

**RYAN A. BRANDT, PhD**  
ACADEMIC CURRICULUM VITAE

**Teaching Experience**

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PROFESSOR OF CHRISTIAN HISTORY AND THEOLOGY August 2015 - Present

*Grand Canyon University,  
Grand Canyon Theological Seminary, Phoenix, AZ*

- Full-time on-ground professor for college and seminary (Associate Professor, August 2019 - 2021; Assistant Professor, August 2018 - 2019; Instructor, August 2015 - 2018).
- Leads honors program and historical theology for the College of Theology.
- Became a “Distinguished Honorary Member” of the National Society of Collegiate Scholars in 2017; “Most Impactful Faculty Appreciation Award” for the Honors College (2016); “Distinguished Faculty Scholar” (2018); and “Faculty Scholarship Award” (2019).

ADJUNCT PROFESSOR OF THEOLOGY, TRADITION, January 2012 - May 2015  
WORLDVIEW, AND APOLOGETICS

*Boyce College, Louisville, KY*

- Taught 2 classes per semester on campus
- Also taught Boyce College Online

ADJUNCT PROFESSOR OF PHILOSOPHY, ETHICS, August 2013 - May 2015  
AND RELIGION

*Ivy Tech Community College, Sellersburg, IN*

- Sole instructor of philosophy, ethics, and religion for the campus, teaching 4 classes per semester

**COURSES TAUGHT**

Baptist History  
Christian Apologetics 2: History  
and Philosophy of  
Apologetics  
Christian Apologetics 3:  
Philosophy of the Materialism  
Christian Character Formation  
Christian Doctrines (Masters-  
Level)  
Christian Philosophy  
Christian Theology 1  
Christian Theology 2  
Christian Worldview

Church History 1  
Church History 2  
Contemporary Theology  
Critical Reasoning (co-  
instructor)  
Historical Theology (Honors-  
Level)  
History and Philosophy of  
Science (co-instructor)  
History of Christianity (Honors-  
Level)  
Honors Symposium:  
Aristotelian Ethics

Honors Symposium: Career  
Development  
Introduction to Christianity  
(Honors-Level)  
Introduction to Ethics  
Introduction to Philosophy (The  
Great Books)  
Modern European History  
Religion in the Public Square  
Spiritual Formation  
Systematic Theology 1  
(Masters-Level)

## Professional Affiliations

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KIRBY LAING CENTRE FOR PUBLIC THEOLOGY IN CAMBRIDGE <i>Associate Fellow</i>	2023 - Present
THE SCRIPTURE AND UNIVERSITY SEMINAR, KLC SCRIPTURE COLLECTIVE, IBR/SBL <i>Steering Committee</i>	2022 - Present
JOURNAL OF BIBLICAL AND THEOLOGICAL STUDIES <i>Managing Editor</i>	2015 - Present
AMERICAN ACADEMY OF RELIGION <i>Professional Membership</i>	2015 - Present
EVANGELICAL PHILOSOPHICAL SOCIETY <i>Full Membership</i>	2013 - Present
EVANGELICAL THEOLOGICAL SOCIETY <i>Full Membership</i>	2010 - Present
ACTON INSTITUTE <i>Oikonomia Fellow</i>	2016 - 2017

## Awards

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NSCS DISTINGUISHED HONORARY MEMBER <i>The National Society of Collegiate Scholars (NSCS), GCU Chapter</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• “A distinguished honorary member is an influential and well-known individual from the campus, local or national community, who the chapter officers wish to recognize for their embodiment of NSCS’s pillars of Scholarship, Leadership and Service.”</li><li>• One or two faculty, staff, or administration are awarded the honor each year at the local chapter (GCU)</li></ul>	2017 - Present
FACULTY SCHOLARSHIP AWARD <i>Center for Innovation in Research and Teaching (CIRT), GCU</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• This peer-reviewed award is given for high levels of faculty scholarly activity</li><li>• Award amount: \$500</li></ul>	Summer 2019
GRANT AWARD <i>The Australian Research Theology Foundation: \$4,500</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Project Title: “Theological Interpretation for Moral Formation”</li><li>• Project Outcomes: An international conference and edited book with John Frederick. The conference (based in Brisbane, Australia and hosted online) was an international biblical studies and theology conference bringing scholars and</li></ul>	2018 - 2019

practitioners into a global conversation through a multiple-day event. The conference was a hybrid model, taking place in ‘learning hubs’ around the world, usually in churches, seminaries, or theological colleges and universities.

