

Rev. Dr. Justin Lee McLendon

Curriculum Vitae

Grand Canyon University
Grand Canyon Theological Seminary
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CURRENT APPOINTMENTS

- Professor of Theology, Grand Canyon University & Grand Canyon Theological Seminary
- Department Chair for the Master of Arts Programs at Grand Canyon Theological Seminary
- Associate Fellow, The Kirby Laing Center for Public Theology
- President, ETS Far West Region
- Managing Editor for *the Journal of Biblical and Theological Studies*

EDUCATION

Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.), Mid-America Baptist Theological Seminary, Memphis, TN
(www.mabts.edu), December 2009 (3.89 GPA).

- Major Field: Systematic Theology
- Minor Fields: Church History and Practical Theology
- Dissertation: *The Role of Justification in the Ordo Salutis: A Comparison and Analysis of Selected Contemporary Reformed Scholars*
- Advisor: Dr. John Mahony
- External Dissertation Reader: Dr. Christopher Morgan, Dean of the School of Christian Ministries and Professor of Theology at California Baptist University, Riverside, CA
- Doctoral Student Council Representative

Master of Divinity (M.Div.), Mid-America Baptist Theological Seminary, Memphis, TN
(www.mabts.edu), May 2006 (3.74 GPA).

- Concentration: Biblical Studies
- Student Council Representative

Bachelor of Science (B.S.), Mississippi State University, Starkville, MS (www.msstate.edu), December 2002.

- Major: Interdisciplinary Studies (History, Political Science, Counselor Education)
- Advisor: Dr. Johnpeter Grill

PUBLICATIONS

Authored Books

- Justin McLendon, *Grace Visible: Herman Bavinck and the Life of the Church* (Eugene, OR: Cascade). **Forthcoming.**

Edited Books

- Joshua Greever, D. A. Horton, and Justin McLendon, *Let Justice Roll Down: Toward a Theology of Social Justice* (Nashville, TN: B&H Academic). **Forthcoming.**
- Justin McLendon, ed. *Theology and the Blues*, Pop Culture and Theology Series (Lanham, MD: Lexington Books/Fortress Academic). **Forthcoming.**

Book Chapters

- Justin L. McLendon, “Mississippi Blues: A Theological Account,” in *Theology and the Blues*, ed. Justin McLendon, Pop Culture and Theology Series (Lanham, MD: Lexington Books/Fortress Academic, 2023). **Forthcoming.**
- Justin L. McLendon and Amanda Jenkins, “Innocent Until Proven Guilty: Jonathan Edwards’s Standard of Holiness,” in *The Miscellanies Companion*, Vol. 3, edited by Robert L. Boss (JE Society Press, 2023). **Forthcoming.**
- Justin L. McLendon, “Social Justice and the Doctrine of God,” in *Let Justice Roll Down: Toward a Theology of Social Justice*, edited by Joshua Greever, D. A. Horton, and Justin McLendon (Nashville, TN: B&H Academic) **Forthcoming.**
- Justin L. McLendon, “To Save and Sanctify: Jonathan Edwards and the Means of Grace,” in *The Miscellanies Companion*, Vol. 2, edited by Robert L. Boss and Sarah B. Boss, foreword by Douglas A. Sweeney (JE Society Press, 2021).
- Justin L. McLendon, “Beauty in Norman Maclean’s *A River Runs Through It*: A Theological Account,” in *Film, Philosophy and Religion*, edited by Bill Anderson (Wilmington, DE: Vernon Press, 2021).
- Justin L. McLendon, “The Means of Grace and the Virtual Church: Friend or Foe?” in *Technology and Theology*, edited by Bill Anderson (Wilmington, DE: Vernon Press, 2020), 127-148.
- Justin L. McLendon, “Obstacles to Wisdom,” in *The Beginning of Wisdom: An Introduction to Christian Thought and Life* (GCU, 2020).
- Justin L. McLendon, “Redemptive Church Discipline and The Lord’s Supper: Lessons from Herman Bavinck,” in *Distinguishing the Church: Explorations in Word, Sacrament and Discipline*, edited by Greg Peters and Matt Jenson (Eugene, OR: Pickwick, 2019).
- Christopher W. Morgan and Justin L. McLendon “A Trajectory of Spirituality,” in *Spirituality for Theology in Community*, volume 8 (Wheaton: Crossway, 2019).

