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## EDUCATION

Ph.D. Harvard University, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, Religion, 2008

A.M. Harvard University, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, Religion, 2005

M.A.R. Yale Divinity School, *magna cum laude*, 2003

B.A. (Hon.) McMaster University, Religious Studies, *summa cum laude*, 2001

## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Stonehill College, Department of Religious Studies and Theology

Associate Professor, July 1, 2022–present

University of Victoria, Centre for Studies in Religion and Society

Visiting Research Fellow, January 1–August 31, 2022

Thorneloe University, Department of Religious Studies

Associate Professor (tenured), 2018–2021, Assistant Professor, 2015–2018

Laurentian University, Humanities M.A. Program/Centre for Humanities

Director, 2020–2021/2018–2021

Villanova University, Augustine and Culture Seminar Program

Arthur J. Ennis Postdoctoral Fellow, 2012–2015

University of Missouri, Department of Religious Studies

Visiting Assistant Professor, 2010–2012

Concordia University, Department of Theological Studies

Visiting Assistant Professor, 2009–2010

Harvard University, Center for American Political Studies

Postdoctoral Fellow, 2008–2009

## AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Theology, Philosophy of Religion, Early Christianity, Religion & Literature, Spirituality

## PUBLICATIONS

### Monographs

[\*The Beauty of Souls: Aesthetic Encounters with Marilynne Robinson\*](#) (Fortress, 2025)

[\*Pathways in Theodicy: An Introduction to the Problem of Evil\*](#) (Fortress Press, 2015)

Reviewed in: *Studies in Religion/Sciences Religieuses* 45.4 (2016): 631-633; *Reading Religion* (2017); *Theology Today* 74.4 (2018): 416-417.

[\*Journey Back to God: Origen on the Problem of Evil\*](#) (Oxford University Press, 2012)

American Academy of Religion, Academy Series [paperback 2015]

Reviewed in: *Religious Studies Review* 39.2 (2013): 88–89; *Theological Studies* 74.2 (2013): 503-505; *Journal of Theological Studies* 64.2 (2013): 712-715; *Phronesis* 59.4 (2014): 393; *Heythrop Journal* 56.1 (2015): 145; *Studies in Religion/Sciences Religieuses* 45.3 (2016): 448-449; *Journal of Early Christian Studies* 24.3 (2016): 447-448; *Reading Religion* (2017); *Journal of Religious History* 42.3 (2018): 455-456.

### Articles and Essays

- 2025 “The Music of Souls: Musings on Ministry in Robinson’s Gilead Novels,” *Lutheran Forum* 58.1 (2025): 55-60
- 2025 “Origen’s Theological Pedagogy: Education as Soul Formation,” *Religious Studies and Theology* 43:1 (2025): [15-25](#)
- 2024 “[What Dreams May Come: Imagining Heaven with Augustine](#),” *The Augustine Blog* (June 10, 2024)
- 2023 “‘Where Were You?’: The Problem of Evil in Terrence Malick’s *The Tree of Life*,” in *Protestants on Screen: Religion, Politics, and Aesthetics in European and American Movies*, eds. Gastón Espinosa, Erik Redling, and Jason Stevens (New York: Oxford University Press, 2023), [192-202](#)
- 2023 “Irenaeus and Origen,” in *T&T Clark Handbook on Suffering and the Problem of Evil*, eds. M. Grebe and J. Grössl (London: T&T Clark, 2023), [113-117](#)
- 2023 “[Spiritual Circles: Concentric Conversion Narratives in Confessions Book 8](#),” *The Augustine Blog* (June 22, 2023)
- 2022 “Explorations of Emptiness: Spiritual Famine and Fullness in Augustine’s *Confessions* and Ernest Hemingway’s *A Moveable Feast*,” in *Augustine and Contemporary Social Issues*, ed. Paul Allen (Routledge, 2022), [48-63](#)
- 2022 “Cosmic Theodicy: Origen’s Treatment of the Problem of Evil,” in *The Oxford Handbook of Origen*, eds. Ronald E. Heine and Karen Jo Torjesen (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2022), [393-409](#)

