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CURRENT POSITION

Professor of Christian Theology, 2024-present
Associate Professor of Christian Theology, 2008-2024
Assistant Professor of Christian Theology, 2002-2008
Drew University, Theological School and Graduate Division of Religion

EDUCATION

Ph.D., Emory University, Graduate Division of Religion, 2002
Graduate Diploma in Jewish Studies, University of Oxford, UK, 1998
Diploma with distinction
M.T.S., Candler School of Theology, 1995
Summa cum laude
B.A., Westmont College, 1984
Magna cum laude

PUBLICATIONS

Single Authored Monographs

Reading Karl Barth: Theology that Cuts both Ways (Eugene, OR: Cascade Books, 2023)
*In Kierkegaard's Garden with the Poppy Blooms: Why Derrida Doesn't Read Kierkegaard
When He Reads Kierkegaard* (Lanham, MD: Lexington Books/Fortress Academic, 2021)
*Risking Proclamation, Respecting Difference: Christian Faith, Imperialistic Discourse,
and Abraham* (Eugene, OR: Cascade Books, 2008)

Edited Volumes

Co-editor with Wesley Ariarajah, *Divine Multiplicity: Trinities, Diversities, and the Nature of
Relation* (New York, NY: Fordham University Press, 2014)
Co-editor with Catherine Keller, *Apophatic Bodies: Negative Theology, Incarnation, and
Relationality* (New York, NY: Fordham University Press, 2010)
Editor, *Where Once We Feared Enemies: Inclusive Membership, Prophetic Vision, and the
American Church*, sermons by Gibson Stroupe (Lima, OH: CSS Publishing, 2005)

Articles and Book Chapters

“Confessions of a Rich Young Ruler: An Unedifying Discourse on Baptism, Downward
Mobility, and Walking Away Sad”, *The Other Journal* (spring, 2025)
“Kierkegaard and Fanon on Hegel: Does a Shared Critique of Hegel Open Anti-racist
Possibilities for Kierkegaardian Faith—or Not?”, in *Kierkegaardian Phenomenology*, ed.
Aaron Simmons et al (Lanham, MD: Lexington Books, 2024)
“Theologies of Transformation: Who Does What, When, and How Much?” an Afterword, in

- Wilfredo Tanguan, *Theologies of Transformation: Exploration and Appraisal of Three Filipino Methodist Theologians* (Ekpyrosis Press, 2023)
- “Faith as Immunity to History? Rethinking Barth and Fackenheim”, in *Karl Barth and Comparative Theology*, ed. Martha Moore-Keish and Christian Collins Winn (New York, NY: Fordham University Press, 2019)
- “Editor’s Forward” and “Editor’s Afterword”, in *Deeper Waters: Sermons for a New Vision*, sermons by Nibs Stroupe, ed. Collin Cornell (Eugene, OR: Wipf & Stock, 2017), reprinted by permission from *Where Once We Feared Enemies: Inclusive Membership, Prophetic Vision, and the American Church*, sermons by Gibson Stroupe, Chris Boesel ed. (Lima, OH: CSS Publishing, 2005).
- “Greater News Hath No Evangelical than This: Barth, Election, and the Recovery of the Gospel from Evangelicalism’s Territorial Disputes”, in *Karl Barth and the Future of Evangelical Theology*, ed. Christian Collins Winn and John L. Drury (Eugene, OR: Cascade Books, 2014)
- “Divine Relationality and (the Methodological Constraints of) the Gospel as Piece of News: Tracing the Limits of Trinitarian Ethics”, in *Divine Multiplicity: Trinities, Diversities, and the Nature of Relation*, ed. Chris Boesel and Wesley Ariarajah (New York: Fordham University Press, 2014)
- “Introduction: The Whence and Whither of Divine Multiplicity”, co-written with Wesley Ariarajah, in *Divine Multiplicity: Trinities, Diversities, and the Nature of Relation*, ed. Chris Boesel and Wesley Ariarajah (New York: Fordham University Press, 2014)
- “News”, in *Prophetic Evangelicals: Envisioning a Just and Peaceable Kingdom*, ed. Bruce Ellis Benson, Malinda Elizabeth Berry, and Peter Goodwin Heltzel (Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans, 2012)
- “Theological Themes: Psalm 40:1-11; Isaiah 9:14” in *Lectionary Homiletics*, volume XXII, no. 1 (December 2010)
- “The Apophasis of Divine Freedom: Saving ‘the Name’ and the Neighbor from Human Mastery”, in *Apophatic Bodies: Negative Theology, Incarnation, and Relationality*, ed. Chris Boesel and Catherine Keller (New York: Fordham University Press, 2010)
- “Introduction,” *Apophatic Bodies*, co-written with Catherine Keller, in *Apophatic Bodies: Negative Theology, Incarnation, and Relationality*, ed. Chris Boesel and Catherine Keller (New York: Fordham University Press, 2010)
- “Standing Again at Lessing’s Ditch”, in *Theo Spirit*, a publication of Drew Theological School, summer, 2006
- “Rupture and Context: The Ethical Dimensions of a Post-Holocaust Biblical Hermeneutic”, in *Strange Fire: Reading the Bible after the Holocaust*, ed. Tod Linafelt (New York: NYU Press; Sheffield, UK: Sheffield Academic Press Ltd., 2000)

