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## EDUCATION

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PhD. Theology. University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, IN. August 2015.  
MDiv. Princeton Theological Seminary, Princeton, NJ. May 2008.  
BA. Philosophy. Minor in Economics. Wheaton College, Wheaton, IL. May 2004.

## ACADEMIC POSITIONS

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Assistant Professor of Church History and Theology, Western Theological Seminary, Holland, Michigan, USA. July 2015 to present.  
Faculty Fellow, Western Theological Seminary, Holland, Michigan, USA. July 2014—June 2015.  
English Instructor, Yantai University, Yantai, China. August 2004—July 2005.

## PUBLICATIONS

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### Books

*Novelty in Late Antiquity: New Perspectives on the Old in Early Christianity.* In progress.  
*Augustine on the Will: A Theological Account.* Manuscript under consideration.

### Essays and Book Chapters

- “The Human Person and Visions of Asceticism,” forthcoming in *The Cambridge History of Early Christian Theology*, ed. Lewis Ayres (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2020/21).
- “Predestination,” forthcoming in *Brill Encyclopedia of Early Christianity*, ed. Paul J.J. van Geest, David Hunter and Bert Jan Lietaert Peerbolte (Leiden: Brill).
- “Heart Conditions: *Gilead* and Augustinian Theology,” forthcoming in *Balm in Gilead: A Theological Dialogue with Marilynne Robinson*, ed. Timothy Larsen and Keith Johnson (Downer’s Grove: IVP, 2019).
- “Augustine and the Limits of Evil: From Creation to Christ in the *Enchiridion*,” forthcoming in *Creation and the Problem of Evil*, ed. Matthew Levering and David Luy (Zondervan: 2019).
- “Barth and Augustine,” forthcoming in the *Wiley-Blackwell Companion to Karl Barth*, ed. George Hunsinger and Keith L. Johnson (Wiley-Blackwell, 2018).
- “From Building Blocks to Blueprints: Augustine’s Reception of Ambrose’s *Commentary on*

- Luke*,” *Studia Patristica* 84, vol. 10, ed. Markus Vinzent (Leuven: Peeters Publishers, 2017).
- “Freedom, Free Will and Determinism,” in the *Evangelical Dictionary of Theology*, third edition, ed. Daniel Treier and Walter Elwell (Grand Rapids: Baker Academic, 2017), 329-330.
- A shorter version of “Grace, Free Will, and the Lord’s Prayer: Cyprian’s Importance for the ‘Augustinian’ Doctrine of Grace,” was translated into Chinese. See “恩典,自由意志与主祷文—奥古斯丁对居普良的引用,” *Journal for the Study of Christian Culture* 36 (2016): 19-39.
- “Grace, Free Will, and the Lord’s Prayer: Cyprian’s Importance for the ‘Augustinian’ Doctrine of Grace,” *Augustinian Studies* 45, no. 2 (2014): 247-279.
- “Beauty, Glory and Trinity in Karl Barth or in David Bentley Hart: A Response to Keith Starkenburg,” in *Karl Barth in Conversation*, ed. W. Travis McMaken and David W. Congdon (Eugene: Wipf and Stock, 2014), 165-167.
- “‘*Ut in illo uiueremus*’: Augustine on the Two Wills of Christ” in *Studia Patristica* 70, vol. 18, ed. Markus Vinzent (Leuven: Peeters Publishers, 2013): 347-356.
- “Friendship and Being: Election and Trinitarian Freedom in Moltmann and Barth,” *Modern Theology* 29, no. 1 (2013): 1-17.
- “The Second Adam in Gethsemane: Augustine on the Human Will of Christ,” *Revue d’études augustiniennes et patristiques* 58, no. 1 (2012): 41-56.
- “Review Essay—Tracing the Triple Helix: The Reformed and Ecumenical Shape of David Kelsey’s Theological Anthropology,” *Journal of Reformed Theology* 6, no. 1 (2012): 57-68.
- “Finitude in the Beauty of the Infinite: A Theological Assessment and Proposal,” *The Heythrop Journal* 50, no. 5 (2009): 806-818.