- 2021 “The Ten C. S. Lewises: A Lewisian Hermeneutics,”  
*The Lamp-Post: A Literary Review of Lewis Studies* 39.1 (2021): [5-25](#)
- 2021 “Faith and Doubt in Gilead: Beyond Spiritual Dichotomies,”  
*Christianity & Literature* 70.2 (2021): [142-152](#)
- 2020 “Befriending Job: Theodicy Amid the Ashes,”  
*Open Theology* 6.1 (2020): [319-326](#)
- 2019 “Souls in the Dark: Theodicy and Domesticity in *Home*,” in *Theodicy*, ed. Jill Graper Hernandez (MDPI, 2019): [26-31](#) (reprint of 2017 essay)
- 2017 “Wrestling with Existence: Pondering Suffering and Grace in *Lila*,”  
*Toronto Journal of Theology* 33.2 (2017): [207-217](#)
- 2017 “Souls in the Dark: Theodicy and Domesticity in *Home*,”  
*Religions* 8.273 (2017): [1-6](#)
- 2017 “[Origen: Decoding Genesis](#),” in *Sapientia: A Periodical of the Henry Center*
- 2016 “Beauty from Ashes: Aesthetic Transformations of Suffering in *Gilead*,”  
*CRUX* 52.3-4 (2016): [11-18](#)  
Shortlisted for *The Word Guild Writing Award*, Best Long Feature Article
- 2016 “Light in the Darkness: The Problem of Evil in *The Thin Red Line*,” in  
*Theology and the Films of Terrence Malick*, eds. Christopher B. Barnett and Clark J. Elliston (Routledge, 2016), [173-186](#)
- 2015 “In the Face of Mystery: Soteriological Symbolism in *Gilead* and *Home*,” in  
*This Life, This World: New Essays on Marilynne Robinson’s Housekeeping, Gilead, and Home*, ed. Jason W. Stevens (Brill, 2015), [148-170](#)
- 2015 “Augustine and Autobiography: *Confessions* as a Roadmap for Self-Reflection,”  
*Religions* 6.1 (2015): [139-145](#)
- 2014 “C. S. Lewis and John Hick: An Interface on Theodicy,”  
*Journal of Inklings Studies* 4.1 (2014): [19-31](#)
- 2014 “Reading Together: The Art of Classroom Encounters with Primary Texts,”  
*Teaching Theology and Religion* 17.1 (2014): [80](#)
- 2012 “A Far Green Country: Glimpses of Eternity in *The Lord of the Rings*,”  
*Imaginatio et Ratio: A Journal of Theology and the Arts* 1.2 (2012): [15-22](#)
- 2011 “Theodicy at the Margins: New Trajectories for the Problem of Evil,”  
*Theology Today* 68.2 (2011): [149-152](#)

- 2011 “Religious Studies and Popular Fiction: What Does Dan Brown Have to do with the Ivory Tower?” co-authored *Journal of Religion and Popular Culture* 23.3 (2011): [372-381](#)
- 2010 “Guarding the Mysteries of Salvation: The Pastoral Pedagogy of Origen’s Universalism,” *Journal of Early Christian Studies* 18.3 (2010): [347-368](#)
- 2010 “Suffering and Soul-Making: Rethinking John Hick’s Theodicy,” *Journal of Religion* 90.3 (2010): [313-334](#)
- 2010 “Companion Theodicy,” *Harvard Divinity Bulletin* 38.3 (2010): [17-18](#)
- 2009 “Journeys in Grief: Theorizing Mourning Rituals,” *ARC, The Journal of the Faculty of Religious Studies, McGill University* 37 (2009): [79-89](#)
- 2006 “Shades of Grace: Origen and Gregory of Nyssa’s Soteriological Exegesis of Song of Songs 1:5,” *Harvard Theological Review* 99:1 (2006): [65-83](#)
- 2006 “God as Person: Karl Barth and Karl Rahner on Divine and Human Personhood,” *Religious Studies and Theology* 25:2 (2006): [161-190](#)

