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Citizenship: Canadian (able to get US dual)

EDUCATION

Ph.D., Theological Studies (New Testament Emphasis)

May 2021

Wycliffe College, University of Toronto

- Dissertation titled “Christianity Appears First as Itself: Alain Badiou and the Study of Christian Origins.”
- Supervised by Colleen Shantz, John Marshall, and Thomas Reynolds. Ph.D. defended May 3rd, 2021
- Languages include Ancient Greek, Hebrew, French, German, English

Master of Theological Studies

May 2009

Wycliffe College, University of Toronto

- Thesis titled: “Rapture Never Lets You Down: Transfiguration in Mark 9:2-13.”
- Supervised by L. Ann Jervis

H.B.A. (Religion and Political Science)

June 2004

University of Toronto

- Advanced topics include historical Jesus, early Christian writings, modern political philosophy

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Instructor

Trinity College, University of Toronto

January 2018

- Instructor for course TSX 3090H, *Union in Christ in Romans*

Wycliffe College, University of Toronto

January 2017

- Co-Instructor for MOOC Online Course, *Jesus Through the Ages*

Book Review Editor

Critical Research on Religion/Sage Publishing

March 2021 to Present

- Work on editorial team to produce top ranked religious studies journal
- Facilitate author submissions on web portal, providing assistance
- Manage book review acquisitions and edit all submissions, including reviews, articles, symposia

Editorial Assistant

Toronto Journal of Theology/University of Toronto Press

September 2016 to 2019

- Assist editorial board with publication of journal, solicitation of blind reviews and book reviews
- Edit and import articles onto web portal for production
- Work with Editor and Press on all aspects of journal production

Course Writer

Wycliffe College, University of Toronto

December 2017

- Course Writer for 1st Year Introduction to the Bible (required course for MDiv students)

Teaching Assistant

Tyndale University College

May 2018 to Present

- Courses include New Testament Introduction
- Supervisor: Duncan Reid

Wycliffe College, University of Toronto

September 2015 to May 2019

- Courses include: New Testament Introduction, Romans, Galatians, Gospel of Mark
- Supervisors: Terence Donaldson, Catherine Sider Hamilton, L. Ann Jervis

Trinity College, University of Toronto

September 2016 to May 2018

- Courses include: New Testament Introduction, Gospel of Luke, Gospel of Matthew
- Supervisor: Michael Steinhauser

St. Michaels University College, University of Toronto

September 2018 to December 2018

- Courses include: New Testament Introduction
- Supervisor: Colleen Shantz

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant

University of Toronto (Department for the Study of Religion)

September 2018 to May 2019

- SSHRC funded research project on the topic of early Christian identity
- Supervisor: Terence Donaldson

University of Toronto (Department for the Study of Religion)

May 2017 to May 2018

- SSHRC funded research project on philosophical readings of Paul and “time.”
- Supervisor: L. Ann Jervis

THESIS SUPERVISION

- “A Ritual Analysis of Romans 6:1-5” by Kyu Hong Cho. *Master of Theological Studies*. Trinity College, Toronto School of Theology, Fall 2017.

PUBLICATIONS

BOOKS:

- Worthington, Bruce. *Christianity Appears First, as Itself: Alain Badiou and Christian Origins*. Minneapolis MN: Fortress Academic, 2022 (Forthcoming).

EDITED VOLUMES:

- Worthington, Bruce (ed.). *The Visible Shape of Christ’s Life in Us: Meditations on the Fruit of the Spirit*. Wycliffe Studies in Gospel, Church, and Culture Series. Eugene OR: Wipf and Stock, 2019.
- Worthington, Bruce (ed). *Reading the Bible in an Age of Global Crisis*. Minneapolis MN: Fortress Academic, 2015.

PEER REVIEWED ARTICLES:

- “Alain Badiou and the Book of Acts” (Co-written with Hollis Phelps) in *Bible and Critical Theory*. Volume 12, no2, 2016.
- “Populist Features in the Gospel of Matthew” in *Biblical Literature Studies* (Translated into Chinese by journal). Winter, 2016.
- “Jesus the Pervert: A Zizekian Response to Mark 11:15-17” in *Biblical Interpretation: A Journal of Contemporary Approaches*. 22.2 (2014).
- “Alternative Perspectives Beyond the Perspectives: A Summary of Pauline Studies that has Nothing to do with Piper or Wright” in *Currents in Biblical Research* 11.3 366-387 (2013).
- “Martin Luther King as Identificatory Conglomerate” in *Journal of Black Theology* 11.2 219-239 (2013).

CHAPTERS IN EDITED VOLUMES:

- “Christianity Appear First as Itself” in *Critical Theory and Early Christianity: Walter Benjamin, Gilles Deleuze, Alain Badiou and Judith Butler* (Matthew Whitlock, ed.). Sheffield: Equinox, 2022.

