

Curriculum Vitae: TODD STATHAM

PERSONAL

Name: Todd Regan Statham

Nationality: Canadian [b. Cowichan Valley, British Columbia]
German *Arbeits- und Aufenthaltserlaubnis* (work/residency permit)

Date of Birth: 13 March 1978

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Personal: Married 26 June 2004 to Annika Völtz; three children

Ordained minister of the Christian Reformed Church in North America

EDUCATION

2011 **Doctor of Philosophy**, McGill University [Religious Studies]

2007-2010 Visiting Researcher, Universität Hamburg, Germany

2006 Research Fellow in Protestant Theology and Culture, Johannes a Lasco Bibliothek, Emden, Germany

2003 **Master of Divinity**, The Presbyterian College, Montreal

2002 **Master of Sacred Theology** McGill University [Theology]

1999-2000 Graduate studies, Wycliffe College, University of Toronto

1999 **Bachelor of Arts, Honours** Carleton University [History and English]

DISSERTATION

“History and Dogma in Victorian Scotland” [supervisor: Douglas Farrow]

WORK EXPERIENCE

2016— **Chaplain** (Christian Reformed Church) at the University of British Columbia—Okanagan campus

2015-16 **Sessional Lecturer**

Institut für Theologie und Religionspädagogik, Universität Lüneburg, Germany

- *Undergraduate course*: Christliche Dogmatik
- *Graduate courses*: Religionsphilosophie
Ökumene und Religion

2014-2015 **Curriculum Developer**

Theological Education by Extension Malawi [TEEM], in affiliation with the University of Malawi

- *Responsibilities*: Developing course curriculum and writing six course textbooks (approximately 100 pages) for lay learning programmes in Theology, Church History, and African Christianity

2011-2014 **Lecturer**

Zomba Theological College, Malawi

- *Undergraduate courses*: Christianity in Africa
History of Christianity
Systematic Theology
Occasional lecturing in English Bible, Biblical Studies, Ethics

- Bachelor of Divinity dissertations supervised: 9
- Faculty liaison for the *Dictionary of African Christian Biography* project [www.dacb.org]

2005 **Sessional Lecturer**

The Presbyterian College, Montreal

- *Masters course*: Introduction to the Reformed Tradition

2004-2006 **Teaching Assistant** (and substitute lecturer)

Faculty of Religious Studies, McGill University

- *Undergraduate course*: The Bible and Western Culture

PUBLICATIONS

Books and Book Chapters:

“The Presbyterian Story in Nigeria, 1846 to Independence.” In *From Cairo to Cape Town: Presbyterian Missions and Churches in Africa*. Edited by Jack Whytock. Forthcoming in 2023.

“‘Like Jairus I call you’: Two Theological Attempts to Recover the Malawian Past.” In *Theology in Malawi: An Anthology*. Zomba: Luviri Press, forthcoming in 2022.

Blantyre Mission: Nkhani za Ciyambi Cace, by H. Kambwiri Matecheta.

Translated, edited, with introductory essay by Todd Statham and Thokozani Chilembwe. *Berliner Beiträge zur Missionsgeschichte*. Berlin: Wichern, 2016.

* Reprinted; Mzuzu: Luviri Press, 2020.

<https://www.africanbookscollective.com/books/blantyre-mission-stories-of-its-beginning>

* Extracts published in Kenneth R. Ross (ed), *Christianity in Malawi. A Source Book, Revised and Enlarged Edition*, Mzuzu: Mzuni Press, 2020.