### **Book Reviews**

- 2026 Stephen Lazarus, ed., [Encountering Henri: The Living Legacy of Henri Nouwen](#) *Catholic Books Review* (2026)
- 2025 Micah M. Miller, [Origen of Alexandria and the Theology of the Holy Spirit](#) AAR, *Reading Religion* (December 2025)
- 2025 May Young, [Walking with God through the Valley](#) *Catholic Books Review* (2025)
- 2025 Jack Symes, [Defeating the Evil-God Challenge](#) *The Heythrop Journal* 66.3 (2025): 323-325
- 2024 Pui Him Ip, [Origen and the Emergence of Divine Simplicity Before Nicaea](#) AAR, *Reading Religion* (June 2024)
- 2023 Harry Lee Poe, [The Completion of C. S. Lewis: From War to Joy \(1945-1963\)](#) *Journal of Inklings Studies* 13.2 (2023): 299-301
- 2023 Laura E. Tanner, [The Elusive Everyday in the Fiction of Marilynne Robinson](#) *Christianity & Literature* 72.3 (2023): 499-501

- 2023 Robert J. Wicks, [\*Let's Look Together: Henri Nouwen as Spiritual Mentor\*](#)  
*Catholic Books Review* (2023)
- 2022 Andrew Cuning, [\*Marilynne Robinson, Theologian of the Ordinary\*](#)  
*Religious Studies and Theology* 41.1 (2022): 127-129
- 2021 Jerry Root, [\*Splendour in the Dark: C. S. Lewis's Dymor in His Life and Work\*](#)  
*Journal of Inklings Studies* 11.2 (2021): 265-267
- 2020 David Satran, [\*In the Image of Origen: Eros, Virtue, and Constraint in the Early Christian Academy\*](#), AAR, *Reading Religion* (April 2020)
- 2019 Stephen Bagby, [\*Sin in Origen's Commentary on Romans\*](#)  
*Journal of Early Christian Studies* 27.3 (2019): 504-506
- 2018 Wolfram Kinzig, ed., [\*Faith in Formulae: A Collection of Early Christian Creeds\*](#)  
AAR, *Reading Religion* (September 2018)
- 2018 Stausberg and Engler, eds., [\*The Oxford Handbook on the Study of Religion\*](#)  
*Religious Studies Review* 44.2 (2018): 209
- 2017 Paul A. Macdonald, Jr., [\*Christian Theology and the Secular University\*](#)  
AAR, *Reading Religion* (December 2017)
- 2017 William Greenway, [\*The Challenge of Evil: Grace and the Problem of Suffering\*](#)  
*Theology Today* 74.3 (2017): 301-303
- 2017 Róbert Somos, [\*Logic and Argumentation in Origen\*](#)  
*Review of Biblical Literature* (June 2017)
- 2017 Charlene Burns, [\*Christian Understandings of Evil: The Historical Trajectory\*](#)  
AAR, *Reading Religion* (May 2017)
- 2016 B. McCraw and R. Arp, eds., [\*The Problem of Evil: New Philosophical Directions\*](#)  
AAR, *Reading Religion* (September 2016)
- 2016 George M. Marsden, [\*C. S. Lewis's Mere Christianity: A Biography\*](#)  
AAR, *Reading Religion* (August 2016)
- 2013 Paolo de Petris, *Calvin's Theodicy and the Hiddenness of God*  
*Theological Book Review* 25.1 (2013): 46
- 2012 Paula Fredricksen, *Sin: The Early History of an Idea*  
*Theological Book Review* 24.2 (2012): 53

- 2007 Margaret M. Mitchell and Frances M. Young, eds., [\*The Cambridge History of Christianity: Origins to Constantine\*](#)  
*Studies in Religion/Sciences Religieuses* 36.3-4 (2007): 623-624
- 2006 J. Christopher King, [\*Origen on the Song of Songs as the Spirit of Scripture\*](#)  
*Theology and Sexuality* 13.1 (2006): 103-104
- 2006 P. Antes, A. Geertz, & R. Warne, eds., [\*New Approaches to the Study of Religion. Volume 2: Textual, Comparative, Sociological, and Cognitive Approaches\*](#)  
*Studies Religion/Sciences Religieuses* 35.1 (2006): 143-144
- 2005 Craig Blomberg, [\*Making Sense of the New Testament: Three Crucial Questions\*](#)  
*SBL Book Review* (2005)
- 2004 A. Hastings, A. Mason, & Hugh Pyper, eds., [\*Christian Thought: A Brief History\*](#)  
*Studies in Religion /Sciences Religieuses* 33.3-4 (2004): 505

### **Blog Entries**

- 2015 [Unmasking Origen](#), *OUP Blog*
- 2014 [Theodicy in Dialogue](#), *OUP Blog*
- 2010 [Haiti and the Problem of Evil](#), *First Things*

