

# KENDALL A. DAVIS

## *Curriculum Vitae*

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## EDUCATION

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- Doctor of Philosophy**, University of Edinburgh (United Kingdom) (expected) Summer 2025  
Concentration: New Testament and Christian Origins  
Dissertation: “Jesus and the Anointing of God: Messianic Christology in Luke and Acts”  
Supervisor: Matthew Novenson
- Master of Sacred Theology**, Concordia Seminary (St. Louis, MO) 2022  
Major: Exegetical Theology
- Master of Divinity**, Concordia Seminary (St. Louis, MO) 2021
- Diploma in Theology and Ministry**, University of Cambridge (United Kingdom) 2020  
Thesis: “The Christological Implications of the Death and Resurrection of Jesus in the Synoptic Gospels”  
Advisor: Paul Dominiak  
*Passed with merit.*
- Bachelor of Arts**, Concordia University Irvine (Irvine, CA) 2016  
Majors: Biblical Languages and Theatre  
*Graduated Summa Cum Laude, Honors Scholar, Senior Award for Biblical Languages*

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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- Concordia University Chicago** (River Forest, IL), Adjunct Faculty Fall 2023–present  
THY 2700 The Christian Faith

## PUBLICATIONS

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### *Peer-Reviewed Articles*

“The Value of Christological Titles, in Conversation with Leander Keck.” *New Testament Studies* [accepted/in press].

“Caesar Jesus? The Kingship of Jesus and Political Authorities in Luke and Acts.” *Concordia Theological Quarterly* 88, no. 4 (2024): [accepted/in press].

“An Apocalypse of Human Hearts: Jesus’ Apocalyptic Ministry in Luke’s Gospel.” *Logia: A Journal of Lutheran Theology* 32, no. 3 (2023): 41–45.

### *Essays*

“Divine Immutability and a God Who Changes His Mind: An Exegetical and Hermeneutical Analysis,” in *The Essence and Attributes of God*. Theological Essays from the Weidner Institute 4. Edited by Jordan Cooper and Matthew Fenn. Just and Sinner, [forthcoming].

“Arius as a Figure in Church History.” *Grapho* 4 (2022): 41–51.

“Messiahship and Discipleship in the Synoptic Gospels.” *Grapho* 3 (2021): 33–47.

### **Book Reviews**

David R. Bauer. *The Book of Acts as Story: A Narrative-Critical Study*, in *Concordia Journal* [forthcoming].

James W. Voelz. *Principles of Biblical Interpretation for Everyone*, in *Logia* [forthcoming].

Stanley E. Porter and Bryan R. Dyer. *Origins of New Testament Christology: An Introduction to the Traditions and Titles Applied to Jesus*, in *Logia* [forthcoming].

James M. Neumann. *The Gospel of the Son of God: Psalm 2 and Mark’s Narrative Christology*, in *Reviews of Biblical and Early Christian Studies*, [August 20, 2024](#).

Michael F. Bird. *Jesus among the Gods: Early Christology in the Greco-Roman World*, in *Concordia Journal* 50, no. 2 (2024): 86–88.

R. R. Reno. *The End of Interpretation: Reclaiming the Priority of Ecclesial Exegesis*, in *Logia* 33, no. 2 (2024): 40–41.

Jesse P. Nickel. *The Things that Make for Peace: Jesus and Eschatological Violence*, in *Reviews of Biblical and Early Christian Studies*, [March 13, 2024](#).

Dale C. Allison Jr. *The Resurrection of Jesus: Apologetics, Polemics, History*, in *Logia* 32, no. 3 (2023): 48–49.

Jonathan Rivett Robinson. *Markan Typology: Miracle, Scripture and Christology in Mark 4:35–6:45*, in *Reviews of Biblical and Early Christian Studies*, [June 27, 2023](#).

Ruben A. Bühner. *Messianic High Christology: New Testament Variants of Second Temple Judaism*, in *Concordia Journal* 49, no. 1 (2023): 76–78.

Scott Swain. *The Trinity and the Bible: On Theological Interpretation*, in *Logia* 32, no. 1 (2023): 48–49.

Jenny Read-Heimerdinger. *Luke in His Own Words: A Study of the Language of Luke–Acts in Greek*, in *Reviews of Biblical and Early Christian Studies*, [October 31, 2022](#).

### **PRESENTATIONS**

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#### **Academic and Professional Presentations**

“Making Jesus in Our Own Image: The Nonviolent Messiah as ‘Redefinition’ of Jewish Messianism?” Ancient Judaism and Christianity Seminar. British New Testament Society Meeting. Glasgow, UK. August 23, 2024.

