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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
Full Professor, July 1, 2026–present | Associate Professor, July 1, 2022–August 31, 2026

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)
Winner of the *Word Guild* Book Award for Culture & Contemporary Issues

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 Best Long Feature Article, *The Word Guild Writing Award*

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 Cunning, *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* Dymer *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, Full Professor of Religious Studies and Theology (2026-present)
Associate Professor of Religious Studies & Theology (2022–2026)

RST 134: Theology of Love (x15)
RST 334: The Mystery of Evil (x17)

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. Davíd 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

2026 Winner of a *Word Guild* Book Award for *The Beauty of Souls*.
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
2008 Certificate of Distinction in Teaching, Harvard University
2007 Certificate of Distinction in Teaching, Harvard University
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

2026

Faculty Senate (1-year term)
Catholic Identity Committee
Committee: Arts & Science Analytics Committee

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

2026

"A Schoolroom or Dangerous Ally? Revisiting John Hick's Soul-Making Theodicy,"
REL 3412: The Problem of Evil, Invited lecture
Florida College

2025

"Spiritual Wisdom in the Novels of Marilynne Robinson," College Series Lecture
Scholar Series, MacPháidín Library, April 24, 2025
Stonehill College

2023

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

"Lewis, Tolkien, and the Meaning of Friendship," Invited lecture
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 philosphie 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
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