

## ANDREW ROBERT HURST THOMPSON

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### EDUCATION

Ph.D., Religious Studies (Concentration in Ethics) May 2013  
Yale University, New Haven, CT

- Dissertation title: *All My Holy Mountain: A Christian Ethical Approach to Mountaintop Removal Coal Mining*
  - Advisor: Margaret A. Farley
  - This project proposes a theocentric ethical approach to the environmental and social problem of mountaintop removal coal mining, arguing that an appropriate response must attend to and transform the cultural narratives that come to define such an issue.
- Research/teaching interests: Environmental ethics; environmental justice; environmental pragmatism; antiracist/decolonial ethics and epistemologies; theologies of community organizing; environmental ethics in Appalachian context
- Coursework/exams included: environmental theologies; ethics and the economy; political theology; Roman Catholic ethics; feminist and contextual theologies and ethics; Kant's philosophy of religion; global ethics; communicative ethics in multicultural democracy

Master of Arts in Religion (Concentration in Ethics), *Summa cum Laude* 2006  
Yale Divinity School, New Haven, CT

Bachelor of Music, Music Performance, *Summa cum Laude* 2002  
Duquesne University, Pittsburgh, PA

### EMPLOYMENT

**Assistant Professor of Theological Ethics** 2018-present  
The School of Theology, The University of the South, Sewanee, TN

- Oversee M.A. concentration in Religion and Environment and supervise M.A. and D.Min theses
- Courses taught: Introduction to Moral Theology, Environmental Ethics, Climate Ethics, Feminist Theology and Ethics, Contemporary Moral Issues, Dietrich Bonhoeffer's Theological Ethics, Religion and Environment Colloquium

**Director, Center for Religion and Environment** 2022-present  
The School of Theology, The University of the South, Sewanee, TN

- Reconceive and reestablish existing interdisciplinary center around clarified vision and mission.
- Develop partnerships to produce innovative and informed content that unites environmental studies with theology and ethics.

**Director, Alternative Clergy Training at Sewanee (ACTS) Program** 2018-2022  
The School of Theology, The University of the South, Sewanee, TN

- Oversaw all aspects of hybrid residential/online program for deacons and non-stipendiary or bi-vocational priests, including hiring and supporting faculty, addressing student concerns, communicating with stakeholders.
- Greatly improved consistency and academic rigor of program; increased number of constituent dioceses.

**Director, Sewanee Ministry Collaborative** 2018-2020  
The School of Theology, The University of the South, Sewanee, TN

- Directed grant-funded program to establish mentoring cohorts among clergy in black ministries, Latino/Hispanic ministries, rural ministries, and clergy trained in non-traditional programs.
- Hired and supervised staff; oversaw budget of approximately \$1 million; planned and led annual gathering of up to 80 people.

<b>Visiting Assistant Professor, Systematic Theology</b> The School of Theology, The University of the South, Sewanee, TN	2016-2017
<b>Postdoctoral Fellow in Environmental Ethics</b> The School of Theology, The University of the South, Sewanee, TN	2014-2016
<b>Religion/Philosophy Teacher</b> St. Catherine's School/St. Christopher's School, Richmond, VA	2012-2014
<b>Missionary/Community Development Worker</b> Anglican Episcopal Church of El Salvador	2007-2008

## PUBLICATIONS

### Books

*Reconsider The Lilies: Challenging Ecotheology's Colonial Legacy*. Minneapolis, MN: Fortress Press (Peer-reviewed), 2023. (Available as e-book from JSTOR.)

*Sacred Mountains: A Christian Ethical Approach to Mountaintop Removal*. Lexington, KY: University Press of Kentucky, 2015. (Available as e-book from JSTOR.)

### Book Chapters

"Agriculture and Theologies of Extraction: An Argument for World-Making," in *The Business of Farming*. Edited by Christopher Carter (Accepted for publication).

"Climate Vulnerability as Theological Bridge Concept: Examples from Puerto Rico," in *Climate Politics and the Power of Religion*. Edited by Evan Berry. Bloomington: Indiana University Press, 2022.

"Loving the Mountains: Cultivating Compassion for Places," in *Ecotheology and Nonhuman Ethics in Society: A Community of Compassion*. Edited by Melissa Brotton. New York: Lexington Books, 2016.

"All My Holy Mountain: Imaginations of Appalachia in Christian Responses to Mountaintop Removal Mining," in *The Changing World Religion Map: Sacred Places, Identities, Practices, and Politics*. Edited by Stanley D. Brunn. Dordrecht: Springer, 2014.

"To Shape, Liberate, and Uphold...: Teaching, Baptizing, and Nurturing in the Missionary Community: The Second Mark of Mission," in *Life Widening Mission: Global Anglican Perspectives*. Edited by Cathy Ross; foreword by The Archbishop of Canterbury. Oxford: Regnum, 2012.

