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Personal: Wife (Sara) & Son (William)

Education

PhD, Faculty of Divinity, University of Cambridge, Cambridge, England (2005)
Dissertation: *Postliberalism, Pragmatism and Scripture: Responding to George Lindbeck*
Committee: David Ford, Janet Martin Soskice, Oliver Davies
Major Area: Systematic Theology

MA, Fuller Theological Seminary, Pasadena, CA, *summa cum laude* (2000)

Princeton Theological Seminary, Princeton, NJ (1995-96)

BA, Department of Theology, Seattle Pacific University, Seattle, WA (1995)

Employment

The Catholic University of America, Washington, DC
2008-Present, Assistant Professor of Systematic Theology

Loyola University Maryland, Baltimore, MD
2006-2008, Assistant Professor of Theology

University of Cambridge, Faculty of Divinity, Cambridge, UK
2004-2006, Research Associate and Postdoctoral Fellow in Theology

University of Cambridge, Clare Hall, Cambridge, UK
2002-2004, Spalding Research Fellow in Religion

United States Senate, Washington, DC
1997-1998, Aide to the Chaplain

Research

Area of Concentration: *Augustinianism and Contemporary Political Theology*

Theological research agenda: My scholarship as a systematic theologian has focused on the use of Augustine in contemporary theology, especially in three areas: *fundamental theology*, *theological anthropology*, and *political theology*. Augustine's doctrine of God, doctrine of grace, and his doctrine of the two cities are at the core of a project which attempts to rethink contemporary political theology in light of modern philosophical and theological debates about God's immutable nature, our analogical ways of knowing and naming of God, revelation, law, Chalcedonian Christology, the nature-grace relation, and the relation of the Catholic Church to the social and political goods befitting the dignity of human nature.

Foreign languages: Reading skills in Greek, Latin, French and German (*Dip.*, University of Heidelberg).

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Books (2)

- 2010 *Christianity and Politics: A Brief Guide to the History*, Cascade Companion series (Cascade Books, 2010), 196 pp
[Reviewed: Leithart, *Credenda* 2011; Hovey, *Pro Ecclesia* 2012; Katzenmiller, *Stone-Campbell Journal of Theology* 2012]
- 2005 *Transforming Postliberal Theology* (New York & London: T & T Clark, 2005). xiii +182 pp.
[Reviewed: Reno, *Modern Theology* 2008; Vidu, *Heythrop Journal* 2007; McFarland, *Religious Studies Review* 2007; Mosely, *Studies in World Christianity* 2007; Castelo, *Intl Journal of Systematic Theology* 2007]

Edited Books (2)

- 2013 *The T&T Clark Companion to Augustine and Modern Theology*, co-edited with Tarmo Toom (Continuum/T & T Clark, Forthcoming 2013)
- 2006 *Liturgy, Time and the Politics of Redemption*, co-edited with Randi Rashkover, *Radical Traditions* series edited by Stanley Hauerwas and Peter Ochs, (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2006). ix +254 pp
[Reviewed: Winner, Review Essay in *Books & Culture* 2009; Hughes, *Modern Theology* 2008; Rumsey, *Intl Journal of Systematic Theology* 2008; Braiterman, *Religious Studies Review* 2007]

Peer-Reviewed Articles (6)

- 2013 “‘Man is Social and Political by Nature’: Essential and Anti-Essentialist Relational Ontologies Revisited” *The Heythrop Journal* (Accepted, In Press, Forthcoming 2013)
- 2011 “Beyond our Intentions: An Augustinian Reading of Hannah’s Child,” *Pro Ecclesia* (Summer 2011) with a response from Stanley Hauerwas in the new paperback edition of *Hannah’s Child*.
- 2010 “Migrations of the Host: Fugitive Democracy and the *Corpus Mysticum*” in *Political Theology* (Spring 2010)
- 2006 “Theo-Semiotics and Augustine’s Hermeneutical Jew, Or, What’s a Little Supersessionism Between Friends?” *Augustinian Studies* 37:1 (June 2006)
- 2006 “Democracy and the Politics of the Word: Stout and Hauerwas on Democracy and Scripture,” *Scottish Journal of Theology* 59:2 (June 2006) with a response from Jeffrey Stout in the same issue.
- 2004 “How Augustine Used the Trinity,” *Anglican Theological Review* 85:1 (Winter 2004)

