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EMPLOYMENT: Associate Professor (tenured) of Religious Studies,
University of Virginia. 2011 to present

Assistant Professor of Religious Studies,
University of Virginia. 2006-11

EDUCATION: Harvard University
Committee on the Study of Religion
Graduate School of Arts and Sciences
Cambridge, MA 02138
A.M., Ph.D., 2006

Dissertation: 'The Humanity of Christ in Karl Barth's
Church Dogmatics'

Director: Professor Ronald Thiemann

Readers: Professors Sarah Coakley and David Lamberth

Ruprecht-Karls-Universität Heidelberg
Wissenschaftlich-Theologisches Seminar
69117 Heidelberg, Germany
DAAD Graduate Research Scholar, 2004-5

The Divinity School, Harvard University
Cambridge, MA 02138
Master of Divinity, 1999

Oriel College
Oxford University

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Oxford, OX1 4EW
 B.A., First Class Honors (Theology), 1995
 M.A. conferred 2006

SCHOLARSHIP

RESEARCH INTERESTS:

Christian theology and philosophy of religion in the modern West. Special interests in Christology, atonement, the doctrine of God, and theological method; Protestant thought (particularly Karl Barth); political, liberationist, and constructive theology.

CURRENT RESEARCH:

Paul Dafydd Jones and Paul T. Nimmo (eds), *The Oxford Handbook of Karl Barth*. Under contract with Oxford University Press. Forthcoming in 2017/18

Patience: A Theological Exploration (book-length project)

Paul Dafydd Jones and Grace Y. Kao (eds), *Liberation Theology*, in the *Shapers of Modern Theology* series. Under contract with Fortress Press. Forthcoming in 2018

Protestant Views of the Atonement (book-length project)

BOOK:

The Humanity of Christ: Christology in Karl Barth's Church Dogmatics (London: T&T Clark/Continuum, 2008). Paperback published 2011

Award: Templeton Award for Theological Promise, 2010

ARTICLES & CHAPTERS:

'The Riddle of Gethsemane,' for Daniel Migliore (ed.), *Karl Barth and the Gospels* (Eerdmans, forthcoming in 2016)

'Karl Barth's *The Christian Life* and the task of political theology,' in Markus Höfner (ed.), *Theo-Politics?*

Conversing with Barth in Western and Asian Contexts
(Fortress, forthcoming)

‘On the “loving mutations” of *God, Sexuality, and the Self*,’
Syndicate Theology (<http://syndicatetheology.com>)
(forthcoming)

‘The Fury of Love: Calvin on the Atonement,’ in Adam
Johnson (ed.), *T&T Clark Companion to the Atonement*
(London: T&T Clark/Bloomsbury, forthcoming)

‘Karl Barth,’ in Shaun Casey and Michael Kessler (eds),
The Oxford Handbook of Political Theology (forthcoming)

‘A Cheerful Unease: Theology and Religious Studies,’ in
Elizabeth Alexander and Beth Berkowitz (eds), *Religious
Studies and Rabbis* (forthcoming, pending minor
revisions)

‘On Patience: Thinking with and beyond Karl Barth,’
Scottish Journal of Theology, vol. 68, no. 3 (2015), pp.
273-298

‘Patience: A Theological Experiment,’ *Theology Today*, vol.
72, no. 1 (2015), pp. 15-20

‘Patience: A Theological Exploration,’ in *The Enhancing
Life Project: Scholars and Research Projects*, ed. William
Schweiker and Günter Thomas (Private print run, 2015),
pp. 179-192

‘Ronald Thiemann’s *theologia crucis* and the Task of
Public Theology,’ *Toronto Journal of Theology*, vol. 30, no.
1 (2014), pp. 19-32

‘Conclusion’ to Ronald F. Thiemann, *The Humble Sublime:
Secularity and the Politics of Belief*, co-written with Mara

Willard (London: I. B. Tauris, 2014), pp. 189-201 and 234-236

‘Christology,’ in Richard Burnett (ed.), *The Westminster Handbook to Karl Barth* (Louisville, Ky.: WJKP, 2013), pp. 30-34

