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Education

- 2023 – PhD Candidate, Systematic Theology
New College, University of Edinburgh
Thesis: John Calvin’s Understanding of the *Officium Christi* in Hebrews
Supervisors: Drs. James Eglinton and Simon Burton
Recipient of College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences Research Award
- 2022-23 – MTh by Research (Theology and Religious Studies)
New College, University of Edinburgh
Thesis: Calvin’s Christology and the Accusation of Nestorianism
Class of Award: Distinction (A2 average)
Supervisor: Dr. James Eglinton
- 2018-21 – Master of Divinity
Reformed Theological Seminary, Charlotte, North Carolina
- 2014-18 – BA (Classics and History)
Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas

Academic Publications

1. Articles and Chapters

- a. “Direct References to Scotus and Scotism in the *Calvini Opera*” in *Scotism in the Reformation Era: Historical and Historiographical Questions*, ed. Ueli Zahnd (Forthcoming).
- b. “Retrieving Autotheos: The Pro-Nicene Roots of the Aseity of the Son in John Calvin’s Trinitarian Thought.” Co-written with Blair Smith. *Journal of Reformed Theology* (Forthcoming).
- c. “Calvin’s Christology and the Accusation of Nestorianism.” *Journal of Theological Studies* 76.1 (2025), 197-217.
- d. “Christ the Mediator and Head of Angels in Calvin’s Theology.” *International Journal of Systematic Theology* 26.4 (2024): 367-85.
- e. “From Appropriation to Assimilation: The Byzantine Quest for Stability,” in *Classics Transformed*, ed. Giancarlo Abbamonte and Craig Kallendorf, vol. 69 of *Testi e studie di cultura classica* (Pisa: Edizioni ETS, 2018), 21-27.

2. Reviews

- a. Review of *The Royal Priest: Psalm 110 in Biblical Theology*, by Matthew Emadi. *Westminster Theological Journal* 86.2 (2024): 251-3.

- b. Review of *Metaphysics in the Reformation: The Case of Peter Martyr Vermigli*, by Silvianna Aspray. *Journal of Reformed Theology* 17.2 (2023): 223-224.
- c. Review of *The Flesh of the Word: The extra Calvinisticum from Zwingli to Early Orthodoxy*, by K. J. Drake. *Journal of Reformed Theology* 16.3 (2022): 276-277.
- d. Review of *Reformed Scholasticism: Recovering the Tools of Reformed Theology*, by Ryan McGraw. *Reformed Theological Review* 81.1 (2022): 88-89.
- e. Review of *Augustine on the Will: A Theological Account*, by Han-luen Kantzer Konline. *Reformed Faith & Practice* 5.2 (2020), 57-60.

Academic Work Experience

1. Teaching

- a. Edinburgh Theological Seminary, Guest Lecturer (Winter Trimester, 2025-6). Responsibilities: teach full course to undergraduate seminary students, including Free Church of Scotland candidates for ministry, grade and offer feedback on assignments, and correspond with students. For Saturday Course, teach eight monthly one-hour lectures to roughly 200+ theology students and laypeople, and grade essay assignments.
 - i. CH101 Ancient Church (Winter Trimester, 2025-6)
 - ii. Saturday Course, "Saints, Sinners, and Heretics: Early Church History (2025-6)
- b. University of Edinburgh, Academic Tutor (2024-5). Responsibilities: teach and moderate undergraduate seminars, grade and offer feedback on assignments, and correspond with students. Courses:
 - i. DIVI08014 History of Christianity as a World Religion 1A. Dr. Sara Parvis
 - ii. DIVI08015 History of Christianity as a World Religion 1B. Dr. Sara Parvis
- c. Edinburgh Theological Seminary, Guest Lecturer for CH102 (15 February, 2024, 19-21 November 2024) and NT302/312 (26 November 2024).
- d. Reformed Theological Seminary, Houston Guest Speaker for 05ST6150, Calvin's Institutes of the Christian Religion, (9 November 2024).
- e. Erskine Theological Seminary Guest Speaker, ST801 Theology of Calvin (20 August 2020).
- f. Latin Tutor for Latin I (HT6100) with Dr. Blair Smith, Reformed Theological Seminary, Charlotte (Spring 2019). Responsibilities: provide tutoring and assistance to students.

2. Administration, Evaluation, Research, and Service

- a. Teaching Assistant for Dr. Blair Smith, Reformed Theological Seminary, Charlotte (Spring 2020-21). Responsibilities: grade assignments, provide administrative support, and correspond with students. Courses:
 - i. 03ST5250 ST: Ecclesiology and Sacraments
 - ii. 03ST6100R Trinitarian Theology
 - iii. 03ST5300 Covenant Theology
 - iv. 03PT5175 Preaching Lab II
 - v. 03PT5375 Personal Sanctification