Articles (peer-reviewed):

- “‘Unto the Fullness of Christ’: Organism and Dogma in James Orr.” *Calvin Theological Journal* 56 (2021): 37-66.
- “‘Re-Righting’ Missionary Historiography: The Example of H. Kambwiri Matecheta’s *Blantyre Mission*.” *Fides et Historia* 49 (2017): 65-85.
- “Scottish and Evangelical Elements in the 1915 Nyasaland Uprising, Part Two.” *Scottish Bulletin of Evangelical Theology* 33 (2015): 204-217.
- “Teetotalism in Malawian Protestantism: Missionary Origins, African Appropriation.” *Studies in World Christianity* 21 (2015): 161-182.
- “Scottish and Evangelical Elements in the 1915 Nyasaland Uprising, Part One.” *Scottish Bulletin of Evangelical Theology* 33 (2015): 39-57.
- “‘Like Jairus I call you’: Two Theological Attempts to Recover the Malawian Past.” *Journal of African Christian Thought* 17 (2014): 40-49.
- “Revisiting Robert Rainy.” *Records of the Scottish Church History Society* 43 (2014): 73-95.
- “Neglecting the Lord’s Supper: Presbyterian Parallels in Scotland and Malawi.” *Journal of Theology for Southern Africa* 146 (2014): 21-34.
- “‘Landlouping Students of Divinity’: Scottish Presbyterians in German Theology Faculties, 1840-1914.” *Zeitschrift für Kirchengeschichte* 65 (2010): 40-65.

Entries:

In the *Dictionary of African Christian Biography* [www.dacb.org]:

- “Patrick Kalilombe” [2016]
- “Stephen Kauta Msiska” [2015]
- “David Clement Scott” [2014]
- “Duff Macdonald” [2014]
- “Jonathan Sangaya” [2013]

In the *Dictionary of Christian Spirituality*. General editor Glen S. Scorgie. Grand Rapids: Zondervan Academic, 2011.

“John Baillie”

“Horace Bushnell”

“Henry Drummond”

“Iona Abbey”

“Edward Irving”

“Robert Murray M’Cheyne”

“Albert Schweitzer”

Translations (German to English)

Georg Plasger. “Safekeeping and Sifting: Observations on the German Reformed Tradition, 1900-1930.” *Journal of Reformed Theology* 6 (2012): 143-164.

Book Reviews:

Introducing World Religions: A Christian Engagement. By Charles E. Farhadian. Grand Rapids: Baker Academic, 2015. Forthcoming review for *Canadian Journal of Theology*.

Their Rock Is Not Like Our Rock: A Theology of Religions. By Daniel Strange. Grand Rapids: Zondervan Academic, 2014. Reviewed for *European Journal of Theology* 26 (2017): 82-84.

Missiology: An Introduction. By John Mark Terry. Nashville: Broadman and Holman Academic, 2015. Reviewed for *Expository Times* 127 (2016): 570.

Handbook of Religion: A Christian Engagement with Traditions, Teachings and Practices. Edited by Terry Muck, Harold Netland, and Gerald McDermott. Grand Rapids: Baker Academic, 2015. Reviewed for *Canadian Journal of Theology* 3 (2014): 118-121.

Jesus without Borders: Christology in the Majority World. Edited by Gene Green, Stephen Pardue, and K. K. Yeo. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2014. Reviewed for *European Journal of Theology* 25 (2016): 99-100.

From Times Square to Timbuktu: The Post-Christian West meets the Non-Western Church. By Wesley Granberg-Michaelson. Grand Rapids:

Eerdmans, 2013. Reviewed for *Haddington House Journal* 18 (2016): 45-48.

Christian Theology and African Traditions. By Matthew Michael. London: Lutterworth, 2013. Reviewed for *Expository Times* 126 (2015): 253-54.

Postcolonial Perspectives in African Biblical Interpretations. Edited by Musa W. Dube, Andrew M. Mbuvi, and Dora R. Mbuweyesango. Atlanta: Society of Biblical Literature, 2012. Reviewed for *Expository Times* 125 (2014): 556-57.

Global Awakening: How 20th-Century Revivals Triggered a Christian Revolution. By Mark Shaw. Downers Grove, Ill. IVP Academic, 2010. Reviewed for *Journal of African Christian Thought* 15 (2012): 55-56.

The Changing World of Christian History: The Global History of a Borderless Religion. By Dyron D. Daughrity. New York: Peter Lang, 2010. Reviewed for *ARC* 39 (2012): 37-38.

The New Shape of World Christianity. By Mark A. Noll. Downers Grove, Ill: IVP Academic, 2009. Reviewed for *Journal of African Christian Thought* 15 (2012): 59-60.