Invited Book Chapters (6)

- 2013 “Theology and Public Reason,” in Jim Fodor and Mike Higton (Eds.) *The Routledge Companion to the Practice of Christian Theology* (Routledge, Forthcoming 2013)

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- 2013 “Augustine and Henri de Lubac” (with Jacob Wood) in C.C. Pecknold and Tarmo Toom (Eds.) *The T & T Clark Companion to Augustine and Modern Theology* (T&T Clark, Forthcoming 2013)
- 2013 “Persons in Communion: A Catholic Hermeneutic,” in Craig Hovey and Cyrus Olsen (Eds.) *The Hermeneutics of Tradition* (CUA Press, Forthcoming 2013)
- 2012 “Fideism,” in Karla Pollmann and Mark Vesey (Eds.) *After Augustine: The Oxford Guide to the Historical Reception of Augustine* (Oxford University Press, Forthcoming 2012)
- 2012 “Ecclesial Theology in the University,” in *Vocation in Theology Today* (Eds.) Tom Greggs, Rachel Muers, Simeon Zahl (Cascade Books, In press, 2012)
- 2007 “Augustine’s Hermeneutical Jew” in *Augustine and World Religions*, (Ed.) Kim Paffenroth (Augustine in Conversation Series, Lexington Books, 2007) [expanded revised version of 2006 *Augustinian Studies* article]

Articles in Progress (6)

“On Augustine’s *Saeculum*” journal article

“Religious Liberty and The End of Martyrdom: Theological Reconsiderations” journal article

“Herbert McCabe’s Political Theology and the Divine Impassibility Debate”

“Political Ethics,” in *The Oxford Encyclopaedia of the Bible and Ethics* (Oxford University Press, Forthcoming 2014)

“Catholic teaching on politics and the state,” in *The Oxford Handbook of Catholic Theology* (Oxford University Press), Eds. Lewis Ayres and Medi Ann Volpe (Forthcoming 2014)

“Confirmation: A Sacrament Neglected at the Heart of Nature-Grace Disputes,” in *The Oxford Handbook of Sacramental Theology* (Oxford University Press), Eds. Hans Boersma and Matthew Levering (Forthcoming 2015)

Other Publications (5)

- 2008 “Augustine’s Life” in Mike Higton, *Christian Doctrine* (SCM, 2008) [800 words]
- 2006c “Liturgy, Time and the Politics of Redemption: Concluding Unscientific Postscript,” in *Liturgy, Time and the Politics of Redemption*, (Eds.) C.C. Pecknold and Randi Rashkover (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, Spring 2006) [5,000 words]
- 2006d “Editorial Preface” to David Ford and C.C. Pecknold (Eds.) *The Promise of Scriptural Reasoning* (Blackwell, 2006) [1,500 words]
- 2003a “The Readable City and the Rhetoric of Excess: A Reading of the Song of Songs,” *Crosscurrents* 52:4 (Winter 2003) [4,000 words]
- 2003b “*Radical Traditions* and the Return to Scripture in Religion and Theology,” in *Reviews in Religion and Theology* 10:3 (September 2003) [4,000 words]

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Book Reviews (14)