Online Platforms

Year-long series of blog posts on Karl Barth and black theologies, in *God Here and Now*, online magazine, Center for Barth Studies, Princeton Theological Seminary, Princeton, NJ

- “Not Far Enough into the Far Country, Part II: The Promise and Eclipse of Social Location in Barth’s Christocentric Concreteness”, August, 2024
<https://barthcenter.substack.com/p/not-far-enough-into-the-far-country-904>
- “Not Far Enough into the Far Country, Part I: The Promise and Eclipse of Barth’s

- Christocentric Concreteness and Divine Blackness”, July, 2024
<https://barthcenter.substack.com/p/not-far-enough-into-the-far-country>
- “Cone and Barth on Divine Blackness, Part III: Not Far Enough into the Far Country”, April, 2024
https://barthcenter.substack.com/p/barth-and-cone-on-divine-blackness?utm_source=publication-search
- “Cone and Barth on Divine Blackness, Part II: Why Doesn’t Barth See It?”, March, 2024
https://barthcenter.substack.com/p/cone-and-barth-on-divine-blackness-9c0?utm_source=publication-search
- “Cone and Barth on Divine Blackness, Part I: Cone’s Two-Fold Conception—Literal and Symbolic”, March, 2024
<https://barthcenter.substack.com/p/cone-and-barth-on-divine-blackness>
- “The Word of God and the Human Word: Barth, Cone, and the Dialectic of Divine Freedom”, January, 2024
<https://barthcenter.substack.com/p/the-word-of-god-and-the-human-word>
- “God Takes Sides—Against Whiteness: Barth, Cone, and Christological Concreteness”, December, 2023
<https://barthcenter.substack.com/p/god-takes-sidesagainst-whiteness>
- “Dehonkifying Barth’s Gospel: A Year with Barth and Black Theological Voices”, October, 2023
<https://barthcenter.substack.com/p/dehonkifying-barths-gospel>
- “Teaching Barth at a Progressive Methodist Theological School at the Beginning of the 21st Century”, Center for Barth Studies, *Syllabi Repository*, Princeton Theological Seminary, Princeton, NJ, 2015
<https://barth.ptsem.edu/teaching-barth>, 2015
- Transdisciplinary Theological Colloquium Blog, TTC 10: Divine Multiplicities, Fall 2010
<http://divine-multiplicities.blogspot.com>