Encyclopedia Entries

- Justin L. McLendon, “Robert Lewis Dabney,” in *The Encyclopedia of American Religious History: Reconstruction to World War II*, vol. 2., edited by Gary Scott Smith (Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-CLIO, 2020).
- Justin L. McLendon, “Henri Nouwen,” in *The Encyclopedia of American Religious History: World War II to the Present*, vol. 3., edited by Gary Scott Smith (Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-CLIO, 2020).

Academic Articles

- With N. Gray Sutanto, “Herman Bavinck: A Centenary Celebration,” *Journal of Biblical and Theological Studies*, 6.2 (Fall 2021).
- “Comparative Ecclesiology: Roger Haight’s *Christian Community in History* for Evangelical Resourcement,” *Journal of Biblical and Theological Studies* 4.2 (2019): 317-333.
- “John Calvin the Refugee Theologian: Reflections on Shepherding with a Graceful Hospitality,” *Luther Rice Journal of Christian Studies*, 3 (Spring 2019): 32-49.
- “Current Issues in Pastoral Theology: An Editorial Introduction,” *Journal of Biblical and Theological Studies* 3, no. 1 (March 2018).
- “G. Campbell Morgan and the Ordinary Means of Grace,” *Churchman* 132, no. 3 (2018): 253-65.
- “Jesus Christ: Prophet, Priest, and King,” *Founders Journal* 108, no. 2 (May 2017): 27-35.
- “The Accomplishments of Christ the Mediator,” *Founders Journal* 108, no. 2 (May 2017): 36-44.
- “Christ the Mediator: Current Dialogue for Theology and Ministry,” *Founders Journal* 108, no. 2 (May 2017): 45-54.
- “The Evangelical Accommodation: Reassessing Francis Schaeffer’s Critique of the Church,” *The Journal of Mid-America Baptist Theological Seminary* 4, no. 1 (January 2017): 53-64.
- “The Priesthood of the Believer in Baptist Ecclesiology,” *American Journal of Biblical Theology* 16, no. 34 (Aug 2015): 1-18.

General Articles

- “Ministers of Tomorrow,” *Living Faith*, Theology Thursday, January 21, 2021.
- “5 Questions about Biblical Spirituality,” Crossway Publishers Blog, November 20, 2020.
- “Substitution,” *Living Faith*, Theology Thursday, March 5, 2020.
- “Before the Face of God,” *Living Faith*, Theology Thursday, October 11, 2018.

- “Multigenerational Churches” *Living Faith*, Theology Thursday, April 5, 2018.
- “Christ the Conquering King,” *Living Faith*, Theology Thursday, January 11, 2018.
- “The Hope that is Within Us,” *Connections Magazine* (July-August 2017): 16-17.
- “Your Worldview Travels” *Living Faith*, August 27, 2015.
- “Brothers, Don’t Forget Titus,” *For the Church*, July 31, 2015.

Editorial (JBTS issues where I served as special editor)

- “Pastoral Theology,” *The Journal of Biblical and Theological Studies*, 3.1.
- “Herman Bavinck,” *The Journal of Biblical and Theological Studies*, 6.2.
- “Ecclesiology,” *The Journal of Biblical and Theological Studies*, 9.1 (**Forthcoming**).