**DISTINGUISHED FACULTY SCHOLAR** 2018

*Grand Canyon University, College of Theology*

- Presented to GCU faculty members who “exhibit extraordinary accomplishments in research or creative scholarship.”

**MOST IMPACTFUL FACULTY APPRECIATION AWARD** 2016 - 2017

*Grand Canyon University, Honors College*

- Given to one faculty member of the university each year

**STUDENT PAPER FINALIST** 2011

*Evangelical Theological Society, Southeast Regional Meeting*

- “Donald Bloesch and his Idea of Revelation: Towards an Understanding of Revelation as Objective and Subjective,” Evangelical Theological Society, Southeast Regional Meeting (Cincinnati, OH: March 2011).

## **Education**

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**DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY (Ph.D.)** May 2015

*Southern Seminary, Louisville, KY*

Area of Study: Systematic Theology  
Minors: Church History (20 doctoral hours)  
Christian Philosophy (18 doctoral hours)  
Dissertation: “The Organic Unity of Revelation: A Biblical, Historical, and Theological Understanding of the External and Internal Nature of Revelation”  
Advisor: Gregg Allison  
GPA: 3.9

**MASTER OF DIVINITY (M.Div.)** December 2009

*Southern Seminary, Louisville, KY*

Track: Biblical and Theological Studies  
Focus: Philosophy and Theology (47 hours)  
Credit Hours: 100  
GPA: 3.97

**BACHELOR OF ARTS (B.A.)** December 2006

*University of Illinois, Champaign-Urbana, IL*

Major: History (American, Modern Europe, Early Antiquity)

Senior Thesis: “Sacred Becoming: The Civil War,  
Little Round Top, and Tourism”

HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA

*Mundelein High School, Mundelein, IL (Top 4%, Summa Cum Laude)*

May 2003

## Publications

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### BOOKS

Joshua Farris and Ryan A. Brandt, *The Beatific Vision in Modern Context* (Eugene, OR: Cascade, Forthcoming 2025).

Ryan A. Brandt and John Frederick, eds., *Theological Interpretation of Scripture as Spiritual Formation*, Biblical Interpretation Series, vol. 206 (Leiden, Netherlands: Brill, 2023).

Ryan A. Brandt and John Frederick, eds., *Spiritual Formation for the Global Church: A Multi-Denominational, Multi-Ethnic Approach* (Downers Grove, IL: IVP Academic, 2021).

### ARTICLES AND CHAPTERS

Ryan A. Brandt and John Frederick, “The Shortcomings of the Historical-Critical Method and the Promise of Theological Interpretation of Scripture: A Short Survey of the Landscape and a New Proposal,” in *Theological Interpretation of Scripture as Spiritual Formation*, ed. Ryan A. Brandt and John Frederick, pgs. 1-32, Biblical Interpretation Series, vol. 206 (Leiden, Netherlands: Brill, 2023).

John Frederick and Ryan A. Brandt, “*Regula Catholica, Regula Interpretatio*: A Summary and Way Forward for Theological Interpretation of Scripture,” in *Theological Interpretation of Scripture as Spiritual Formation*, ed. Ryan A. Brandt and John Frederick, pgs. 305-330, Biblical Interpretation Series, vol. 206 (Leiden, Netherlands: Brill, 2023).

Ryan A. Brandt, “The ‘Christus Odium’ Variety of Penal Substitution in Contemporary Perspective: An Editorial Introduction,” *Journal of Biblical and Theological Studies* 6.1 (Summer 2021).

Ryan A. Brandt, “The Beatific Vision as Spiritual Formation: An Augustinian Ressourcement of the Beatific Vision for Spiritual Formation,” in *Spiritual Formation for the Global Church: A Multi-Denominational, Multi-Ethnic Approach*, edited by Ryan A. Brandt and John Frederick (Downers Grove, IL: IVP Academic, 2021).