### Book Reviews and Other Writings

- Rowan Greer, trans. and ed., *Commentary on the Minor Pauline Epistles*, by Theodore of Mopsuestia in *Journal of the American Oriental Society* 133, no. 3 (2013): 554-557.
- Dominic Keech, *The Anti-Pelagian Christology of Augustine of Hippo, 396-430* in *Reviews in Religion & Theology* 20, no. 3 (2013): 441-444.
- Keith L. Johnson, *Karl Barth and the Analogia Entis* for the Center for Barth Studies, Princeton Theological Seminary, May 29, 2013. Available URL: [http://www.ptsem.edu/library/barth/default.aspx?menu1\\_id=8457&id=25769805909](http://www.ptsem.edu/library/barth/default.aspx?menu1_id=8457&id=25769805909)
- Blossom Stefaniw, *Mind, Text, and Commentary: Noetic Exegesis in Origen of Alexandria, Didymus the Blind, and Evagrius Ponticus* in *Journal of Theological Studies* 63, no. 1 (2012): 310-312.
- David Kelsey, *Eccentric Existence: A Theological Anthropology* in *Journal of Religion* 91, no. 1 (2011): 120-122.
- Christoph Marksches, *Origenes und sein Erbe: Gesammelte Studien* in *Journal of Theological Studies* 61, no. 2 (2010): 783-785.
- “The Awful English Language,” Fulbright U.S. Student Grantee Newsletter, Issue 19, July 2009. Available URL: <http://newsletter.fulbrightonline.org/142.html>
- Hans Küng, *Musik und Religion: Mozart—Wagner—Bruckner* in *Princeton Theological Review* 13, no. 1 (2007): 107-110.
- Prolegomena: “Theology and Global Conflict: Beyond Just War,” *Princeton Theological Review*

11, no. 2 (2006): 3.

David Bentley Hart, *The Beauty of the Infinite: The Aesthetics of Christian Truth* in *Princeton Theological Review* 12, no. 1 (2006): 39-40.

## SCHOLARLY PRESENTATIONS

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- “Augustine on Martyrdom, Death, and Asceticism.” Plenary lecture at Finkenwalde Day, Beeson Divinity School, Birmingham, AL, October 16, 2018.
- “Going to Church with Augustine.” Calvin College Symposium on Worship, Calvin College and Seminary, Grand Rapids, MI, January 24-26, 2019.
- “Heart Conditions: Marilynne Robinson and Augustinian Theology.” Wheaton Theology Conference, Wheaton College, Wheaton, IL, April 5-6, 2018.
- “Augustine and the Limits of Evil: From Creation to Christ in the *Enchiridion*.” Colloquium on “Creation and the Problem of Evil.” Sponsored by the Chicago Theological Initiative via a Templeton Grant. March 23, 2018. Wheaton College, Wheaton, IL.
- Response paper at session on “Monogenes in Early and Late-Antique Christian Theology.” Society of Biblical Literature. Boston. November 20, 2017.
- “Always Something New out of Africa: Augustine’s Unapologetic Argument from Antiquity.” Hope College-Western Theological Seminary Theology Seminar, Hope College, Holland, MI. November 4, 2016.
- “Always Something New out of Africa: Augustine and the Argument from Antiquity.” Boston Colloquy in Historical Theology. August 1, 2016. Respondent: John Peter Kenney.
- “Ambrose and the Argument from Antiquity.” North American Patristics Society, Chicago. May 27, 2016.
- “The Ambrosian Heart of the Augustinian Will? Augustine’s Reception of Ambrose’s *Commentary on Luke* in his Anti-Pelagian Writings.” Seventeenth International Conference on Patristic Studies at the University of Oxford, Oxford, UK. August 12, 2015.
- “The Holy Spirit and the Good Will: Intervention and Analogy.” Hope College-Western Theological Seminary Theology Seminar, Hope College, Holland, MI. March 3, 2015.
- “A ‘Peculiar Sacredness’? Some Questions for Jack Mulder on ‘A Very Difficult Matter.’” Hope College. A response to Jack Mulder’s *What it Means to be Catholic*. Holland, MI. January 28, 2015.
- “The Second Adam in Gethsemane: Augustine on the Human Will of Christ,” Analytic Theology Workshop, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas. August 11, 2014.
- “Free Choice, Grace, and the Lord’s Prayer: Augustine’s Appeal to Cyprian,” Zhejiang Workshop on the Research of Augustine, Zhejiang University, Hangzhou, China. November 16, 2013.
- “From History to Hymnody: Theodore of Mopsuestia on Psalm 40 (LXX),” North American Patristics Society, Chicago. May 26, 2012.
- “A Paragon, a Pariah, and a Compassionate Christ: Augustine’s Critique of Pagan Paradigms of Feminine Virtue in *City of God*,” American Society of Church History, Chicago. January 8, 2012.
- “Augustine on the Two Wills of Christ,” Sixteenth International Conference on Patristic Studies at the University of Oxford, Oxford, UK. August 11, 2011.

