

CURRICULUM VITAE

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Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary

Qualifications

1999 – 2003, University of Nottingham, England, Ph.D., supervised by Prof. Anthony C. Thiselton. Thesis title: “Postliberal Theological Method: A Critical Study of Some Themes with Special Reference to the Relationship between Ontology and Narrative” – see appendix for abstract. Degree awarded October 2003.

1997 – 1998, Babes-Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca, Romania, M.Phil. Thesis title: “Post-structuralist Ethics”

1993-1997, Emmanuel Bible Institute, Oradea, Romania, B.A., Theology

1996-1997, University of Oradea, Romania, Diploma of Pedagogy

Publications:

Books

- *Postliberal Theological Method: A Critical Study* (Paternoster Press, Carlisle, UK, 2005, ISBN 1-84227-395-7)
- *Theology After Neo-Pragmatism* (Paternoster, 2008, ISBN 1842274600)
- *Atonement, Law, and Justice: The Cross in Historical and Cultural Contexts* (Grand Rapids: Baker Academic, 2014). Korean translation, 2020.
- *The Same God Who Works All Things: An Exposition and Defense of the Doctrine of Inseparable Operations* (Eerdmans, 2021)
- *The Divine Missions: An Introduction* (Cascade/Wipf & Stock, forthcoming)

Future Writing Projects (Books)

- *The Trinity and Christian Experience* (a presentation of the Trinity as encountered in mystical experience, arguing for a recovery of the centrality of the Trinity in spirituality)

Articles/Book chapters

- “The Author as Otherness and Post-structuralist Hermeneutics” in *Interpretation of Texts, Sacred and Secular, History and Theory*, ed. Pierre Buhler and Tibor Fabiny, Zurich: Pano Verlag, 1999.
- ‘Lindbeck’s Scheme-Content Distinction: A Critique of the Dualism Between Orders of Language’, *Journal for the Study of Religions and Ideologies*, 9, Winter 2004: 110-124.
http://hiphi.ubbcluj.ro/JSRI/html%20version/index/no_9/adonisvidu-articol.htm
- ‘Bruce D. Marshall and Donald Davidson on Epistemic Justification’ – *Heythrop Journal*, July, 2006.
- ‘Bruce D. Marshall and Realism’, *Journal for Christian Theological Research*, volume 10, 2005. www.luthersem.edu/ctrf/JCTR/Vol10/Vidu.pdf
- ‘Interpretation and Law: Some Thoughts On Understanding and Application’, *Perichoresis* 2/2, 2004.
- ‘Frei and Auerbach on the Meaning of the Gospel Narratives’, in *Trinity Journal* vol. 26 NS, no. 2, Fall 2005, pp. 245-265.
- ‘George Lindbeck și turnura lingvistică a teologiei’ [George Lindbeck and the linguistic turn in theology], *Echinox*, Cluj-Napoca, 2005.
- “For a minimalist Christian realism”, *Perichoresis* 3/1 (2005).
- ‘The Place of Tradition in Theological Construction’, *Theology Today* 64.2 (July 2007).
- ‘Rorty on Religion and Pragmatism”, forthcoming in Monica Merutiu, Bogdan A. Dicher, Adrian Ludusan (eds.), *The Philosophy of Pragmatism: Religious Premises, Moral Issues and Historical Impact*, Cluj-Napoca: Efes, 2007. [conference proceedings]
- ‘Habits of the Spirit: Reflections on a Pragmatic Pneumatology’, *Journal of the Evangelical Theological Society* 50/1 (March 2007), pp. 105-119.
- ‘Can We Say Very Much? Evangelicals, Emergents, and God-Talk’, in Richard Lints, ed., *Renewing the Evangelical Mission* (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2013)
- ‘The Place of the Cross Among the Inseparable Operations of the Trinity’, in *Locating Atonement: Explorations in Constructive Dogmatics*, ed. Oliver Crisp and Fred Sanders (Zondervan, 2015)
- ‘Thomas C. Oden’, in the *New Dictionary of Theology*, revised edition, (IVP) (2016)