Presentations

- “Catholicity in the AI Church,” Presidential Address for the ETS Far West Regional Meeting, Southern California Seminary (March 2024). **Forthcoming**
- “Herman Bavinck and the Visible Church,” at the Presbyterian Scholars Conference. Wheaton College, October 2023. **Forthcoming**
- With Amanda Jenkins, “Innocent Until Proven Guilty: Jonathan Edwards’s Standard of Holiness,” at the Evangelical Theological Society Annual Meeting, Denver, Colorado, November 15, 2022.
- “Jonathan Edwards and the Means of Grace,” at the Evangelical Theological Society Far West Regional Meeting, Gateway Seminary, Ontario, California, April 1, 2022.
- “Neither Monk nor Martyr: Herman Bavinck and the Imitation of Christ,” at the Bavinck Centenary Conference, December 6-7, 2021, Brisbane, Australia.
- “Herman Bavinck Among the Evangelicals: Retrieving Catholicity for Rehabilitation,” at the Evangelical Theological Society Annual Meeting, Ft. Worth, Texas, November 2021.
- “Breaking Bad: G. Campbell Morgan as Model for Evangelical Civility,” at the Evangelical Theological Society, Far West Regional Meeting, Colorado Christian University, April 23, 2021.
- “The Chips Have Fallen: Neo-Calvinism and the Possibilities of an Evangelical Future,” at the American Academy of Religion Western Regional Meeting, Graduate Theological Union, Berkeley, California, March 20, 2021. Respondents: Dyron Daugherty (Pepperdine University), Enrico Beltramini (Notre Dame de Namur University).
- “Liturgy & Lament: The Means of Grace in a Global Pandemic,” at Society for the Study of Theology Conference. Conference Theme: “Christian Theology in the Midst of COVID-19.” June 17, 2020.

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- “G. Campbell Morgan: The Almost Liberal Evangelical?” at the Evangelical Theological Society, Annual Meeting, San Diego, California, November 20, 2019.
- “Herman Bavinck on the Church’s *Unique* Spiritual Power,” at the Evangelical Theological Society, Midwest Regional, Moody Bible Institute, Chicago, Illinois, March 29, 2019.
- “Twentieth-Century American Revivalism: A Theological Critique of Billy Graham’s Revivals,” at The Gospel Coalition Arizona, *Revival* Conference, February 22-23, 2019, Gilbert, Arizona.
- “Herman Bavinck and Church Discipline: Exploring the Visibility of the Spirit’s Ruling Power,” at the Evangelical Theological Society, Annual Meeting, Denver, Colorado, November 13, 2018.
- “Christ the Exalted King of Power in Herman Bavinck’s *Reformed Dogmatics*” at the Evangelical Theological Society, Far West Regional Meeting, April 13, 2018, at Grand Canyon University, Phoenix, Arizona.
- “Christ, Exaltation, and the Sustainability of the Church,” at the Evangelical Theological Society, Eastern Regional Meeting, April 6-7, 2018, at Lancaster Bible College, Lancaster, Pennsylvania.
- “John Calvin the Refugee Theologian: Reflections on a Graceful Hospitality for Ecclesial Flourishing,” at the Evangelical Theological Society Annual Meeting, Providence, Rhode Island, November 2017.
- “Church Discipline and The Lord’s Supper: Herman Bavinck’s Theology of Corporate Suffering,” at the Evangelical Theological Society, Annual Meeting, Providence, Rhode Island, November 2017.
- “Sola Gratia” for *Reformation 500 Conference* at Grand Canyon University, Phoenix, Arizona, October 30, 2017.
- “John Calvin the Refugee Theologian,” at the Evangelical Theological Society, Far West Regional Annual Meeting, Gateway Seminary, Ontario, California, April 21, 2017.
- “The Ordinary Means of Grace and the Pastor Theologian: Lessons from G. Campbell Morgan,” at the Evangelical Theological Society, Annual Meeting, San Antonio, Texas, November 15, 2016.
- “Joseph and Providence: Family Dysfunctionality and Redemptive Metanarrative,” at the Evangelical Theological Society, Annual Meeting, Atlanta, Georgia, November 18, 2015.
- “Pneumatology: Doctrine, Discipline, Discipleship,” at Logan Valley Christian Retreat, Ellington, Missouri, June 9-12, 2015. I delivered a series of four lectures.
- “Souls Adrift: The Church and Sexual Brokenness,” at the Evangelical Theological Society, Midwest Regional Annual Meeting, Moody Bible Institute, Chicago, Illinois, April 10, 2015.