“From History to Hymnody: Theodore of Mopsuestia’s Commentary on Psalm 40 (LXX),”  
Archbishop Iakovos Graduate Students Conference in Patristic Studies, Holy Cross  
Greek Orthodox School of Theology, Brookline, MA. March 12, 2011.

“Von fabelhafter Neuheit zu dem Diensthaus Ägypten: Karl Barths Reaktionen auf Martin  
Heidegger zwischen 1924 und 1931 und ihre Bedeutung für Barths Heideggerrezeption in  
I/2 §14,1 der *Kirchlichen Dogmatik*.” Doctoral student colloquium of Prof. Christoph  
Schwöbel, University of Tübingen, Germany. May 26, 2009.

## HONORS AND AWARDS

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### National and International Awards

Louisville Institute Postdoctoral Fellowship. Fall 2015-spring 2017.

Graduate Student Award, American Society of Church History. For paper presented at annual  
meeting. January 2012.

Fulbright Fellowship, Research at the Universität Tübingen, Germany, supervised by Dr.  
Christoph Schwöbel. October 2008-July 2009.

DAAD Study Scholarship, Universität Tübingen, Germany. October 2008-July 2009. Declined.

### Awards from the University of Notre Dame

Conference Presentation Grant, awarded by the Graduate Student Union of the University of  
Notre Dame. Partially funded presentation of a paper at the Oxford Patristics  
Conference. August 10-14, 2015.

Travel Award for the 2013-2014 fiscal year, awarded by the Theology Department of the  
University of Notre Dame for travel to Zhejiang University.

Summer Language Abroad Award, funded by contributions from the Nanovic Institute for  
European Studies, the Notre Dame Graduate School, and the Center for the Study of  
Languages & Cultures. Covered tuition, travel and living expenses for six weeks of  
Italian language study at the Società Dante Alighieri, Siena, Italy. August 12 to  
September 20, 2013.

Travel Award for the 2012-13 fiscal year, awarded by the Theology Department of the  
University of Notre Dame.

Conference Presentation Grant, awarded by the Graduate Student Union of the University of  
Notre Dame. Funded presentation of a paper at the American Society of Church History.  
January 8, 2012, Chicago.

Travel Award for the 2011-12 fiscal year, awarded by the Theology Department of the  
University of Notre Dame. Partially funded presentation of paper at the Oxford Patristics  
Conference. August 8-13, 2011.

Graduate Student Professional Development Award, awarded by the Institute for Scholarship in  
the Liberal Arts of the University of Notre Dame. Covered remaining costs associated  
with presentation of paper at the Oxford Patristics Conference. August 8-11, 2011.

Intensive Language Training Award, awarded by the Graduate School of the University of Notre  
Dame in a university-wide competition. Covered tuition, travel and living expenses for  
six weeks of French language study at the *Alliance Française Paris*. June 27 to August  
5, 2011.

Conference Presentation Grant, awarded by the Graduate Student Union of the University of

Notre Dame. Funded presentation of paper at the Archbishop Iakovos Graduate Students Conference in Patristic Studies. March 12, 2011.