### **Augustine App Project**

2013-2015: As a postdoctoral fellow at Villanova, I participated in the conceptualization and development of an app for Augustine's *Confessions*, for which I wrote two expert commentaries, 11 teaching tips, and read Book V for the audio component of the app. <https://villanova.teamdynamix.com/TDClient/2759/UNIT/KB/ArticleDet?ID=154382>

### **Assistant Editor**

2007: Editorial Assistant for a "Special Issue" of *Harvard Theological Review* 100:2, entitled "The God of Nicaea: Disputed Questions in Patristic Trinitarianism," Guest Editor, Sarah Coakley, Edward Mallinckrodt, Jr., Professor of Divinity, HDS

### **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

**Stonehill College**, Associate Professor of Religious Studies & Theology (2022–present)

RST 134: Theology of Love (x13)  
RST 334: The Mystery of Evil (x16)

**Thorneloe University**, Associate (2018–2021), Assistant (2015–2018) Professor of Religious Studies (tenured), Department Chair (2016–2020)

RLST 1116: Ideas of Love I (x6)  
RLST 1117: Ideas of Love II (x1)  
RLST 2136: Christian Thought and Culture I (x2)  
RLST 2137: Christian Thought and Culture II (x2)  
RLST 2166: The Problem of Evil (x6)  
RLST 3286: C. S. Lewis and the Religious Imagination (x3)  
RLST 3386: Faith and Atheism (x3)  
RLST 4005: Honours Thesis (x2)  
RLST 4345: Special Readings in Religion and Modern Culture (x4)

**Laurentian University**, Director of Humanities M.A. Program (2020–2021)

HUMA 5101: Practicum (Fall 2020), Supervisor  
HUMA 5267: Major Research Paper (Fall 2020), Supervisor  
HUMA 5457: Text and Belief (2017–2020, x3), Professor

**Villanova University**, Arthur J. Ennis Postdoctoral Fellow (2012–2015)

ACS 1000: Ancients (x11, Augustine and Culture Seminar Program)  
ACS 1001: Moderns (x9, Augustine and Culture Seminar Program)  
THL 1000: Introduction to Theology: Faith, Reason, and Culture (RS/Theology Dept.)  
THL 3200: Understanding Jesus (Religious Studies and Theology Department)  
THL 3250: The Problem of Evil (x3, Religious Studies and Theology Department)

**University of Missouri**, Visiting Assistant Professor (2010–2012)

RLST 2110: World Religions (x2)  
RLST 2400: Introduction to Judaism  
RLST 2510: Introduction to the New Testament  
RLST 2600: Early Christianity (x3)  
RLST 2610: Medieval Christianity  
RLST 2620: History of Christianity: 1500–Present  
RLST 2920: Images of Good and Evil (x5)  
RLST 3005: Augustine: Life and Thought

**Concordia University**, Assistant Professor, Limited-Term Appointment (2009–2010)

THEO 204: Introduction to Christian Ethics  
THEO 238: Theology in Film  
THEO 293: Philosophical Foundations of Theology  
THEO 298: God and Suffering  
THEO 320: History of Christianity: The First Millennium

**Harvard University**, Teaching Fellow/Teaching Assistant (2005–2009)

ENG 197: Religion in American Film (Prof. Jason Stevens)  
HDS 1260: The History of Ancient Christianity (Prof. Helmut Koester)  
HDS 2654: Trinitarianism and Anti-Trinitarianism (Prof. Sarah Coakley)  
HDS 4511: Histories, Theologies, & Practices of Christianity (Profs. Monius/Thiemann)  
HDS 4515: Theories and Methods in the Study of Religion (Prof. Abraham/Boulton)  
HDS 3160: Religious Dimensions in Human Experience (Prof. David Carrasco)  
REL 42: The Christian Bible and Its Interpretation (x2) (Prof. Peter Gomes)  
REL 43: The Making of Christianity (Prof. Benjamin Dunning)  
REL 99: Religious Studies Senior Thesis Advisor  
REL 1010: World Religions (x5) (Prof. Christopher Queen)  
REL 1513: The History of Harvard and Its Presidents (x2) (Prof. Peter Gomes)