‘On the “Monstrosity of Christ”: Karl Barth in conversation with Slavoj Žižek and John Milbank,’ *The Other Journal*, vol. 22 (2013), pp. 87-103. Also available online: <http://theotherjournal.com/2013/07/08/on-the-monstrosity-of-christ-karl-barth-in-conversation-with-slavoj-zizek-and-john-milbank/>. Note: A slightly different version of this essay is published in W. Travis McMaken and David W. Congdon (eds), *Karl Barth in Conversation* (Eugene, Oreg.: Pickwick Publications, 2014), pp. 171-89

‘Book Review Essay: David Kelsey, *Eccentric Existence: A Theological Anthropology*,’ *Journal of the American Academy of Religion*, vol. 80, no. 3 (2012), pp. 787-800

‘A Hopeful Universalism,’ *The Christian Century*, vol. 129, no. 13 (2012), pp. 22-27 (cover story)

Award: Associated Church Press, ‘Honorable Mention’ in the ‘Critical Review’ category, 2013

‘The Heart of the Matter: Karl Barth’s Christological Exegesis,’ in George Hunsinger (ed.), *Thy Word is Truth: Barth on Scripture* (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2012), pp. 173-95

‘Obedience, Trinity, and Election: Thinking with and beyond the *Church Dogmatics*,’ in Michael T. Dempsey (ed.), *Trinity and Election in Contemporary Theology* (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2011), pp. 138-61

‘The Rhetoric of War in Karl Barth’s *Epistle to the Romans*: A Theological Analysis,’ *Journal for the History of Modern Theology / Zeitschrift für Neuere Theologiegeschichte*, vol. 17, no. 1 (2010), pp. 90-111

Note: An earlier version of this piece is included in Russell Kleckley and Arthur McCalla (eds), *Papers of the Nineteenth-Century Theology Group*, vol. XL (Eugene, OR: Wipf & Stock, 2009)

‘Barth and Anselm: God, Christ, and the Atonement,’ *International Journal of Systematic Theology*, vol. 12, no. 3 (2010), pp. 257-82

‘The Atonement: God’s Love in Action,’ in Tom Greggs (ed.), *New Perspectives for Evangelical Theology: Engaging with God, Scripture, and the World* (London: Routledge, 2010), pp. 44-62

‘Liberation Theology and “Democratic Futures” (by way of Karl Barth and Friedrich Schleiermacher),’ *Political Theology*, vol. 10, no. 1 (2009), pp. 261-85

‘Karl Barth,’ in Graham Oppy and Nick Trakakis (eds), *The History of Western Philosophy of Religion*, vol. 5, *Twentieth-Century Philosophy of Religion* (Durham, U.K.: Acumen Publishing, 2009), pp. 145-59

‘Karl Barth on Gethsemane,’ *International Journal of Systematic Theology*, vol. 9, no. 2 (2007), pp. 148-71

‘Jesus Christ and the Transformation of English Society: The “Subversive Conservatism” of Frederick Denison Maurice,’ *Harvard Theological Review*, vol. 96, no. 3 (2003), pp. 205-28

REVIEWS:

‘John Webster, *The Domain of the Word: Scripture and Theological Reason*,’ *Modern Theology*, vol. 30, no. 1 (2014), pp. 174-76

‘Jan-Olav Henriksen, *Desire, Gift, and Recognition: Christology and Postmodern Philosophy*,’ *Modern Theology*, vol. 26, no. 4 (2010), pp. 677-79

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‘Karl Barth: God’s Word in Action by Paul S. Chung,’
Scottish Journal of Theology, vol. 63, no. 4 (2010), pp.
474-77

‘The New Measures: A Theological History of Democratic
Practice by Ted. A. Smith,’ *Practical Matters*, issue 1
(2009). Available online: [http://
www.practicalmattersjournal.org/issue/1/reviews/the-new-
measures](http://www.practicalmattersjournal.org/issue/1/reviews/the-new-measures)