Presidential Scholarship, awarded by the graduate school of the University of Notre Dame. Fall 2009—spring 2014.

Diversity Fellowship, awarded by the graduate school of the University of Notre Dame. Summer 2008.

#### **Awards from Princeton Theological Seminary**

Senior Fellowship in Theology, awarded by the faculty of Princeton Theological Seminary to the author of the best master's thesis in theology: "What are Human Beings? The Doctrine of Humanity in *Contra Gentes-De Incarnatione Verbi* and *De Hominis Opificio*," supervised by Prof. Ellen Charry. May 2008.

Winner of "You Say I Preach Like a Woman? I say Amen." Preaching Contest, awarded by the Women's Center of Princeton Theological Seminary. March 2008.

The Archibald Alexander Hodge Prize in Systematic Theology, awarded by the faculty of Princeton Theological Seminary. May 2007.

The E. L. Wailes Memorial Prize in New Testament, awarded by the faculty of Princeton Theological Seminary. May 2007.

Teaching Ministry Internship Award, a competitive stipend awarded by the Field Education Office of Princeton Theological Seminary. Faculty mentor: Prof. Bruce McCormack. Fall 2006—spring 2007.

#### **Awards from Wheaton College**

Member, *Phi Sigma Tau* (philosophy honor society), Wheaton College chapter. 2004.

Wilberta Lei Chinn Memorial Scholarship, Wheaton College, IL. Fall 2001—spring 2004.

President's Award, Wheaton College, IL. Fall 2001—spring 2004.

### **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

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Instructor of record for "Systematic Theology I," "From Athens to Anatolia: Mother and Fathers of the Church," "Credo," "Summative Evaluation Course for the MA Program," and "Augustine of Hippo: His Life and Thought." Western Theological Seminary, Holland, MI. Academic Year 2017-2018.

Instructor of record for "Church History I," "Systematic Theology I," "Theological Method (a ThM course)," "Credo," and "Augustine of Hippo: His Life and Thought." Western Theological Seminary, Holland, MI. Academic Year 2016-2017.

Instructor of record for "Church History I," "Systematic Theology I," "Credo," and "Augustine of Hippo: His Life and Thought." Western Theological Seminary, Holland, MI. Academic Year 2015-2016.

Instructor of record for two sections of "Church History I," one residential, one distance learning. Western Theological Seminary, Holland, MI. Fall 2014.

Instructor of record for "Oral English II" (freshmen), "Oral English IV" (sophomores), "Introduction to Western Culture" (sophomores), "English Language Film II" (juniors) and "Business English II" (Business School students). Yantai University, China. Spring 2005.

Instructor of record for “Oral English I” (freshmen), “Oral English III” (sophomores), “English Language Film I” (juniors), “English Writing” (seniors) and “Business English I” (Business School students). Yantai Univeristy, China. Fall 2004.

## **PEDAGOGICAL TRAINING**

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Certificate: Cultural Intelligence Training. Awarded by the Cultural Intelligence Center.

Certifies capability to interpret and debrief CQ Multi-Rater Assessment and feedback reports, to use CQ tools, and to run *Developing Cultural Intelligence* Workshops. January 18, 2017.

Innovation Grant, joint participant along with team from Western Seminary, “Leading Change around Racial and Ethnic Diversity in Two Theological Schools.” Awarded by Duke University. April 20-21, 2016.

Certificate: “Striving for Excellence in College and University Teaching.” Awarded by the Kaneb Center for Teaching and Learning upon completion of five teaching workshops. University of Notre Dame. June 26, 2012.

Graduate Teaching Assistant to Prof. Brian Daley of the Theology Department of the University of Notre Dame. Assisted with teaching and grading for the course *Following Jesus*. Fall 2011.

Graduate Teaching Assistant to Prof. Mark Roche, concurrently appointed in the German and Philosophy Departments of the University of Notre Dame. Assisted with teaching and grading for the college seminar: *Faith, Doubt and Reason*. Fall 2010.