### **MASTER THESIS ADVISING**

M.A. Thesis Advisor, External Reviewer, Laurentian University, Humanities M.A.  
Stacy Allarie-Sathaseevan, *Family Dynamics and COVID-19: Homeschooling in Northeastern Ontario Prior to and During a Global Pandemic*, May 03, 2024

M.A. Thesis Advisor, Laurentian University, Humanities M.A.  
K. Rachel Bulman, *Conscientious Objection to Effective Referral for Medical Assistance in Dying: An Analysis in Terms of Rawlsian Liberal Political Theory*, February 27, 2020

M.A. Thesis Advisor, Laurentian University, Humanities M.A.  
Nujood Kheshaifaty, *Portraits of Otherness: Arabs and Muslims in Homeland and Little Mosque on the Prairie*, March 07, 2019

M.A. Thesis Advisor, Laurentian University, Humanities M.A.  
Carla Vermeulen, *Alcoholics Anonymous: From Spiritual Void to Spiritual Awakening*  
June 19, 2017

M.A. Thesis Supervisor, Villanova University, Program of Liberal Studies  
Maura Comerford, *Finding the Wounded God in the Trenches: Jürgen Moltmann's Discovery of the Crucified God*, May 11, 2015

M.A. Thesis Examiner, Concordia University, Department of Theological Studies  
Melanie Perialis, *The Roots of Early Christian Imagery in the Roman Empire: Archeological and Artistic Evidence*, April 12, 2010

### **AWARDS AND HONORS**

2021 Professor Emeritus, Thorneloe University  
2017 The Word Guild Writing Award, Shortlist for Best Feature Article  
2012 Purple Chalk Teaching Award, University of Missouri  
2009 Certificate of Distinction in Teaching, Harvard University

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- 2007 Dissertation Completion Fellowship, Harvard Graduate Society
- 2007 Founders Prize, Canadian Society of Biblical Studies (CSBS)
- 2006 Certificate of Distinction in Teaching, Harvard University
- 2006 Doctoral Examinations Completed “with distinction”, Harvard University
- 2006 Social Sciences & Humanities Research Council of Canada, Doctoral Fellowship
- 2005 Social Sciences & Humanities Research Council of Canada, Doctoral Fellowship
- 2005 Certificate of Distinction in Teaching, Harvard University
- 2005 Graduate Essay Prize, Canadian Society of Patristic Studies (CSPS)
- 2003 Day Fellowship, Yale Divinity School
- 2003 Mary Cady Tew Prize, Yale Divinity School
- 2002 Z. Marshall Crane Scholarship, Yale Divinity School
- 2001 Marquand Fellowship, Yale Divinity School
- 2001 Clark, Hooker, and Wilkinson Scholarships, McMaster University
- 2001 Harry Lyman Hooker Senior Fellowship (declined), McMaster University
- 2001 Ontario Graduate Scholarship (declined)
- 2001 R.C. McIvor Medal, McMaster University
- 2001 Religious Studies Honours Essay Prize and Rel. St. Prize, McMaster University
- 2000 Dorot Travel Grant, York University
- 2000 The M. and C. Wilkinson and Hugh Clark Scholarships, McMaster University
- 1999 The Gilmour Memorial Prize, McMaster University
- 1998 The Dr. Harry Lyman Hooker In-Course Scholarship, McMaster University

## **GRANTS**

- 2020 Research Grant: Laurentian University Research Fund (LURF), \$850 CND
- 2018 Conference Grant: The Priscilla and Stanford Reid Trust, \$3000 CND
- 2013 Research Grant: Veritas Faculty Research Grant, Villanova University, \$3200 US

## **PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS**

AAR: American Academy of Religion

## **SERVICE**

### **Stonehill College**

#### **2025**

Panel: “From Insights to Impact: Faculty Reflections on Summer Online Teaching”  
(Reflect, Reflect, Reflect: Positioning for Impact, August 20, 2025)