- “Death, Life, and the Hope of the Gospel: The Implications of Jesus’ Resurrection,” at the St. Louis Men’s Bible Conference, Brookes Bible College, April 4, 2015.
- “Theological Makeover: Implementing the 9 Marks of a Healthy Church,” at Mississippi College, Foundations for Ministry class, Dr. Wayne VanHorn, Professor, Fall 2011.
- “Spiritual Formation and the Impact of the Gospel,” at Mission Surge Conference, Cleary Baptist Church, Florence, Mississippi, November 12-13, 2010.

Conference Moderator/Panelist

- Session Moderator of Practical Theology (Missiology & Ecclesiology) at the Evangelical Theological Society, Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA, November 20-22, 2019.
- Session Moderator of Holy Spirit & Systematic Theology at the Evangelical Theological Society, Annual Meeting, Denver, Colorado, November 15, 2018.
- Panel Chair and Moderator for Pastoral/Practical Theology session at the Evangelical Theological Society, Annual Meeting, San Antonio, Texas, November 15, 2016.
- Panel Moderator with Wayne Grudem, “Faith & Politics,” Ministry Forum special edition, Grand Canyon University, Phoenix, Arizona, October 2016.
- Participant in the panel discussion for the Literature of the Bible: Family as Biblical Archetype session at the Evangelical Theological Society, Annual Meeting, Atlanta, Georgia, November 18, 2015.

Interviews

- Interview participant for “The Freedom and Bondage of the Will” for *The Gospel Coalition Learn Initiative*. Participants included Drs. Ligon Duncan, Chancellor of RTS, Matthew Barrett, Associate Professor of Theology, Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, and Tom Nettles, Distinguished Professor of Historical Theology, Southern Seminary. Interview conducted by Dr. Fred Zaspel on July 31, 2017.

Book Reviews

- Review of Paul Avis, ed. *The Oxford Handbook of Ecclesiology* (OUP, 2018) for *Calvin Theological Journal* (Spring 2021).
- Review of Uche Anizor, *How to Read Theology: Engaging Doctrine Critically and Charitably* (Grand Rapids: Baker, 2018) for *The Journal of Biblical and Theological Studies* (Spring 2020).
- Review of Richard Muller, *Divine Will and Human Choice: Freedom, Contingency, and Necessity in Early Modern Reformed Thought* (Grand Rapids: Baker, 2017) for *Trinity Journal* (Spring 2019).
- Review of Pete Ward, *Introducing Practical Theology* (Grand Rapids: Baker, 2017) for *Southeastern Theological Review* (Spring 2019).
- Review of Jeremy M. Kimble, *40 Questions About Church Membership and Discipline* (Grand Rapids: Kregel, 2017) for *Southwestern Journal of Theology* (Spring 2019).