- ‘Alasdair MacIntyre’, in the *New Dictionary of Theology*, revised edition, IVP, 2016.
- ‘Realism’, in the *New Dictionary of Theology*, revised edition, IVP, 2016.
- ‘Postliberal Theology: A Very Brief Presentation’, *Knowing and Doing*, 2010; http://www.cslewisinstitute.org/webfm_send/645
- ‘Hermeneutics’, in *Evangelical Dictionary of Theology*, 2nd edition, Baker Academic, 2017.
- ‘Opera Trinitatis Ad Extra and Collective Agency’, in *European Journal for the Philosophy of Religion*, Summer 2015.
- ‘The Incarnation and Trinitarian Inseparable Operations’, in *Journal of Analytic Theology*, 2016 issue.
- ‘Divine Missions’, in *The T&T Companion to the Atonement*, ed. Adam Johnson, T&T Clark Continuum, 2017.
- ‘The Trinity, and Necessity’, *Irish Theological Quarterly*, 84/4, Nov. 2017
- ‘Ascension and Pentecost: Soteriology and the Divine Missions’, in *Being Saved: Explorations in Soteriology and Human Ontology*, ed. Mark Hamilton and Joshua Farris (London: SCM, 2018)
- ‘The Indwelling of the Holy Spirit as Love’, in *Love, Human and Divine: Contemporary Perspectives in Systematic and Philosophical Theology*, ed. Oliver D. Crisp, Jordan Wessling, James M. Arcadi et. al., (New York: Bloomsbury, 2019)
- ‘The Indwelling of the Holy Spirit’, in *T&T Clark Handbook of Analytic Theology*, edited by James T. Turner and James M. Arcadi, T&T Clark 2020
- ‘Inseparable Operations and Uncreated Energies: East and West about Triune Agency’ [forthcoming, in *Perichoresis*, 2020]
- ‘Filioque and the Order of the Divine Missions’, in *The Third Person of the Trinity: Explorations in Constructive Dogmatics*, Zondervan, 2020
- ‘Where do the Divine Missions Fit in Abraham’s Theology of Divine Action?’, *Sapientia*. <https://henrycenter.tiu.edu/2020/05/where-do-the-divine-missions-fit-in-abrahams-theology-of-divine-action/>
- ‘Celebrating the Ascension in a Time of Pandemic: The Dialectics of Absence and Presence’ *Catechesia*, May 21, 2020. <https://catechesia.com/2020/05/21/celebrating-the-ascension-in-a-time-of-pandemic/>

Reviews

- “Review of Paul Negrut, *Revelation, Scripture, Communion: An Interrogation of the Concept of Authority in Orthodox Theology*, Oradea, 1997”, in *Crestinul Azi* [Today’s Christian], 1997.
- “Theology, Postmodernism and the Hunger Strike: Review of Don Cupitt, *Creation out of Nothing*”, in *Philosophy and Stuff*, 1998.
- “Review of Alasdair MacIntyre, *Tratat de morala: Dupa virtute [After Virtue: A study in Moral Theory]*, ed. Humanitas, Bucharest, 1997” in *Krisis* 8/1999, pp. 295ff.
- “Review of Kevin Vanhoozer, *Is There a Meaning in This Text?*” in *Trinity Journal* 21/ 2 NS, 2000, pp. 209-213.
- “Review of Garrett Green, *Theology, Hermeneutics and Imagination*”. In: *Scottish Journal of Theology* 55/3 (2002): 369-371.
- “Review of *Trinity, Time, and Church: Essays in Honour of Robert Jenson*, edited by Colin E. Gunton, Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2000” in *Themelios* 26/3, 2001, pp. 101-3.
- “Review of *The Return of God: Theological Perspectives in Contemporary Philosophy*, edited by Niels Grønøkjær, Odense, Denmark: Odense University Press, 1998”, *International Journal of Systematic Theology* vol. 4, no. 1, March 2002.
- “Review of T.J. Gorringer, *Salvation*, Peterborough: Epworth Press, 2000,” in *Themelios* 27/3 (2001).
- “Review of Elmer Colyer, *How To Read T. F. Torrance: Understanding His Trinitarian & Scientific Theology*, Downers Grove: IVP, 2001” in *Themelios* 27/3 (2001).
- “Review of Telford Work, *Living and Active: Scripture in the Economy of Salvation*, Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2002”, *Trinity Journal* 24 NS, no. 2/ Fall 2003, p. 303.
- “Review of Paul Fiddes, *Participating in God: A Pastoral Doctrine of the Trinity*, Louisville: Westminster John Knox, 2000” *Heythrop Journal* 44/2 (April 2003).
- “Review of Oliver Davies, *A Theology of Compassion*, London: SCM, 2001” in *Heythrop Journal*, 43/4, Oct. 2002.
- “Review of Gavin Hyman, *The Predicament of Postmodern Theology: Radical Orthodoxy or Nihilist Textualism?* Louisville: Westminster John Knox, 2001,” in *Anvil* 20/2 (2003), pp. 146ff.

