

# Curriculum Vitae

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## **Positions**

Barry Scholar & Research Fellow, *Harvard University, Human Flourishing Program* (2022-present)  
Research Fellow, *University of Notre Dame, Center for Philosophy of Religion* (2021-2022)  
Research Fellow, *University of St Andrews, Logos Institute for Analytic & Exegetical Theology* (2018–2021)

## **Education**

PhD in Divinity, University of St Andrews (April 2018)  
*Forgiveness & Atonement: A Sacrificial Account of Divine-Human Reconciliation*  
Director: Alan J. Torrance  
Examiners: Nicholas Wolterstorff and Thomas H. McCall  
PhD in Philosophy, University of Oklahoma (May 2016)  
*Skeptical Theism & Epistemic Propriety*,  
Director: Linda T. Zagzebski  
Committee: Wayne Riggs, Monte Cook, Neal Judisch, Luis Cortest  
MA in Philosophy, University of Oklahoma (May 2013)  
BA in Philosophy, Baylor University (*Summa Cum Laude*, May 2010)

## **Specializations and Competencies**

AOS: Ethics, Epistemology, Philosophy of Religion  
AOC: Metaphysics, Logic, History of Philosophy, Philosophy of Science, and Philosophy of Language

## Publications

### Monographs

*Forgiveness & Atonement: Christ's Restorative Sacrifice* (New York, NY: Routledge Academic, 2022).

### Edited Books

Nicholas Wolterstorff, *United in Love: Essays on Justice, Art, and Liturgy* (Eugene, OR: Cascade, 2021)  
– Edited with Joshua Cockayne

*Paradox & Contradiction in Theology* (New York, NY: Routledge Academic, 2023)

*A Contemporary Reader in Analytic Theology* (New York: T&T Clark, *forthcoming*) – Edited with Oliver D. Crisp and Joshua Cockayne

### Peer-Reviewed

“Blessed is the One Whose Transgressions are Forgiven: Conceptual Foundations and a Template for Measuring Christian Experiences of Reconciliation with God” in *The International Handbook of Emotions – Resourceful Cultural Perspectives, Vol. 1*, edited by Claude-Hélène Mayer & Elisabeth Vanderheiden (New York, NY: Routledge, *in press*): preprint—<https://doi.org/10.31219/osf.io/td8jp>—coauthored with Richard Cowden, Kate Jackson-Meyer, & Kaye V. Cook.

“Forgiveness Reconsidered: Agency and the Contextual Nature of Forgiveness in the Aftermath of Clergy Sex Abuse,” in *International Handbook of Emotions, Positive and Cultural Psychological Perspectives*, edited by Claude-Hélène Mayer and Elisabeth Vanderheiden (Berlin: Springer, 2025) – coauthored with Wilco de Vries, Kate Jackson-Meyer, Allard Sierksma, Hanneke Schaap-Jonker, and Richard Cowden.

“Humean Arguments from Evil, Updating Procedures, and Perspectival Skeptical Theism,” *Res Philosophica* Vol. 100, no. 2 (2023): 227-250.

“Divine Morality or Divine Love? On Sterba’s New Logical Argument from Evil,” *Religions* Vol. 14, no. 2 (2023): 157.

“Narrative and Atonement: The Ministry of Reconciliation in the Work of James H. Cone,” *Religions*, Vol. 13, no. 10 (2022): <https://doi.org/10.3390/rel13100985>.

“Separating the Theological Sheep from the Philosophical Goats,” *Journal of Analytic Theology* Vol. 9 (2021): 205-222.

“Analyzing the Muddles of ‘Analysis’: (Some of) What Analytic Theologians Can Learn from the History of Analytic Feminism,” *Modern Theology* (2021): 1-13. doi:10.1111/moth.12525

“Tempering the Cosmic Scope Problem for Christian Soteriology: Hylemorphic Animalism and Gregory of Nazianzus,” *Religious Studies* (2020): 1-21. doi:10.1017/S0034412519000192.

“Perspectival Skeptical Theism,” *Faith and Philosophy* 36.2 (2019): 244-264.

