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Associate Professor of Theology

OVERVIEW

Education

Marquette University (2012 – 2016)

Ph.D. in Religious Studies (Systematic Theology & Ethics Concentration)

Successfully defended without qualification. March 29, 2016.

Dissertation title: “The Economic Trinity: On Communion with the Triune God in a Market Economy.”

Dissertation board: D. Stephen Long (director), Robert Doran, SJ (co-director), Marcus Plested, John Davis (reader from economics department).

Duke Divinity School (2007 – 10)

M.div. awarded May 2010

Graduated *magna cum laude*

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (2003 – 2007)

B.A. in Economics and Religious Studies awarded May 2007

Graduated with honors and with highest distinction

Academic Interests

Historical and contemporary trinitarian theology, theology of economics, economic ethics, historical and contemporary Reformed theology, doctrine of God, eternal functional subordination, Christology, immigration ethics.

PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

A. Books

Virtue. In *Pillars of Dogmatics* series. Under contract with B&H Academic. Estimated word count: ~140,000. Manuscript due August 2027.

Christological Dogmatics. Under contract with Baker Academic. Estimated word count: ~120,000. Manuscript due October 2024.

Work Out Your Salvation: Moral Formation in the Marketplace. Minneapolis, MN: Fortress Press, 2024.

Jesus the Refugee: Ancient Injustice and Modern Solidarity. Minneapolis, MN: Fortress Press, 2023.

Reviewed in *Reading Religion*, *The Englewood Review of Books*, and *Word & Way*.

Trinitarian Dogmatics: Exploring the Grammar of the Christian Doctrine of God.
Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Academic, 2022.

Award of Merit, Theology (Academic) in *Christianity Today's* 2023 Book Awards.

Reviewed in *The International Journal of Systematic Theology*, *Theology*, *Theologia Reformata*,
The Global Anglican, *Christianity Today*, *Firebrand Magazine*, and *DTS Voice*.

*The Son Who Learned Obedience: A Theological Case Against the Eternal Submission
of the Son*. Eugene, OR: Pickwick, 2018.

Reviewed in *Journal of Biblical and Theological Studies* and *Reformed Theological Review*.

B. Book Chapters

“A Dogmatic Response to Eternal Functional Subordination.” In *The Doctrine of the
Trinity: Retrieving Nicene Orthodoxy for Today*. Edited by Matthew Barrett.
Downers Grove, IL: IVP Academic, 2024.

C. Refereed Journal Articles

“Institutions of Hospitality: Patristic Immigration Ethics in Historical and
Contemporary Context.” *Scottish Episcopal Institute Journal*. Forthcoming
2024.

“Undocumented Prudent Immigrants: De-centering Romans 13 and Rule of Law in
Immigration Ethics.” *Studies in Christian Ethics*. 36.1. (Feb. 2023): 62–83.

“Probing the Exegetical Foundations of Consubstantiality: Worship, Mediatorial
Figures, and the *Homoousion*.” *Modern Theology*. 37.3 (July 2021): 679–702.

“The Trinity in the Theology of Economics.” *Faith & Economics*. 76 (Fall 2020): 29–
42.

“The Grading Curve and the Moral Ascent: A Virtue-Centered Approach to Improving
Student Scores.” *Intégrité*. 19.2 (Fall 2020): 20–33.

“Gradualism and Impossibility in Labor Markets: Reflections on the Ethics of the
Living Wage.” *Review and Expositor*. 116.1 (April 2019): 65–74.

“Against Eternal Submission: Changing the Doctrine of the Trinity Endangers the
Doctrine of Salvation and Women.” *Priscilla Papers*. 31.1 (Winter 2017): 15–
21.

“Reformed Theology and the Question of Protestant Individualism: A Dialogue with
Henri de Lubac.” *Journal of Reformed Theology*. 10 (2016): 234–256.

“Orthodoxy, Orthopraxis, and Orthopathy: Trajectories for Collaborative Scholarship
Between Economists and Theologians.” *Faith & Economics*. 67 (2016): 85–
104.

