoming* J. M. F. Heath, *Clement of Alexandria and the Shaping of Christian Literary Practice: Miscellany and the Transformation of Greco-Roman Writing* (Cambridge University Press, 2020), in *Journal of Theological Studies*.

- 2020 Kyle R. Hughes, *The Trinitarian Testimony of the Spirit: Prosopological Exegesis and the Development of Pre-Nicene Pneumatology* (Brill, 2018), in *Review of Biblical Literature*.
- 2015 Stephen Hildebrand, *Basil of Caesarea* (Baker, 2014), in *Trinity Journal* 36: 300–02
- 2015 Matyáš Havrda, Vit Hušek, and Jana Plátová, eds., *The Seventh Book of the Stromateis: Proceedings of the Colloquium on Clement of Alexandria* (Brill, 2012), in *Themelios* 40.1: 142–44
- 2013 James A. Andrews, *Hermeneutics and the Church: In Dialogue with Augustine* (University of Notre Dame Press, 2012), in *Themelios* 38.3: 487–89

ACADEMIC PAPERS

Invited Talks

- 2023 Respondent to Review Panel on *Clement and Scriptural Exegesis: The Making of a Commentarial Theologian*. Development of Early Christian Theology Section, Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, San Antonio, TX. November, 2023.
- 2018 “The Early Christian Notion of ‘Canonical’ Texts.” Invited Panel for Development of Early Christian Theology Section, Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, Denver, CO. November 17–20, 2018.
- 2016 “Clement of Alexandria and Two Modes of Archival Thinking.” Conference on “Modes of Knowing: The Emergence of the Christian Intellectual,” hosted by Australian Catholic University. Rome, Italy. July 27–29, 2016.

Conference Papers

- 2019 “Early Christian Theology in Protestant Thought: The ‘Creative Exegesis’ of Theological Retrieval.” Early Christian Theology in Protestant Thought, Evangelical Theological Society. San Diego, CA. November 2019.
- 2016 “‘I Gave You Milk, Not Solid Food’: Organizing Scripture in Clement of Alexandria.” Panel Session on “Organizing Scripture in Late Antiquity,” North American Patristics Society. Chicago, IL. May 26–28, 2016.
- 2015 “‘The Scriptures Are Not Insignificant’: Reading Techniques in the *Epistle to Diognetus* and Alexandrian Textual Culture.” Texts and Traditions in the Second Century Section, Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA. November 21–24, 2015.
- 2015 “‘The Symbolic Mode of Interpretation is Most Useful’: Clement of Alexandria’s Scriptural Imagination.” Patristic, Medieval, and Renaissance Conference, Villanova University. Villanova, PA. October 16–18, 2015.

- 2015 “We Hold These ἀρχαί to be Self-Evident: Clement of Alexandria, ἐναργεία, and the Search for Truth.” International Conference on Patristic Studies. Oxford, England. August 10–14, 2015.
- 2015 “‘To Do Away With the Mystical Silence’: The Voice of the Word in Clement.” The Christian Intellectual Life: A Seminar of Work in Progress. Institute of Advanced Studies, University of Notre Dame. South Bend, IN. April 24, 2015.
- 2014 “Clement of Alexandria’s Reading Practices: A Test Case from *Stromateis* II–III.” North American Patristics Society. Chicago, IL. May 22–24, 2014.
- 2011 “The Parable of the Virgins: the Pseudo-Macarian Homilies and a ‘Spiritual’ Reading of Psalm 45.” History of Interpretation Section, Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting. San Francisco, CA. November 19–22, 2011.

Departmental Talks

- 2016 “‘The Scriptures Are Not Insignificant’: Reading Techniques in the *Epistle to Diognetus* and the *Epistle of Barnabas*.” Department of Theology and Religion, Patristics Seminar, Durham University. Durham, England. February 18, 2016.
- 2015 “Converting Philosophy to Theology: Clement of Alexandria and the Self-Evidence (ἐναργεία) of First Principles.” Department of Theology and Religion, Patristics Seminar, Durham University. Durham, England. May 21, 2015.
- 2013 “Mary, Did You Know?: *Protevangelium Jacobi*, *Luke* 1, and the Annunciation of Mary.” Department of Theology and Religion, Fourfold Gospel and Its Rivals Seminar, Durham University. Durham, England. December 10, 2013.

FELLOWSHIPS, HONORS, AND AWARDS

- 2017 Research Fellowship, “Modes of Knowing in Early Christianity,” Institute for Religion and Critical Inquiry, Australian Catholic University (\$65000/yr.; declined)
- 2015–2016 Research and Travel Grant, Faculty of Arts and Humanities, Durham University (£1000)
- 2014–2015 Rome Seminar, University of Notre Dame, Institute of Advanced Studies, Participant Scholarship (\$1000 offered)
- 2014–2015 Research and Travel Grant, Dept. of Theology, Durham University (£500)
- 2013–2014 Research and Travel Grant, St. Johns College, Durham University (£500)
- 2013–2015 *Arts and Humanities Research Council (UK) Grant in Theology & Religion*: “The Fourfold Gospel and Its Rivals,” Graduate Student Participant. Department of Theology & Religion, Durham University. Principal Investigator: Francis Watson.

- 2013–2016 *Durham Doctoral Fellowship* (full funding—tuition remission/maintenance),
Faculty of Arts and Humanities, Durham University
- 2000–2004 *Presidential Scholarship* (full tuition remission; ~\$32,000), School of Arts and
Sciences, University of Tennessee

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Covenant College

Christian Doctrine I–II
History of Christianity I–II
Rise and Development of Trinitarian Theology
Augustine of Hippo and His Age
History of Exegesis (in preparation)
History of Christian Spirituality (in preparation)

Tusculum University

Hebrew & Christian Traditions: Thought and Practice
Introduction to New Testament
Introduction to Old Testament
Intro to World Religions

Milligan University

Humanities: Ancient and Medieval Cultures
Humanities: Renaissance and Early Modern Cultures

Durham University

Christianity in Context
Rise of Early High Christology
Church and Society in Late Antiquity

Southern Seminary

Introduction to NT: Gospels
Introduction to NT: Epistles–Revelation
Greek Exegesis: Gospel of Matthew
Greek Exegesis: NT Parables
Ancient Church in Greco-Roman Society
Introduction to Church History: Late Medieval & Modern

TEACHING INTERESTS/AREAS OF EXPERTISE

History of Christianity (esp. Patristic and Medieval Christianity)
Development of Early Christian Theology (esp. Scripture, Trinitarian Theology, and Christology)
Christian Spirituality (esp. Benedictine spirituality and the mystical tradition)
History of Biblical Interpretation
Spiritual and Theological Interpretation of Scripture

LANGUAGES

Ancient: Greek; Latin; Coptic; Hebrew

Modern: French; German; Italian

SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

2019– Reviewer for *Journal of Theological Studies*, *Open Theology*, Oxford University Press

UNIVERSITY & DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE

Covenant College, Biblical and Theological Studies Dept.

2022– Internal Reviewer, Departmental Offerings & Core Curriculum

Durham University, Dept. of Theology and Religion

2015–2016 Faculty Board of Studies, Graduate Representative
Postgraduate Education Committee
Staff-Student Consultative Committee

2015–2016 Patristics Seminar, Dept. of Theology & Religion, Convener

2014–2015 Faculty Board of Studies, Graduate Representative
Postgraduate Education Committee
Staff-Student Consultative Committee

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Benedictine Academy
Institute for Biblical Research
North American Patristics Society
Society of Biblical Literature