Book Reviews

- Kierkegaard and Political Theology*, ed. Roberto Sirvent and Silas Morgan (Eugene, OR: Wipf & Stock/Pickwick, 2018), in *Reading Religion*, American Academy of Religion’s online book review forum (October, 2018)
- The Spirit of God and the Christian Life: Reconstructing Karl Barth’s Pneumatology*, JinHyok Kim (Minneapolis, MN: Fortress Press, 2014), in *Interpretation: a Journal of Bible and Theology*, volume 71, issue 1 (January 2017)
- Engaging Karl Barth: Contemporary Evangelical Critiques*, David Griffin and Daniel Strange, eds. (New York and London: T&T Clark, Continuum International Publishing Group, Inc, 2008), in *Dialogue: A Journal of Theology*, volume 53, no. 2 (Summer 2014)
- Another Reformation: Postliberal Christianity and the Jews*, by Peter Ochs (Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Academic, 2011), in *Interpretation: a Journal of Bible and Theology*, volume 66, issue 4 (October 2012)
- Perspectives on Our Father Abraham: Essays in Honor of Marvin R. Wilson*, ed. Steven A. Hunt (Grand Rapids, MI: Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co., 2010), in *Studies in Christian Jewish Relations*, volume 7, no. 1 (2012)
- Crossover Queries: Dwelling with Negatives, Embodying Philosophy’s Others*, Edith

Wyschogrod (New York, NY: Fordham University Press, Perspectives in Continental Philosophy Series 2006), in *Reviews in Religion and Theology*, volume 15, issue 4 (September 2008)

The Experience of God: A Postmodern Response, ed. Kevin Hart and Barbara Eileen Wall (New York, NY: Fordham University Press, 2005), in *Reviews in Religion and Theology*, volume 14, issue 2 (March 2007)

“Losing My Deconstruction: The ‘Turn’ to Religion as Return of Modernity?”, review of *Religion with/out Religion: The Prayers and Tears of John D. Caputo*, ed. James H. Olthuis (London and New York: Routledge, 2001), in *Sophia: International Journal for Philosophy of Religion, Metaphysical Theology and Ethics*, Volume 46, no. 2 (July 2007)

LECTURES, PRESENTATIONS, CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

“*Sans* the Criminals with Him?: The Promise and Eclipse of Barth’s Incarcerated God,” The Incarcerated God, annual conference of the Center for Barth Studies, Princeton Theological School, Princeton, NJ, summer 2025 (contracted)

Presenter and moderator, four-part series on *Reading Karl Barth: Theology that Cuts Both Ways*, Montview Boulevard Presbyterian Church, January 22-February 19, 2024

“Cone, Barth, Williams, and the Blackness of the Word of God: Dehonkifying Barth’s Jesus”, Matriculation address, Drew Theological School, Spring 2023

“Cone, Barth, and the Blackness of the Word of God: Dehonkifying Barth’s Jesus and the Question of Method”, Karl Barth and James Cone: Theology in Context, a conference hosted by the Faculty of Divinity, University of Cambridge, UK, December, 2022

Respondent to Panel, *In Kierkegaard’s Garden with the Poppy Blooms: Why Derrida Doesn’t Read Kierkegaard When He Reads Kierkegaard*, book launch, Drew University, Spring, 2022

Respondent, Drew Transdisciplinary Theological Colloquium: Assembling Futures, graduate student conference, Drew University, Madison, NJ, Fall, 2020

“Drew Theological School, a Divided World, and a Third Alternative”, Matriculation address, Drew Theological School, Fall, 2019

“‘The Criminals with Him’: The Church of the Incarcerated God”, Incarceration: Before, During, After, panel presentations and discussion, St. James Presbyterian Church, New York, NY, October, 2018

“Religious Extremism: From One Religious Extremist to Another” The Presbyterian Church of Chatham Township, Chatham, NJ, October, 2017

Moderator and presenter, series on “Black and Presbyterian”, St James Presbyterian Church, New York, NY, 2017

“Karl Barth: Why the News Is Good and How It Changes Everything”, Brick Presbyterian Church, New York, NY, April, 2016

Moderator and presenter, “The New Jim Crow”, Adult Education Seminar, St James Presbyterian Church, New York, NY, 2016

“Being in Solidarity with Black Lives Matter: Christian and Wesleyan Resources”, UMC, Capital District, Black Lives Matter rally in Trenton, NJ, November, 2016