- “Review of Charles Cosgrove, *Appealing to Scripture in Moral Debate: Five Hermeneutical Rules*, Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2002”, *Expository Times* 114/8, May 2003.”
- “Review of Robert Miner, *Vico: Genealogist of Modernity*, Notre Dame University Press, 2002.” *Heythrop Journal* 46/4 (Oct 2005).
- “Review of Christopher Hill, *Thought and World: An Austere Portrayal of Truth, Reference and Semantic Correspondence*, Cambridge University Press, 2002 [Cambridge Studies in Philosophy]”, *Heythrop Journal* 46/4 (Oct 2005).
- “Review of William Placher, *Jesus the Saviour*, Eerdmans, 2001”, forthcoming in *Koinonia*.
- “Review of Dan R. Stiver, *Theology After Ricoeur: New Directions in Hermeneutical Theology*, Westminster John Knox Press, 2001”, forthcoming in *Koinonia*.
- “Review of Keith Yandell, ed., *Faith and Narrative*, Oxford USA, 2001”, forthcoming in *Koinonia*.
- “Review of Mark S. Heim, *The Depth of Riches: A Trinitarian Theology of Religious Ends*, Eerdmans”, *Heythrop Journal* 46/3 (July 2005), 392-394.
- “Review of Hans-Johann Glock, *Quine and Davidson on Language, Thought and Reality*, Cambridge University Press, 2003” in *Heythrop Journal* 47/2 (April 2006).
- “Review of Kirk Ludwig, *Donald Davidson*, Cambridge University Press 2003” *Heythrop Journal*, 47/1, 2006..
- “Review of Alister E. McGrath, *A Scientific Theology*, vol. 3”, *Trinity Journal* vol. 25 NS, no. 2, Fall 2004, pp. 272-274.
- “Review of Alister E. McGrath, *A Scientific Theology. Volume 1: Nature*”, *Heythrop Journal* 46/3 (July 2005), 395-397.
- “Review of Alister E. McGrath, *A Scientific Theology*, vol. 2”, *Heythrop Journal* 46/4 (Oct 2005).
- *John McDowell*, by Maximilian de Gaynesford, *Heythrop Journal* 47/4 (2006).
- *Pragmatism and Religion*, edited by Stuart Rosenbaum, *Heythrop Journal* 47/2 (April 2006).
- *Grammar and Grace: Reformulations of Aquinas and Wittgenstein*, edited by Jeffrey Stout and Robert MacSwain, *Heythrop Journal* 7/3 (2006)
- *Salvation Belongs to the Lord: An Introduction to Systematic Theology*. By John Frame, *Trinity Journal* 29/1 (2008)
- *After the Spirit: Constructive Pneumatology from Sources Outside the West*. By Eugene F. Rogers, Jr., *Trinity Journal* 29/1 (2008)