Unity and Diversity: The Founders of the Free Church of Scotland. By Sandy Finlayson. Fearn: Christian Focus, 2010. Reviewed for *Theology in Scotland* 18 (2011): <https://www.st-andrews.ac.uk/divinity/rt/tisjournal/archive/18-2/>

Johannes Rebmann: A Servant of God in Africa before the Rise of Western Colonialism. By Steven Paas. Nürnberg/Bonn: VTR/VKW, 2010. Reviewed for *African Journal of Evangelical Theology* 29 (2010): 151-54.

The World Missionary Conference, Edinburgh 1910. By Brian Stanley. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2009. Reviewed for *European Journal of Theology* 19 (2010): 197-198.

Fixing the Indemnity: The Life and Work of Sir George Adam Smith (1856-1942). By Iain D. Campbell. Milton Keynes: Paternoster Press, 2004. Reviewed for *European Journal of Theology* 17 (2008): 78-79.

John Williamson Nevin: High Church Calvinist. By D. G. Hart. Phillipsburg: P & R Books, 2005. Reviewed for *Scottish Bulletin of Evangelical Theology* 25 (2007): 235-37.

Interpreting Christian History: The Challenge of the Churches' Past. By Euan Cameron. Oxford: Blackwell, 2005. Reviewed for *Studies in Religion/Sciences Religieuses* 37 (2007): 163-64.

W. Stanford Reid: An Evangelical Calvinist in the Academy. By A. Donald MacLeod. Kingston/Montreal: McGill-Queens University Press, 2004. Reviewed for *ARC* 34 (2006): 303-4.

Popular Articles:

“Why are there so many church denominations?” Forthcoming in *The Banner* (February 2022)

“A Numbing Blow: Baptism as Illiberalism.” *Mere Orthodoxy* (November 2021): <https://mereorthodoxy.com/a-numbing-blow-baptism-as-illiberalism/>

“Does God need us to worship him?” *The Banner* (August 2021): <https://www.thebanner.org/columns/2021/08/why-would-god-need-people-to-worship-him>

“Does my forgiveness depend on my forgiving others?” *The Banner* (December 2020): <https://www.thebanner.org/columns/2020/12/does-my-forgiveness-depend-on-my-forgiving-others>

“Has science proved that God does not exist?” *The Banner* (November 2019): <https://www.thebanner.org/columns/2019/11/has-science-proved-that-god-does-not-exist>

“How do I respond to people who think God is irrelevant?” *The Banner* (June 2019): <https://www.thebanner.org/columns/2019/06/how-do-i-respond-to-people-who-think-god-is-irrelevant>

“Is it arrogant for Christians to claim the truth?” *The Banner* (December 2018): <https://www.thebanner.org/columns/2018/12/is-it-arrogant-for-christians-to-claim-the-truth>

“Did Jesus really exist?” *The Banner* (June 2018): <https://www.thebanner.org/columns/2018/06/did-jesus-really-exist>

“Is there truth in other religions?” *The Banner* (January 2018): <https://www.thebanner.org/departments/2018/01/is-there-truth-in-other-religions>

“A Time to Listen? Homosexuality and Global Christianity.” *Faith Today* (May/June 2017): 24; <http://digital.faithtoday.ca/faithtoday/20170506?pg=24#pg24>

“*Deutsche Post* (Reflections on the Refugee Crisis in Germany).” *Presbyterian Record* (Summer 2016), 8-12.

“Eyes Wide Open: Raising Kids in Africa.” *Presbyterian Record* (2014): <http://presbyterianrecord.ca/2014/06/01/eyes-wide-open/>

Short Reviews in *The Banner*, *Christian Courier*, etc.