1. Miles Hollingsworth, *Pilgrim City: St. Augustine of Hippo and His Innovation in Political Thought* (T&T Clark, 2010) for *Modern Theology* (April 2012)
2. Robert Dodaro, *Christ and the Just Society in the Thought of Augustine* (Cambridge 2005) in *Modern Theology* (December 2007)
3. *God, Truth, and Witness: Engaging Stanley Hauerwas*, Edited by L. Gregory Jones, Reinhard Huetter and Rosalee Velloso Ewell (Grand Rapids: Brazos Press, 2005) in *Studies in Christian Ethics* (December 2007)
4. *The Blackwell Companion to Christian Ethics*, Edited by Stanley Hauerwas and Samuel Wells (Blackwell 2004) in *The Journal of Theological Studies* (Winter 2006).
5. Jeffrey Stout, *Democracy and Tradition* (Princeton 2004) in *Studies in Christian Ethics* (April 2005)
6. Sarah Borden, *Edith Stein* (Continuum 2003) in *The Journal of Theological Studies* (Spring 2006)
7. Graham Hughes, *Worship as Meaning: A Liturgical Theology for Late Modernity* (Cambridge 2003) in *Theology* (Spring 2004)
8. Fergus Kerr, *After Aquinas: Versions of Thomism* (Blackwell 2002) in *Reviews in Religion and Theology*, Vol. 10, Issue 2 (June 2003).
9. Amy Plantinga Pauw, *The Supreme Harmony of All: The Trinitarian Theology of Jonathan Edwards* (Eerdmans 2002) in *Reviews in Religion and Theology*, Vol. 10, Issue 2 (June 2003).
10. James K.A. Smith, *Speech and Theology: Language and the Logic of the Incarnation* (Routledge 2002) and Timothy Ward, *Word and Supplement: Speech Acts, Biblical Texts and the Sufficiency of Scripture* (OUP 2002) a joint review in *Reviews in Religion and Theology* (June 2003).
11. Oliver Davies, *A Theology of Compassion: Metaphysics of Difference and the Renewal of Tradition* (London: SCM, 2002) in *The Journal of Theological Studies*, 54/1 (April 2003)
12. *The Practice of Theology: A Reader*, Colin Gunton, Stephen Holmes, and Murray Rae (eds), in *Reviews in Religion and Theology*, Vol. 9, Issue 3 (June 2002).
13. Colin Gunton, *The Christian Faith: An Introduction to Christian Doctrine* in *Reviews in Religion and Theology*, Vol. 9, Issue 2 (April 2002).
14. *Future Pasts: The Analytic Tradition in Twentieth-Century Philosophy*, Juliet Floyd & Sanford Shieh (eds), in *Reviews in Religion and Theology*, Vol. 9, Issue 2 (April 2002).

Presentations (34)

1. "Religious Liberty and The End of Martyrdom," *The Seeds of the Church: Telling the Story of Today's Christian Martyrs*, Institute for Church Life, University of Notre Dame, South Bend, IN. November 3-6, 2012.

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2. "On Augustine's *Saeculum*," invited paper for *After Constantine: Religion, Politics, Culture, & Counterculture* (Annual Patristic, Medieval, Renaissance Conference), Villanova University, Villanova, PA. October 26-28, 2012.
3. "Pope Benedict's Hermeneutic of Continuity: Very Theological Reflections on Theological Method," *Reform and Renewal: Vatican II After 50 Years*, Symposium at The Catholic University of America, Washington DC, September 26-29, 2012.
4. Moderator and Panelist, Symposium on Vatican II and the Hermeneutic of Continuity, John Paul II Institute for Marriage and Family Life, CUA, January 12-14, 2012.
5. "Catholic Social Thought and Culture: Patristic, Medieval and Modern Reflections," *Centesimus Annus Pro Pontifice* Certificate Program in Catholic Social Teaching, Washington Retreat House, September 27, 2011.
6. "Person, Communion, Gift: Catholic Social Teaching as Trinitarian Theology," The Summer Institute for Catholic Social Thought," The Catholic University of America, June 6, 2011.
7. "The Contemporary Significance of Augustine's *City of God*," Center for World Catholicism and Intercultural Theology, DePaul University, April 12-13, 2011.
8. "On Augustine's Use of the *Saeculum*," for the "Faith in a Secular Age" Project, December 8, 2010 at CUA.
9. Moderator and Panelist, Symposium on *Caritas in Veritate*, John Paul II Institute for Marriage and Family Life, CUA, December 3-4, 2010.
10. "The Platonic and Catholic Imagination of C.S. Lewis: A Reading of *The Great Divorce*," invited lecture for the University Honors Program's "C.S. Lewis Month," The Catholic University of America, March 25, 2010.
11. "Reading Pope Benedict XVI's *Caritas in Veritate* with Saint Augustine," Catholic Studies Lecture at Loyola University Maryland, Baltimore, MD, December 3, 2009.
12. "Pope Benedict XVI's Use of Augustine on Natural Law," presentation to *Caritas in Veritate* Inter-Disciplinary Faculty Group at The Catholic University of America, November 18, 2009.
13. "Let me also ask you a question: Jesus and the Socratic Method," for the Program on Teaching and Learning, School of Theology and Religious Studies, The Catholic University of America, October 2009
14. "Mentoring Graduate Students," Mid-Atlantic Regional Conference of the American Academy of Religion, Baltimore, MD, Spring 2009
15. "Catholic Identity and the Politics of Election," *Catholic Studies Seminar*, Loyola College in Maryland, Baltimore, MD, October 2008
16. "Catholicity and the Exclusionary Origins of Nationalism: Reflecting on Anthony Marx's *Faith in Nation* in light of Henri de Lubac's *Corpus Mysticum*" at the *Calvin Seminars in Christian Scholarship*, 'Liturgical Identities: National, Global, Ecclesial,' Directed by Michael Budde and D. Stephen Long. Calvin College, Grand Rapids, MI, June 25-July 20, 2007.