- *Triune Atonement: Christ's Healing for Sinners, Victims, and the Whole Creation*, by Andrew Sung Park, Westminster John Knox, 2009. *Reviews in Religion and Theology*
- *Transforming Atonement: A Political Theology of the Cross*. By Theodore W. Jennings, Augsburg Fortress, 2009. *Reviews in Religion and Theology* 18/4 (2011).
- *Speaking about God: Theology, Language, and Truth*. By D. Stephen Long, Eerdmans, 2009. *The Afrikanus Journal* 2/1 (2010)
- *Rooted in Jesus Christ: Towards a Radical Ecclesiology*. By Daniel Izuzquiza, Eerdmans, 2009. *The Afrikanus Journal* 3/1 (2011)
- *God in Postliberal Perspective: Between Realism and Non-Realism*. By Robert Cathey; in *Ars Disputandi: the Online Journal for Philosophy and Religion* 4/2010;
- *Crossing the Threshold of Divine Revelation*. By William J. Abraham; *Heythrop Journal* 1 (2009)
- *The Politics of Redemption: The Social Logic of Salvation*. By Adam Kotsko; *Reviews in Religion and Theology* (2013)
- *The Severity of God: Religion and Philosophy Reconciled*. By Paul K. Moser. Cambridge University Press, 2013. In *Reviews in Religion and Theology*, 21.1 (2014)
- *The Incarnate Lord: A Thomistic Study in Christology*. By Thomas O. White, O.P. *Thomistic Resourcement Series; vol. 5*. Washington, D.C.: Catholic University of America Press, 2015. Pp. xvi + 534. \$65.00. Reviewed *Theological Studies*, Sept. 2016.
- Ingolf U. Dalferth, *Crucified and Resurrected: Restructuring the Grammar of Christology*. Trans. Jo Bennett (Grand Rapids: Baker, 2015), 352 pages, \$45.00 hardback.
- John Webster, *God Without Measure: Working Papers in Christian Theology, Volume I: God and the Works of God; and Volume II: Virtue and Intellect* (London and New York: Bloomsbury T&T Clark, 2015, 2016)
- Adam J. Johnson. *Atonement: A Guide for the Perplexed*. London and New York: Bloomsbury T&T Clark, 2015. viii+212 pages. Paperback \$29.95; Reviewed for the *International Journal of Systematic Theology* 18.3, July 2016.
- *Faith, Freedom, and the Spirit: The Economic Trinity in Barth, Torrance and Contemporary Theology*, Paul D. Molnar, IVP Academic, 2015 (978-0-8308-3905-6). Reviewed in *Reviews in Religion and Theology* 22.4 Sept 2015.
- Donald Macleod, *Christ Crucified: Understanding the Atonement*, Downers Grove, IL: IVP Academic, 2014, 272 pp., \$22. *Journal of the Evangelical Theological Society* 58.4 (2015)

- Kevin Diller, *Theology's Epistemological Dilemma: How Karl Barth and Alvin Plantinga Provide a Unified Response* (Downers Grove, IL: IVP Academic, 2014), 326pp. *Journal of the Evangelical Theological Society* 58.4 (2015)
- Kevin Hector, *The Theological Project of Modernism: Faith and the Conditions of Mineness*. [Oxford Studies in Analytic Theology] Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2015. Reviewed for *Themelios*.
- Ezigbo, Victor I., *Introducing Christian Theologies: Voices from Global Christian Communities*. Volumes 1 & 2 (Lutterworth, 2016), *Reviews in Religion and Theology* 24/2 (2017).
- Monaco, Davide, *Nicholas of Cusa: Trinity, Freedom and Dialogue* (Ashendorff, 2016), *Reviews in Religion and Theology* 24/2 (2017).
- Keener, Craig, *Spirit Hermeneutics: Reading Scripture in Light of Pentecost* (Eerdmans, 2016), forthcoming in *Trinity Journal* 2018.
- Dominic Legge, *The Trinitarian Theology of Thomas Aquinas* (Oxford 2017), in *JETS* 2018.
- William J. Abraham, *Divine Agency and Divine Action*. 2 volumes. in *International Journal of Systematic Theology* 21/3 (2019)
- Eleonore Stump, *Atonement* (Oxford 2018), in *Journal of the Evangelical Theological Society* 26/2 (2019).
- William J. Abraham, *Divine Agency and Divine Action*. Volume 3. in *Reviews in Religion and Theology* 27/1 (2020).

