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EDUCATION

- 2006-2013 **Emory University**, Atlanta, GA
Ph.D., The Graduate Division of Religion (Theological Studies)
- 2004-2006 **Harvard Divinity School**, Cambridge, MA
Master of Theological Studies (Christianity and Culture)
- 2003-2004 **Université de Paris—Sorbonne (Paris IV)**, Paris, France
Licence en Philosophie (Phenomenology)
- 1999-2003 **St. Olaf College**, Northfield, MN
Bachelor of Arts (Religion, Philosophy, and French)
- 2001-2002 **Université de Rennes I/II**, Rennes, France
Courses taken in Philosophy and French

EMPLOYMENT

- 2022-present **Associate Professor of Theology**
Chair, Department of Theology, Philosophy, and Classical Languages
Texas Lutheran University, Seguin, TX
- 2019-2022 **Associate Professor of Theology**
Texas Lutheran University, Seguin, TX
- 2018-2019 **Assistant Professor of Theology and Director of Women's Studies**
Texas Lutheran University, Seguin, TX
- 2013-2019 **Assistant Professor of Theology**
Texas Lutheran University, Seguin, TX
- 2012-2013 **Hong Kierkegaard Library Research Fellow**
and Instructor in the Department of Religion
St. Olaf College, Northfield, MN
- 2011-2012 **Visiting Assistant Professor of Religion**
Paine College, Augusta, GA

2010-2011

Instructor of Theology

Candler School of Theology, Emory University, Atlanta, GA

PUBLICATIONS

Books

Clouds of the Cross in Luther and Kierkegaard: Revelation as Unknowing (Lanham, MD: Lexington Books, forthcoming in 2024).

Kierkegaard and the Staging of Desire: Rhetoric and Performance in a Theology of Eros (New York: Fordham University Press, 2014).

Journal Articles

“‘Tehomic’ Christology? Tanner, Keller, and Kierkegaard on Writing Christ,” *Modern Theology* 31, no. 2 (2015): 257-283.

“Contrasting Augustine and Kierkegaard as Theologians of Desire,” *Toronto Journal of Theology* 31, no. 1 (2015): 75-83.

“Writing the Law/Gospel Dialectic of, and in, Lutheranism: Rethinking Westphal’s ‘Religiousness C’ in *Practice in Christianity*,” *International Philosophical Quarterly* 50, no. 1 (2010): 5-24.

Book Chapters

“Radical Negativity and Infinite Striving: From the Death of God to the *Theologia Crucis*” in *The Meaning and Power of Negativity*, ed. Ingolf U. Dalferth and Trevor W. Kimball (Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, 2021).

“Søren Kierkegaard: Protesting the Lutheran Establishment,” in *Radical Lutherans, Lutheran Radicals*, ed. Jason Mahn (Eugene, OR: Cascade, 2017), 43-69.

“Søren Kierkegaard” in *Nineteenth Century Lutheran Theologians*, ed. Matthew Becker (Göttingen: Vandenhoeck & Ruprecht, 2015), 231-253.

“Kierkegaard and Anders Nygren: Influence in Reverse,” in *Kierkegaard’s Influence on Theology, Tome II: Anglophone, Scandinavian, and Jewish Theology*, ed. Jon Stewart (Farnham, England: Ashgate, 2012), 205-216.

“Communicating Earnestness: Kierkegaard and Derrida Respond to their (Poorest) Readers,” in *International Kierkegaard Commentary: The Point of View* (Macon, GA: Mercer University Press, 2010), 205-237.

“The Constructive Significance of *The Book on Adler* for Christian Theology in an Age of Religious Pluralism,” in *International Kierkegaard Commentary: The Book on Adler* (Macon, GA: Mercer University Press, 2008), 193-214.

Translations

Translation from the French of Raphaël Gély, “Toward a Radical Phenomenology of Social Life: Reflections from the Work of Michel Henry” in *Michel Henry: The Affects of Thought*, ed. Jeffrey Hanson and Michael R. Kelley (London and New York: Continuum, 2012), 154-176.

Reviews

“Aaron P. Edwards, *Taking Kierkegaard Back to Church: The Ecclesial Implications of the Gospel* (Eugene, OR: Cascade, 2022),” *Scottish Journal of Theology* 76, no. 4 (2023): 393-394.