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17. "The New Debate on Religion and Democracy in America," Senior Seminar in the Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences, Clare Hall, Cambridge, April 11, 2006.
18. "Flannery O'Connor on the Politics of a Eucharistic Vision in the Agrarian South: A Response to Ralph Wood," Christmas Conference for *A Foundation for Theological Education*, Houston, TX, December 8-10, 2006.
19. "Making Deep Reasonings Public: Some Theo-political Responses to Jeffrey Stout" at the University of Durham, Department of Theology and Religion, March 8, 2006.
20. "Augustine and Judaism" seminar for a joint meeting of the Institute for Orthodox Studies and the Centre for Jewish-Christian Relations, Cambridge, England, November 30, 2005.
21. "Augustine's Hermeneutical Jew," Patristic Senior Seminar, Cambridge, November 28, 2005.
22. "Augustine's Readable City: Beyond the Politics of Empire," AAR panel on 'Scripture, Democracy and Traditions,' Philadelphia, PA, USA, November 21, 2005.
23. "For the Healing of the Nations," Lay Homily in Peterhouse Chapel, Cambridge, May 1, 2005.
24. "Theo-Semiotics and Augustine's Hermeneutical Jew, Or, What's a Little Supersessionism Between Friends?" Joint meeting of The Study of Judaism and the Augustine and Augustinian Consultation, the American Academy of Religion, November 22, 2004, San Antonio, TX.
25. "The Augustinian Roots of Scriptural Pragmatism," *Senior Systematic Seminar*, Faculty of Divinity, University of Cambridge, November 10, 2004.
26. "An Augustinian Reading of the Song of Songs from Lent to Easter," *St. Benet's Church*, Cambridge, March-April 2003.
27. "Scripture, Metaphysics and Augustinian Semiotics," Short Paper given for the *Systematic Theology Consultation*, Oxford University, February 5, 2003.
28. "Is God Useful? An Augustinian Critique of Pragmatism," Invited lecture to the *St. John's Theological Society*, St. John's College, Cambridge University, November 12, 2002.
29. "Trends in Postliberal Theology: Reading George Lindbeck after Peter Ochs," Short Paper given at the annual conference of the *Society for the Study of Theology*, David Fergusson convening, Lancaster University, April 7, 2002.
30. "Placing Theology Today: An Overview of Postliberal Theology in American and British Universities." Invited lecture, *The Cambridge Humanist Society*, March 13, 2002.
31. "Augustine and the Earliest 'Uses' of the Trinity," Invited paper for the annual conference of the *Society for the Study of Theology*, Trinity and Christology Seminar, Colin Gunton convening, Nottingham University, April 3, 2001.
32. "Doctrinal Development and the Cappadocian Settlement," Paper given to the Faculty of Divinity MPhil Seminar, 'The Christian God,' Cambridge University, Lent Term 2001.
33. "The State of Trinitarian Theology Today," Paper given to David Ford's home seminar, Cambridge, December 1, 2000.

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34. "The Thomist Trinity in Historical Context," Paper given to Faculty of Divinity Graduate Seminar, Cambridge University, November 5, 2000.
35. "The Politics of Jesus," Invited Respondent to Yale Professor Stephen Carter, *Payton Lectures*, Fuller Seminary, May 2000.

