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Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION

Princeton Theological Seminary, Princeton, New Jersey
PhD (Philosophy & Theology), 2010
Dissertation: "The Cyborg Christ: Theology, Christology and the Posthuman"

Abilene Christian University, Abilene, Texas
Master of Arts (Theology), 2002
Thesis: "Chaos Theory and the Problem of Evil"

Harding University, Searcy, Arkansas
Bachelor of Arts (English Literature), 1998

PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

Flagler College, 2017-2018
Visiting Lecturer
Courses: First Year Seminar, World Religions

Flagler College, 2016-2017
Adjunct instructor
Courses: First Year Seminar, Keystone Seminar, Introduction to Philosophy

St. Johns River State College, 2016-2017
Adjunct instructor
Courses: World Religions

The College of New Jersey, 2013-15
Adjunct Instructor
Course: Introduction to Philosophy

Princeton Theological Seminary, 2014
Adjunct Instructor
Course: Human Origins & Ends: Evolution, Technology, and Theological Anthropology

New Brunswick Theological Seminary, 2010, 2014
Adjunct Instructor
Courses: Systematic Theology, Credo

New Brunswick Theological Seminary, 2011-12
Assistant Professor of Theology

Abilene Christian University, 2004, 2005
Adjunct Instructor
Courses: Introduction to the Old Testament, Christianity and Culture

Harding University, 1999
Adjunct Instructor
Courses: English Composition I & II

ADDITIONAL TEACHING AND RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Princeton Theological Seminary, 2010-2012
Science for Ministry Institute Instructor
Courses: Questions in Theology and Science, The Human Person in a Technological Age

Princeton Theological Seminary, 2005-07
Teaching Fellow
Courses: Science Fiction, Eschatology and Social Criticism, Systematic Theology I and II, Theology and Film

Princeton Theological Seminary
Research Assistant to J. Wentzel van Huyssteen, 2004-5

Hunan University of International Economics, 2002-03
Foreign Expert

Abilene Christian University
Graduate Assistant to Frederick D. Aquino, 2000-2002

Abilene Christian University
Graduate Assistant to Douglas Foster, 2002

Hubei Teacher's College, 1998-99
Foreign Teacher

Teaching Competencies: philosophy; philosophy of religion; religion & science; philosophical theology; systematic and historical theology; biblical theology; constructive and interdisciplinary theology; Christian ethics/bioethics

Research Interests: theological anthropology; philosophy of science and epistemology; biotechnologies and bioethics; posthuman/transhumanism; feminist, queer, and postcolonial theologies.

PUBLICATIONS

Books

Cyborg Selves: A Theological Anthropology of the Posthuman. Ashgate Religion and Science Series. Farnham, Surrey: Ashgate Publishing, 2012.

Book Chapters

“Cyborg Christ: Transhumanism and the Sacred Body,” Herder, forthcoming.

“Cindi, Six and Her: Gender, Relationality and Friendly AI,” *Religion and Transhumanism: Moving into the Unknown Future*, edited by Tracy Trothen and Ron Cole-Turner, Praeger, 2014.

“Feminism, Religion and Science.” In *Routledge Companion to Religion and Science*, edited by James Haag, Michael Spezio and Gregory Peterson, New York: Routledge, 2011.

“Artificial Wombs and Cyborg Births: Postgenderism and Theology.” In *Transhumanism and Transcendence: Christian Hope in an Age of Technological Enhancement*, edited by Ron Cole-Turner, Georgetown University Press, 2011.

“Posthuman Selves: Bodies, Cognitive Processes, and Technologies.” In *In Search of Self: Interdisciplinary Perspectives on Personhood*, edited by J. Wentzel van Huyssteen and Erik Wiebe, Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2011.

“Bound in the Spiral Dance: spirituality and technology in the third wave.” Co-authored with Anna Mercedes. In *Feminist Spirituality: The Next Generation*, edited by Chris Klassen, Lexington Books, 2009.

Refereed Journal Articles

“Flesh and Eternal Flesh: Response to Meredith Minister,” *Koinonia* 20 (2009).