“Communion with God: An Energetic Defense of Gregory Palamas.” *Modern
Theology*. Vol. 32.1 (January 2016): 20–44.

“For and Against de Régnon: Trinitarianism East and West.” *International Journal of Systematic Theology*. Vol. 17.4 (Oct. 2015): 399–412.

“Eternal Functional Subordination and the Problem of the Divine Will.” *Journal of the Evangelical Theological Society*. Vol. 58.1 (March 2015): 131–149.

“Transformative Models: Economic Modeling, Relational Ontology, and the Image of God.” *Journal of Markets and Morality*. Vol. 17.2 (Fall 2014): 355–379.

D. Review Essays

“The Chastened Defense of Capitalism: A Survey of Recent Scholarship.” *Journal of Markets and Morality* 22.2 (Fall 2019): 407–22.

E. Other Academic Writings

“Theology without Persons: Theological Anthropology and Kevin Hector’s Therapeutic Theory of Language Use.” Working paper for the *Evangelical Philosophical Society*. 2018.

“Mammon.” In *Evangelical Dictionary of Theology*. Third edition. Edited by Daniel J. Treier. Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Academic, 2017. 2109 words. [with D. Stephen Long]

“Crumbling Cathedrals of the Mind: How Eternal Functional Subordination Undermines Transactional Atonement Theories.” *Mutuality: Preserving the Trinity*. A special publication of Christians for Biblical Equality. Summer 2016.

F. Book Reviews

Kate Ward, “Wealth, Virtue, and Moral Luck: Christian Ethics in an Age of Inequality,” *Faith & Economics* 79.1, 2022.

John T. Slotemaker, “Anselm of Canterbury and the Search for God,” *Reading Religion*, March 19, 2021. Available online:
<https://readingreligion.org/books/anselm-canterbury-and-search-god>

Michael F. Bird and Scott Harrower, eds., “Trinity without Hierarchy,” *Credo Magazine*, 9.4, 2019.

Georgia Levinson Keohane, “Capital and the Common Good,” *Journal of Markets and Morality*, 20.1, 2017.

Tom Pratt, Jr. and Chad Brand, “Seeking the City: Wealth, Poverty, and Political Economy in Christian Perspective,” *Trinity Journal*, 37.1, 2016.

Frank G. Kirkpatrick, “The Mystery and Agency of God: Divine Being and Action in the World,” *Reviews in Religion and Theology*, 22.2, 2015.

Daniel M. Bell, Jr., “The Economy of Desire: Christianity and Capitalism in a Postmodern World,” *Trinity Journal*, 35.2, 2014.

TA Noble, "Holy Trinity: Holy People: The Theology of Christian Perfecting," *Reviews in Religion and Theology*, 21.3, July 2014.

Joel B. Green, "Practicing Theological Interpretation," *Trinity Journal*, 34.1, 2013.

G. Works in Progress

"Trinity in Scripture in Recent Scholarship: A Review of Notable Publications."
Preparing (with editor's encouragement) for submission to *Evangelical Quarterly*. Expected submission May 2024.

H. Selected Popular Publications

"Trinity and Catholicity: A Survey of Global Trinitarianism for Western Readers." *Ad Fontes* <https://adfontesjournal.com/member-exclusive/trinity-and-catholicity-a-survey-of-global-trinitarianism-for-western-readers/> February 23, 2023.

"Hid with Christ in God: Mapping the Relation and Distinction Between Union and Perichoresis." *Catechesia Institute*. <https://catechesia.com/2020/02/07/hid-with-christ-in-god-mapping-the-relation-and-distinction-between-union-and-perichoresis/> February 7, 2020.

"A Basic Ethical Framework for Immigration." *Evangelical Immigration Table*. <http://evangelicalimmigrationtable.com/a-basic-ethical-framework-for-immigration/#> August 22, 2019.

