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CURRICULUM VITAE

Education

Ph.D., Marquette University, 2013
Concentration: Historical Theology
Dissertation: *Circumcision of the Spirit in the Soteriology of Cyril of Alexandria*
Advisor: Dr. Michel Barnes

M.A., Wesley Biblical Seminary, 2003
Concentrations: Historical and Systematic Theology
Thesis: *The Influence of John Chrysostom on John Wesley's Doctrine of Sanctification*

B.S., Pastoral Ministry, Oklahoma Wesleyan University, 2000

Teaching Experience

Indiana Wesleyan University (Marion, IN)
Professor of Systematic Theology
2016-Present

Columbia International University (Columbia, SC)
Adjunct Professor and Dissertation Mentor
2021-2024

Toccoa Falls College (Toccoa Falls, GA)
Assistant Professor of Historical and Systematic Theology
2013-2016

Marquette University (Milwaukee, WI)
Teaching Fellow and Adjunct Professor
2010-2013

Kingswood University (Sussex, NB, Canada)
Visiting Professor
May Terms, 2006 and 2010
Spring Term 2022 (online instructor)

Academic Committees Served

Indiana Wesleyan University

Scholarship Committee, Chair (STM) 2025-Present
Retreats (STM), 2025-Present
Rank and Promotion (CAS), 2025-Present
Chair, Small Church Internship Initiative, (STM) 2022-Present
General Education Committee, (CAS) 2021-2022
Tactical Plan Oversight Group, (University) 2021
John Wesley Honors College Committee, (CAS) 2018-2021
Global Studies Committee, (CAS) 2018-2020
Professional Development Committee, (CAS) 2017-2018

Toccoa Falls College

Chair, Service and Outreach Committee, 2015-2016
Professional Development Committee, 2014-2015

Related Professional Experience

Regular Peer Reviewer for *Wesleyan Theological Journal* (2025-present)
Peer Reviewer for *Pro Ecclesia* (2024-2025); *Phronema* (2022); *Nova et Vetera* (2019)
Peer Reviewer for Baylor University Press, early Christian monographs (2026)

Theta Alpha Kappa Faculty Representative, 2023 – 2024

KERN Coach for IWU School of Theology and Ministry graduates, 2021 – Present
Bi-monthly meetings, encouragement, and accountability

Faculty Mentor for Student Masters Theses and Honors College Projects, 2020 – Present

Facilitator for workshop helping faculty engage in scholarly publications, Fall 2014
Toccoa Falls College

Graduate Library Research Assistant, 2008-2010
Marquette University

Pastoral Ministry and Service to the Church

Member, District Board of Ministerial Development, 2024 – Present
Crossroads District of the Wesleyan Church

Member, Ordination Council, 2025 – Present
Crossroads District of the Wesleyan Church

Membership Facilitator, 2018-2021
Teach new member courses and developed video curriculum for potential members explaining doctrinal beliefs of the Wesleyan Church
College Wesleyan Church, Marion, IN

Youth Pastor, 2007-2009
First Church of the Nazarene, New Berlin, WI

College & Young Adult Pastor, 2003-2007
First Wesleyan Church, Tuscaloosa, AL

Community Service

Kids Hope Mentor, 2019-Present
Marion Community Schools, Marion, IN

Professional and Religious Affiliations

Ordained Minister in the Wesleyan Church
Evangelical Theological Society
North American Patristics Society
Society of Biblical Literature
Wesleyan Theological Society

Publications

Monographs

Circumcision of the Spirit in Cyril of Alexandria (forthcoming in Mohr Siebeck).

Articles in Peer-Reviewed Journals

"Divine and Human Impassibility According to Athanasius," in *Studia Patristica* (forthcoming)

"The Unity of Christ in Cyril of Alexandria's *Festal Letters*," in *Scottish Journal of Theology* 77, no. 2 (2024), 163-174.