“Making Jesus in Our Own Image: The Nonviolent Messiah as ‘Redefinition’ of Jewish Messianism?” Scottish Universities Biblical Studies Postgraduate Conference. Edinburgh, UK. June 3, 2024.

“Moved to Awe and Wonder: Ambiguity in Luke’s Infancy Narrative.” Graduate Symposium, European Association of Biblical Studies. Graz, Austria. February 21, 2024.

“Caesar Jesus? The Kingship of Jesus and Political Authorities.” Theological Symposium, Concordia Seminary. St. Louis, MO. September 19, 2023.

“Titles for Jesus and New Testament Christology.” Graduate Symposium, European Association of Biblical Studies. Jerusalem, Israel. March 28, 2023.

“The Interpretation of Scripture in Early Christianity as Revelatory Religious Experience: Faith, Christology, and Israel’s Scriptures in the Gospel of Luke.” Graduate Conference on Early Christian Studies. Department of Classics, University of Notre Dame. Notre Dame, IN. May 23, 2022.

“Early High Christology and Theology: A Theological Analysis of a Contemporary Debate.” Graduate School Colloquium, Concordia Seminary. St. Louis, MO. April 7, 2022.

“The Redemption of Our Bodies: Jesus’ Healings and a Gospel-Centered Theology of the Body.” Symposium on Exegetical Theology, Concordia Theological Seminary. Ft. Wayne, IN. January 19, 2022.

“‘My Kingdom is Not of This World’: Pre-Nicene Christians and the Roman Military.” Southern California Conference of Undergraduate Research. Fullerton, CA. October 2014.

### ***Popular Presentations and Interviews***

“[The Multifaceted Work of Jesus: Talking Christology in Luke-Acts with Kendall Davis](#).” *Exploring the Language of Scripture*. NT Greek Tutoring. Podcast. August 21, 2024.

“The Joy of Mission: What We Can Learn from the Earliest American Lutheran Missionaries.” Concordia Mission Institute. Concordia, MO. July 11, 2024.

“Six Lies We Believe about Learning a Language.” With Samantha Davis. Concordia Mission Institute. Concordia, MO. July 9, 2024.

“Reading and Teaching the Bible for Normal People.” Concordia Mission Institute. Concordia, MO. July 8, 2024.

“[Christological Titles](#).” *The Lutheran Inquisitor*. Lutheran Radio UK. Podcast. June 11 & 18, 2023.

“Navigating Our Sexual Wasteland.” Theology on Tap, University Lutheran Center at Wichita State University. Wichita, KS. July 14, 2019.

“End Times and the Book of Revelation.” Theology on Tap, University Lutheran Center at Wichita State University. Wichita, KS. June 9, 2019.

“Did Jesus Really Rise from the Dead?” Theology on Tap, University Lutheran Center at Wichita State University. Wichita, KS. January 27, 2019.

### **HONORS, AWARDS, AND FELLOWSHIPS**

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<b>Postgraduate Research Scholarship</b> , University of Edinburgh <i>Competitive scholarship (£11,675)</i>	2022–present
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<b>Donald F. Hinchey Scholarship</b> , Our Father Lutheran Church (Centennial, CO) <i>Competitive scholarship for Lutheran church workers (\$3,000)</i>	2022
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<b>Logos (Scholarship and Christianity in Oxford)</b> <i>A competitive summer fellowship on museums, biblical texts, vocation, and the Christian mind.</i>	2021 & 2022
<b>Seminary Fellow with the Fellowship at Auschwitz for the Study of Professional Ethics</b> <i>An intensive study program in professional ethics and ethical leadership. Fellows critically examine issues that raise ethical concerns in their professions.</i>	2021
<b>Fincke Scholarship Fund, Concordia Seminary</b> <i>Competitive scholarship (\$6,000)</i>	2020
<b>Kuhlmann Homiletics Endowment Course in Proclamation, Concordia Seminary</b> <i>An honors elective in homiletics to which promising students are invited</i>	2020
<b>Presidential Scholarship, Concordia Seminary</b> <i>Competitive scholarship awarded to exceptional incoming students (\$2,000)</i>	2016
<b>Finalist in President's Academic Showcase, Concordia University Irvine</b> Advisor: Mark Brighton Project: "The Role of the Temple in Dispensational and Covenantal Eschatologies" <i>Selected as one of the top five participants in the upper level of the showcase</i>	2016
<b>Semifinalist in President's Academic Showcase, Concordia University Irvine</b> Advisor: Clinton J. Armstrong Project: "The Value of the Apocryphal Gospels in the Study of the New Testament" <i>Semifinalist in the upper level of the showcase</i>	2015
<b>Second Place in President's Academic Showcase, Concordia University Irvine</b> Advisor: Clinton J. Armstrong Project: "'My Kingdom is Not of This World': Pre-Nicene Christians and the Roman Military" <i>Awarded second place in the lower level of the showcase</i>	2014
<b>President's Scholarship, Concordia University Irvine</b> <i>Full tuition merit scholarship</i>	2012–2016