- “Flesh Walker” in *The Visible Shape of Christ’s Life in Us: Meditations on the Fruit of the Spirit* (Bruce Worthington, ed.). Eugene OR: Wipf and Stock, 2019.
- “Populist Features in the Gospel of Matthew” (Revised edition for English publication) in *Bible and Class Struggle* (Robert Myles, ed.). Langham MD: Lexington, 2019.
- “Christianity Appears First, as Itself: Alain Badiou and the Study of Christian Origins” in *Early Christianity and Critical Theory* (Matthew Whitlock, ed.). Sheffield: Equinox, 2018 (Forthcoming).
- “Introduction: Reading the Bible in an Age of Crisis” in *Reading the Bible in an Age of Crisis* (Bruce Worthington, ed.) Minneapolis: Fortress, 2015.
- “Romans 13:1-7, with an Eye to Global Capital” in *Reading the Bible in an Age of Crisis* (Bruce Worthington, ed.) Minneapolis: Fortress, 2015.

POPULAR LEVEL PIECES:

- “Resisting Meat as Resistance” *Interventions: God, People, and Planet*. Vanderbilt University Forum on Bible, Poverty, and Class. April 2022.

BOOK REVIEWS:

- Anidjar, Gil. *Blood: A Critique of Christianity*. Toronto Journal of Theology, 32/1 2018.
- Reed, Randall. *A Clash of Ideologies: Marxism, Liberation Theology, and Apocalypticism*. Toronto Journal of Theology, 29.1 (2013).
- McDowell, Sean and Jonathan Morrow, eds. *Is God Just a Human Invention? And Seventeen Other Questions Raised by the New Atheists*. McMaster Journal of Theology and Ministry, 13 (2011-2012).

PRESENTATIONS AND INVITED LECTURES

- “Populist Features in the Book of Revelation,” *Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting*, November 21st 2022.
- “Populist Features in the Book of Revelation,” *Critical Research on Religion Conference*. June 11th 2022, Queens University Belfast.
- “Populist Features in the Book of Revelation,” *Canadian Society of Biblical Studies Annual Meeting*, June 1st 2022.
- “Resisting Meat as Resistance” *Interventions: God, People, and Planet*. Vanderbilt University Forum on Bible, Poverty, and Class. April 2022.
- “Finishing a PhD in a Pandemic,” Invited presentation. Wycliffe College Graduate Society, March 3rd 2022.
- “Against Hermeneutics.” *Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting*. November 23rd, 2019. Ideological Criticism Section. San Diego, California.

- “The Visible Shape of Christ’s Life in Us.” Series of invited lectures and book launch. *St. Francis Anglican Church*. November 10th to 16th, 2019. Arviat, Nunavut.
- “Difference: Reading JZ Smith through Derrida.” *Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting*. Redescribing Christian Origins Section. Denver, Colorado.
- Guest Lecturer, “Redaction Criticism and the Gospel of Luke.” February 28th, 2018. SMB 1501 (Introduction to New Testament). St. Michaels College, University of Toronto.
- Guest Lecturer, “Romans 13.” WYB 2756HF. December 8th, 2017. Wycliffe College, University of Toronto.
- Guest Lecturer, “Gospel of Mark”. WYB 3655HS. April 27th, 2017. Wycliffe College, University of Toronto.
- Guest Lecturer, “Romans 13”. WYB 2756 HF. December 5th, 2016. Wycliffe College, University of Toronto.
- Guest Lecturer, “Gospel of Matthew”. TRB 1501HF (two lectures), October 6th, 2016. Trinity College, University of Toronto.
- “A Response to Loren Stuckenbruk” in *It’s About Time: Rethinking Temporality in Early Judaism*. June 10, 2016. Emmanuel College, Centre for Religion and Its Contexts, University of Toronto, Toronto, ON.
- “Christianity Appears First, as Itself”. *Canadian Society of Biblical Studies Annual Meeting*. May 31st, 2016. University of Calgary, Calgary AB.
- “Blood: A Critique of Christianity”. Invited Review. *Canadian Society of Biblical Studies Annual Meeting*. May 30th, 2016. University of Calgary, Calgary AB.
- Guest Lecturer: “Who is Jesus” WYB 2660HS (one lecture), March 3rd, 2016. Wycliffe College, University of Toronto.
- “Christianity Appears First, as Itself”, *Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting* (Ideological Criticism Section), Atlanta, Georgia. November 25th, 2015.
- “Populist Features in the Gospel of Matthew”. *Canadian Society of Biblical Studies Annual Meeting*. May 29th, 2015. University of Ottawa, Ottawa Ontario.
- “Populist Features in the Gospel of Matthew”. *Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting* (Ideological Criticism Section). San Diego California. November 23rd, 2014.
- “Romans 13:1-7, with an Eye to Global Capital”, *Canadian Society of Biblical Studies-Canadian Congress of the Humanities Annual Meeting*. May 25th, 2014, Brock University, St. Catherine’s Ontario.
- Guest Lecturer: “Gospel of Mark” WYB 3655HS (one lecture), Spring 2014, University of Toronto, Toronto School of Theology.
- Guest Lecturer: “Introduction to New Testament” SMB 1501 HS (two lectures in Total) Winter 2014, St. Mikes College, University of Toronto, Toronto School of Theology.
- Guest Lecturer: “Gospel of Matthew” TRB 3643 HS (four lectures in total) Winter 2014, Trinity College, University of Toronto, Toronto School of Theology.

