**CURRICULUM VITAE**

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**CURRENT ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS**

Senior Research Fellow, The Kirby Laing Centre for Public Theology, Cambridge (UK).

Fellow, Faith-in-Scholarship, Thinking Faith Network (UK).

Adjunct Faculty, Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies (Theology and Religious Studies), Western University (London, ON).

Adjunct Faculty, Institute for Christian Studies (Toronto, ON).

Adjunct Faculty, Redeemer University (Hamilton, ON).

Adjunct Faculty, Huron University, Faculty of Theology (London, ON).

**EDUCATION**

Doctor of Philosophy, University of Bristol (UK).

Dissertation: *“A Critical Analysis of the Power of the Church in the Ecclesiology of Abraham Kuyper”*

Master of Divinity, Calvin Theological Seminary (Grand Rapids, Michigan).

Thesis: *“The Holy Spirit in Post-Vatican II Roman Catholic Ecclesiology: Avery Cardinal Dulles and Karl Rahner”*

Bachelor of Arts (English/Communications), the University of Minnesota (Morris, Minnesota).

**EMPLOYMENT**

2005 – present University Chaplain, Western University (London, Ontario).

2003 - 2005 Pastor, The Junction Christian Reformed Church (St. Thomas, Ontario).

2002 - 2003 Pastor, Unity Christian Reformed Church (Prinsburg, Minnesota).

2001 Pastor, Rochester Christian Reformed Church (Rochester, New York).

**ACADEMIC BOOK PUBLICATIONS**

*Jesus the Rebel, Threat, and Sinner: The Revolution of Politics, Economics, and Religion in the Kingdom of God* (forthcoming).

*The Power of the Church: The Sacramental Ecclesiology of Abraham Kuyper* (Eugene, OR: Pickwick Press, 2020).

**ACADEMIC BOOK CHAPTER PUBLICATIONS**

Forward to Douglas John Hall, *The Canada Crisis: A Christian Perspective* (Eugene, OR: Wipf & Stock, 2018 reprint).

“Abraham Kuyper, the Institutional Church, and Socio-Political Engagement” in *The Church’s Social Responsibility: Reflections on Evangelicalism and Social Justice*, eds. Robert J. Joustra and Jordan Ballor (Grand Rapids: Christian’s Library Press, 2016).

“Kuyper on the Church: From Calvin to the Neo-Calvinists,” in *On Kuyper: A Collection of Readings on the Life, Work & Legacy of Abraham Kuyper,* Editors John Kok and Steve Bishop (Sioux Centre, IA: Dordt College Press, 2013).

Selected chapters, *Nelson’s Personal Handbook on Prayer*, ed. James Wilhoit (Nashville: Thomas Nelson Publishers, 2002).

**ACADEMIC ARTICLE PUBLICATIONS**

Book Review of *Contours of the Kuyperian Tradition: A Systematic Introduction* by Craig G. Bartholomew (Downers Grove: IVP Academic, 2017), *Themelios* 43:1 (April 2018), 160-161.

**PAPERS PRESENTED AT ACADEMIC CONFERENCES**

“Response to ‘Chapter 6: The Church,’ in Craig G. Bartholomew, *Contours of the Kuyperian Tradition: A Systematic Introduction* (Downers Grove: IVP Academic, 2017)” Redeemer University College, September 29, 2017.

“Pondering Practical Theology: Proclamation and the Problem of Propaganda” *Scripture and Church Seminar – Institute for Biblical Research*, San Antonio, Texas, November 20, 2016.

“Who Apologizes for Social Injustice?: Abraham Kuyper, Sphere Sovereignty, and Canada's Residential School System” Princeton Theological Seminary, April, 2015.

“The Problem of the *Encyclopaedic Assumption* in the Faith and Science Dialogue: Fundamentalist and Reformed Alternatives” Western University, February 9, 2015.

“Preaching: Proclamation or Propaganda?” Trinity College, University of Bristol, June 30, 2014.

“When the Preacher Preaches, Who Speaks? Theological Reflections on Problematic Christian Proclamation,” Trinity College, University of Bristol, June 19, 2013.

“The Eclipse and Renewal of Christology in Kuyperian Ecclesiology,” Trinity College, University of Bristol, June 25, 2012. Awarded first place in the annual Post-Graduate article competition.

**POPULAR BOOK PUBLICATIONS**

*Engaging the World with Abraham Kuyper* (Bellingham, WA: Lexham Press, 2019).

*Together for the World: The Book of Acts* (Bellingham, WA: Lexham Press, 2016).

**POPULAR ARTICLES PUBLISHED**

“Reformed Gifts for Today” *Christian Courier* (April 12, 2021).

“Book Review: Challenging the Old Labels: *Keeping Alive the Rumour of God* by Martin Camroux” *Christian Courier* (March 12, 2021).