Moderator and presenter, “The Belhar Confession”, Adult Education Seminar, St James Presbyterian Church, New York, NY, 2015

“Christian Faith, Determinate Religion, and Abridged Versions of Deconstruction: A Response”,

- American Catholic Philosophy Association annual meeting, Indianapolis, IN, November, 2013
- “Religious Symbols Function, but What Does Testimony Do?: Tracing the Limits of Trinitarian Ethics”, Drew Transdisciplinary Theological Colloquium: Divine Multiplicity, Drew University, Madison, NJ, 2010
- Respondent to Joshua Davis, “Apocalyptic, Typology, and Metaphysics: Thinking about Providence with Hans Frei”, for Apocalyptic Theology Study Group, American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, October 2010
- “The Perils of a Divine Aesthete after the Holocaust”, Theology and Religious Reflection Section, American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA, 2010
- “Karl Barth: Reformed Theologian and Doctrinal Innovator”, Central Presbyterian Church, Summit, NJ, October, 2010
- “The Risk of Forgiveness: A Christian Theological Perspective”, Forgiveness: Interfaith and Interdisciplinary Perspectives, a panel sponsored by the Center for Holocaust and Genocide Studies, Drew University, Madison, NJ, 2008
- “Contextualizing That by which We Are Contextualized: The Aporetic Predicament of a Systematic Treatment of Sin”, Systematic Theology Section, American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA, 2007
- “The Apophasis of Divine Freedom: Saving ‘the Name’ and the Neighbor from Human Mastery”, Alexander Robertson Lecturer and Visiting Fellow, University of Glasgow, Glasgow, UK, 2007
- Respondent to Mark Wallace, “Sacred-Land Theology: Green Spirit, Deconstruction, and the Question of Idolatry in Contemporary Earthen Christianity”, Drew Transdisciplinary Theological Colloquium: Ecospirit, Drew University, Madison, NJ, 2007
- “Standing Again at Lessing’s Ditch”, Matriculation Address, Drew Theological School, Madison, NJ, February, 2006
- “But What if God *Wants* to Be Known? The Freedom and Mystery of Divine Self-giving”, Drew Transdisciplinary Theological Colloquium: Apophatic Bodies, Drew University, Madison, NJ, 2006
- “‘Thus Sayeth the Lord...’: Prophetic Voice, Evangelical Theology and Social Change”, co-written/presented with Christian Collins Winn, Theology and Religious Reflection Section, American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA, 2005
- “Theology and the Symbolic”, Annual Lecture Series, United Methodist Church, Demarest, NJ, 2005
- “‘I’m not Spiritual, but I’m Really into Organized Religion:’ Religion and Spirituality”, co-presented with Dr. Terry Todd, Tipple-Vosburg Lectures: Workshop, Drew Theological School, Madison, NJ, 2003
- Respondent to Richard Kearney, “The Shulammitte’s Song: Divine Eros, Ascending and Descending”, Drew Transdisciplinary Theological Colloquium: Eros, Drew University, Madison, NJ, 2002
- “(Re)Drawing Lines in the Sands of Ambiguity: Deconstruction and Theology, Provisionality and Sacrifice”, Theology and Religious Reflection Section, American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Nashville, TN, 2000
- Panel Moderator, Theology and Continental Philosophy Section, American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Orlando, FL, 1998
- “Derrida and Deconstruction: Remedy or Poison for the Church-Related College in

- a Postmodern Age?”, The Church-Related Conferences Postmodern Opportunity, Rhodes College, Memphis, TN, 1997
- “Heidegger, Levinas, and Walker Percy: The Future Possibility of Christian Existentialist Fiction in a Postmodern World”, *The Trace of the Other*, Westminster College, Oxford, UK, 1996
- “Can Barth’s ‘Word’ Be Mended? Following Fackenheim into a Confrontation with the Holocaust”, International Society for the Study of European Ideas, Utrecht, Netherlands, 1996
- “Reading Schüssler Fiorenza Reading Williams: A Model of Difference, Positionality, and the Distribution of Theological Labor”, Philosophy of Religion Section, American Academy of Religion Regional Meeting (Southeast), Columbia, SC, 1996