“Darrell Jodock and William Nelsen, *Embracing Diversity: Faith, Vocation, and the Promise of America* (Minneapolis: Fortress, 2023),” *Lutheran Quarterly* 37, no. 3 (2023): 359-360.

“David Newheiser. *Hope in a Secular Age: Deconstruction, Negative Theology, and the Future of Faith*. (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2022),” *Toronto Journal of Theology* 38, no. 1 (2022): 118-120.

“Christopher R. Barnett, *Kierkegaard and the Question Concerning Technology* (London: Bloomsbury Academic, 2019),” *Scottish Journal of Theology* 74, no. 2 (2021): 182-183.

“Peter Kline, *Passion for Nothing: Kierkegaard's Apophatic Theology* (Minneapolis: Fortress, 2017),” *Scottish Journal of Theology* 72, no. 3 (2019): 346-347.

“Katherine Sarah Moody, *Radical Theology and Emerging Christianity: Deconstruction, Materialism, and Religious Practices* (Ashgate Publishing, 2015),” *Expository Times* 128, no. 8 (2017): 409-410.

“Christine Helmer, *Theology and the End of Doctrine* (Louisville: Westminster John Knox, 2014),” *Theology Today*, 73, no. 4 (2017): 407-408.

“Judith Wolfe, *Heidegger and Theology* (London: Bloomsbury, 2014),” *Interpretation* 71, no. 1 (2017): 116-117.

“Lee Barrett, *Eros and Self-Emptying: The Intersections of Augustine and Kierkegaard* (Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans, 2013),” *Interpretation* 69, no. 3 (2015): 371-372.

Popular Articles

“The Dangers of ‘Vocation’ for Students Thinking about Career,” *Intersections: A Publication by and for the Academic Communities of the Twenty-Six Colleges and Universities of the Evangelical*

Lutheran Church in America (Spring 2015): 23-24.

INVITED LECTURES

“What Makes Kierkegaard ‘Biblical?’” Julia Watkin Memorial Kierkegaard Lecture, St. Olaf College, Northfield, MN, May 9, 2019.

PRESENTATIONS

“Pseudonymity and Spirituality in Kierkegaard and Pseudo-Dionysius,” American Academy of Religion; Kierkegaard, Religion, and Culture Group (San Antonio, November 2023).

“From Rationalism and Fideism to Apophasis: Johannes Climacus as Negative Theologian,” American Philosophical Association, Søren Kierkegaard Society (online; January 2022).

“*Considering Matthew Shepard* and the Theology of the Cross,” American Academy of Religion, Society for the Arts in Religious and Theological Studies (San Diego; November 2019).

“Mystical Darkness, Revelation, and Race,” Southwest Commission on Religious Studies, Theology Section (Dallas; March 2018).

“Extending Sinai’s Darkness: From the Bible as Source to the Bible as Model,” American Academy of Religion, Søren Kierkegaard Society (Boston; November 2017).

“The Promise and Danger of the Spirit in Martin Luther’s Biblical Hermeneutics,” Southwest Commission on the Study of Religion, Theology and Philosophy of Religion Section (Dallas; March 2017).

“Radical Negativity and Infinite Striving: From the Death of God to the *Theologia Crucis*,” Philosophy of Religion Conference, “The Meaning and Power of Negativity,” Claremont Graduate University (Claremont, CA; February 2017).

“Exegesis and Theology ‘Beyond the Letter’ in Luther and Schleiermacher,” American Academy of Religion, Martin Luther and Global Lutheran Traditions Group and Schleiermacher Group (San Antonio; November 2016).

Response to “Author Meets Critics” panel on *Kierkegaard and the Staging of Desire*, American Academy of Religion, Bible, Theology, and Postmodernity Group and Kierkegaard, Religion, and Culture Group (Atlanta; November 2015).

“Contrasting Luther and Kierkegaard as ‘Augustinian’ Readers of Scripture,” American Academy of Religion, Augustine and Augustinianisms Group and Kierkegaard, Religion, and Culture Group (San Diego; November 2014).