‘Liberal Theology: A Radical Vision by Peter Hodgson,’
Journal of the American Academy of Religion, vol. 76, no.
1 (2008), pp. 213-16

‘Job and the Disruption of Identity: Reading Beyond Barth
by Susannah Ticciati,’ *Shofar: An Interdisciplinary Journal
of Jewish Studies*, vol. 26, no. 3 (2008), pp. 219-22

‘Protestant Theology and the Making of the Modern
German University by Thomas Albert Howard,’ *Journal of
the American Academy of Religion*, vol. 75, no. 4 (2007),
pp. 1006-09

ENCYCLOPEDIA

ENTRIES:

‘Golgotha, Calvary (Christianity in Modern Europe and
America),’ in Dale C. Allison, Jr., *et al* (eds), *Encyclopedia
of the Bible and its Reception*, vol. 10, *Genocide – Hamutal*
(Berlin: DeGruyter, 2015). (Currently only available
online)

JOURNALISM:

Paul Dafydd Jones and Charles Mathewes, ‘A New
Religious Narrative for Obama,’ *PBS Religion and Ethics
Newsweekly*, August 23, 2010. Published online at [http://
www.pbs.org/wnet/religionandethics/episodes/by-topic/
politics/paul-dafydd-jones-and-charles-mathewes-a-new-
religious-narrative-for-obama/6870/](http://www.pbs.org/wnet/religionandethics/episodes/by-topic/politics/paul-dafydd-jones-and-charles-mathewes-a-new-religious-narrative-for-obama/6870/)

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SELECTED

PRESENTATIONS,

LECTURES, ETC.:

‘The promise and problems of patience.’ Presentation for The Enhancing Life Project Residency Seminar. Banff, Canada. August 7, 2015

‘The Riddle of Gethsemane.’ Plenary lecture for ‘Karl Barth as Interpreter of the Gospels.’ Princeton Theological Seminary. Princeton, New Jersey. June 2015

‘Letting Be, Letting Go, Saying No: A Theology of Patience.’ Lecture at Union Presbyterian Seminary. Richmond, Virginia. April 2015

‘Patience: A theological exploration.’ Lecture for Theological Horizons. Charlottesville, Virginia. November 2014

‘Karl Barth’s *The Christian Life* and the task of political theology.’ Paper for ‘Theo-Politics? Conversing with Barth in Western and Asian Conferences.’ Ruhr-Universität Bochum, Germany. October 2014

‘Desire in Theology: Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow.’ Panelist for ‘Contests of Desire: God, Goods, and the Good’ – Virginia Graduate Colloquium. University of Virginia. March 2014

‘Response to Martin Wendte, ‘Kaiserschnitt und Hausbau Gottes: Sozialethische Überlegungen zu einem gesundheitspolitischen Thema am Kreuzungspunkt von Barmen II und einer lutherischen Ständlehre.’ Paper for ‘Theopolitics? Conversing with Barth in Western and Asian Contexts.’ Ruhr-Universität Bochum, Germany. March 2014

‘Ronald Thiemann’s *theologia crucis*: Between Martin Luther, Karl Barth, and Hans Frei.’ Lecture for the Karl Barth Society of North America, American Academy of

Religion Annual Meeting. Baltimore, Maryland. November 2013

‘Karl Barth’s *The Christian Life* and the task of political theology.’ Paper for ‘Theo-Politics? Conversing with Barth in Western and Asian Conferences.’ Ruhr-Universität Bochum, Germany. June 2013

‘Patience: A Theological Experiment.’ Lecture for ‘Look Hoos Talking’ at the University of Virginia. March 2013

“‘A Cheerful Unease’’: Theology and Religious Studies.’ Paper for ‘Religious Studies and Rabbinics’ conference at the University of Virginia. February 2013

‘Divine and human patience in the *Church Dogmatics* and beyond.’ Lecture for the Karl Barth Society of North America, American Academy of Religion. Chicago, Illinois. November 2012

‘Mormonism in a Changing America: Beliefs, Questions, and Controversies.’ Moderator. University of Virginia. October 2012