“Original Sin, the Fall, and Epistemic Self-Trust,” *TheoLogica: An International Journal for Philosophy of Religion and Philosophical Theology* 2.1 (2018): 84-94.

“Purgatory, Hypertime, and Temporal Experience,” *Journal of Analytic Theology* 6 (2018): 151-161.

“Commonsense, Skeptical Theism, and Different Sorts of Closure of Inquiry Defeat,” *Faith and Philosophy* 34.1 (2017): 17-32.

“Skeptical Theism, Moral Skepticism & Epistemic Propriety,” *International Journal for Philosophy of Religion* 81.3 (2017): 263-272.

- “The Parent Analogy: A Reassessment,” *International Journal for Philosophy of Religion* 82.1 (2017): 5-14.
- “An Epistemological Corrective to Doctrines of Assurance,” *European Journal for Philosophy of Religion* 9.1 (2017): 163-177.

#### Invited Articles & Book Chapters

- “At the Limits of Comprehension,” in *Paradox and Contradiction in Theology*, edited by Jonathan C. Rutledge (New York, NY: Routledge Academic, September 2023).
- “God of Holy Love: Toward an Agapist Alternative to Mark Murphy’s Holiness Framework for Divine Action,” *Journal of Analytic Theology* 11 (2023): 437-456 – coauthored with Jordan Wessling (Lindsay Wilson College)
- “Forgiveness” *Encyclopedia of Christian Theology* (T&T Clark, *forthcoming*)
- “Wrighting Natural Theology: Personal Knowledge of God and the Importance of Narrative” in *Essays in Honor of N. T. Wright*, by Joshua Cockayne and Mitchell Mallory (Routledge Academic, *forthcoming*).
- “Unlimited Atonement and the Nature of Forgiveness,” in *Unlimited Atonement: Amyraldism and Reformed Theology*, edited by Michael Bird and Scott Harrower (Kregel Publishing, 2023)
- “Retributivism Rejected: A Restorative Hope for Justice in the Age to Come,” in *Being Saved: Explorations in Soteriology and Human Ontology*, edited by Marc Cortez, Joshua Farris, and Mark Hamilton, 40-53 (London: SCM Press, 2018).

### **Works in Progress**

- “Conditional Modes of Love and Stump on Sacrifice” – In this paper I offer a friendly amendment to Eleonore Stump’s model of sacrifice according to which sacrifices are accepted by God because they affect our (human) psychological openness to union with him rather than because they bring about any change in the world around us. I suggest that Stump’s psychological openness model is helpful but incomplete since it leaves normative issues of atonement left unaddressed. In support of this I offer three features of the biblical narratives—(i) that they treat sacrifice is a process composed of several events rather than a single event, (ii) that the blood application of such rites focuses on *life* rather than the death which precedes it, and (iii) that the apostles had to wait until the exaltation before the Holy Spirit was sent at Pentecost—that are explained much better by the inclusion of a normative obstacle to union with which sacrifice is meant to deal. And I close by suggesting how we ought to conceive of this normativity.
- “Epistemic Existentialist Faith” – In this paper, I set out a new model of faith in conversation with the contemporary literature. The various elements of this account are these: (i) faith is fundamentally an affective state, (ii) faith *can* be motivated, and rendered broadly rational, on the basis of primarily practical reasons, but (iii) even so, because faith commitments create epistemic reasons to believe various faith-related propositions, faith remains a proper target of epistemic assessment.
- “How to Be a Conciliar Relative Identity Trinitarian” – Relative Identity theories of the trinity solve the so-called logical problem of the Trinity by claiming that the identity relations articulated in the Athanasian Creed are relative identity relations. This claim has resulted in two different charges of unorthodoxy: such theorists are charged, first, with Arianism because it

seems as if the divine essence is divine in virtue of different facts than those that explain the divinity of the persons (thereby resulting in multiple senses of ‘divinity’) and, second, with Sabellianism since it seems to follow from their relative identity relations that the Father *is the same person as* the Son. I explain that relative identity theorists can avoid both entailments if they adopt certain aspects of non-classical logic that allow for non-transitive relative identity relations.