"A Symbol of Salvation: Rahab in Patristic Exegesis," in *Wesleyan Theological Journal* 55, no. 2 (2020), 114-126.

"Number Symbolism in Cyril of Alexandria's Interpretation of Scripture," in *Phronema* 34, no. 1 (2019), 85-103.

"The Role of Asceticism in Deification in Cyril of Alexandria's *Festal Letters*," in *Downside Review* 135, no. 3 (2017), 144-153.

"Soteriological Coherence in Athanasius's *Contra gentes – De incarnatione*," in *Evangelical Quarterly* 88, no. 2 (2016), 99-110.

"The Soul's Forgetfulness of God in Athanasius' Doctrine of the Fall," in *St. Vladimir's Theological Quarterly* 60, no. 4 (2016), 473-488.

"Circumcision and Soteriology in Cyril of Alexandria's Old Testament Commentaries," in *Perichoresis* 12.2 (2014), 201-219.

“The Vision of the Glory of God in *The Apocalypse of Baruch (3 Baruch)*,” in *Journal for the Study of the Pseudepigrapha* 22.3 (2013), 184-200.

“Christus Victor’ Motifs in the Soteriology of Thomas Aquinas,” in *Pro Ecclesia* 21, no. 4 (2012), 409-421.

“Obedience in Egyptian Monasticism According to John Cassian,” in *St. Vladimir’s Theological Quarterly* 50, no. 3 (2011), 271-291.

“A Radiant Theology: The Concept of Light in Pseudo-Dionysius,” in *Greek Orthodox Theological Review* 56 (2010), 127-147.

Chapter Contributions in Edited Volumes

“Athanasius: Theological Development, Commitment, and Conflicts,” in *After Nicaea: Creedal Clarifications and Conflicts* (forthcoming in Baylor University Press).

“The Sign of the Cross and the Victory of Christ in Athanasius of Alexandria.” Pages 249-269 in *New Narratives for Old: Reading Early Christian Theology Using the Historical Method*. Edited by Anthony Briggman and Ellen Scully. Washington, D.C., Catholic University of America Press, 2022.

“Athanasius of Alexandria: The Logos as Reason to Believe.” Pages 118-136 in *The History of Apologetics: Biographical and Methodological Introductions*. Edited by Benjamin Forrest, Joshua Chatraw, and Alister McGrath. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2020.

“Basil of Caesarea: The Preacher as the Mouthpiece of Christ.” Pages 111-125 in *A Legacy of Preaching: A Historical and Theological Introduction*, vol. 1. Edited by Benjamin Forrest, K. Kling, B. Curtis, and D. Milioni. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2018.

Articles in Other Journals

“Integrative Soteriology: An Ancient Corrective to a Modern Critique of the Atonement,” in *Integritas: Jurnal Teologi dan Kepemimpinan* 1, no. 1 (2012), 91-110.

Articles in Theological Encyclopedias, Anthologies, and Dictionaries

“Athanasius of Alexandria,” “The Nicene Creed,” and “The Athanasian Creed” in *The Lexham Anthology of Christian Literature: An Introductory Reader*. Bellingham, WA: Lexham Press (forthcoming).

“Demons.” Page 540 in *The Oxford Dictionary of the Christian Church*, 4th ed vol. 1. 2 vols. Edited by Andrew Louth. Oxford: University Press, 2022.

Edited over twenty entries for *The Oxford Dictionary of the Christian Church*, 4th ed. 2022.

Scholarly Reviews

The Whole Mystery of Christ: Creation as Incarnation in Maximus Confessor, by Jordan Wood. *Wesleyan Theological Journal* 59, no. 2 (2024), 175-177.

Contemplating God with the Great Tradition: Recovering Trinitarian Classical Theism, by Craig Carter. *Pro Ecclesia* 32, nos. 1-2 (2023), 205-209.