‘Patience and Passion: Christian Theology after Karl Barth.’ Lecture at United Theological College/Charles Sturt University School of Theology. North Parramatta, Sydney, Australia. July 2012

‘Patience and Passion: Christian Theology after Karl Barth.’ Paper for the Faculty and Postgraduate Seminar at the Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture, Charles Sturt University. Canberra, Australia. July 2012

‘Patience and Passion: Constructive Theology after Karl Barth.’ Lecture at the Australian Catholic University. Melbourne, Australia. July 2012

‘God’s patience, God’s passion: Christian Theology after

Karl Barth.' Lecture at Universität-Ruhr Bochum, Germany. May 2012

'R. Kendall Soulen: *The Divine Name(s) and the Holy Trinity: Distinguishing the Voices.*' Respondent and panelist. Virginia Center for the Study of Religion, University of Virginia. April 2012

'Karl Barth and the Struggle Against Fascism.' Lecture for The Project on Lived Theology Spring Speaker Series at the University of Virginia. February 2012

'The Patient God: Rethinking the Relationship Between God and World.' Lecture at the Centre of Religion and Biosciences. University of Chester, United Kingdom. December 2011

'Karl Barth in Conversation with Slavoj Žižek and John Milbank.' Paper and talk for the postgraduate and staff research seminar. University of Chester, United Kingdom. December 2011

'Liberation Theology and "Democratic Futures" (by way of Karl Barth and Friedrich Schleiermacher).' Paper for the U.Va / Yale Political Theology Group. University of Virginia. December 2011

'Research on the Atonement.' Paper and talk for the John Templeton Award for Theological Promise prizewinners' colloquium. Ruprecht-Karls-Universität Heidelberg, Germany. May 2010

'Rethinking Atonement.' Paper and talk for Resident Members' Colloquium. Center of Theological Inquiry. Princeton, New Jersey. March 2010

'Exploring the Atonement.' Adult Education lecture. Nassau Presbyterian Church. Princeton, New Jersey. March 2010

‘The Rhetoric of War in Karl Barth’s *Epistle to the Romans*: A Theological Analysis.’ Paper and talk for the Nineteenth-Century Theology Group, American Academy of Religion. Montréal, Canada. November 2009

‘Barth and Anselm on the Atonement.’ Lecture at the University of Edinburgh, United Kingdom. March 2009

Seminar series on my work at the University of Aberdeen, United Kingdom. March 2009

Seminar discussion: ‘Barth and Anselm on the Atonement’

Lecture: ‘The Atonement: God’s Love in Action’

Seminar discussion: *The Humanity of Christ*, ch. 2.

‘Religion and Homosexuality.’ Panelist for a forum co-hosted by the Hillel Jewish Education Initiative and Queer and Allied Activism, University of Virginia. February 2009

Respondent to presentation by Elizabeth Shanks Alexander, ‘Rabbinic Views of the Gendered Character of Biblical Language.’ SIP (Scripture, Interpretation, and Practice) luncheon, University of Virginia. February 2008

‘Friedrich Schleiermacher and Postliberalism: Rereading the “Introduction” of *The Christian Faith*.’ Paper and talk for the Schleiermacher Group, American Academy of Religion. San Diego, California. November 2007

‘Living in Sin? A Forum on Faith and Sexuality.’ Panelist. University of Virginia. March 2007

‘F. D. Maurice.’ Adult Education lecture, St. Paul’s Episcopal Church. Charlottesville, Virginia. February 2007

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Discussion of 'The Rebellion of Thought,' directed by Kent and Brad Williamson. Moderator at the Virginia Film Festival. Charlottesville, Virginia. November 2006

'The Heart of the Matter: Karl Barth's Christological Exegesis.' Lecture for the Karl Barth Conference at Princeton Theological Seminary. May 2006

'Karl Barth on Gethsemane.' Lecture for the Karl Barth Society of North America, American Academy of Religion. San Antonio, Texas. November 2004

RESEARCH
PROJECTS:

Early Career Scholar, The Enhancing Life Project (John Templeton Foundation/The University of Chicago/Ruhr Universität Bochum). Summer 2015 to present

'Teaching Theology and Religion in the Twenty-First Century: Challenges, Prospects, and the Ph.D.' Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology. Co-ordinator (with Prof. Charles Mathewes, U.Va). \$20,000 grant to support workshop that evaluates pedagogical qualities of U.Va doctoral program. June 2015

'Shapers of Modern Theology': A Series by Fortress Press. Editorial Advisory Board Member. Spring 2013 to present

'Theo-Politics? Conversing with Barth in Western and Asian Contexts.' An International Research Project, funded by the Volkswagen Stiftung. Organized by Dr. Markus Höfner (Ruhr-Universität, Bochum), in cooperation with Dr. Paul Dafydd Jones and Dr. Stephen Lakkis (Taiwan Theological College and Seminary). Spring 2013 to present

U.Va/Yale Political Theology Group. Faculty member. Fall 2011 to present

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Wesley Theological Seminary/University of Virginia
Political Theology Group. Member. Summer 2010 to
present

‘Secularism in the late Modern Age.’ Member, research
group. Project funded by the Metanexus Institute; directed
by Slavica Jakelić (Valparaiso University), Fall 2009 to
Spring 2011

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TEACHING AND SERVICE

UNDERGRADUATE

COURSES: COLA 1500: The Meaning of Love

RELC 2057: Christian Theologies of Liberation

RELC 2360: Elements of Christian Thought

RELC 309: Christianity and Protest

RELC 3009: Protestant Theology

RELC 3685: Christianity, Gender, and Sexuality

RELC 363: Political Theology

RELC 444: Christian Views of Atonement

GRADUATE

COURSES: RELC 5141: The Theology of John Calvin

RELC 546/5976/748: The Theology of Friedrich Schleiermacher

RELC 553: The Identity of Jesus Christ

RELC 565/5559: The Theology of Karl Barth

RELG 5559: Hegel, Materialism, and Theology

RELC 5559: Freedom: Theological and Philosophical Perspectives

RELG 7360: Theories and Methods in the Study of Religion (co-taught)

RELC 7559: The Atonement in Christian Thought

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RELC 762: Liberal Theology in Europe and North America

RELG 808: TEC (Theology, Ethics, and Culture) Pro-seminar (co-taught with Prof. Charles Mathewes)

OTHER:

Faith and History. Independent study, Spring 2014

The Writings of C. S. Lewis. Independent study, Spring 2014

Theological Anthropologies. Independent study, Spring 2013

Gay, lesbian, and queer theologies. Independent study, Fall 2010

Theology and materialism/religion and materialism. Independent studies, Spring 2009

Religion, society, and violence. Independent study, Spring 2009

The Radical Reformation. Independent study, Fall 2006

Karl Barth reading group. Fall 2006 and Spring 2007

Wolfhart Pannenberg reading group. Summer 2007

Rudolf Bultmann reading group. Spring 2008

'Theology, Ethics, and Culture.' Colloquium convener. Fall 2009 and Fall 2010

DOCTORAL
ADVISING:

Dissertation director or dissertation co-director*
Keith Starckenburg (October 2011)
Shelli Poe (June 2013)

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Timothy Hartman (April 2014)
Christopher Scott Bailey (ongoing)
Gillian Breckenridge (ongoing)
Ashleigh Elser (ongoing)
Jeremy Fisher (ongoing)
Petra Turner (ongoing)
Edward Ross Kane (ongoing)
Joseph Lenow (ongoing)
Christina McRorie (ongoing)

Reader*

Nathan Jennings (November 2006)
Sarah Azaransky (June 2007)
Brian Sholl (October 2007)
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Richard Bishop (April 2009)
Timothy McConnell (April 2009)
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Kendall Cox (June 2014)
Matthew Puffer (July 2014)
Scott Yakimow (November 2014)
John Cunningham (March 2015)
Laura Hawthorne (April 2015)
Carrie Frost (April 2015)
Laura Alexander (July 2015)
Nelson Reveley (ongoing)
Kristopher Norris (ongoing)
Larry Perry (ongoing)