## **SERVICE TO THE ACADEMY**

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Member of Steering Committee of the “Development of Early Christian Theology” program unit of the Society of Biblical Literature. 2017 to present.

ThM Supervisor: Erin Zoutendam, Western Theological Seminary '17, currently a doctoral student in religious studies at Duke University. Recipient of the Goodwin Prize for 2017 for an essay she developed in an independent study with me.

Reformed Church in America Representative on the board of the Foundation for Theological Education in Southeast Asia. 2016 to present.

Article Review for *Augustinian Studies* (beginning February, 2015), *American Catholic Philosophical Quarterly* (beginning April, 2016) and *Theology Today* (beginning January, 2018).

ThM Supervisor: Godfrey Kyome, Western Theological Seminary '16, currently an Anglican priest in the diocese of Uganda.

Workshop Convener, “*Ambrosius recipiens vel Ambrosius receptus*: Reconsidering the Place of Ambrose of Milan.” Seventeenth International Conference on Patristic Studies at the University of Oxford, Oxford, UK. August 10-15, 2015. Other workshop participants: Francesco Braschi, Biblioteca Ambrosiana; Chen Yuehua, Zhejiang University; Ethan Gannaway, St. Ambrose University; Robert Grant, St. Ambrose University; Paola Moretti, Università degli Studi di Milano; Daniel Williams, Baylor University.

Invited participant, Analytic Theology Workshop on Incarnation and Atonement (a weeklong

- interdisciplinary workshop for philosophers and theologians sponsored by the Templeton Foundation). Southern Methodist University. August 11-15, 2014.
- Invited participant, Analytic Theology Workshop on Divine Attributes and the Trinity. Southern Methodist University. August 5-9, 2013.
- Invited participant and session chair at Logos Workshop (an interdisciplinary workshop for philosophers and theologians). Sponsored by the Center for Philosophy of Religion at Notre Dame. May 3-5, 2012.
- Graduate Research Assistant to Prof. Brian Daley of the Theology Department of the University of Notre Dame. Proofread manuscript for Brian Daley, *Light on the Mountain: Greek Patristic and Byzantine Homilies on the Transfiguration of the Lord* (Crestwood, NY: St. Vladimir's Seminary Press, 2013). Spring 2012.
- Workshop Convener, "Via est qua imus: Perspectives on Augustine's Christology," Sixteenth International Conference on Patristics Studies at the University of Oxford, Oxford, UK. August 11, 2011. Other workshop participants: Mirjam Kudella, University of Tübingen; Ron Haflidson, University of Edinburgh; Sarah Stewart-Kroeker, Princeton Theological Seminary.
- Invited participant and session chair at Logos Workshop. Sponsored by the Center for Philosophy of Religion at Notre Dame. June 2-4, 2011.
- Graduate Assistant for the Center for Philosophy of Religion at the University of Notre Dame. Supervisor: Prof. Michael C. Rea. Spring 2011.
- Student Representative to the Theology Departmental Committee of Princeton Theological Seminary. Fall 2007-spring 2008.
- General Editor, *Princeton Theological Review*. Fall 2006—spring 2008. Directed the journal's entire publication process: planned themes for each issue, developed strategies for advertising the journal, corresponded with authors, assigned articles to associate editors for editing, performed a final edit prior to printing, shared responsibility for letters and editorial pieces, supervised other members of editorial staff.

## **LANGUAGES** (proficiency level based on ACTFL guidelines)

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- Latin (advanced reading)
- Koine Greek (advanced reading)
- German (superior listening, speaking, reading, and writing)
- French (advanced listening, speaking, reading, and writing)
- Italian (advanced listening, speaking, reading and writing, with certification from the Società Dante Alighieri)
- Mandarin Chinese (advanced listening and speaking; basic reading and writing)
- Biblical Hebrew (basic reading)

## **CHURCH INVOLVEMENT**

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- Ordained as Minister of Word and Sacrament in the Reformed Church in America. December 17, 2017.
- Licensed by Holland Classis to Preach in the Reformed Church in America. November 8, 2017.