Providence: A Biblical, Historical, and Theological Account, by Mark Elliott. *Wesleyan Theological Journal* 57, no. 1 (2022), 158-160.

Engaging the Doctrine of Creation: Cosmos, Creatures, and the Wise and Good Creator, by Matthew Levering. *Theological Studies* 79, no. 2 (2018), 444-446.

What Christians Ought to Believe, by Michael Bird. *Anglican Theological Review* 99, no. 4 (2017), 815-816.

Prevenient Grace: God's Provision for Fallen Humanity, by Brian Shelton. *Wesleyan Theological Journal* 51, no. 1 (2016), 253-255.

The Original Bishops: Office and Order in the First Christian Communities, by Alistair C. Stewart. *Fides et Historia* 47, no. 2 (2015), 174-176.

Language for God in Patristic Thought: Wrestling with Biblical Anthropomorphism, by Mark Sheridan. *Fides et Historia*, 47, no. 2 (2015), 173-174.

Vincent of Lérins and the Development of Christian Doctrine, by Thomas Guarino. *Wesleyan Theological Journal* 50, no. 1 (2015), 232-234.

Turning to Tradition: Converts and the Making of an American Orthodox Church, by D. Oliver Herbel. *Christian Scholar's Review* 44, no. 1 (2014), 103-106.

Jesus Christ and the Life of the Mind, by Mark A. Noll. *Nova et Vetera* 12.1 (2014), 378-382.

The Gospel in Christian Traditions, by Ted Campbell. *Wesleyan Theological Journal* 46, no. 2 (2011), 249-252.

Unpublished Papers

"A Statement on Homosexuality." Used by the District Board of Ministerial Development of the Crossroads District of the Wesleyan Church for ordination candidates

Conference Presentations

"Athanasius and the Development of Post-Nicene Pneumatology"
Evangelical Theological Society
Boston, MA (2025)

Panel Participant on *Christology as Theology*, by M. William Ury
Wesleyan Theological Society
Waco, TX (2025)

“Divine and Human Impassibility According to Athanasius”
Oxford Patristics Conference
Oxford, UK (2024)

Panel Participant on *The Theology of Robert Barron*, by Matthew Levering
Wesleyan Theological Society
Nashville, TN (2024)

“Sexuality, Sin, and Sacredness in the Medieval Church”
Conference on Human Sexuality
Wesley Biblical Seminar, Jackson, MS (2023)

“‘The Male and Female are One:’ Man and Woman as the Image of God According to Thomas Aquinas”
Evangelical Theological Society
San Antonio, TX (2023)

“The Unity of Christ in Cyril of Alexandria’s *Festal Letters*”
Evangelical Theological Society
Denver, CO (2022)

“Circumcision of the Mind in Cyril of Alexandria’s Soteriology”
North American Patristics Society
Chicago, IL (2022)

“The Sign of the Cross and Atonement According to Tertullian”
Evangelical Theological Society
Ft. Worth, TX (2021)

“The Trinity in All Scripture: A Consideration of Athanasius’ *Letters to Serapion*”
Evangelical Theological Society
San Diego, CA (2019)

“Rahab as Symbol of Salvation: A Patristic Consensus”
Society of Biblical Literature
Denver, CO (2018)

“Number Symbolism in Cyril of Alexandria’s Interpretation of Scripture”
North American Patristics Society
Chicago, IL (2017)

“The Role of Asceticism in Deification According to Cyril of Alexandria’s *Festal Letters*”
North American Patristics Society

Chicago, IL (2016)

“The Pastoral Vision of Salvation in Cyril of Alexandria’s *Festal Letters*”

Evangelical Theological Society

Atlanta, GA (2015)

“Circumcision of the Spirit: Type and Pneumatology in Cyril of Alexandria”

Society of Biblical Literature

San Diego, CA (2014)

“The Nature and Effects of the Fall in Athanasius”

North American Patristics Society

Chicago, IL (2014)