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Travis Pickell (ongoing)

Dan Wright (ongoing)

Outside Reader

Ashley Faulkner, U.Va Department of English (May 2012)

Patrick Patterson, Toronto School of Theology (November 2012)

Faye Bodley Dangelo, Harvard Divinity School (ongoing)

Scott Rice, Harvard Divinity School (ongoing)

Sarah Smith, U.Va Department of English (ongoing)

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SELECT UNIVERSITY
COMMITTEE

WORK & SERVICE: 'Theology, Ethics, and Culture' field head. Fall 2015 to present

Virginia Center for the Study of Religion. Co-Director.
University of Virginia. Fall 2012 to summer 2015

Committee on Grants and Development. Co-Chair. U.Va
Department of Religious Studies. Fall 2013 to summer
2015

Special Events Committee. Co-Chair. U.Va Department of
Religious Studies, Fall 2013 to Present

Graduate Faculty Advisory Committee. Member.
University of Virginia. Fall 2012 and Spring 2013

Director of Graduate Studies. U.Va Department of
Religious Studies. Fall 2011 to Summer 2012

Page-Barbour and Richards Lectures Committee. Member.
University of Virginia. Fall 2010 to present

SERVICE TO
THE ACADEMY:

'Shapers of Modern Theology.' Fortress Press series.
Editorial Advisory Board

'Advancing the Common Good at Home and Abroad:
White House Briefing for Religion Scholars.' The White
House, Washington, D.C. May 11, 2012

Karl Barth Society of North America. Steering Committee.
Member. Fall 2008 to present

Reviewer for *International Journal of Systematic Theology*,
Modern Theology, *Journal of the American Academy of
Religion*, *Horizons*, Oxford University Press, T&T Clark/

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Continuum, T&T Clark/Bloomsbury, Cascade Books/Wipf
& Stock

SELECT ACADEMIC HONORS

PROFESSIONAL: Virginia Foundation for the Humanities. Residential Fellow, Spring 2016

Early Career Scholar, The Enhancing Life Project (John Templeton Foundation/The University of Chicago/Ruhr Universität Bochum). \$50,000 grant for research project: 'Patience: A Theological Exploration.' Summer 2015

University of Virginia, Sesquicentennial Leave Award, Spring and Fall 2016

University of Virginia Summer Research Grant, Summer 2007, 2008, 2009, 2011, 2012, 2014, and 2015

John Casteen III Fellowship in Ethics. Awarded by the Institute for Practical Ethics and Public Life at the University of Virginia. Summer 2013

Associated Church Press, 2013 Awards. Reporting and Writing section; 'Critical Review' category. Honorable mention for 'A Hopeful Universalism,' in *Christian Century*

Mead Honored Faculty member, University of Virginia, 2010/2011

The John Templeton Award for Theological Promise, Spring 2010

Residential Member of the Center of Theological Inquiry, Princeton, New Jersey, Spring 2010

University of Virginia, Sesquicentennial Leave Award, Spring 2010

Harrison Research Faculty Advisor Award, 2009-10

- SCHOLASTIC: Harvard University Graduate Society Dissertation completion Fellowship, 2005-6
- DAAD Graduate Research Scholar, Ruprecht-Karls-Universität Heidelberg, 2004-5
- Harvard Graduate Society Fellowship, Spring 2004
- Harvard University Certificate of Distinction in Teaching, 2003-4
- Distinction in Ph.D. comprehensive examinations, Harvard University, Fall 2003
- Horace Cecil Fisher Scholarship, Harvard University, 1996-8
- First Class Honors (Theology), Oxford University, June 1995
- Awards for scholarly distinction, Oriel College, Oxford University, 1993 and 1994
- Scholar, Oriel College, Oxford University, 1993-5
- Distinction in preliminary examinations (Theology), Oxford University, 1993
- Exhibitioner, Worshipful Company of Ironmongers, Oxford University, 1992-5