- “Schleiermacher’s Atonement Theology in Kierkegaard’s Communion Discourses,” Seventh International Kierkegaard Conference, Hong Kierkegaard Library (St. Olaf College, May 2013).
- “‘Touching’ the ‘Glorified’ Body, with Jean-Luc Nancy,” American Academy of Religion, Body and Religion Group (San Francisco; November, 2011).
- “Subversive Revelation: Kierkegaard on Unknowing Christ in Desire,” American Academy of Religion, joint session of Christian Systematic Theology Section and Kierkegaard, Religion, and Culture Group (San Francisco; November, 2011).
- “Parodies of Creation, and Parody as Creation, in Catherine Keller’s *Face of the Deep*,” American Academy of Religion, Christian Systematic Theology Section (Montreal; November, 2009).
- “Writing Repentance and Communicating Earnestness in *The Point of View for My Work as an Author*,” American Academy of Religion, Kierkegaard, Religion, and Culture Group (Montreal; November, 2009).
- “Kierkegaard and the (Christian) Revaluation of Religious Difference,” Centre of Theology and Philosophy (Rome; September, 2008).
- “The Constructive Significance of *The Book on Adler* for Christian Theology in an Age of Religious Pluralism,” American Academy of Religion, Kierkegaard, Religion, and Culture Group (San Diego; November, 2007).
- “Rethinking Westphal’s ‘Religiousness C’: Pseudonymity and Performativity in *Practice in Christianity*,” Southeastern Commission for the Study of Religion, Philosophy of Religion Group (Nashville; March, 2007).

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

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| 2023-2029 | Pastor Gerhard A. and Marion Poehlmann Professorship
Texas Lutheran University |
| 2017 | Junior Scholar Grant
Southwest Commission on the Study of Religion |
| 2015-2016 | Hugh and Georgia Gibson Professorship
Texas Lutheran University |
| 2012-2013 | Hong Kierkegaard Library House Foundation Fellowship
St. Olaf College, Northfield, MN |
| 2009-2010 | American-Scandinavian Foundation Fellowship, Denmark
Søren Kierkegaard Research Centre, Copenhagen |

2006-2011 **Laney Graduate School of Arts and Sciences Fellowship**
Emory University, Atlanta, GA

2003-2004 **Fulbright Fellowship, France**
Université de Paris—Sorbonne (Paris IV)

COURSES TAUGHT

At Texas Lutheran University

Introduction to Theology
Ancient and Medieval Christian History
Reformation and Modern Christian History
Critics and Defenders of Faith in the Modern Age
Religion in the United States
Theologies of the Civil Rights Movement
Life and Writings of Martin Luther
Interpreting the Bible
Contemporary Theology
Theology, Literature, and the Arts
Buddhism and Christianity

At St. Olaf College

The Bible in Culture and Community

At Paine College

Essentials of the Christian Faith
World Religions

At Candler School of Theology

Theology of Luther
Thinking Through Theological Education

LANGUAGE SKILLS

French, reading and speaking fluency
Danish, strong reading competence
German, strong reading competence
Ancient and Biblical Greek, limited reading competence
Latin, limited reading competence

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

To Texas Lutheran University

Vice-Chair, Chair, Past-Chair Leadership Cycle; TLU Faculty Association (2023- 2026; elected)
Faculty Evaluation and Compensation Committee (2023-2025; elected)
Admissions, Advising, and Academic Standards Committee (2015-2021; elected)
Diversity Committee (2018-2019; appointed)
Brandes Fund for Religious Activities (2015-present; appointed)
Faculty Procedures Committee (2014-2016; 2022-present elected)
Honors Program Advisory Committee (2014-2016; elected)

To the Academy

Vice-President, President, Past-President Leadership Cycle; American Academy of Religion—
Southwest (2023-2026)

Referee for *Journal of Religious Ethics*, *Toronto Journal of Theology*, University of Virginia
Press, and State University of New York Press

Secretary-Treasurer, Søren Kierkegaard Society (2015-2018; elected)

To the Church

Dialogue Participant, Evangelical Lutheran Church—Christian Church (Disciples of Christ),
2022-present

Adult Education Instructor, Christ Lutheran Church, Alamo Heights, TX, 2015-2018

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

“Teaching Interfaith Understanding,” Institute, Council of Independent Colleges and Interfaith
Youth Core, Chicago, June 2019.

“Diversity, Civility, and the Liberal Arts,” Institute, Council of Independent Colleges, Atlanta,
June 2018.

“Reacting to the Past,” Institute, Columbia University, New York, June 2016.

“Teaching Luther in the Twenty-First Century,” Conference, Luther Seminary, Minneapolis,
June 2015.