Committee: Arts & Science Analytics Committee

### **Thorneloe University/Laurentian University Service**

## 2015–2021

Director, Humanities Interdisciplinary M.A. (HUMA), Laurentian University  
Director, Centre for Humanities Research and Collaboration (CHRC), Laurentian  
Supervisor, Graduate Teaching Assistant, HUMA, Laurentian University  
SSHRC Assessor, Canadian Government  
OGS Adjudicator, Laurentian University  
Reviewer, Canadian Graduate Scholarship - Masters Competition, Laurentian University  
External Reviewer, Program review for Sacred Heart of Peterborough, Ontario's  
Postsecondary Education Quality Assessment Board (PEQAB)  
Chair, Department of Religious Studies, Thorneloe University  
Chair, Joint Department of Religious Studies, Laurentian University  
Chair, Religious Studies Search Committee, Thorneloe University  
Chair, Member, Grade Appeals Committee, Laurentian University  
Committee Member, Academic Personnel Committee, Thorneloe University  
Chair, HUMA Director Search Committee, Laurentian University  
Member, HUMA Executive Committee, Laurentian University  
Member, Presidential Search Committee, Thorneloe University  
Member, Chancellor Search Committee, Thorneloe University  
Member, Theatre Arts Search Committee, Thorneloe University  
Member, Theatre Arts Program Review, Thorneloe University  
Joint Health and Safety Committee, Thorneloe University  
Faculty Representative to the Board of Governors, Thorneloe University  
Strategic Planning Committee, Thorneloe University  
3MT Judge, Laurentian University

**Manuscript Reviewer** for: *Journal of the American Academy of Religion*, *Harvard Theological Review*, *Journal of Early Christian Studies*, *Religion and Literature*, *Religious Studies*, *Journal of Religion and Popular Culture*, *International Journal for the Psychology of Religion*, *Imaginatio et Ratio: A Journal of Theology and the Arts*, *Phronema*, *Humanities*, *Toronto Journal of Theology*, *Religions*, *Open Theology*

## Other Service

Editorial Board for *Religious Studies and Theology* journal (2020–2023)  
Editorial Board for *Reading Religion*, AAR book review (2018–2022)  
Editorial Board for *Humanities* journal (2020–2022)  
AAR Steering Committee for Theology and Religious Reflection (2009–2014)  
PMR Steering Committee (PMR=Patristics, Medieval, and Renaissance Conference)  
Villanova Center for Faith and Learning, Faculty Mentor (2013–2015)

## KEYNOTE ADDRESSES

“C. S. Lewis and the Gift of Failure”/“The Oxford Inklings for a New Generation,”  
Keynote Speaker: Campus Inklings and OCRCC, September 23-24, 2019

University of Ottawa

“Origen,” Keynote Speaker (four-day seminar, May 16-19, 2016)  
The Fr Robert Crouse Seminar: An Annual Study Seminar for Clergy  
May 2016, St Thomas’s Anglican Church, Huron Street  
Toronto, Ontario

“On the Threshold of Transformation,”  
Keynote Speech to OUS Freshmen Orientation  
August 2013, College of Liberal Arts & Sciences  
Villanova University

“Theodicy and Natural Disasters,”  
Keynote Address  
*The Florida Center for Science and Religion*  
Florida Southern College, April 06, 2010

## LECTURES AND CONFERENCES

2025

“[Spiritual Wisdom in the Novels of Marilynne Robinson](#),”  
Scholar Series, MacPháidín Library, April 24, 2025  
Stonehill College

2023

“*Philia* in the Oxford Inklings: Shared Vision and Destructive Idealism”  
Centre for Studies in Religion and Society, Coffee Talk Series, May 26, 2023  
University of Victoria (virtual)

“Lewis, Tolkien, and the Meaning of Friendship”  
New Haven, CT, March 10, 2023  
Elm Institute

2022

“Origen’s Pedagogy: Education as Spiritual Transformation,” Conference paper  
[Colloquium Origenianum Tertium Decimum Origen & Philosophy—A Complex Relation](#)  
August 18, 2022, University of Münster, Germany (virtual)

“C. S. Lewis and J. R. R. Tolkien: Seasons of Friendship,” Invited lecture  
Southern California C. S. Lewis Society (virtual), May 18, 2022

“Disambiguating the Book of Job,” Invited lecture  
Centre for Studies in Religion and Society, Coffee Talk Series, January 31, 2022

University of Victoria (virtual)

2021

Conference (virtual):

[C. S. Lewis Conference - Of This and Other Worlds](#), participant  
November 18-20, 2021

Conference (virtual):

[Online Tolkien Conference](#), Urbana Theological Seminary, participant  
February 6, 2021

2020

Conference (virtual):