“Contradictory Theology: A Formal and Historical Overview” – Contradictory theology characterizes any form of theology that includes truths of the form  $A \ \& \ \sim A$ . This article explains different forms of contradictory theology—forms that are differentiated mostly by their understanding of logical consequence and theory-specific consequence relations—and identifies historical precedents to such theology in different religious traditions.

“Social Ontology and the Measurement of Flourishing” – Empirical studies in flourishing communities have been developed recently in hopes of moving from the individualistic focus of much empirical work on flourishing in the last decade. The most significant measure of such flourishing, the *Communal Subjective Well-Being* (CSWB) measure by epidemiologist Tyler VanderWeele, captures important aspects of group flourishing, but I argue in this paper that if we attend to distinctions in social ontology between mere collections of agents and more robust groups with group-level decision procedures, the focus on group member self-reports of group-level flourishing in the CSWB will not adequately capture collective flourishing.

## Teaching

### Supervision

PhD – Matthew Joss (Scientific Explanation and Hermeneutics)

PhD – Dennis Bray (Arguments for the Trinity in Hugh of St Victor)

Masters – Trey West (Theological Interpretation of Holy Scripture)

Masters – John David Kirk (On Non-Doxastic Accounts of Faith)

Masters – Vi Bui (Divine Hiddenness and Exile; completed)

Masters – Mark Taylor (Eschatological Obstacles to Forgiveness; completed)

### Philosophy Teaching

On the Interventions and Nature of Flourishing, *Campus Biomedico University of Rome* (March 2024)

Living with Laughter: The Ethics of Humor, Harvard University (Spring 2024)

PHIL 91r (Philosophical Readings), Harvard University (Spring 2023) – Epistemology & Ethics

Humility: Classic and Contemporary (Discussion Group), Harvard University (Spring 2023)

Forgiveness and Justice (Discussion Group), Harvard University (Fall 2022)

Introduction to Philosophy (Online), University of Oklahoma (Spring 2016)

Introduction to Logic, University of Oklahoma (Summer 2015)

Introduction to Philosophy, University of Oklahoma (Spring 2015)

Introduction to Philosophy (Online), University of Oklahoma (Summer 2014)

Introduction to Health Care Ethics, University of Oklahoma (Fall 2013)

Introduction to Philosophy (Online), University of Oklahoma (Summer 2013)

Theology Teaching (I was responsible for the distinctly philosophical content in these courses)

Theology MLitt – Persons: Human and Divine (Spring 2021)  
Theology MLitt – Analytic Theology: God, History, and Revelation (Fall 2020)  
Theology MLitt – Reconciliation: Divine and Human (Fall 2020)  
Theology MLitt – Persons: Divine and Human (Spring 2020)  
Theology MLitt – God, History, and Revelation (Fall 2019)  
Theology MLitt – Reconciliation: Divine and Human (Fall 2018)

## **Graduate Teaching & Research Assistantships**

Introduction to Ethics, University of Oklahoma, Emily McRae (Spring 2013)  
Introduction to Health Care Ethics, University of Oklahoma, Zev Trachtenberg (Fall 2012)  
Research Assistant, Hugh Benson (Fall 2011-Spring 2012)  
Introduction to Philosophy, University of Oklahoma, Lindsay Craig (Spring 2011)  
Business Ethics, University of Oklahoma, Stephen Ellis (Fall 2010)