Ryan A. Brandt and John Frederick, "Introduction," in *Spiritual Formation for the Global Church: A Multi-Denominational, Multi-Ethnic Approach*, edited by Ryan A. Brandt and John Frederick (Downers Grove, IL: IVP Academic, 2021).

John Frederick and Ryan A. Brandt, "Spiritual Formation, Catholicity, and the Multicultural Communion of the Saints," in *Spiritual Formation for the Global Church: A Multi-Denominational, Multi-Ethnic Approach*, edited by Ryan A. Brandt and John Frederick (Downers Grove, IL: IVP Academic, 2021).

Ryan A. Brandt and Matthew Y. Emerson, "An Introduction to Catholicity: An Editorial Preface to this Special Issue," in "The Catholicity of the Church: An Interdenominational Exploration," *Journal of Biblical and Theological Studies* 5.2 (January 2021).

Ryan A. Brandt and Joshua R. Farris, "A Theology of Seeing, Experiencing, and Vision: An Editorial Introduction," in special issue, "Baptist and Reformed Theologies of Vision and Deification," *Perichoresis* 17/2 (Summer 2019): 3-18. Available at: <https://content.sciendo.com/view/journals/perc/17/2/article-p3.xml>

Ryan A. Brandt, "Gospel-Centered Contemplation? A Proposal," in *Embracing Contemplation: Reclaiming a Christian Spiritual Practice*, ed. John H. Coe and Kyle C. Strobel (Downers Grove: IVP Academic, 2019), 185-202.

Contributor, *A Skeptic's Guide to the Arts in the Church*, edited by Mark Coppenger (Eugene, OR: Wipf and Stock, 2018).

Contributor, four-dozen entries in systematic and historical theology, in *The Pastor's Library: An Annotated Bibliography of Biblical and Theological Resources for Ministry*, ed. Robert Yost (Eugene, OR: Wipf & Stock, 2017).

Ryan A. Brandt, "Why Studying Philosophy of Science Matters: An Editorial Invitation and Introduction," *Journal of Biblical and Theological Studies*, 2.2 (Fall 2017): 147-56.

Joshua R. Farris and Ryan A. Brandt, "Ensouling the Beatific Vision: Motivating the Reformed Impulse," *Perichoresis* 15/1 (May 2017): 67-84. Available at <https://doi.org/10.1515/perc-2017-0004>.

Ryan A. Brandt, "Reading Scripture Spiritually: Bonaventure, the Quadriga, and Spiritual Reading Today," *Journal of Spiritual Formation and Soul Care*, 10/1 (Spring 2017): 12-32.

Ryan A. Brandt, "Heresy," *Holman Illustrated Bible Dictionary*, revised edition, ed. Chad Brand, Charles Draper, and Archie England (Nashville: Holman Bible, 2015).

## EDITED WORK IN JOURNALS

Current Peer Reviewing roles:

1. *Sophia International Journal of Philosophy and Traditions*
2. *Journal of Spiritual Formation and Soul Care*

Executive Editor, special issue, with Joshua Farris, “Science Engaged Theology,” *Journal of Biblical and Theological Studies* 9.2 (Forthcoming Summer 2025)

Executive Editor, special issue, with Amber Thomas Reynolds, “Twentieth-Century Global Evangelicalism: Intellectual, Devotional, and Missional Life,” *Journal of Biblical and Theological Studies* 7.2 (Forthcoming Summer 2023).

Editor of Symposium, “The ‘Christus Odium’ Variety of Penal Substitution in Contemporary Perspective,” *Journal of Biblical and Theological Studies* 6.1 (Summer 2021). Available at: <https://jbtsonline.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/09/JBTS-6.1-Full-Issue-Final.pdf>

Executive Editor, special issue, with Matthew Emerson, “The Catholicity of the Church: An Interdenominational Exploration,” *Journal of Biblical and Theological Studies* 5.2 (January 2021). Available at: <https://jbtsonline.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/09/JBTS-5.2-Full-Issue-compressed.pdf>.