Online Platforms

- New Books Network, a discussion of *In Kierkegaard’s Garden with the Poppy Blooms: Why Derrida Doesn’t Read Kierkegaard When He Reads Kierkegaard*, interviewed by Stephen Dozeman, February, 2023
<https://newbooksnetwork.com/in-kierkegaards-garden-with-the-poppy-blooms>
- “Easter Theology and COVID 19”, Drew Theological School, Spring, 2020
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SPpksKbbkct&t=31s>

SCHOLARLY SERVICE

Peer review of articles for academic journals

Journal of Feminist Studies in Religion; Toronto Journal of Theology; Journal of Reformed Theology; Modern Theology; Theology Today; Literature and Theology (Oxford University Press)

Peer review of monographs for publishers

Baylor University Press; Lexington/Fortress Academic; Bloomsbury/T&T Clark; Vernon Press

External Review for Faculty Re-appointment, New York Theological Seminary

Steering Committee, *The Incarcerated God*, annual conference of the Center for Barth Studies, Princeton Theological Seminary, Princeton, NJ, 2025

Steering Committee, Exploratory Group on Barth, 2014-2016; sponsoring Wild Card Session, “Re-engaging Barth on Race, Gender and Sexuality”, American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, San Antonio, 2016

Co-chair, Steering Committee, Transdisciplinary Theological Colloquium: Divine Multiplicity, Drew Theological School, NJ, 2010

Co-chair, Steering Committee, Transdisciplinary Theological Colloquium: Apophatic Bodies, Drew Theological School, 2006

TEACHING

Assistant and Associate Professor of Christian Theology, Drew University, 2002 –

Courses Taught

Drew Theological School

Transforming Theologies (required “gateway” course); James Cone and Black Theologies; Liberation Theologies; Doctrine of Sin; Religion and Incarceration; Doctrines of Revelation; Doctrine of God and the Trinity; Election, Salvation and the Other; Reformed Theology: Reading the Confessions; Kierkegaard: The Offense of Christianity in Modernity and Postmodernity (cross-listed with the GDR); The Theology of Karl Barth (cross-listed with the GDR); Systematic Theology; Christology in the Jewish-Christian Context

PREP (Partnership for Religion and Education in Prison)

Taught at East Jersey State Prison, Rahway, NJ

Theology and Social Transformation

Taught at Northern State Prison, Newark, NJ

Letters and Sermons from Prison: Barth, Bonhoeffer, MLK, Malcom X; Jesus and Justice: Progressive Evangelicalism?; Reconciliation and Liberation; Doctrines of Revelation: Scripture; Religion and Incarceration

Graduate Division of Religion

Theories and Methods in Philosophical and Theological Studies; Theories and Methods in the Study of Religion; Theology and Derrida

Other Experience

Guest Lecturer, “Faith and the City,” Westmont in San Francisco program, Westmont College, Spring, 2024

Guest Lecturer, “The Bible, Theology and Incarceration,” The Bible and Social Transformation, Drew Theological School, 2019

Guest Lecturer, “Capital ‘T’ and Small ‘t’: Theology in the Academy”, MA Seminar, Drew Theological School, 2014-1016

Guest Lecturer, “The Role of ‘Jesus is Victor’ in Barth’s Doctrine of Reconciliation”, Reformed Theology, NYTS, spring, 2007

Instructor, Theology after the Holocaust, Emory University, spring 2001

Graduate of the *Teaching Assistant Training and Teaching Opportunity* Program (TATTO), Emory University, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, 1998

Additional Areas of Teaching Competence

Feminist, Womanist, and Liberation Theologies; Theodicy, Evil and Suffering; Post-Holocaust Theology; Continental Philosophy; Postmodern Philosophy and Theology

AWARDS AND HONORS

Teacher/Scholar of the Year, Drew Theological School, 2016-2017

Alexander Robertson Lecturer and Visiting Fellow, University of Glasgow, spring 2007

