

# CALEB GILLELAND

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## EDUCATION

### PhD in Islam and Christian-Muslim Relations

University of Edinburgh, School of Divinity (New College) | 2021–2026

*Thesis: Apostle of Reconciliation: The New Perspectives on Paul and Implications for Bahá'í, Muslim, and Christian Theologies of the Other*

*Supervisor:* Dr. Joshua Ralston

### MA in Religion and Theology

King's College London | 2019–2020

*Dissertation: Revolution and the Cross: Analyzing N.T. Wright's View of the Atonement*

*Supervisor:* Prof. Edward Adams

### MA in Marketing (Outside field)

Georgia State University | 2011

### BA in International Affairs

University of Georgia | 2005–2007

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## RESEARCH INTERESTS

My research centers on Pauline theology in comparative and interfaith contexts, particularly at the intersection of Christianity, Islam, and the Bahá'í Faith. I draw on narrative theology and the narrative-historical method to explore how Paul's theology of reconciliation can be reinterpreted across Abrahamic traditions. My work engages the

Bahá'í concept of progressive revelation to develop a comparative account of sin, law, and atonement.

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## PUBLICATIONS

### Works in Progress

- *Towards a Bahá'í Theology of Religions: Integrating Diversity in Comparative Theology*

Currently under review by interfaith journal.

- *When Worlds End: Apocalyptic Visions of Peace in Christian, Islamic, and Bahá'í Thought*

Conference paper in development for presentation (September 2025); article intended for post-conference submission.

- *Reimagining Atonement through Progressive Revelation: A Bahá'í Engagement with Christian and Muslim Soteriology*

Planned article exploring theologies of sin, sacrifice, and submission across the Abrahamic traditions.

### Book Reviews

- Review of *Millennialism, Millerites, and Prophecy in Bahá'í Discourse* by William Collins.

*Journal of Bahá'í Studies* (forthcoming, 2026).

### Other Publications

- “A Love Letter to Evangelicals from a Bahá'í,” in *Sitting in the Shade of Another Tree: What We Learn by Listening to Other Faiths*, ed. Keith Giles and Matthew J. DiStefano (Quoir Publishing, 2023), 87–104.

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## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- “Paul within Islam: Roadblocks and New Possibilities in Muslim and Bahá’í Dialogue with Christianity.”

LERU Theology and Religious Studies Conference, Lund University, Sweden, June 2022.

- “Paul within Islam: Roadblocks and New Possibilities in Muslim and Bahá’í Dialogue with Christianity.”

Centre for Muslim and Christian Studies (CMCS), Oxford, UK, Summer 2023.

- “Apostle of Reconciliation: The New Perspectives on Paul and Implications for Bahá’í, Muslim, and Christian Theologies of the Other.”

Association for Bahá’í Studies – North America, Atlanta, USA, August 2024.

- “Apostle of Reconciliation: The New Perspectives on Paul and Implications for Bahá’í, Muslim, and Christian Theologies of the Other.”

Association for Bahá’í Studies – UK, Bicester, UK, November 2024.

- “Apostle of Reconciliation: The New Perspectives on Paul and Implications for Bahá’í, Muslim, and Christian Theologies of the Other.”

Shaykhi, Bábí, and Bahá’í Studies Seminar, Wolfson College, University of Oxford, May 2025. (*Invited*)

- “A Bahá’í Approach to Comparative Theology: Reframing the Other in Light of Progressive Revelation.”

Association for Bahá’í Studies – North America, Calgary, Canada, July 2025.

- “When Worlds End: Apocalyptic Visions of Peace in Christian, Islamic, and Bahá’í Thought.”

Association for Bahá’í Studies – UK, Edinburgh, UK, September 2025. (*Invited*)

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## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

### Tutor – Jews and Muslims

School of Divinity, University of Edinburgh | Autumn 2022

- Led two tutorial sections (approx. 40 students total), each meeting twice weekly, in support of the undergraduate/graduate course on Jewish and Islamic traditions.
- Facilitated in-depth discussion, clarified lecture material, and engaged students with supplementary thematic content.
- Received consistently positive feedback from students.

### Instructor – Paul & the New Testament Epistles

Corinne True Center for Bahá'í History | Spring 2025

- Invited to teach modules within an online course designed for Bahá'í learners and academic audiences.
- Course eligible for graduate-level credit through affiliated institutions (e.g., Graduate Theological Union).
- Focused on Pauline theology and its relevance within Bahá'í interfaith engagement.

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## AWARDS & RECOGNITION

- **Interfaith Volunteer Recognition Award**, Edinburgh Interfaith Association (2024)

Awarded for sustained community engagement and volunteer service in interreligious dialogue and education across Edinburgh.

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## ACADEMIC SERVICE

- Peer Reviewer, *Journal of Bahá'í Studies* (2024)

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## LANGUAGES

- **English** – Native
- **German** – Strong reading ability (undergraduate minor)
- **Russian** – Basic reading ability
- **Koine Greek** – Intermediate reading proficiency (formal study at master's level)
- **Arabic** – Basic familiarity with script and limited reading ability

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## PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- Member, American Academy of Religion (AAR)
- Member, British Association for Islamic Studies (BRAIS)
- Member, British Association for the Study of Religions (BASR)
- Member, European Academy of Religion (EuARe)

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## REFERENCES

Available upon request.