- Alec Ryrie, *Unbelievers: An Emotional History of Doubt* (2021)
- Gilbert Meilaender, *Thy Will be Done: The Ten Commandments and the Christian Life* (2021)
- Nicolas Wolterstorff, *Religion in the University* (2020)
- Adam Neder, *Theology as a Way of Life* (2020)
- Michael Wagenman, *Engaging the World with Abraham Kuyper* (2020)
- R. W. L. Moberly, *The Bible in a Disenchanted Age: The Enduring Possibility of Christian Faith* (2018)
- Gerald McDermott, *Everyday Glory: the Revelation of God in all of Reality* (2019)
- Craig Barthelomew, *Beyond the Modern Age: An Archeology of Contemporary Culture* (2018)

- Tim Meuhlhoff and Richard Langer, *Winsome Persuasion: Christian Influence in a Post-Christian World* (2018)
- Anthony Thiselton, *Doubt, Faith and Certainty* (2017)
- Kevin Vanhoozer, *Biblical Authority After Babel* (2017)

WORKS IN PROGRESS

“‘History is written by the victors’: St Augustine as a ‘decolonizer’ of national narratives.” [Article or Book Chapter]

“David Adams Richards’ critique of the university in *Hope in the Desperate Hour*, *The Lost Highway* and *Crimes Against my Brother*.” [Article]

“Miracles, Missionaries and Religious Conversion: Comparing Colonial Africa and Medieval Europe.” [Article]

PRESENTATIONS (Select):

March 2019 Presenter, “Renegotiating Faith? Emerging Adulthood and Religious Formation in Canada.” Presentation and Panel Discussion at Christian Reformed BC South East Classis Meeting

May 2018 Moderator, Interfaith Panel on “Campus Faith Communities in the ‘Secular Age’.” CRC Chaplains Association Conference, Vancouver, BC

May 2015 “John Calvin's Eucharistic Theology in 16th Century Context”. Guest lecture to theological students in Grundkurs Ökumene, Leuphana Universität Lüneburg

May 2011 “Learning about Church History from John Henry Newman.”

Public lecture at Zomba Theological College to students of the Joint Board of Theological Colleges, Southern Malawi

March 2006 “Charles Hodge on Friedrich Schleiermacher: A Meeting of Opposites.”
Montreal Conference on Reformed Theology, Farel Seminary, Quebec

August 2005 “Contextual Theology and Theological Education: A Canadian Student's Perspective.”
Presentation at Taiwan Theological College, Taipei

May 2002 “Canadian Presbyterianism and Native Residential Schools in Colonial Context.”
Co-presented at Micro-Conference on Contextual Theology (sponsored by the Presbyterian Church in Canada and Baptist Federation of El Salvador), Antigua, Guatemala

DISTINCTIONS

2016 Women's Missionary Society, Presbyterian Church in Canada, Publishing Grant (\$1000)

2006-2009 Priscilla and W. Stanford Reid Trust Research Grant in the History of Reformed Protestantism (\$10,000)

2003 John Calvin Medal for Academic Excellence, The Presbyterian College

1999 Senate Medal for Academic Achievement, Carleton University

WORK HIGHLIGHTS

2021— Member, UBC Okanagan Fair Trade Campus Steering Group

2021— Mentor, Resonate Emerging Student Leader Program: “Psychology and Faith in Conversation”

2021 Training, Facilitator for Interfaith Dialogue, Rose Castle Foundation in Wales, UK

2020— Board Member, Kelowna Christian School

2019-20 Member, UBC Spiritual/Religious/Cultural Observance Working Group, Office for Equity and Inclusion

2018-2019 Mentor, Resonate Emerging Student Leader Program: “Science and Faith in Conversation”

2016-2018 Participant, UBCO Mental Health Network

2015 Referent [Study Leader], Christliche Volkshochschule, Henstedt, Germany

2013-2014 Project leader for curriculum revision vision of Church History and Theology courses (Zomba Theological College, St. Peter's Major Roman Catholic Seminary, Leonard Kamungu Anglican Seminary)

RESEARCH/TEACHING AREAS:

My research and teaching experience has ranged from Christianity in Africa to modern Protestant history and culture (especially Reformed and Lutheran traditions), and includes traditional disciplines like systematic theology and philosophy of religion as well as the emerging fields of intercultural theology and post-colonial religious studies. Since my undergraduate degree, I've also maintained interest in religion and literature and the philosophy of history.

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