“Too Much Faith in Progress?: Alexander Campbell and the Transhumanists,” *Leaven*, 17.2 (2009): 89-92.

“How to Talk Theology & Science, Rationally.” *Stone-Campbell Journal* 12 (2009): 31-8.

“Creation and New Creation in 1 Corinthians 11.” *Leaven* 16.2 (2008).

“Chaos and the Problem of Evil.” *Stone-Campbell Journal* 6 (2003): 53-70.

Book Reviews

Ask the Beasts: Darwin and the God of Love, by Elizabeth A. Johnson. *Theology Today* 73.2 (2016): 181-182.

The Religion and Science Debate: Why Does It Continue? edited by Harold W. Attridge. *Restoration Quarterly* 53.3 (2011): 185-7.

A Science and Religion Primer, edited by Heidi A. Campbell and Heather Looy. *Stone-Campbell Journal* 13.2 (2010): 251.

How to Relate Science and Religion: A Multidimensional Model, by Mikael Stenmark. *Theology Today* 63 (2006): 135-6.

The Problem of Evil in the Western Tradition: From the Book of Job to Modern Genetics, by Joseph A. Kelly. *Stone-Campbell Journal* 7 (2004).

Other Publications

“Perfect Righteousness,” in *Finding Their Voices: Sermons by Women in Churches of Christ*, Abilene Christian University Press, 2014.

Theological commentary in *Abingdon Theological Companion to the Lectionary*, edited by Paul Scott Wilson, Nashville: Abingdon Press, 2013.

“Religion and Science.” In *The Transforming Word: A One Volume Bible Commentary*, edited by Mark Hamilton, et al. Abilene, TX: Abilene Christian University Press, 2009.

“Perfect Righteousness.” *Leaven*, 16.1 (2008): 41-44.

INVITED LECTURES

Keynote Speaker, Symposium on Posthumanism/Transhumanism, University of Toronto, July 5, 2017

Designobjekt Mensch?: Transhumanismus in Theologie, Philosophie und Naturwissenschaften, Munster Germany, April 4-7, 2017

Plenary speaker, Samford University Center for Science and Religion Transhumanism Conference, September 24-26, 2015.

Beck Lecturer, “Monkeys, Cyborgs, and the Imago Dei: Humanity in Faith & Science,” Southwestern College, September 24-25, 2013.

Divine Embodiment and Human Embodiment in Mechthild’s Account of Creation and Recreation,” Koinonia Forum, Princeton Theological Seminary, March 4, 2009.

GUEST CLASS LECTURES

“Transhumanism Q & A,” via Skype, Abilene Christian University, Feb 2013, Jan 2015.

“Darwin and Theology,” Princeton Theological Seminary, September 13 and 20, 2012.

“Theological Anthropology & the Posthuman,” Princeton Theological Seminary, Dec 1, 2009.

“Posthuman Embodiment & the Image of God,” Princeton Theological Seminary, Oct 22, 2009.

CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

Panels Organized

“God, Science, Sexuality & Gender: Interdisciplinary Engagement in Theology and the Sciences,” Christian Scholars Conference, June 5-6, 2014.

- “Posthuman Ethics: Making Decisions about our Common Future,” Christian Scholars Conference, June 7-9, 2013.
- “New Brunswick Theological Seminary’s Anti-Racism Initiative: Creating the ‘Beloved Community’ within Institutions of Theological Education,” Christian Scholars Conference, June 9, 2012.
- “Technology and Transcendence: Christian Responses to Transhumanism,” Christian Scholars Conference, June 8, 2012.
- “Theology, Science, and the Hermeneutics of Interdisciplinary Reason,” Christian Scholars Conference, June 16, 2011.