Coeditor, two-volume special issue with Joshua R. Farris, in *Perichoresis*:

1. “Baptist and Reformed Theologies of Vision and Deification,” in *Perichoresis* 17/2 (Summer 2019): pp. 1-93. Open access and available at: <https://content.sciendo.com/view/journals/perc/17/2/perc.17.issue-2.xml?language=en>
2. “Baptist and Reformed Theologies of Vision and Deification, vol. 2, Constructive Issues in Contemporary Research,” in *Perichoresis* 18/1 (June 2020): pp. 1-115. Open access and available at: <https://content.sciendo.com/view/journals/perc/18/1/perc.18.issue-1.xml>

Executive Editor, special issue, “Christianity and the Philosophy of Science,” *Journal of Biblical and Theological Studies* 2.2 (Fall 2017). Available at <http://jbtsonline.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/09/JBTS-2.2.compressed.pdf>

Managing Editor, *Journal of Biblical and Theological Studies*, Issues 2.1 through 8.2, etc. (2016-present). Published in-print by Wipf and Stock and (open-access) online. All issues available open-access at: <http://jbtsonline.org/issues/>

Associate Editor, *Journal of Biblical and Theological Studies*, Issue 1.1 (2015). Published in-print by Wipf and Stock and (open-access) online. Available at <http://jbtsonline.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/09/JBTS-1.1-1.pdf>

## Presentations

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### PLENARY PRESENTATIONS

“The Contemplation of God in Creation: Ethical Transformation through Gazing upon the Stars,” presented at South Africa Theological Seminary’s Annual Conference: “Theology, Ethics, and the Church: Perspectives from the Global South” (March 2023).

### CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

“Holiness and Seeing God: A Biblical and Historical Development for Constructive Use” (Evangelical Theological Society, Annual Meeting, Denver, CO: November 2022).

“Contemplation, Creation, and Sanctification: Spiritual Formation through Gazing upon God in his Created World” (Evangelical Theological Society, Annual Meeting, Fort Worth, TX: November 2021).

“Modernizing the Beatific Vision: Philosophical and Scientific Perspectives of the *Visio Dei*,” Co-organizer and presider of session (EPS at AAR, Annual Meeting, Hosted over Zoom: December 2020).

“A Biblical Theology of the Beatific Vision” (Evangelical Theological Society, Annual Meeting, Hosted over Zoom: November 2020).

“Idealism, Beatific Vision, and the Doctrine of Bodily Resurrection,” authored by Joshua R. Farris and Ryan A. Brandt (Evangelical Philosophical Society, Annual Meeting, Hosted over Zoom: November 2020).

“Christus Odium Theory of the Atonement in Contemporary Context,” organizer and moderator of debate (Evangelical Theological Society, Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA: November 2019).

“Reforming Spiritual Reading: A Constructive Proposal for the Four Senses of Scripture” (Evangelical Theological Society, Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA: November 2019).

“The Beatific Vision and Spiritual Formation” (Evangelical Theological Society, Annual Meeting, Denver, CO: November 2018).

“Beauty: Practical Theology,” moderated session (Evangelical Theological Society, Annual Meeting, Denver, CO: November 2018).

“Seeing Being and Changing: An Augustinian Ressourcement of the Beatific Vision for Integrating Christology and Spiritual Formation” (Evangelical Theological Society, Far West Regional Meeting, Phoenix, AZ: April 2018).

“The Contemplative Gaze of Christ as *Logos*: How the Trinity is Foundational to Spiritual Formation” (Evangelical Theological Society, Annual Meeting, Providence, RI: November 2017).

“The Principia and Revelation: A Reflection of Revelation as External and Internal” (Evangelical Theological Society, Far West Regional Meeting, Ontario, CA: April 2017).

“Bonaventure, Sensus Plenior, and Spiritual Reading Today,” (Evangelical Theological Society, Annual Meeting, San Antonio, TX: November 2016).

“The *Principia* and Revelation: External and Internal Revelation,” (Evangelical Theological Society, Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA: November 2015).

“Gospel-Centered Contemplation: A Defense,” (Evangelical Theological Society, Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA: November 2015).