"Communities of the Spirit: The Missiology of Roland Allen in the Twenty-first Century," in *Edinburgh 2010: Mission Today and Tomorrow*. Edited by Kirsteen Kim and Andrew Anderson. Oxford: Regnum, 2011.

Articles (Peer Reviewed)

“Environmental Justice as Counterpublic Theology: Reflections for a Post-Pandemic Public,” *American Journal of Theology and Philosophy*, 41, no. 2-3 (May-September 2020).

“Combining Accessibility and Pedagogical Effectiveness in a Hybrid Theological Education Program: A Case Study,” *Wabash Center Journal on Teaching*, 1, no. 2 (2020).

“Eco-Solidarity: Ecclesiology *en Conjunto* in the Anthropocene Epoch,” *Anglican Theological Review*, 101, no. 4 (October 2019).

“Good Ecological Work: A Normative Account of Work for Novel Ecosystems,” *Environmental Ethics*, 39, no. 4 (Winter 2017).

“Managing for Virtue: The Moral Debate over Novel Ecosystems,” *Worldviews: Global Religions, Culture, and Ecology*, 21, no. 2 (2017).

Other Articles/Book Reviews/Other Writings

“Love God, Love God’s World: A Film-Based, Faith-Centered Creation Care Curriculum for Small Groups,” Episcopal Church Office of Creation Care, consulting editor (forthcoming 2023).

Review of *Agrarian Spirit*, by Norman Wirzba, *The Living Church* (forthcoming).

“The Currents of Colonialism: Climate Colonialism and the Anglican Communion,” Lambeth Conference blog series, *Covenant: The Living Church Blog*, April 2022.

*All Things Hold Together: Intersections in Creation Care*, special themed issue of *Anglican Theological Review*, guest co-editor, May 2021.

“Wherever the River Goes: A Faith-based Reflection Guide to *Hidden Rivers of Southern Appalachia*” (documentary produced by Tennessee Aquarium), 2020.

“Environmental Reparations” working paper for Task Force for Care of Creation and Environmental Racism, 2019.

Carbon Offset Policy Proposal for Episcopal Church (with Andrea Vancil), 2019.

“Present in Prayer with Climate-Vulnerable Communities: A Reflection on COP 24,” Episcopal Church United Nations website, 2018.

“Work and Our Common Life,” Episcopal Networks Collaborative Lectionary Project, Fall 2018.

Environmental resolutions and position papers for 79<sup>th</sup> General Convention of the Episcopal Church, July 2018.

Review of *Our Only World*, by Wendell Berry, *Sewanee Theological Review*, 2017.

Review of *The Future of Ethics*, by Willis Jenkins, *Sewanee Theological Review*, 2017.

“Reclaiming the Moral Truth of Nature,” *Education for Ministry* Volume D, Sewanee, TN: The University of the South, 2016.

Review of *Place, Ecology and the Sacred: The Moral Geography of Sustainable Communities*, by Michael S. Northcott, *Theology*, July/August 2016; Vol. 119, No. 4.

Review of *Power and Purpose: Paul Ramsey and Contemporary Christian Political Theology*, by Adam Edward Hollowell, *The Living Church*, June 2016.

“Stewardship in a Changing Climate: Fossil Fuel Divestment and Reinvestment,” *From the Mountain* (School of Theology magazine), Fall 2015.

Review of *Mountain Man* (short film) by Man Bites Dog films, *Journal of Appalachian Studies*, April 01, 2013; Vol. 19, No. 1.

“Proclaiming the Good News: The Goodness and Newness of the Gospel,” *Let’s Talk: Living Theology in the Metropolitan Chicago Synod*, Issue 16.3, Should We Evangelize?, Advent 2011. (<http://mcsletstalk.org/16.3/thompson/>).

“Edinburgh 2010: How Far Have We Come?” *Episcopal Life Online*, June 14, 2010 ([http://archive.episcopalchurch.org/80050\\_122874\\_ENG\\_HTML.htm](http://archive.episcopalchurch.org/80050_122874_ENG_HTML.htm)).

## PRESENTATIONS

### Conference Presentations

“Environmental Theology as Public Theology.” American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, November 2019.

“Eco-Solidarity: Ecclesiology *En Conjunto* in the Anthropocene Epoch.” Latinx Studies for a 21<sup>st</sup> Century Church Conference, 2018.

“Novel Ecosystems and Dark Ecotheology,” Society of Christian Ethics Annual Meeting, 2018.

“Vulnerability, Adaptation, and Agency: Climate Vulnerability as Hybrid Concept and as Tactic,” American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, 2017.