[Impact of Social Sciences and Humanities on Society](#), participant  
October 14-16, 2020

“Augustine as Guide to Questing Souls,” Invited Lecture  
Laurentian Christian Fellowship, October 02, 2020  
Laurentian University

2019

“Befriending Job: Theodicy Amid the Ashes,” Conference paper  
Compassion and Theodicy: Practice, Thought, & Tradition, July 20, 2019  
Oxford University

“Faith and Doubt in Gilead: Beyond Spiritual Dichotomies,” Conference paper  
The Problem with God: Christianity and Literature in Tension, March 30, 2019  
Harvard Divinity School

2018

“The Principle of Cooperation in a Polarized Age—A Response to Sarah Coakley’s ‘Is there a Future for Natural Theology? Evolution, Cooperation and the Question of God,’”  
Interface: A Lecture Series in Science and Theology, October 04, 2018  
Regent College, Vancouver, BC

Moderator and organizer of public lecture by Sarah Coakley entitled: “On Desire and Sin: Reconsidering the Mystery of Genesis 3 and its Reception,” October 02, 2018  
Wycliffe College, Toronto, ON

2017

“Beauty from Ashes: Aesthetic Transformations of Suffering in *Gilead*,” Conf. Paper

CSSR Panel: Contemporary Approaches to Suffering, Evil, and Theodicy, May 2017  
Ryerson University, Toronto, ON

2016

“Origen’s Theological Story about God and Evil: A Platonist or Christian Theodicy?” CP  
International Workshop on Platonism and Christian Thought in Late Antiquity  
Department of Philosophy, Classics, History of Art and Ideas, December 2016  
University of Oslo, Norway

“Publications Talk”  
May 2016, Book Launch  
Thorneloe University

“Blood and Belief: Terrence Malick’s Aesthetic Theodicy in *The Thin Red Line*,” CP  
April 2016, Academic Roundtable  
Thorneloe University

2015

“Divine Presence and Absence in a World of Woe:  
The Problem of Evil in Terrence Malick’s *The Tree of Life*,” Conference Paper  
June 2015, Protestantism on Screen: Religion, Politics, and Aesthetics in European and  
American Movies, Martin Luther University Halle-Wittenberg, LEUCOREA  
Wittenburg, Germany

“‘Where Were You?’  
The Problem of Evil in Terrence Malick’s *The Tree of Life*,” Conference Paper  
April 2015, Producing the Sacred in Modern U.S. Literature and Visual Culture:  
Sites of Religious and Secular Interaction, Humanities Center  
University of Pittsburgh

2014

“Christianity and Contemporary Fiction,” Session Chair  
November 2014, Christianity and Culture and Criticism and...Conference  
Villanova Center for Liberal Education  
Villanova University

“Origen of Alexandria and Saint Ambrose of Milan,” Session Chair  
October 2014, Patristic, Medieval, and Renaissance Studies Conference  
Villanova University

“Augustine and Autobiography: *Confessions* as a Roadmap for Self-Reflection,” Paper  
Oct 2014, Teaching the Christian Intellectual Tradition, Augustine Across the Curriculum  
Samford University

2013

“Patristic Theology: From Milan to Cappadocia,” Session Chair  
“Saint Augustine: The Question of Platonism,” Session Chair  
October 2013, Patristic, Medieval, and Renaissance Studies Conference  
Villanova University

“C. S. Lewis and John Hick: An Interface on Theodicy,” Conference Paper  
September 2013, Christian Faith and the University  
McGill University

“Strategies for Dissertation Completion and Publishing,” Panelist  
March 2013, Pappas Patristic Institute, Conference on Patristic Studies  
Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology

“Religion and Violence,” Panelist  
February 2013, Religious Studies and Theology Undergraduate Colloquium  
Villanova University

2012

“Origen of Alexandria: The Patron Saint of Universalism?” Conference Paper  
November, 2012, Theology and Religious Reflection  
American Academy of Religion, Chicago

“Patristic Theology and the Development of Doctrine,” Session Chair  
October 2012, Patristic, Medieval, and Renaissance Conference  
Villanova University

“Origen Unmasked,” Invited Lecture  
October 2012, History 3095: Origins of Christianity  
Villanova University

“Augustine”; “Luther,” Invited Lectures  
January/April 2012, Honors College  
University of Missouri