Elder at Pillar Church, a dual affiliation church of the RCA and CRC. Holland, MI. Starting July 16, 2017.

**Preaching** (not including regular preaching at Western Seminary)

Preached at Hope College. “Vessels of the Word: A Sermon on 1 Peter 3:1-7.” February 21, 2017. Available URL:

<https://blogs.hope.edu/campus-ministries/chapel/wednesday-02-21-2018-han-luen-k-komline/>

Preached at Calvary Reformed Church (Calvary on 8<sup>th</sup>), Holland, MI. “The Priority of the Word: A Sermon on Psalm 119:105.” October 22, 2017.

Preached at Wheaton College chapel, Wheaton, IL. “Water: A Sermon on Psalm 42.” October 13, 2017. Available URL:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J7WlXaaLXkA&list=PL9GwT4\\_YRzdCMUCpFr7RTXinoya5vFqyg&t=107s&index=1](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J7WlXaaLXkA&list=PL9GwT4_YRzdCMUCpFr7RTXinoya5vFqyg&t=107s&index=1)

Preached at the Service of Ordination and Installation for Betsy Aho, WTS '17. “Ministry in the Body: A Sermon on 2 Corinthians 4:7-18.” The Peoples Church, East Lansing, MI. August 27, 2017.

Preached at Freedom Village, Holland, MI. “Living by the Sword: A sermon on Hebrews 4:12.” January 29, 2017.

Preached at Freedom Village, Holland, MI. “Preparing the Way: A sermon on Luke 3:1-6.” December 6, 2015.

Preached at South Bend Christian Reformed Church, South Bend, IN. July 29, 2012.

Preached at South Bend Christian Reformed Church, South Bend, IN. Easter Vigil service, April 23, 2011.

**Teaching**

Taught Session for Adult Discipleship Series, Pillar Church, Holland, MI. Introduction to “Cultivating Humility: A Necessary Virtue for the Common Good.” September 17, 2017.

Taught Adult Education Classes, Pillar Church, Holland, MI. Two-week segment, “The Story of the Early Church,” as part of a larger series. October 12<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>, 2014.

Taught Church School, South Bend Christian Reformed Church, IN.

Taught Senior High Church School, September 2012 to May 2013.

Taught Senior High Church School, September 2011 to May 2012.

Taught Junior High Church School, January 9<sup>th</sup>-May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2011.

Taught Adult Education Classes, First Presbyterian Church of Dutch Neck, NJ.

Three-week Advent series. “The Birth of Jesus: Reconsidering the Infancy Narratives.” December 2007.

Six-week series. “Wrestling Reformers: Reformation Theologians Tackle Tough Issues.” February 25<sup>th</sup>—April 1<sup>st</sup> 2007.

Four-week Advent series. “An Advent Road Less Traveled.” December 2006.

Six-week series on the Apostles’ Creed. September—October 2006.

Led weekly theology discussion group for students of Yantai University. Fall and winter 2004.

Presented overviews of basic theological topics. Created an open environment for discussion of central theological questions



Taught English Classes once a month, Chi-Shan Three-Self Church of Yantai, China. Fall 2004—summer 2005. Created flexible lesson plans for students age 5 to adult.

**Other Service**

Interviewed on Groundwork, from Words of Hope and Reframe Media, for episodes “How Jesus Changed Our Understanding of God” and “Christ throughout History” in series “Who is Jesus Christ?” Available URL: <https://groundwork.reframemedia.com/series/who-is-jesus-christ>. November 18, 2016.

Podcast Interview with Justo González: “Making History Come Alive.” Available URL: <http://www.westernsem.edu/episode-10-justo-l-gonzalez-making-history-come-alive/> October 25, 2016.

Served as Mentor, Ministry Minor Program, Hope College, beginning Fall 2016.

Planned and led evening prayer and devotional services as part of the worship team at the Ökumenisches Wohnheim of Heidelberg University, Germany. October 2013-July 2014.

Served on Regular Liturgist rotation at South Bend Christian Reformed Church, IN. 2012-2013.

**REFERENCES**

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Available upon request