Papers Presented

- Respondent, “Constraint and Calling: How Women Have Been Constrained and Called by Science and Religion,” Christian Scholars Conference, June 2017.
- Respondent, Transhumanism and Religion Session, American Academy of Religion, November 21-25, 2014.
- “The Sacred, the Natural, and the Technological,” National Women’s Studies Association, November 7-10, 2013.
- Panelist, “The Fierce Urgency of Now: Strategies for Social Change within Churches of Christ,” June 8, 2013.
- Respondent to Charles T. Mathewes’ *Evil and the Augustinian Tradition*, June 9, 2013.
- “Not without the Others: Volf and Haraway on Gendered Humanity,” Christian Scholars Conference, June 8, 2012.
- “Feminism, Religion, Science & Technology: Cyborg Selves,” Christian Scholars Conference, June 8, 2012.
- “Cyborgs, Dogs and Jesus: the Worldly and Religious Figures of Donna Haraway,” American Academy of Religion, 2011.
- “Introducing Science for Ministry,” Christian Scholars Conference, June 18, 2011.
- “Prosthetic Beauty: Posthuman Bodies, Technology and Theology,” Christian Scholars Conference, June 3, 210.
- “A Review of Susan Campbell’s *Dating Jesus*,” Christian Scholars Conference, June 5, 2010.
- “Theology and Science Together Again?: A Prelude to CSC 2011,” Christian Scholars Conference, June 5, 2010.
- “The Glorified Body? Transhumanist Dualism and Theological Anthropology,” American Academy of Religion, 2010.
- “How to Talk Theology and Science...Rationally,” Christian Scholars Conference, 2007.
- “Particularity and the Evolution of Morality,” American Academy of Religion, 2004.
- “Chaos and the Problem of Evil,” Stone-Campbell Journal Conference, 2002.

AWARDS AND HONORS

- Dean’s Award for Excellence in Teaching, Flagler College, 2016-2017.
- Abraham J. Malherbe Graduate Fellowship Award, 2008-09
- Christian Scholarship Foundation Award, 2007-08

Judith Dudley Folk Templeton Memorial Scholarship, 2003-07
Outstanding Thesis Award, Abilene Christian University, 2002
Graduate School of Theology Scholarship, Abilene Christian University, 2000-2002
Outstanding English Major, Harding University, 1998
National Merit Scholarship, Harding University, 1994-98
Best Defensive Player, Northern Nash Senior High Soccer, 1994
Most Improved, Northern Nash Senior High Tennis, 1994

SERVICE TO PROFESSION

Expert reviewer, John Templeton Foundation, 2015
Blind peer reviewer, *Theology Today*, 2014
Peer reviewer, Christian Scholars Conference, 2013, 2015
Scholarship Selection Committee for Faith and Education Scholarship Fund, 2013
Christian Scholars Conference Faith & Science Planning Committee, 2011-14
Co-moderator, Koinonia Fellowship, Princeton Theological Seminary, 2004-06

CHURCH/PARACHURCH INVOLVEMENT

Administrator, Gender Justice and Churches of Christ (gal328.org), 2013-15
Board member, World Convention of Christian Churches/Churches of Christ/Disciples of Christ,
2011-2016
Leadership Team, Christ's Church for Brooklyn, 2006-10
Pulpit supply, Sunday School teacher and regular speaker

MEDIA APPEARANCES

“On Women in Ministry with Jen Thweatt-Bates,” On Pop Theology Episode 34,
<http://www.onpoptheology.com/2013/08/on-pop-theology-podcast-episode-34-on.html>,
2013.
Interview on Radio Chronicles, KPFA, <http://www.kpfa.org/radio-chronicles>, 2010.
“Getting it Right and Wrong all at the Same Time,” Half the Church,
<http://halfthechurch.wordpress.com/htc-podcast>, 2010.

RELATED PROFESSIONAL SKILLS

Online course design workshop, Princeton Theological Seminary Center for Continuing
Education, 2009; online teaching and course design experience.
Website maintenance and social media experience, 2005-2015.

LANGUAGES

Biblical Greek, reading proficiency; Classical Latin, reading proficiency; Italian, conversational;
German, reading proficiency; French, reading proficiency; Spanish, beginning independent study.

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

National Women's Studies Association, 2013 – present

American Academy of Religion, 2004 – present

Postcolonial Theology Network 2009 – present