## **Presentations**

“Who Dealt with Sin? Jesus or Humanity?” *Kentucky Analytic Theology Group* (February 2024)  
“Conditional Modes of Love & Stump on Sacrifice” *Barry Fellows Online Workshop* (January 2024)  
“Contradictory Theology in Church History: Introduction” *The History of Contradictory Theology Workshop*, University of Edinburgh (20-24 September 2023)  
“Epistemic Existentialism and Affective Faith” *Princeton Project in Philosophy of Religion* (30 March 2023)  
“On Battaly on Zagzebski” *University of Oklahoma Retirement Conference in Honor of Linda Zagzebski* (22 July 2022)  
“Narrative and Atonement: The Ministry of Reconciliation in the Work of James H. Cone” *Notre Dame Center for Philosophy of Religion & Society for Equitable Philosophy of Religion* (18 February 2022)  
“Divine Impeccability & Christ in the Likeness of Sinful Flesh” *American Academy of Religions Conference*, San Antonio, TX (20 November 2021)  
“Humean Arguments from Evil and Perspectival Skeptical Theism” *Notre Dame Center for Philosophy of Religion* (27 September 2021)  
“Comments on Irigaray & Ricoeur in Konzelman and Simms” *Women and God Conference*, University of St Andrews (27 May 2021)  
“Marginal Agents & the Doctrine of Justification” *Logos Institute Scientific Advisory Board* (February 2021)  
“Marginal Agents & the Doctrine of Justification” *TheoPsych: Fuller Theological Seminary* (July 2020)  
“Unilateral & Bilateral Forgiveness: Distinguishing the Definition & Virtuous Distribution of Forgiveness” *Helsinki Analytic Theology Conference*, University of Helsinki (26-28 February 2020)

- “A Sacrificial Explanation of Atonement: How *Yom Kippur* and Passover Illuminate the Death of Christ” *EPS/ETS Conference* (San Diego, California), 22 Nov 2019
- “On Scientific Approaches to Defining Theology” *Tyndale Fellowship (Christian Doctrine)*, University of Cambridge, 24-26 June 2019
- “Response to Eleonore Stump” *Logos Conference*, University of St Andrews, Summer 2019
- “Classical Theism & the Nature of Forgiveness” *Centre of Excellence in Reason and Religious Recognition Research Forgiveness Workshop*, University of Helsinki, 15 March 2019
- “Analyzing the Muddles of ‘Analysis’” *Logia Lecturer with the Logos Institute for Analytic & Exegetical Theology*, University of St Andrews, 30 November 2018
- “The Nature of Logic and Theology: Paraconsistent Logics and Christology in Beall” *Guided Discussion for Divinity Students in St Mary’s*, University of St Andrews, 8 November 2018
- “Tempering the Cosmic Scope Problem in Christian Soteriology” *Extra-Terrestrial Life and Purpose in the Universe Workshop*, University of St Andrews, 13 October 2018
- “On the Importance of a Theory of Concepts for Epistemology” *Invited Commentator on the Gifford Lectures for N. T. Wright*, University of St Andrews, June 25, 2018
- “A Recombinant Model of Atonement: Locating *Yom Kippur* and Passover in an Explanation for the Work of Christ” *Atonement: Sin, Sacrifice, and Salvation in Jewish and Christian Antiquity*, University of St Andrews, 4-6 June 2018
- “Purgatory, Hypertime, and Temporal Experience” *EPS/ETS Conference* (Providence, Rhode Island), 15 November 2017
- “The Insufficiency of Death for Atonement in the Book of Hebrews: Against the Received View” *Tyndale Fellowship*, University of Cambridge, 28 June 2017
- “Skeptical Theism: A Response to the Problem of Suffering” *Invited Lecture*, University of Warsaw (Warsaw, Poland), 19 April 2017
- “Human Flourishing in Contemporary Academic Thought” *Invited Lecture*, Central European University (Budapest, Hungary), 17 April 2017
- “Epistemic Conditionals of Creaturely Freedom” *The Logos Institute*, University of St Andrews, 24 November 2016
- “An Epistemological Corrective to Doctrines of Assurance” *EPS*, Southwestern Regional Conference, 1 April 2016
- “Commonsense Skeptical Theism & Closure of Inquiry” *American Philosophical Association*, Pacific Division Conference, 30 March 2016
- “Skeptical Theism: The Problem of Suffering and the Limits of Human Understanding” *Public Philosophy Forum*, Oklahoma Baptist University, 13 November 2015
- “The Parent Analogy: A Response to Dougherty” *Society of Christian Philosophers*, Eastern Division Conference, 25 September 2015
- “Philosophical Arminianism: Epistemic Conditionals of Creaturely Freedom” *EPS*, Southwestern Regional Conference, 11 April 2015
- “Van Inwagen’s Skeptical Theism: How to Avoid Modal Skepticism” *Great Issues Lecture*, Rose State College, 5 November 2014
- “Timelessness, the Incarnation & Fatalism” *Society of Christian Philosophers*, Eastern Division Conference, 27 October 2013