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- Review of Sinclair Ferguson, *Some Pastors and Teachers: Reflecting a Biblical Vision of what Every Minister is Called to Be* (Banner of Truth, 2017) for *Themelios* (December 2018).
- Review of Christopher R. J. Holmes, *The Lord Is Good: Seeking the God of the Psalter*, Studies in Christian Doctrine and Scripture (Downers Grove: IVP, 2018) for *Trinity Journal* (Fall 2018).
- Review of James P. Eglinton, *Herman Bavinck on Preaching & Preachers* (Peabody, MA: Hendrickson, 2017) for *The Journal of Biblical and Theological Studies* (Fall 2018).
- Review of Matthew Y. Emerson, *The Story of Scripture: An Introduction to Biblical Theology* (Nashville: Broadman & Holman, 2017) for *The Journal of Biblical and Theological Studies* (Fall 2018).
- Review of Nathan Finn and Keith Whitfield, editors, *Spirituality for the Sent: Casting a New Vision for the Missional Church* (Downers Grove: IVP, 2017) for *Midwestern Journal of Theology* (Fall 2018).
- Review of Makoto Fujimura, *Culture Care: Reconnecting with Beauty for Our Common Life* (Downers Grove: IVP, 2017) for *Calvin Theological Journal* (November 2017).
- Review of Duane Lipton, *Paul's Theology of Preaching: The Apostle's Challenge to the Art of Persuasion in Ancient Corinth* (Downers Grove: IVP, 2015) for *The Journal of Baptist Studies* (April 2017).
- Review of Colin Marshall and Tony Payne, *The Vine Project: Shaping Your Ministry Culture Around Disciple-Making* (Sydney, Australia: Matthias Media, 2016) for *Themelios*, 42:1 (April 2017).
- Review of Mary Hulst, *A Little Handbook for Preachers* (Downers Grove: IVP, 2016) for *The Journal of the Evangelical Homiletics Society*, 17.1 (March 2017), 79-81.
- Review of Miroslav Volf and Ryan McAnnally-Linz, *Public Faith in Action: How to Think Carefully, Engage Wisely, and Vote with Integrity* (Grand Rapids: Brazos, 2016) for *The Journal of Biblical and Theological Studies* (March 2017).
- Review of Steve Smith, *Recapturing the Voice of God: Shaping Sermons like Scripture* (Nashville: Broadman & Holman, 2015) for *The Journal of Mid-America Baptist Theological Seminary*, vol. 4 (January 2017).
- Review of Amy E. Black, general editor, *Five Views on The Church and Politics* (Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2015) for *The Journal of Biblical and Theological Studies*, 1.2 (2016).
- Review of Keith L. Johnson, *Theology as Discipleship* (Downers Grove: IVP Academic, 2015) for *The Journal of Biblical and Theological Studies*, 1.2 (2016).
- Review of Kevin Vanhoozer and Owen Strachan, *The Pastor as Public Theologian: Reclaiming a Lost Vision* (Grand Rapids: Baker Academic, 2015) for *The Journal of Biblical and Theological Studies*, 1.1 (2016).

- Review of Mark Jones, *Knowing Christ* (Carlisle, PA: Banner of Truth, 2015) for The Gospel Coalition Reviews for Bible and Theology.
<http://www.thegospelcoalition.org/article/book-review-the-sequel-to-packers-knowing-god>

RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Ecclesiology and Eschatology
- The Kingdom of God
- Apologetics
- Reformed Theology & Neo-Calvinism
- Catholicity, Holiness, and Beauty
- The Means of Grace & Liturgy
- Theology & the Arts (especially literature, blues, & jazz music)

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Full-Time

- Professor of Theology, Grand Canyon University and Grand Canyon Theological Seminary, (2022-Present).
- Associate Professor of Theology, Grand Canyon University and Grand Canyon Theological Seminary, (2020-2022).
- Assistant Professor of Theology, Grand Canyon University and Grand Canyon Theological Seminary, (2018-2020).
- Instructor of Theology, College of Theology at Grand Canyon University, and Grand Canyon Theological Seminary, (2015-2018).

Adjunct Teaching

- Adjunct Instructor of Church History: Brookes Bible College, St. Louis, MO (2014-2015).
- Adjunct Instructor of Hermeneutics: Mid-America Baptist Theological Seminary (Fall 2007).
- Adjunct Instructor of Theology and Apologetics: Colorado Christian University (2023-present).

SERVICE TO THE ACADEMY

2017-present: *Managing Editor for the Journal of Biblical and Theological Studies*

2015-2019: *Book Review Editor for Practical Theology/Ministry for JBTS*

2019-present: Member of the Evangelical Theological Society's Annual Meeting Proposal Review Board.

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- 2022-2023: Editorial Board member for the Jonathan Edwards Society's *Miscellanies* project, vol. 3.
- 2021-2022: Secretary/Treasurer of the Far West Region of the Evangelical Theological Society.
- 2022-2023: Vice President of the Far West Region of the Evangelical Theological Society.
- 2023-present: President of the Far West Region of the Evangelical Theological Society.
- 2023-present: Associate Fellow, The Kirby Laing Center for Public Theology

SERVICE TO THE UNIVERSITY

- 2016-present: Department Chair for the Master of Arts program for Grand Canyon Theological Seminary.
- 2015-2017: Lead Faculty for Ministry Forum of the College of Theology for Grand Canyon University, Evening Program.
- 2017-2020: Lead Faculty for the Pastors' Round Table Series of the College of Theology for Grand Canyon University.