Conferences and talks

- “Filioque: From Missions to Processions”, invited paper, Models of God Study Group, Evangelical Theological Society Annual Conference, Providence, RI, 2020.
- Invited panelist for Oliver Crisp’s *Approaching the Atonement: The Reconciling Work of Christ*, ETS Providence RI, Nov 2020.
- “Filioque and the Order of the Divine Missions”, *Los Angeles Theology Conference*, Jan 16-17, 2020, Biola University.
- ‘From the Father, through the Son, in the Holy Spirit: Creation and Trinitarian Description’, Dabar Conference, Chicago, 14-17 June, 2017.
- ‘The Indwelling of the Holy Spirit as Love’, *Analytic Theology Seminar*, Fuller Theological Seminary, Feb. 22, 2017.
- ‘How Can Only the Son Be Incarnate? Understanding Trinitarian Agency’, *Evangelical Theological Society Annual Conference*, San Antonio, TX, November 2016

- ‘The Place of the Cross Among the Inseparable Works of the Trinity’, *Locating Atonement: Los Angeles Theology Conference 2015*, January 2015.
- ‘Atonement, Law, and Justice: The Cross in Historical and Cultural Contexts’, Interview, Book Bites, sponsored by the Center for Preaching, Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, Dec. 2014.
- ‘Opera Trinitatis Ad Extra and Collective Agency’, *Divine Action in the World: Philosophical and Theological Inquiries Conference*, Innsbruck, Aug 4-6 2014
- ‘The Atonement and the Trinity’, Harvard College Faith and Action, April 2013
- ‘Response to Patrick Nullens’, *The Lloyd and Jean Kalland Faculty-Student Forums*, GCTS, April 18, 2012.
- Response Panel, ‘Allah: A Christian Response, with Miroslav Volf’, *Wilson Center for World Missions*, Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, Nov. 3, 2011.
- ‘Atonement and Ancient Greek Justice’, Annual Meeting of the Evangelical Theological Society (Northeast Chapter), Auburn, MA, April 2011.
- ‘Response to Michael Horton, ‘Rediscovering the Church After Evangelicalism’, *Renewing the Evangelical Mission Conference*, Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, 2010
- ‘Atonement and Action Theory’, *Evangelical Theological Society Annual Meeting*, Providence, RI, November 2008.
- ‘The Public Nature of Theological Meaning’, *Evangelical Theological Society Annual Meeting*, Washington 15-17 November, 2006.
- ‘Rorty on Religion and Pragmatism’, *The Philosophy of Pragmatism: Religious Premises, Moral Issues and Historical Impact*, Cluj-Napoca, Sept 28-29, 2006.
- ‘Divine Frameworks and Consolation: Response to Prof. Eberhard Herrmann’, *Religion After Metaphysics*, Biannual European Society for the Philosophy of Religion Conference, Tuebingen, September 1-4, 2006.
- “A Minimalist Christian Realism”, paper given at the *International Postgraduate Theological Symposium*, Valea Draganului, Romania, 5-6 May 2005.
- “Bruce D. Marshall and Donald Davidson on Epistemic Justification”, paper presented to the *Seminar for Interdisciplinary Research of Religions and Ideologies*, Babes-Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca, 22 April, 2005.
- “Seriousness and Rhetoric: Problems of Justification in Postliberal Theology,” conference paper at *Illuminations: Reason, Revelation and Science*, Oxford, July 23-27, 2002.
- “The Romanian Church and Globalisation.” Paper presented at the Theology Study Day at the University of Nottingham, June 2001.