- b. Research Assistant for Dr. Blair Smith and Dr. William Ross, Reformed Theological Seminary, Charlotte (Spring 2019-21). Responsibilities: provide research assistance in the form of gathering materials and constructing annotated bibliographies and notes for various articles and papers. Assisted on the following projects:
 - i. Blair Smith, “Retrieving Autotheos: The Pro-Nicene Roots of the Aseity of the Son in John Calvin’s Trinitarian Thought,” ETS 2019.
 - ii. Blair Smith, “Catholicity in Presbyterian Perspective,” *Journal of Biblical and Theological Studies* 5.2 (2020): 323-40.
 - iii. Blair Smith, “Are Evangelicals Nicene Trinitarians? Evangelicalism’s Debt to Social Trinitarianism,” in *On Classical Trinitarianism: Retrieving Nicene Doctrine of the Triune God*, ed. Matthew Barrett (IVP Academic, 2024), 649-68.
 - iv. William Ross, “Bavinck and Philology,” in *Herman Bavinck: Centenary Essays*, ed. Bruce Pass (Brill, 2025), 124–52.
- c. Ad-hoc reviewer for *Modern Theology* (2025).

Academic Presentations

1. “Christ the Fulfiller of the Covenant: Christology and Covenant in Calvin’s Hebrews Commentary,” Evangelical Theological Society, Annual Meeting (Section: Church History: Studies in Reformation Thought) 18 November, 2025.
2. “The Reformers and the Reception of the Nicene Creed” and “The Trinity and the Spiritual Life according to John Calvin” at Reformation Conference at Chiesa Riformata di Perugia (Mission in Italy of URCNA), 25 October, 2025.
3. “References to Scotus and Scotism in the *Calvini Opera*,” Scotism in the Reformation Era: Historical and Historiographical Questions, Geneva, 10 September 2024. Forthcoming as chapter in conference volume.
4. “The Grammar of Covenant in Calvin’s Hebrews Commentary,” Edinburgh Postgrad Colloquium, 7 June 2024.
5. “Christ the Mediator and Head of Angels,” Edinburgh Postgrad Colloquium, 9 June 2023.
6. Respondent Papers
 - i. Response to N. Gray Sutanto, “A Sense of the Divine: An Affective Model of General Revelation,” Theology and Ethics Research Seminar. University of Edinburgh, June, 2024.

Ministry Experience

1. Pulpit Supply during PhD: Buccleuch Free Church of Scotland, Edinburgh (12x); Hexham Presbyterian Church (EPCEW, 9x); Christ Church Edinburgh (FCoS, 2x); Chiesa Riformata di Perugia (Italy, URCNA); Chiesa Riformata del Trasimeno (Italy, PCA); New City Dunfermline (Free Church of Scotland); Coatbridge Free Church of Scotland; Christ Presbyterian Church, Houston, Texas (PCA), Christ Church Katy, Texas (PCA), Faith Community Church, Pearland, Texas (PCA).
2. Assistant Pastor (staff title: Pastoral Assistant) at Sovereign Grace Presbyterian Church, Charlotte, North Carolina (2021-22). Responsibilities: regularly taught Sunday School for Young Adult and Adult classes. Regularly preached evening service and occasionally morning. Regularly administered the Lord’s Supper. Led worship regularly and helped

plan services. Regularly taught Wednesday Children's Catechism class for ages 6-10. Preached regularly at Brighton Gardens, a Senior Living Community, which was a ministry of SGPC. Led weekly men's Bible study. Assisted in planning/leading the Anna Society (monthly fellowship of widows). Practiced regular hospitality.

3. Pastoral Intern at Sovereign Grace Presbyterian Church, Charlotte, North Carolina (Spring 2019-2020). Mentor: Dr. William Barclay. Came under care of Central Carolina Presbytery as a Candidate for the Gospel Ministry in February 2020. Responsibilities: taught Sunday School extensively for Middle School, High School, Young Adult, and Adult classes. Regularly taught Wednesday Children's Catechism class for ages 6-10. Led worship regularly. Occasionally preached in evening service. Preached regularly at Brighton Gardens, a Senior Living Community, which was a ministry of SGPC. Assisted in planning and leading the Anna Society (a monthly fellowship of widows). Practiced regular hospitality. Performed various administrative tasks including overseeing Senior Pastor's email, organizing/facilitating meetings over Zoom, and coordinating monthly email newsletters.
4. Pulpit Supply prior to PhD: Pressly Memorial ARP, Statesboro, North Carolina (7x); Christ Ridge Presbyterian Church (PCA), Fort Mill, South Carolina; Covenant Presbyterian Church, Lufkin, Texas (PCA), Covenant of Grace, Dunwoody, Georgia (Independent Presbyterian); Redeemer ARP, Blacksburg, Virginia.
5. Student Leader RUF Texas A&M (2015-18). Activities: Speaker at RUF Large Group (9 Nov. 2017). Led RUF Bible Study for five semesters. Mentored new Christian in one-on-one book studies. Regular attendance/participation in RUF Leadership Team meetings.

Professional Memberships

Evangelical Theological Society
Ordained PCA Teaching Elder (7 November 2021)

Research Languages

Latin, German, Dutch, French, Greek, Hebrew, and Syriac

Academic References

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