Professional Development Presentations

- Fall 2019 "Advanced Pedagogy in Christian Worldview (CWV 101)"
"Scholarship in Historical and Systematic Theology," with Dr. Ryan Brandt
- Fall 2021 "Theological Triage" with Dr. Scott Hovater
"Scholarship in Historical and Systematic Theology," with Dr. Ryan Brandt
- Fall 2022 "Advanced Pedagogy: FTF Majors"
"Biblical Unity & Theological Diversity: Engaging Theology Majors & Minors"
"Faculty Flourishing"
"One Faculty, Many Gifts"
"Scholarship Resources for Historical & Systematic Theology"

Additional University Service

- 2015-present: Master of Arts for the Professional Standards and Evaluations Committee
- 2015-present: GCU Honors College Spring Colloquium Faculty
- 2015-present: Master of Arts Revision Committee (University wide): Grand Canyon University
- 2015-present: Academic Affairs Committee: Grand Canyon University

- 2015-present: Faculty Advisor for Biblical Theology Club (Student led): Grand Canyon University.
- 2015-present: Faculty Mentor to Instructional Assistants.
- 2016-present: College of Theology Hiring Committees.
- 2016-present: Faculty Mentor to Future Theologians (Honors College).
- 2016-present: College of Theology and Grand Canyon Theological Seminary Church Relations.
- 2019-present: Adjunct mentor
- 2018-present: Internship & Supervised Ministry Committee
- 2019-present: Doctor of Ministry working group.
- 2020-present: Lead Faculty for ICS Task Force
- 2016-present: Panelist for various student-facing events to discuss various topics in theology and ministry.
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MINISTRY EXPERIENCE

- (Current) Scholar in Residence at King of Kings Church, PCA, Goodyear, AZ
 - (Current) Teaching Elder, Arizona Presbytery, Presbyterian Church in America (PCA)
 - I have preached in numerous Phoenix churches across various denominations (PCA, SBC, Assemblies of God, non-denominational, etc.).
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AWARDS/HONORS

- 2022 Wabash Center Hybrid Teaching and Learning Workshop for Mid-Career Faculty Teaching at Evangelical Theological Schools and Seminaries.
- Recipient (12x) of research funding through GCU's Center for Innovation in Research and Teaching (CIRT)
- Winner of the Summer 2019 Faculty Scholarship Recognition program sponsored by the Center for Innovation in Research and Teaching (CIRT). Through a competitive selection process, the program recognizes Grand Canyon University (GCU) faculty scholarly activity.
- *Distinguished Faculty Scholar Award* from the Center for Innovation and Research and Technology (CIRT) at Grand Canyon University (Awarded August 12, 2017). This award is presented to GCU faculty members who exhibit extraordinary accomplishments in research or creative scholarship through teaching, discovery, scholarly engagement, and service.

- Student Council Representative (Seminary)
 - 2007 Volunteer of the Year for Tennessee Baptist Children's Home, Memphis, TN.
 - Featured as a church replanter on www.churchreplanters.com.
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COURSES TAUGHT

Undergraduate @ Grand Canyon University

- Christian Worldview
- Honors Christian Worldview
- Biblical Interpretation & Application
- Historical Theology
- Christian Theology 1
- Christian Theology 2

Graduate Courses Taught @ Grand Canyon Theological Seminary

- Christian Doctrines
 - Systematic Theology 1
 - Systematic Theology 2
 - History of Christianity 1
 - History of Christianity 2
 - Christ-Centered Preaching
 - Spiritual Formation and Mentoring
 - Christian Worldview and Contextualization
 - Pastoral Theology
 - Practical Theology
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PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- American Academy of Religion
 - Evangelical Theological Society
 - The Bavinck Institute
 - The Kirby Laing Center for Public Theology
 - World Reformed Fellowship
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MISCELLANEOUS

- Plenary speaker for *Classical Conversations* Logic Practicum (Phoenix, Arizona; July 2017).
- Volunteer coach for youth softball, soccer, and baseball for Surprise, AZ recreation leagues (2016-present).