"The Forgotten Attribute of God - Why Modern Theology Abandoned Aseity and Why We Must Recover Its Importance." *Credo Magazine*. <https://credomag.com/article/the-forgotten-attribute-of-god/>. June 10, 2019.

"Interpreting the New Testament Warning Passages while Affirming the Security of Salvation." *Testamentum Imperium*, <http://www.preciousheart.net/ti/2018/Butner-Warning-Passages.pdf>, 2018.

"Eternal Submission and the Story of the Seven Ecumenical Councils." *Reformation 21*, <http://www.reformation21.org/blog/2016/06/eternal-submission-and-the-sto.php>, June 2016.

H. Presentations at Academic Conferences

"That Which He Did Not Assume: Misapplications of Nazianzus's Rule in Modern Theology." 75th annual meeting of the Evangelical Theological Society. November 15, 2023.

"Recapitulation Recapitulated: Christ's Reversal of Adam's Sin in Irenaeus, K. H. Ting, and Robert Clarence Lawson." Eighth Day Institute/Newman University's *Ad Fontes* Week. June 3, 2022.

- "No One Like *Him*? Gender and the Trinity in Classical Metaphysics and Ethics." Invited paper. 73rd Annual Meeting of the Evangelical Theological Society. November 2021.
- "A Good and Necessary Consequence: Paths from Scripture to the Doctrine of the Trinity." *The Trinity in Scripture* – 2020 Sterling College Theology Conference. Delayed to February 2021.
- "Speaking of a Relational God: How Analogy and Divine Attributes Norm Talk of the Trinity." 69th Annual Meeting of the Evangelical Theological Society. November 13, 2018.
- "If you Give a Mouse a Cookie: Incentives and Virtue Ethics." *Spiritual Formation in the Economy* – 2018 Sterling College Theology Conference. October 25, 2018.
- "Predestination and 'Calvinism: Myth and Reality in Reformation and Post-Reformation Reformed Dogmatics." *Semper Reformanda* – 2017 Sterling College Theology Conference. October 10, 2017.
- "How Eternal Functional Subordination Undermines Transactional Atonement Theories." Invited paper. 68th Annual Meeting of the Evangelical Theological Society. November 16, 2016.
- "Scripture, Virtue, Subsidiarity: Lúcas Chan's Methodological Contributions Toward a Microeconomic Ethic." 2016 Marquette Scripture Project Conference. April 8, 2016.
- "Along the 'Third Way' with Castoriadis and Callon: Continental Explorations in Catholic Theological Economics." 2016 Upper Midwest Regional Meeting of the American Academy of Religion. April 2, 2016.
- "The Economic Trinity: On the Use of the Trinity in a Theology of Economics." 67th Annual Meeting of the Evangelical Theological Society. November 17, 2015.
- "Trajectories in Theology and Economics." 2015 Symposium on Religion and Public Life. Henry Institute for the Study of Religion and Politics. Calvin College. May 2, 2015.
- "Theology without (Trinitarian) Metaphysics? An Appraisal of Kevin Hector's Pneumatological Theory of Language Use." 2015 Upper Midwest Regional Meeting of the American Academy of Religion. April 18, 2015.
- "Setting the Captives Free: Challenging Sobrino and Cone's Rejection of Patristic High Christology." 2015 Marquette University – Loyola University Chicago Graduate Theological Colloquium. February 21, 2015.
- "For and Against 'de Regnon': Trinitarianism East and West." 66th Annual Meeting of the Evangelical Theological Society. November 21, 2014.
- "Participation or Communion? Trinitarian Reflections on Lonergan's Four-Point Hypothesis." Lonergan on the Edge 2014. Marquette University. September 19, 2014.