“Book Review: *Reimaging Apologetics: The Beauty of Faith in a Secular Age* by Justin Ariel Bailey” *The Banner* (January 15, 2021).

“Film Review: Black Mirror” *The Banner* (October 23, 2020).

“Film Review: Roger Waters Us + Them” *The Banner* (September 4, 2020).

“Are Ancient Bible Stories Still Relevant?” *The Banner* (June 22, 2020).

“A Prophetic Pandemic?” *The Banner* (May 26, 2020).

“Following Jesus through COVID-19” *Canadian Council of Churches* (April 27, 2020).

“The Wonder of Kuyper” *Christian Courier* (December 10, 2019).

“Can We Be Good Without God?” *The Banner* (September 2, 2019).

“Is Atheism a Religion” *The Banner* (January 21, 2019).

“We are All Gospel Translations” *Christian Courier* (May 27, 2018).

“Why Does God Allow Pain and Suffering?” *The Banner* (May 2018).

“Coming of Age in Canada” *Christian Courier* (November 28, 2016).

“Learning to Pay Attention: Book Review of David Dark, *Life’s Too Short to Pretend You’re Not Religious*” *Christian Courier* (July 11, 2016).

“There is One Who Sticks Closer than a Brother: Book Review of J. D. Sallinger, *Franny and Zooey*” *Christian Courier* (March 14, 2016).

“Lord, Teach Us to Pray: Book Review of Martin Laird, *Into the Silent Land: A Guide to the Christian Practice of Contemplation*” *Christian Courier* (November 9, 2015).

“The Problem with Patriotism” *Do Justice* blog post for Canada Day 2015 (July 1, 2015).

“The Enduring Prophetic Imagination of Walter Brueggemann”, *Christian Courier* (January 26, 2015).

“Authority: What's Love Got to Do With It?” *Christian Courier* (October 27, 2014).

“Do Miracles Still Happen?” *Christian Courier* (July 28, 2014).

“Can Kuyper Still Speak?” *Christian Courier* (February 10, 2014).

“The Gospel in a Post-Christian Facebook World” *Christian Courier* (January 21, 2013).

“What Does God Think of Facebook?” *Christian Courier* (January 14, 2013).

“Pursuing Holistic Discipleship on Campus” *Comment Magazine* (August 27, 2012).

“Christian on Campus: A Top Ten List” *Christian Courier* (August 27, 2012).

“Sarnia Redeemer ReForming Relationships Service” *Christian Courier* (June 2012).

“Love: Being Slow to Speak, Quick to Listen” *Christian Courier* (May 14, 2012).

“Youth, Young Adults and the State of the Church” *Christian Courier* (April 23, 2012).

“What’s the Bible Got To Do With It?” *Christian Courier* (February 13, 2012).

“Where Did the Belhar Confession Come From?” *Christian Courier* (May 23, 2011).

“Tolerance: Vice, Virtue, or Joke” *Christian Courier* (April 13, 2009).

“For the Healing of the Nations” *Christian Courier* (March 9, 2009).

“Inroads and Interactions” *Academia Nuts*, Volume 3, Issue 1 (October 2008).

“Beautiful People” *Academia Nuts*, Volume 2, Issue 2 (October 2006).

**SEMINARS AND OTHER PUBLIC ADDRESSES (invited)**

*Interpreting Scripture and Viewing the World*, New Hope Church, St. Catherines, Ontario (Fall, 2020).

*Churches Together for the World: The Book of Acts*, various Ontario churches (April-August 2018).

*Darkness Is My Closest Friend: Christian Faith and Mental Illness Today*, various Ontario churches (April/May 2017).

*If Jesus Rose from the Dead, Why Can’t I Get Out of Bed: Christian Faith and Mental Illness*, various Ontario churches (March/April 2017) and All-Ontairo Youth Conference (May 2017).

*Why Can’t We All Just Get Along: The Doctrine of Discovery and the Roots of North American Racism*, Engage Multi-Ethnic Conference, Christian Reformed Church, (June 8-10, 2016).

*Campus Ministry as Worship Laboratory,* Christian Reformed Campus Ministry Eastern Canada Summit (November 7, 2015).

*How (Not) To Read the Bible*, 4 sessions, Sarnia First and Redeemer Christian Reformed Churches (October-November, 2015).

*Critical Engagement: Some Thoughts on Christian Presence at a Public University,* St. George’s Anglican Church (February 1, 2015).

*Prayer: Carrying the Christ Light in the Darkness*, Western University (January 17 2014).

*The Journey Out: Toward a Renewed Discipleship Praxis,* Paideia Centre Student Retreat (January 19, 2013).

Sarnia Redeemer Council Retreat speaker (September 29, 2012).

*Reforming Relationships with Our Aboriginal Neighbours,* Sarnia Redeemer CRC (June 3, 2012).