“The *Principia* and Revelation: A Reflection of Revelation as External and Internal,” (Evangelical Philosophical Society, Southeast Regional Meeting, Lithonia, GA: March 2015).

“Word and Spirit: Paul’s Understanding of Revelation as External and Internal,” (Evangelical Theological Society, Southeast Regional Meeting, Lithonia, GA: March 2015).

“Revelation as External and Internal: Towards an Understanding of the Organic Unity of Revelation,” (Evangelical Philosophical Society, Southeast Regional Meeting, Birmingham, AL: March 2014).

“Christ, Meaning, and Canon: A Study of Saint Bonaventure’s Method of Interpretation in the Gospel of Luke,” (Evangelical Theological Society, Southeast Regional Meeting, Birmingham, AL: March 2014).

“Donald Bloesch and his Idea of Revelation: Towards an Understanding of Revelation as Objective and Subjective” (Evangelical Theological Society, Midwest Regional Meeting, Cincinnati, OH: March 2011). *Student Paper Finalist*.

#### MISCELLANEOUS PRESENTATIONS (*a selective list*)

“A Constructive Proposal for the Four Senses of Scripture,” presented at the College of Theology Research Colloquium, Grand Canyon University (Phoenix, AZ: November 2019).

“The Beatific Vision as Spiritual Formation: An Augustinian Ressourcement of the Beatific Vision for Spiritual Formation,” presented at the College of Theology Research Colloquium, Grand Canyon University (Phoenix, AZ: October 2018).

“Tri-Personal Spiritual Formation: How the Trinity is Foundational to Spiritual Formation,” presented at the College of Theology Research Colloquium, Grand Canyon University (Phoenix, AZ: November 2017).

“Bonaventure and Spiritual Reading Today,” presented at the College of Theology Research Colloquium, Grand Canyon University (Phoenix, AZ: November 2016).

“Gospel-Centered Contemplation: An Initial Proposal,” presented at the College of Theology Research Colloquium, Grand Canyon University (Phoenix, AZ: April 2016).

“The Metaphysical Matrix of Thomas Aquinas,” Highlands Latin School, Metaphysics Seminar (Louisville, KY: May 2015).

“Augustine, Plotinus, and the Dialectic: Augustine’s Theory of Illumination in the Context of Neo-Platonism,” Highlands Latin School, Special Presentation (Louisville, KY: March 2015).

“Word and Spirit: Augustine’s Theory of Illumination,” Highlands Latin School, Special Presentation (Louisville, KY: March 2015).

“Theology and Science: The Obscure Emergence of Science in the Context of Theological Controversy,” Boyce College, Metaphysics Seminar (Louisville, KY: April 2014).

## **Administrative Experience**

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### **MANAGING EDITOR**

December 2015 - Present

*Journal of Biblical and Theological Studies*

- Cast vision and direction for the journal
- Supervise and oversee article submissions and book reviews for the areas of theology, church history, philosophy, and ethics
- Manage the associate editor and book review editors for these specified areas
- Attain and manage interdenominational scholars as peer reviewers and editorial board members

### **LEAD, HONORS PROGRAM**

December 2015 - Present

*Grand Canyon University, Phoenix, Arizona*

- Responsible for overseeing the honors program for the College of Theology
- Cast vision/direction and write curriculum for the honors course, CWV-106HN, an introduction to Christianity; and also, the annual freshmen Symposium

- Manage and mentor adjunct faculty in the honors program

FOUNDER AND ADVISOR December 2015 - Present

*Future Theologians (An Honors Society),  
Grand Canyon University, Phoenix, Arizona*

- Cast vision and oversee the *Future Theologians* society for the college.
- Meet semesterly with *Future Theologians* small-group of ~five students
- Mentor *Future Theologians* individually throughout the semester

CO-ORGANIZER AND CO-HOST July to August 2019

*Ecclesia and Ethics IV Conference*

- Ecclesia and Ethics IV is an international conference (based in Brisbane, Australia and hosted online) focused on bringing international biblical and theological scholars and practitioners into a global conversation through a multiple-day event. The conference is a hybrid conference that takes place in ‘learning hubs’ across the world, usually in churches, seminaries, or theological colleges and universities.
- Grant monies received: \$4,500 from The Australian Research Theology Foundation
- Co-organizer and co-host with John Frederick