- “Individualism, Reformed Theology, and the Example of Henri de Lubac.” 2014 Upper Midwest Regional Meeting of the American Academy of Religion. April 5, 2014.
- “Intersubjective Recognition, Identity, and the Social Imaginary in a Christian Intra-Triune Praxeology.” 2014 Midwest Regional Meeting of the Evangelical Theological Society. March 28, 2014.
- “The Work of Christ, the Variability of Human Nature, and the Postmodern Condition.” Responding to Meghan Toomey, “The Variability of Human Nature and Edward Schillebeeckx’s Theological Anthropology: A New Way to Understand Postmodern Fragmentation?” 2014 Marquette University – Loyola University Chicago Graduate Theological Colloquium. February 15, 2014.
- “The Final Consummation as God’s Self-Glorification: A Dialogue with Jürgen Moltmann on the Eschatological Significance of Trinitarian Theology.” 2013 Midwest Regional Meeting of the Evangelical Theological Society. March 9, 2013.
- “Theology’s Relevance to the Subprime Mortgage Crisis.” Responding to Joseph Cioni, “The Subprime Mortgage Crisis: An Instance of the Longer Cycle of Decline.” Marquette Lonergan Project Spring 2013 Colloquium. March 1, 2013.
- “The Social Imaginary and the Function of Apologetics.” Responding to Brett H. Speakman, “Longing for an Enchanted Creation: The Role of Imaginative Apologetics in C.S. Lewis and J.R.R. Tolkien.” 2013 Marquette University – Loyola University Chicago Graduate Theological Colloquium. February 16, 2013.

I. Selected Other Presentations

- “Toward a Trinitarian Christology/Hacia una Cristología Trinitaria.” Virtual lecture for Hispanic Pastor’s Colloquium. June 1, 2022.
- “Diversity, Catholicity, and the Ends of a Liberal Arts Education.” Plenary for the Sterling College Honors Program annual banquet. August 29, 2019.
- “Could Christ Have Risen?” Sterling College. March 26, 2018.
- “The Parable of the Workers (Matthew 20:1-16).” Marquette Scripture Project. March 5, 2014.
- “A Trinitarian View of the Development of the New Testament Canon.” Agape Chicago “Weekender Conference.” February 1, 2014.
- Keynote speaker, annual inmate memorial service. Federal Medical Center of the Federal Corrections Complex in Butner, NC. 2010.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE AND AWARDS

A. Teaching Experience

1) Sterling College (Sterling, KS), 2016–2024. Assistant Professor (2016–2023); Associate Professor (2023–24)

HR 105 – Honors Foundations of Servant Leadership [formerly GD 105]

HR 207 – Engaging Theology and Scripture: Where is God? Sacrament and Secularism

HR 210 – Engaging the Social Sciences: Christianity and Economics

HR 232 – Engaging with Texts: The Writings of Martin Luther

HR 232 – Engaging with Texts: Christianity and Science

HR 489 – Immigration Policy and Ethics

TM 102 – Introduction to the Old Testament (on campus and online)

TM 103 – Introduction to the New Testament

TM 105 – Basic Christian Philosophy (online)

TM 184 – Introduction to Spiritual Formation

TM 245 – Homiletics

TM 287 – Historical Theology I [formerly TM 281] (on campus and online)

TM 288 – Historical Theology II [formerly TM 282]

TM 320 – Introduction to Missions [formerly TM 284]

TM 327 – Doctrine of the Holy Spirit

TM 354 – Systematic Theology I

TM 355 – Systematic Theology II

TM 366 – Basic Christian Doctrine (on campus, honors, and online)

TM 384 – Spiritual and Vocational Formation

TM 387 – Christian Ethics [formerly TM 439] (on campus and online)

TM 389 – Topics in Christian Ministry: The Problem of Evil and Suffering

TM 389 – Topics in Christian Ministry: Christ's Descent and Ascension

TM 438 – Theology and Society

TM 484 – Contemporary Christian Thought

TM 489 – Topics in Christian Ministry: Applied Theology

TM 498 – Thesis Proposal

TM 499 – Senior Thesis

2) Marquette University (Milwaukee, WI) 2015–2016 (Teaching Fellow)

THEO 3530 – Theology and Economics

THEO 1001 – Introduction to Theology (team-taught)

3) Carroll University (Waukesha, WI) 2015–2016 (Adjunct Instructor)

CCS 300 (UG15) B – Cross Cultural Experience. Immersive education at Ojibwe reservation in Minnesota.