- "Why Badiou Needs the Town Square: The Dialectical Relationship Between Spatiality and Proclamation in the Book of Acts", *Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting* (Ideological Criticism Section). Baltimore, Maryland, November 2013.
- "Paul, Law, and the Economy of Desire: An Ideological Analysis of Romans 7:8", *God and the Theological Crisis-Centre for Public Theology at Huron College*. October 7, 2012, University of Western Ontario, London Ontario.
- "Paul, Law, and the Economy of Desire: An Ideological Analysis of Romans 7:8", *Canadian Society of Biblical Studies-Canadian Congress of the Humanities Annual Meeting*. May 16, 2012, Waterloo University, Waterloo Ontario.
- "Martin Luther King as Identificatory Conglomerate", *Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting* (African American Hermeneutics Section). San Francisco California, November 21, 2011.
- "Itinerancy and the Rejection of Sacred Space", *Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting* (Space, Place, and Lived Experience in Antiquity Section). San Francisco California, November 20, 2011.

GRANTS AND AWARDS

- Awarded *Beattie Editorial Assistantship* for Toronto Journal of Theology and the Toronto School of Theology, three-time recipient, 2017-2019 (\$10,000 per year stipend)
- Awarded *Ontario Graduate Scholarship* for 2014-2015 academic year (\$15,000 scholarship)
- Awarded *Michael Steinhauser Award* for highest GPA among first year PhD students in the Toronto School of Theology, University of Toronto 2014 (\$1000 award)
- Awarded *Toronto School of Theology Travel Award* for presentation at Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting 2016 and 2019 (\$500 per year)

ACADEMIC SERVICE

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| Section Chair, Critical Research on Religion Conference | June 2022 |
| Peer Reviewer, Critical Research on Religion | 2019 to present |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Review journal article submissions when asked by editor for publication | |
| Toronto School of Theology Biblical Department Seminar, Chair | 2016 to 2018 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Organize monthly meetings of Biblical Department, hosted academic presentations on a variety of topics | |
| Toronto School of Theology Advanced Degree Student Representative | 2015 to 2016 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Organize bi-annual conference on a topic related to theological studies ▪ Advocate on behalf of students in the field of biblical studies | |

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- Society of Biblical Literature
- Canadian Society of Biblical Studies
- Board Member, South Sauble Community Church
- SOCAN artist member
- Artist Member, Canadian Country Music Association
- Chair, Town of South Bruce Peninsula Parks, Recreation and Culture Committee

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Professional songwriter and country musician

- Regular rotation on 70 country music stations across Canada, including CBC radio and SiriusXM satellite radio, with worldwide properties handled by Sound Exchange.
- Song “Shook” reached #4 across Canada on downloads and radio rotation for week of July 24th, 2018.
- Song “Could’ve Been the Willie Nelson” reached #9 across Canada on downloads and radio rotation for week of July 16th, 2019.

Event Manager and Talent Buyer, Town of South Bruce Peninsula

- Hosted first ever (in Ontario) “Drive in Concert” featuring Susan Aglukark on July 1st 2020, simulcast to 40,000 live listeners via 98 the Beach FM and 560 CFOS Owen Sound.
- Organize local and international talent for Sauble Beach Canada Day Celebrations and “Sauble Sandfest”, two festivals which typically see over 20,000 visitors.

Volunteer, Saugeen First Nation CARE Foundation

- Volunteer for annual Christmas Coat Drive and various fundraising events related to Saugeen First Nation

Volunteer Bible Teacher, St Francis Anglican Church, Arviat Nunavut

- Teach bible to Arctic population on the shore of Hudson Bay

Volunteer Bible Teacher, Scotch Settlement Community Church, Saugeen First Nation

- Regularly teach bible to indigenous Christian groups
- Organize Ojibway Gospel recordings for Elders