## Fellowships and Honors

Veritas Forum Scholar, Moral Philosophy Cohort (Spring 2024-present)  
Barry Fellowship, *Morningside Institute* (Fall 2022)  
Full-Fee Research Scholarship, *Logos Institute for Analytic & Exegetical Theology*, St. Mary's College, University of St. Andrews (Fall 2016)  
Philosophy Department Research Prize, University of Oklahoma (Spring 2016)  
Bullard Dissertation Completion Fellowship, University of Oklahoma (Fall 2015)  
Best Graduate Student Essay Prize, EPS/ETS-Southwest Regional Conference (Spring 2015)  
Graduate Foundation Fellowship, University of Oklahoma, Department of Philosophy (2010-2015)  
Witherspoon Institute First Principles Seminar, *Princeton University* (2011)  
Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society (2010-present)  
Phi Sigma Tau Philosophy Honor Society (2010-present)  
Baylor University Outstanding Senior in the Department of Philosophy (Spring 2010)  
Golden Key International Honor Society (2009-present)  
Theta Alpha Kappa Religion Honor Society (2008-present)

## Academic Service, Professional Development, and Public Engagement

Advisory Board Member, *Logia International* (Fall 2022-present)  
Series Editor, *Analyzing Theology* (Cascade Press, 2020-present)  
Member, SCP Media Team (Spring 2022-present)  
Chair, SCP-AAR Scholarly Association Committee (Fall 2022-present)  
Member, SCP-AAR Scholarly Association Committee (Spring 2021-Fall 2022)  
Executive Producer of the Logos Institute Podcast & Blog, *Logos Institute for Analytic and Exegetical Theology*, University of St Andrews (Spring 2017-Fall 2021)  
Participant, Fuller Seminary, *TheoPsych & AT Project* (Summer 2020)  
Administrative Worker, University of St Andrews, James Gregory Lectures (Fall 2016-spring 2018)  
Participant, University of St Andrews, LaTeX for Beginners (Spring 2017)  
Participant, University of St Andrews, Evidence-Informed Practice: Delivering Excellent Teaching and Learning (Spring 2017)  
Social Coordinator, University of St Andrews (Fall 2017-spring 2017)  
Lecturer, University of St Andrews, Academic Skills Project-Time Management (Fall 2016)  
President, University of Oklahoma, Grad Resources (2010-spring 2016)  
Participant, University of Oklahoma, Camp Completion Workshop (Fall 2015)  
Commentator, University of Oklahoma Graduate Philosophy Conference (Spring 2015)  
Participant, Becoming an Inclusive Teacher, *OU's Center for Teaching Excellence* (Spring 2014)  
Referee, University of Oklahoma Graduate Philosophy Conference (Spring 2011, 2013 & 2015)  
President, University of Oklahoma Graduate Philosophical Association (2012)

Treasurer, University of Oklahoma Graduate Philosophical Association (2011)  
Secretary, University of Oklahoma Graduate Philosophical Association (2010)  
Member, University of Oklahoma Graduate Philosophical Association (2010-2016)

## Memberships

American Philosophical Association  
American Academy of Religion  
Society of Christian Philosophers

## References

Linda Zagzebski, University of Oklahoma (*George Lynn Cross Research Professor Emerita*)  
Nicholas Wolterstorff, Yale University (*Noah Porter Professor Emeritus*)  
C. Stephen Evans, Baylor University (*University Professor of Philosophy and Humanities*)  
Christian Miller, Wake Forest University (*A. C. Reid Professor of Philosophy*)  
Jc Beall, University of Notre Dame (*O'Neill Family Professor of Philosophy*)  
Alan J. Torrance, University of St Andrews (*Professor of Systematic Theology Emeritus*)  
Thomas H. McCall, Asbury Theological Seminary (*Timothy C. & Julie M. Tennent Chair of Theology*)