CCS 100 N – Christianity in the Global South

PHI 308 / REL 308 – Philosophy of Religion

B. Pedagogical Training

CCCU Diversity Conference. Attendee. Fall 2019.

Sterling College Summer Pedagogy Reading Group. Organizer. 2017–2019, 2021.

Each summer (except during the first summer of Covid-19), I coordinated a reading group of Sterling Faculty to discuss various works on pedagogy and to explore their implementation at Sterling College. In 2017, I was invited by the Vice President of Academic Affairs to lead a pedagogical training during fall faculty orientation that was based on the group's work.

Faith & Learning Faculty Fellow, Sterling College, Fall 2017, Fall 2018, Spring 2020, Fall 2023.

Faith and Learning Faculty Fellows read materials on faith & learning, complete collaborative workshops, and submit pedagogical tools demonstrating mastery of studied concepts. Subjects have included faith and diversity in the classroom, spiritual disciplines in the classroom, and liturgical analysis of curricular design.

Marquette Center for Teaching and Learning reading group: *How Learning Works*.
Spring 2016.

Preparing Future Faculty and Professionals Program – 15 of 15 seminars completed.

PFFP program is sponsored by the Graduate School at Marquette University and designed to “help prepare participants for a successful career in higher education as an academic, with emphasis on developing skills to teach effectively.” (www.mu.edu/pffp). Completed seminars include: effective course design, syllabus construction, the flipped classroom, strategies for improving student preparedness, and assessing learning.

Mentoring by faculty during team-taught THEO 1001 at Marquette University.

C. Academic Honors and Awards

Trinitarian Dogmatics: Award of Merit in Academic Theology; *Christianity Today* 2023 Book Awards.

Trinitarian Dogmatics: Named to London Lyceum's “Top Books of 2023.”

Invited participation in *Patristic Christianity and Contemporary Immigration: An Integrative Exploration of the Tradition for the Present*, a CCCU funded seminar led by Myles Werntz and George Kalantzis. 2022–2023.

Student Athlete Leadership Team (SALT) Faculty Member of the Month, Sterling College, November 2018

Theology Department Teaching Fellowship, Marquette University, 2015–2016

Upper Midwest AAR/SBL Travel Grant, 2015

Wade Chair Research Assistantship, Marquette University, 2015

Carolina Challenge Social Entrepreneurship Competition, Semifinalist, 2009

Carlyle Marney Scholarship at Duke Divinity School, 2007–2008

Edward C. Smith Carolina Scholarship for full tuition to UNC Chapel Hill, 2003–2007

SERVICE TO THE UNIVERSITY AND CHURCH

A. Academic Memberships

Evangelical Theological Society, 2012–Present

American Academy of Religion, 2013–Present (intermittent gaps)

Canadian American Theological Association, 2016–Present

Society of Christian Ethics, 2021–Present (intermittent gaps)

B. Service to the University

Director. Sterling College Honors Program. 2020–Present

Responsible for mentoring honors students, guiding honors curriculum and policy, planning honors program events, managing the honors program budget, and recruiting honors students. I brought about curriculum redesign, launched two marketing campaigns, and introduced honors faculty.

Assistant Director. Sterling College Honors Program. 2019–2020

Member. Diversity Leadership Committee. 2021–2022.

The diversity leadership committee continued the work of the prior ad hoc committee, except under the direction of a new staff diversity officer.

Elected Leader. Faculty ad hoc committee on diversity. *Director of Leadership Team*. Faculty, Staff, and Student Joint Task Force on Diversity. Sterling College, 2019–2021.