“The Nature of the Fall and Scope of Salvation according to Athanasius”

Evangelical Theological Society

Baltimore, MD (2013)

“Circumcision as Symbol of Salvation in Cyril of Alexandria”

North American Patristics Society

Chicago, IL (2013)

“The Relevance of Early Syriac Christianity on Modern Holiness Studies”

Wesleyan Theological Society

Seattle, WA (2013)

“‘Forgetfulness’ in Cyril of Alexandria’s *Festal Letter 6*”

North American Patristics Society

Chicago, IL (2012)

“Christology in Cyril of Alexandria’s *Commentary on Isaiah*”

Wesleyan Theological Society

Nashville, TN (2012)

“Soteriological Motifs in Cyril of Alexandria’s *Commentary on the Twelve Prophets*”

Society of Biblical Literature

San Francisco, CA (2011)

“Spiritual Circumcision in the Alexandrian Tradition”

Evangelical Theological Society

San Francisco, CA (2011)

“Circumcision of the Heart in Cyril of Alexandria”

Pappas Patristic Institute, Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology

Brookline, MA (2011)

“‘Christus Victor’ Motifs in the Soteriology of Thomas Aquinas”

Evangelical Theological Society

Atlanta, GA (2010)

“Cyril of Alexandria’s Integrative Soteriology”

Wesleyan Theological Society

Azusa, CA (2010)

“The Vision of the Glory of God in *The Apocalypse of Baruch (3 Baruch)*”

Evangelical Theological Society

New Orleans, LA (2009)

“A Radiant Theology: The Concept of Light in Pseudo-Dionysius”

Pappas Patristic Institute, Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology

Brookline, MA (2009)

“Obedience in Egyptian Monasticism According to John Cassian”

Pappas Patristic Institute, Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology

Brookline, MA (2008)

Regional and Local Presentations

“Holiness and Human Sexuality”

Crossroads District of the Wesleyan Church – College Wesleyan Church

Fall 2022

“The Logos as Reason to Believe According to Athanasius”

Faculty Scholarship Symposium – Indiana Wesleyan University

Fall 2021

“Rahab as Symbol of Salvation: A Patristic Consensus”

Theology Study Group – Wesley Seminary

Fall 2018

Cox Holiness Lecture Series

Indiana Wesleyan University

Spring 2018

“The Role of Asceticism in Deification According to Cyril of Alexandria’s *Festal Letters*”

Theology Study Group – Wesley Seminary

April 18, 2017

“Number Symbolism in Cyril of Alexandria’s Interpretation of Scripture”

Principium Faculty Lecture Series – John Wesley Honors College

Fall 2017

Awards and Distinctions

Sabbatical Grant, Spring 2025

Lilly Faculty Scholarship Award, Indiana Wesleyan University, 2024-2025

University Scholars Award, Indiana Wesleyan University, 2022-2024

Promotion of Rank to Full Professor, Indiana Wesleyan University, Fall 2023

Lilly Faculty Scholarship Award, Indiana Wesleyan University, 2021-2022

Discovered Opportunity Scholarship Award, Indiana Wesleyan University, Spring 2020

Promotion of Rank to Associate Professor, Indiana Wesleyan University, Fall 2018

Principium Faculty Award, Indiana Wesleyan University, Fall 2017

Faculty Scholar of the Year, Toccoa Falls College, 2015

Faculty of Impact Award (Professor of the Year), awarded by the student body for excellence in teaching and mentoring, Toccoa Falls College, 2015

Research Grant Recipient, North American Patristics Society, Summer 2014

Teaching Fellowship, Marquette University, 2010-2011

Tuition Scholarship Recipient, Marquette University, 2008-2010

Graduated with Academic Distinction, Wesley Biblical Seminary, 2003

Junior Marshall Honors, Wesley Biblical Seminary, 2002

Graduated *Cum Laude*, Oklahoma Wesleyan University, 2000

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