2011

“Religion: Inciting Violence, Inspiring Peace?” Session Chair  
November 2011, Theology and Religious Reflection  
American Academy of Religion, San Francisco

“Tensions and Turmoil in Medieval and Reformation Christianity,” Invited Lecture  
April 2011, World Religions, Extension School

Harvard University

“Theodicy at the Margins: New Trajectories for the Problem of Evil,” Invited Lecture  
April 2011, The “T” Society: The Mid-Missouri Colloquium on Religious Studies  
University of Missouri

2010

“Evil and Providence in the Theology of Origen of Alexandria,” Conference Paper  
May 2010, Société de philosophie du Québec: Le Mal: catégorie obsolète ou revisitée?  
Université de Montréal

“Toward a Theology of Death: Insights from Karl Rahner,” Conference Paper  
March 2010, Dealing with Death: An Interdisciplinary Symposium  
Concordia University, Montréal, Québec

2009

“The Patristic Sources of John Hick’s Soul-Making Theodicy,” Conference Paper  
May 2009, Canadian Society of Patristic Studies  
Carleton University

2008

“Origen the Christian or Origen the Platonist?” Conference Paper  
April 2008, Graduate Student Conference in Patristic Studies  
Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology

2007

“The Problem of Evil in the Patristic Period,” Conference Paper  
August 2007, Summer Patristic Studies Program  
Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology

“The Wisdom of Silence: Job and the Mystery of Evil,” Conference Paper  
May 2007, Canadian Society of Biblical Studies (Founders Prize Essay)  
University of Saskatchewan

“Pre-existence and Universalism in Origen’s Theodicy,” Invited Lecture  
March 2007, Divine and Human Suffering in Late Antiquity  
Harvard Divinity School

2005

“Shades of Grace: Origen and Gregory of Nyssa’s Soteriological Exegesis of Song of Songs 1:5”  
May 2005, Canadian Society of Patristic Studies (Essay Prize Winner)

University of Western Ontario

## **MEDIA APPEARANCES**

- CTV News North: “[Spiritual Questions](#)” (June 18, 2025)
- CTV News North: “[Marking the Start of Lent](#)” (March 02, 2022)
- CTV News North: “[Christmas](#)” (December 23, 2021)
- CTV News North: “[Easter](#)” (April 1, 2021)
- CTV News North: “[Lent](#)” (February 17, 2021)
- CTV News North: “[The History of Shrove Tuesday](#)” (February 16, 2021)
- CTV News North: “[A Look at the History of Halloween](#)” (October 27, 2020)
- CTV News North: “[Impact of the Pandemic on Easter Celebrations](#)” (April 09, 2020)
- CTV News North: “[The True Meaning of Christmas](#)” (December 23, 2019)
- CTV News North: “[The Origins of Halloween](#)” (October 29, 2019)
- CTV News North: “[Religious Significance of Good Friday and Easter](#)” (April 17, 2019)
- CTV News North: “[The Importance of Lent for Christians](#)” (March 07, 2019)
- CTV News North: “[The History of Love](#)” (February 13, 2019)
- CBC Radio: “[Ideas of Love](#)” (February 14, 2019)
- NPR: “[‘He Has A Reason’: How Natural Disasters Test The Faithful](#)” (Sep 04, 2017)

## **PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT (Selection)**

Academic Advising/Supervising Graduate Students/Student-Centred Teaching  
The Art of Managing Conflict/Dealing with Difficult People  
Mentoring in Higher Education/Faculty Social Media/Effective Meetings  
Understanding and Preventing Sexual Violence in Workplace  
Teaching Technology Toolkit/Blended Learning/Mapping Learning Outcomes  
Keeping Health in Mind/Promoting Mental Health through Positive Culture  
Supporting Students’ Mental Health in a Post-Secondary Learning Environment  
Stress in the Workplace/Drugs and Alcohol in the Workplace/Health and Safety  
Safe Spaces/Diversity and Human Rights/Anti-Black Racism Training/Naming Racism  
Cultivating a Culture of Care at Laurentian/Self Care as We Care for One Another

Supporting Indigenous Studies/Academic Ableism/Teaching with Compassion  
Calling it Out: Racism, Racial Discrimination, and Human Rights  
Emergency First Aid/AODA/WHMIS

**REFERENCES**

Available upon request.