The joint task force consists of appointed staff, students, and faculty working to improve hospitality shown to diverse students, to ensure just policies, and to seek pedagogical and curricular improvements. I developed the initiative proposal and guided it through

faculty council in negotiation with executive cabinet, helped coordinate nomination process for faculty and staff, and co-direct content of joint meetings. We have established seven smaller working groups that are improving ESL resources, proposing a diversity office, fostering diversity awareness events, reviewing curriculum, and assessing policy in several areas. An approximately 40-page campus diversity assessment will be submitted to executive cabinet in August 2020.

Committee member. Faculty Council. Sterling College, 2018–2020.

Committee member. Graduate Studies Council. Sterling College, 2018–Present.

Committee member. Ad hoc committee on salary, tenure, and promotion. Sterling College, 2017–2019.

I was appointed by faculty council to this ad hoc committee evaluating many college policies. In particular, I spearheaded a proposal revised salary schedule and more equitable promotion and advancement incentives.

Committee member. Honors Advisory Committee. Sterling College, 2017–2019.

Steering committee. Sterling College Undergraduate Humanities Conference. Sterling College, 2016–2021.

The undergraduate humanities conference provides students an opportunity to present original research at a conference, mentors undergraduates through various conference stages, and brings a plenary speaker from the humanities disciplines to campus.

Coordinator. Annual Theology Department Fall Conference. Sterling College. 2017–2023.

The theology department fall conference provides an opportunity for higher level academic presentations. Each year features one invited plenary address, two faculty papers, and a round table discussion. Topics have included: Reformation theology after 500 years, market design and moral formation, the problem of evil, and the afterlife.

Team member. Piocore CCS culminating assignment program assessment team. Carroll University, 2016.

As part of a broad team of instructors, I evaluated submissions of culminating assignments for all CCS 100 courses from the fall 2016 to assess whether learning outcomes were met.

Team member. Piocore GPC culminating assignment program assessment team. Carroll University, 2015.

As part of a broad team of instructors, I evaluated submissions of culminating assignments for all GPC courses from 2014 – 2015 to assess whether learning outcomes were met.

Peer reviewer. 2014 Marquette University – Loyola University Chicago Graduate Theological Colloquium.

C. Service to the Academy

Peer reviewer. Occasional peer review for *Modern Theology*, *International Journal of Systematic Theology*, *Journal of Markets & Morality*, *Journal of Classical Theology*, Lexington Press, and Springer.

Editorial Board Member. Journal of Classical Theology. 2022–2024.

D. Ecclesial Experience

Lead Coordinator. Multi-church Uniting for Ukraine humanitarian parolee program. 2022–Present.

Coordinated multi-church effort to resettle parolees in Rice County. Led fundraising drive, supervised six volunteer teams (ESL, education, hospitality, housing, paperwork, finance), and helped resettle 9 individuals since 1/24/23 in Rice county, plus 1 in Virginia.

Pulpit Supply. 35 sermons at seven locations in Sterling and Lyons, KS. 2017–present.

Chaplain Intern. Federal Corrections Complex in Butner, NC. Placement through Duke Field Education (2 units). May 2009–May 2010.

Chaplain Intern. Wake Med Hospital and South Wilmington Street Center for Homeless Men’s joint Urban Ministry CPE Program. First CPE unit completed. 2010.

Assistant Youth Pastor. Fairfield United Methodist Church. Placement through Duke Field Education (1 unit). Summer, 2008.

Youth Pastor. Fairview Baptist Church. Placement through North Carolina State Baptist Convention “Youthcorps” program. Summer, 2006.

E. Non-Profit Experience

Treasurer, Board of Directors. Play for Hope, now d.b.a. The Kefa Project. 2011–2020.

The Kefa Project is a faith-based joint Rwandan and American non-profit specializing in economic development and sports ministry to reduce child poverty and homelessness in Kigali, Rwanda.

Assistant Editor. Marquette Funding Information Center’s *Foundations in Wisconsin* grant database, 2014.