Graduate School of Arts and Sciences Fellowship, Emory University, 1995-2000

Graduate Fellowship, Oxford Centre for Hebrew and Jewish Studies, Oxford University, UK, 1997-1998

M.T.S. Class Marshal/Valedictorian, Candler School of Theology, 1995

INSTITUTIONAL SERVICE

University

Leadership/Special Service

Faculty Coordinator for the PREP (Partnership for Religion and Education in Prison) Faculty Committee, Drew Theological School, 2014-2016; 2024—
Faculty Coordinator of STM program, 2022—
Chair of search committee, Wallerstein Professorship, spring, 2021
Co-convener of Theological and Philosophical Studies in Religion Area, Graduate Division of Religion, DTS, 2015—
Curriculum Transformation Committee 2.0, Graduate Division of Religion, Drew Theological School, 2019-2020
Chair of Committee on Faculty, Drew Theological School, 2014-2015; 2017-2018; 2021-2022
Curriculum Transformation Committee, Drew Theological School, 2015-2018
Chair of the Contextual Learning Constellation, Drew Theological School, spring 2011-fall 2012
Faculty Coordinator for the Cross-Cultural Program, Drew Theological School, fall 2011-2013
Academic Operations Committee, University Organizational Review, 2011-2012
Chair of the Dean's Council, Drew Theological School, 2010-2011
Faculty Search Committee, 2003-2004; 2008-2009; 2016-2017
Convener of the Theological and Philosophical Studies Area, Graduate Division of Religion, DTS, 2004-2011
Acting Chair of the Graduate Division of Religion, DTS, fall 2007
Planning Committee, Dupont Grant for Prophetic Leadership, DTS 2006-2007
Chair of the University Senate, Drew University, 2004-2006
Faculty advisor to the Drew Community for Social Justice, DTS, 2005-2007

Service on Standing and Ad Hoc Committees

Drew Theological School: Committee on Faculty, Curriculum Steering Committee, Dean's Council, PREP (Partnership for Religion and Education in Prison), Academic Standing Committee, Contextual Learning Constellation, Admissions Committee, Cross-cultural Committee, Chapel Committee, Search Committees, Lectures and Continuing Education
Graduate Division of Religion: Steering Committee, Academic Standing Committee, Prospectus Committee
Drew University: University Senate, University Budget Committee, University Technology Committee, Technology Search Committee

Admissions Events

“Liberation Theology at Drew”, a presentation for Open Doors at Drew, an Admissions event, Fall, 2020; Spring, 2021
“Theology and Social Justice”, an online admissions event, Drew, Theological School, Spring, 2020
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MEJiCxTiz-8>

Church

Board of Directors, El Barrio Homes, a housing initiative supporting local church

leaders and activists in East Harlem and other New York City neighborhoods (seeking incorporation)

St James Presbyterian Church, PC(USA), New York, NY

Ruling Elder, 2014–2020; 2022–

Secretary, Men’s Group, 2023–

Moderator, Christian Education/Scholarship Fund, 2015-2021

President, Men’s Group, 2015-1016

Occasional Guest Preacher, 2015–

Old Bergen Church, Reformed Church of America/PC (USA), Jersey City, NJ

Ruling Elder, 2006-2007

Trustee, 2005-2007

Nominating Committee, 2006-2007

Substitute Preacher, 2006-2007

Oakhurst Presbyterian Church, PC(USA), Decatur, Georgia

Youth Leader, 1995-2001

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

American Academy of Religion

LANGUAGES

German, French, Biblical Hebrew

PUBLISHED MUSIC

“Mercy”, co-written with Kurt Stevenson

Recorded by:

Mare Winningham, original soundtrack, *Georgia*, 1996;

Tender Mercies, 2011;

Counting Crows, 2012, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P7U-05dyq-0>;

Helmets Hage, translated and recorded as “Nåde”, 2014,

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DIKYg5ippNg>

“Wiseblood”, co-written with Kurt Stevenson and Patrick Winningham

Performed by Counting Crows, 1993–,

https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=counting+crows+wiseblood;

Recorded by Tender Mercies, 2011