## INSTITUTIONAL SERVICE

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<b>Session Chair at European Association of Biblical Studies Graduate Symposium</b>	March 2024
<b>Chairman of Student Publications Committee, Concordia Seminary</b> <i>Served as editor of Grapho, an annual student journal</i>	2020–2022
<b>Coordinator of the German Reading Group, Concordia Seminary</b> <i>Met weekly to read and translate German theological texts</i>	2020–2022
<b>Founding Member of Student Publications Committee, Concordia Seminary</b> <i>This committee published the inaugural issue of Grapho, an annual student journal</i>	2017–2018

## EXPERIENCE

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- Copyeditor**, Concordia Publishing House 2024–present  
Projects: Randy K. Asbury, ed. *The Resurrection Changes Everything: Essays in Honor of the Rev. Dr. Herbert C. Mueller Jr.*
- Writing Tutor**, Writing Studio, Concordia University Irvine 2014–2023  
*Provided both synchronous and asynchronous writing tutoring to undergraduate and graduate students*
- Language Tutor**, Academic Resource Center, Concordia Seminary 2016–2018 & 2020–2022  
*Tutored graduate students in writing, German, Greek, and Hebrew*
- Student Library Staff**, Concordia Seminary Library 2016–2018 & 2020–2022  
*Also served as media producer for two podcasts published by the library*
- Research Assistant**, Concordia Historical Institute (St. Louis, MO) 2021  
*Assisted patrons and supported projects at the official archive of the LCMS; helped complete a major digitization project of all church records*
- Program Assistant**, Camp Lutherhaven (Albion, IN) Summer 2020  
*Summer leadership staff, managed the high school leadership program, developed new systems and procedures to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic*
- Camp Counselor**, Lutherhoma (Tahlequah, OK) Summer 2017, 2018  
*Cabin counselor for children and youth.*
- International Greek New Testament Project**, Concordia Seminary 2017  
*Transcribed medieval minuscule manuscripts of the pastoral epistles for the IGNTP's electronic database*
- Greek Tutor**, Tutoring Services, Concordia University Irvine 2015–2016
- Camp Counselor**, Lutherwood (Eugene, OR) Summer 2015  
*Cabin counselor for children and youth.*

## ECCLESIASTICAL EXPERIENCE

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- Pulpit Supply**, St. Columba Lutheran Church (East Kilbride, UK) 2022–present  
*Regularly preach and lead services at St. Columba and their mission congregation in Edinburgh*
- Pulpit Supply**, St. John Lutheran Church (St. James, MO) 2021–2022  
*Recommended by the director of placement at Concordia Seminary to assist a faculty member with preaching and teaching*
- Field Worker**, Saint Paul Lutheran Church (Troy, IL) 2016–2018 & 2020  
*Conducted the liturgy, preached, and helped with Sunday school*
- Vicar**, Ascension Lutheran Church (Wichita, KS) 2018–2019  
*Also assisted with the Lutheran campus ministry at Wichita State University*

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**PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

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Society of Biblical Literature  
European Association of Biblical Studies

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**RESEARCH LANGUAGES**

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**Ancient:** Greek, Hebrew

**Modern:** German, French

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**RESEARCH INTERESTS**

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**Primary:** New Testament, Hermeneutics, Christology, Luke and Acts, Synoptic Gospels, Second Temple Judaism, Messianism, Literary/Narrative Readings of Scripture, Theological Interpretation of Scripture, Biblical Theology

**Secondary:** Old Testament, Johannine Literature, History of Interpretation of Scripture, Ante-Nicene Fathers, Greek, Hebrew, Linguistics in Biblical Studies, Language Pedagogy, Textual Criticism, Doctrine of Scripture, Trinitarian Theology

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**REFERENCES**

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**Matthew Novenson**, Helen H. P. Manson Professor of New Testament, Princeton Theological Seminary  
Former Professor of Biblical Criticism and Biblical Antiquities, University of Edinburgh  
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