*It’s the Love, Stupid,* Classis Chatham Day of Encouragement (February 11, 2012).

*Why We Need the Belhar Confession,* CRC Classis Chatham (January 17, 2012).

*Introduction to the Belhar Confession,* CRC Classis Chatham (September 27, 2011).

*Hearing the Biblical Story in Popular Culture,* Georgetown CRC(November 7, 2010).

*Engaging Youth and Young Adults,* Woodstock Covenant CRC (April 8, 2010).

*Introduction to the Belhar Confession,* Kitchener Community CRC (November 17, 2009).

*The* *Justice of World Hunger,* Richmond Hill Community CRC (November 1, 2009).

*Engaging Youth and Young Adults,* Sarnia Living Hope CRC (October 17, 2009).

*Engaging Youth and Young Adults*, Ingersoll CRC (February 24, 2009).

*Vertigo and the Discipline of Discernment,* Chatham Grace CRC(November 4, 2007).

*Christianity on Campus*, St. George’s Anglican Church, London (January 21, 2007).

London District Christian Secondary School Grade 12 retreat speaker (September 21-22, 2006).

*Growing Student Leaders*, Day of Encouragement, Ancaster, ON (October 2005).

**COURSES TAUGHT (credit)**

Western University/Huron University

RS9505: Modernity, Post-Modernity, and the Secular

RS2610G: Christian Thought, Culture and Practice

Redeemer University

REL327: Pauline Epistles

REL326: Gospels and Acts

REL110: The Drama of Scripture

**COURSE GUEST LECTURES (credit)**

“The Reformation and the Churches of the Reformation” for “Ecumenism” MDiv. course at St. Peter’s Seminary, Western University

**COURSES TAUGHT (co-curricular)**

Western University

Decolonizing Christian Faith and Practice in Canada

Spirituality of Friendship for Well-being

Leadership for the 21st Century

Faith Amidst the Ruins: Habakkuk and 1 Corinthians

Christ and the Crowd: Paul’s Letter to the Ephesians

A Life You Didn’t Expect: The Book of Job

Christian Faith and Economic Globalization: Studies of Amos and James

The Acts of the Apostles

Cultivating a Christian Worldview

How to Read the Bible for All Its Worth

Foundations of Christian Scholarship

Introduction to World Religions

Christian and Canadian: Learning about our Colonial Past

Prayer: Five Big Questions

**THESIS/DISSERTATION EXAMINATIONS**

Tabitha P. Edgar, “Personhood, Particularity, and Perichoresis: The Doctrine of the Trinity in Identity and Faith Formation” (MA-Theology), Western University (May 28, 2021).

Jacob A. Shaw, “Atheist Controversy in the United Church of Canada: A Review of Gretta Vosper” (MA-Theology), Western University (April 23, 2019).

**ACADEMIC MENTORSHIP**

Courtney VanWaas (MA), “Calvinism and Sport in the 20th Century Christian Reformed Church,” Western University.

Betsy Dekens (MLIS), “A Christian Engagement with Contemporary Library and Information Management,” Western University.

Jenica Groot-Nibbelink (MA), “A Christian Approach to Literary Theory,” Western University.

Rebekah Lamb (PhD), “Gerard Manley Hopkins, Interpretation of Poetic Identity, and the Christian Doctrine of Creation,” Western University

Kimberly Gauld (HBA), “A Christian Approach to Psychology,” Western University.

Jeff Timmermans (HBDiv), “Karl Barth’s Theological Interpretation of Judas Iscariot,” Western University.

**SCHOLARLY MEMBERSHIPS**

Society of Biblical Literature

Institute for Biblical Research

Global Scholars

**MINISTRY SUPERVISION**

Shayanne DeBoer, 2019-2021, student internship

Nadeana Reece, 2017-2019, internship

David Wiseman, Winter 2017, MA-Chaplaincy internship.

Amy Stephenson, Cathryn Kennedy, Nadeana Reece, 2016-2017, student internship.

Tolulope Awobusuyi, 2016 internship.

Melissa Kuipers, 2014-2016 internship.

Jenica Groot-Nibbelink, 2012-2014 internship.

Jessica Driesenga Joustra, 2011 summer internship.

Danielle Rowaan, 2010-2011 student internship.

**COMMUNITY SERVICE and MEMBERSHIPS**

Luke’s Place Board of Directors, 2020 to present.

Commission on Faith and Witness (Canadian Council of Churches), 2019 to present.

Canadian Council of Churches Governing Board (CRCNA), 2019 to present.

Christian Reformed Church in North America Ecumenical and Inter-Faith Relations Committee, 2019 to present.

Board of Directors, London Condominium Corporation 47, 2018 to present.

Chair, Classis Chatham Church Planting Team, 2016 to 2020.

Kairos Ecumenical Justice Initiatives, 2005 to present.