COURSE LEAD, HISTORICAL THEOLOGY August 2015 - Present

*Grand Canyon University, Phoenix, Arizona*

- Responsible for overseeing the historical theology course
- Mentor relevant adjunct faculty

HONORS DESIGN COMMITTEE August 2019 - Present

*Grand Canyon University, Phoenix, Arizona*

- A university-level committee composed of one member of each college that work together for the development and vision of honors-college specific courses, symposia, and other academic activities.

FOUNDER AND ADVISOR August 2015 - 2020

*Dead Theologians Society  
Grand Canyon University, Phoenix, Arizona*

- Cast vision and direction for the campus organization
- Oversee, manage, and mentor the student officers

MINISTRY FORUM STUDENT PAPER COMPETITION August 2015 - May 2018

*Grand Canyon University, Phoenix, Arizona*

- Create, organize, and coordinate the Call for Student Papers
- Mentor and guide students in the development of papers

UNDERGRADUATE LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE August 2017 - 2020

*College of Theology, Grand Canyon University*

MISCELLANEOUS CWV FACULTY COMMITTEES August 2019 - 2020

*College of Theology, Grand Canyon University*

- *CWV Working Group 30+30*: Attend selected meetings, working together with faculty to arrange media and digital content for course as well as instructor guides
- *CWV Working Group: Custom Course Content*: This is a faculty sub-committee for the development of content and instructor help.
- *CWV Standardized Test Committee*: This is a faculty committee dedicated to writing the new CWV standardized exam for all GCU students.

FACULTY SUB-COMMITTEE FOR HIRING March 2018 - Present  
*Grand Canyon University, Phoenix, Arizona*

NONPROFIT STRATEGIC ANALYSIS WORKING GROUP August 2018 - May 2020  
*Grand Canyon University, Phoenix, Arizona*

BIBLICAL STUDIES PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE January 2019 - Present  
*Grand Canyon University, Phoenix, Arizona*

- Help oversee the development of the BA program in Biblical Studies

## Skills

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### TEACHING

Wide range of teaching experience

- Taught courses within the subjects of theology, religion, church history, European history, philosophy, apologetics, and ethics
- Taught classes in multiple formats:
  - Traditional 16-week or 18-week semesters
  - One-week, 40-hour intensive courses
  - Blended onground/online courses
  - Fully online courses

Highly rated in student evaluations

### LEADERSHIP

Instinctive vision caster

Skilled and experienced collaborator and facilitator

Firm sense of initiative

Proficient at managing editorial projects

Experienced in mentoring, advising, and spiritual discernment

## Ministerial

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TEACHER January 2019 - May 2021  
*Redemption Church – Arcadia, Phoenix, AZ*

- Taught theology, history, and spiritual formation to adults

COMMUNITY GROUP LEADER <i>Redemption Church – Arcadia, Phoenix, AZ</i>	January 2021 - August 2021
GUEST SERVICES <i>Redemption Church – Arcadia, Phoenix, AZ</i> • Greet and serve visitors and serve communion	2016 - 2019
LEADERSHIP SCHOOL <i>Sojourn Community Church, Louisville, KY</i> • Participant in nine-month leadership training with a focus on individual mentoring and discipleship	2014 - 2015
COMMUNITY GROUP LEADER <i>Sojourn Community Church, Louisville, KY</i>	2012 - 2015
SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER <i>Twin City Bible Chapel, Urbana, IL</i> <i>Baxter Avenue Church, Louisville, KY</i>	2003 - 2009
WORSHIP LEADER AND BIBLE STUDY LEADER <i>Campus Crusade for Christ</i> <i>University of Illinois, Champaign-Urbana, IL</i>	2003 - 2006

**Primary Research Interests**

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1. Theology of Spiritual Formation
2. The Beatific Vision and Theosis
3. Contemplation
4. Theological Interpretation of Scripture
5. History of Ideas
6. Integration of Disciplines
7. The Relationship between Theology, the Gospel, and Life