Teaching

The Catholic University of America (2008- Present)

Christianity and Culture
Introduction to the Study of Theology
Christian Anthropology: Nature and Grace
Theological Foundations: Faith and Reason
Divine Impassibility and Human Suffering
Political Theology
Modern Augustinianism

PhD/STD Supervision:

Patrick Fletcher, "Resurrection and Platonic Dualism" (PhD defended Dec 2010)
Fr. Terence Ehrman, "The Metaphysics of Resurrection" (PhD defended Dec 2011)
Fr. Peter Kucer, "Truth and Politics: Ratzinger and Milbank" (STD defended Dec 2011)
Robert Saley, "Language and Truth in the Theology of Herbert McCabe, OP"
Jacob Wood, "The Natural Desire for God"

PhD/STD Reading:

Robert Koerpel (Maurice Blondel); David Delio (John Henry Newman); Andrew Starron (The Trinity and Jean-Luc Marion); Joseph McInerney (Augustine and humility); Kevin Offner (Good works in Augustine's Sermons);

PhD External Examiner:

William Hamant, "*Iusta Autonomia* and the Relational Ontology of Joseph Ratzinger," John Paul II Institute (October 2011)

STL/MA Supervision:

John Henry Newman and G.K. Chesterton (STL, defended 2010)
Flannery O'Connor and the Nature-Grace Debate (MA, thesis expected 2012)

Loyola University Maryland (2006-2008)

Introduction to Theology
The Church in the Modern World
Theology and Politics

University of Cambridge (2001 – 2006)

The Shaping of Modern Theology (Critics of Christianity)
The Study of Theology I (Augustine, Aquinas, Schleiermacher and Barth)
Jesus Christ Since 1918 (Christology since Barth's *Der Romerbrief*)
The Christian Doctrine of the Trinity

M.Phil. Advisor:

"Augustine and Politics: Augustine's concept of justice and coercion in his political writings"
"Augustine and Judaism: The Witness Doctrine and Its Impact on Jewish-Christian Relations"

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Service

Series Editor

Co-Editor, with D. Stephen Long and Thomas Heilke, *Theopolitical Visions* series (Cascade Books)

Journal Editing

1. Associate Editor, *Nova et Vetera* (2012-Present)
2. Reviews Editor, *Pro Ecclesia: A Journal of Catholic and Evangelical Theology* (2008-Present)
3. Guest Co-Editor, with David Ford, Special Issue on “The Promise of Scriptural Reasoning,” *Modern Theology* (July 2006). xi +216 pp [reprinted as *The Promise of Scriptural Reasoning* (Wiley-Blackwell, 2007)]

Journal Peer- Review

Modern Theology (2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012)
Pro Ecclesia (2008, 2009, 2010, 2011)
Nova et Vetera (2012)
Political Theology (2010)
Journal of the American Academy of Religion (2009)

Book Manuscript Peer- Review

Cambridge University Press (2006, 2007)
Cascade Books (2010, 2011, 2012)
T&T Clark/Continuum (2007, 2009)
Baylor University Press (2011)
Routledge (2010)
Wiley-Blackwell (2010)

School Committee Service

Undergraduate Committee (2008-09)
First Year Experience Committee (2008-09)
Historical & Systematic Search Committee, Ecclesiology (2009-10)
Religion & Culture Search Committee, Interreligious Dialogue (2010-11)
Moral Theology/Ethics Search Committee, Moral Theology (2011-12)
D.Min. Dissertation Proposal Committee (2012-2013)
Undergraduate Curriculum Committee (2011-12, 2012-2013)

Awards

Collegium Summer Institute, CUA Faculty Fellow, Summer 2009
Loyola College Summer Research Grant (\$3,000) Summer 2007
Calvin Seminars in Christian Scholarship (\$2,400) Summer 2007
The Spalding Research Fellowship in Religion (\$40,000 annually) Cambridge 2003-2004
The Norrisian Prize for Systematic Theology (\$4,000) Faculty of Divinity, Cambridge 2003
The Cambridge-Heidelberg Cultural Exchange Scholarship (\$5,000) Cambridge 2003

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Associations

Member, *American Academy of Religion*, 2001-Present
Member, *British Society for the Study of Theology*, 2001-Present
Member, *The Catholic Theological Society of America*, 2008-Present
Elected Member, *The Academy of Catholic Theology*, 2011-Present

Church

Membership Roman Catholic

Missio Canonica granted by Donald William Cardinal Wuerl, Archbishop of Washington, 2008

Parishioner, St. Mary's Catholic Church, Alexandria, VA 2008-Present

*****References Upon Request*****