- “Post-structuralist Ethics”. Paper presented at the Annual Theological Conference, Emmanuel Bible Institute, 1998.
- “The Author as Otherness and Post-structuralist Hermeneutics”, paper presented at the international conference *Interpretation of Texts: Sacred and Secular, History and Theory*, held at Peter Pazmany Catholic University, Piliscsaba, Hungary.
- “The Historical-Critical Method in Wolfhart Pannenberg’s Christology”. Paper presented at the Annual Theological Conference, Emmanuel Bible Institute, 1996.
- “Being and Concept: Towards a Trinitarian Epistemology”, Paper presented at the Annual Theological Conference, Emmanuel Bible Institute, 1995.

Seminars

- Participant in *Analytical Theology Cluster Group*, Gordon College and Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, Fall semester 2014.
- Participant in the *Roundtable Seminar for Mid-Career Faculty*, ATS, Orlando March 2015.
- Participant in the *Templeton Conversations on Science and Religion* (2019-)

Professional memberships

- 2001-2005, member of the **Society for the Study of Theology**, UK.
- Since 2001, member of the **Seminar for Interdisciplinary Research of Religions and Ideologies**, Romania
- Since 2004, member of the **Society for Continental Philosophy and Theology**, USA
- Since 2005, founding member, **Romanian Association of Religious Studies**
- 2006-present, member **Evangelical Theological Society**
 - 2011-2014, member, Steering Committee, Evangelical Theological Society, Northeast Chapter
 - 2012-2014, Vice-Chair, Steering Committee, Evangelical Theological Society, Northeast Chapter

Current Professional Activities

Editorial Advisory Board, *Journal of the Evangelical Theological Society*, 2017-
Member, Editorial Board, *Reenvisioning Reformed Dogmatics* (Wipf and Stock),

Teaching History

- **2008-present**, Professor of Theology, Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary. I am teaching: Systematic Theology, Recent Theories of the Atonement, Emerging/Emergent Christianity, Postliberal Theology, Theological Hermeneutics, The Attributes of the Trinitarian God, Readings in Aquinas, Christianity in a Postmodern World, Karl Barth.
- **2006 – 2007**, Affiliate Professor, **Babes-Bolyai University**, Cluj-Napoca, Faculty of European Studies
- **2006 – 2008**, Affiliate Professor, **University of Oradea**, Faculty of Sociology
- **2006 – 2008**, Assistant Professor of Theology, **University of Bucharest**, Faculty of Baptist Theology
- **2006 – present**, Assistant Professor of Theology, **Liberty University**, School of Divinity, Lynchburg VA. [Online teaching in the areas of Apologetics and Systematic Theology]
- **1997 – 2006**, Assistant Professor, **Emmanuel University**, Oradea, Romania
 - Modules in Philosophy of Religion, Christology and Pneumatology, Sociology of Religion, Introduction to Philosophy, Philosophy of Culture, Introduction to Theology, Hermeneutics. Since 2003 I have been Director of Research in the Faculty of Theology. Since 2004 I have been Credit Officer in the same faculty.
 - Modules in Patristics, Introduction to Theology, Revelation and Trinity, Ecclesiology and Eschatology, Philosophy of Religion, Ethics.

Scholarships held:

- Langham Research Scholarship (1999-2003)
- Overseas Research Students Award, CVCP, UK (1999-2002)
- University of Nottingham Research Scholarship (1999-2002)
- Heymann Scholarship, University of Nottingham (2001)
- Rickards Travelling Scholarship, School of Humanities, University of Nottingham (2002)
- Society for the Study of Theology Conference Bursary, SST Conference Nottingham (2002)

Church and Ministry

- Pulpit supply on occasion; most of my preaching ministry happens during the Summer in Romania.
- Elder, 2015-2019, Grace Chapel, Lexington, MA.
- I am regularly teaching Adult Discipleship classes at Grace Chapel. Past classes include: *The Apostles' Creed*, *Questioning God*, *Romans*.

Other

- I have organized the faculty's theological seminar in 2003 (Emmanuel University).
- I have also organized the "Christianity and Postmodernism" International Conference, held at Emmanuel University, Romania, in March 2004.
- I have co-organized the Gordon-Conwell Theology Forum, starting in the Fall Semester of 2009.
- I have co-organized the ETS (Northeast Chapter) Regional Conference at Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, April 2012.