“Emotion and Ethics in Novel Ecosystems: An Environmental Pragmatist Approach,” American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, 2015.

“Loving the Mountains: An Ethic of Cultivation in Appalachia,” Southeastern Commission for the Study of Religion Regional Meeting, 2014.

“Mining Appalachia: Mountaintop Removal, Appalachianism, and Responsibility,” American Academy of Religion, New England-Maritimes Regional Conference, 2011.

“Communities of the Spirit: The Missiology of Roland Allen in the Twenty-First Century,” Boston 2010 World Mission Conference parallel session.

“Ethical Foundations for Mission,” Edinburgh 2010 World Mission Conference, Foundations for Mission parallel session.

“Meaning Community: Christian Imagination of Community,” Northeast Ethics Colloquium, Brown University, 2009.

### Select Invited Presentations/Homilies

“Reconsider the Lilies,” Lunch and Learn Webinar, The School of Theology, The University of the South, September 2023.

“Churches on the Front Lines of Climate Change,” Webinar, Center for Religion and Environment, April 2023.

“But We Do See Jesus: William Stringfellow and the Powers of Death,” St. Anne’s Episcopal Church, Annapolis, MD, March 2023.

“Care of Creation: Reconciling All Things,” Episcopal Diocese of East Tennessee Diocesan Convention Virtual Preconference, Jan 2023.

“Churches on the Front Lines of Climate Change,” Alumni Lectures Workshop, The School of Theology, The University of the South, September 2022.

“Justice for All Creation: Loving, Liberating, Life-Giving,” Christ Church Cathedral, Nashville, TN, May 2022.

“Climate Justice,” Thorne-Sparkman School for Ministry, St. Paul’s Episcopal Church, Chattanooga, TN, March 2022.

“Environmental Stewardship and Mutual Responsibility,” St. Peter’s Episcopal Church, Chattanooga, TN, 2021.

“Reconsider the Lilies: The Whiteness of Green Christianity,” Christ Church Cathedral, St. Louis, MO, Garden Sunday, 2021.

“Forming Eco-Publics: Environmental Justice as Public Theology,” University of Georgia, 2019.

“Cosmic Christ and Polluting Powers,” St. Gregory’s Episcopal Church/University of Georgia Catholic Center Climate Change Series, 2019.

“Environmental Racism and Justice as Evangelism,” Consortium of Endowed Episcopal Parishes, 2019.

“Una Vida Digna de Sostenibilidad,” Seminario Evangelico de Teología, Matanzas, Cuba, 2016.

## **AWARDS & GRANTS**

Episcopal Church Conant Grant for “The Tree at the End of the World: Arbol de la Paz” book project	2023
Episcopal Church Creation Care Grant for “Uncovering Hidden Rivers,” collaboration with Tennessee Aquarium	2019
Lilly Foundation Thriving in Ministry Grant for Sewanee Ministry Collaborative (as member of grant-writing team)	2018
Sewanee Community Engagement Fellowship	2018
Sewanee Collaborative for Southern Appalachian and Place-based Studies Grant (for “Finding Common Ground” Workshop)	2016
Sewanee Collaborative for Southern Appalachian and Place-based Studies Grant (for “Christian Social Ethics in Local Context”)	2015
Episcopal Church Foundation Fellowship	2011-2014
Graduate Student Award for Excellence (Honorable Mention) American Academy of Religion, New England-Maritimes/Mid-Atlantic Regional Meeting (for “Mining Appalachia”)	2011

Best Youth Essay Edinburgh 2010 World Mission Conference (for “Communities of the Spirit”)	2010
Seminary Consultation on Mission/Episcopal Evangelical Education Society grants	2006

## **SERVICE**

### Academic Service at Sewanee

American Association of University Professors Executive Committee	August 2023-present
Sewanee Integrated Program in the Environment (SIPE) Advisory Group	July 2023-present
University Carbon Offset Working Group	April 2023-present
Sewanee Village Ventures Advisory Group	February 2023-present
Domain Collaborative Group	2019-present
School of Theology Curriculum and Program Committee	2015-present
School of Theology Admissions Committee	2015-present
Strategic Planning Committee	2019-2023
Gessell Fellowship for Social Ethics selection Committee	2017-2023
Budget Priorities Committee	2017-2022
Advanced Degree Program Committee	2016-2017
Sustainability Steering Committee	2015-2016

### Other Service

Episcopal Church Task Force for Care of Creation and Environmental Racism	2016-present
Music leader, School of Theology Spanish-Language Eucharist	2014-2020
Episcopal Church delegation to United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change Conference of Parties (COP24)	2018
Question Writing Team (Moral Theology/Contemporary Society) Episcopal General Ordination Examination	2017-2020
Housing Sewanee, Inc., Board of Directors (Vice President)	2017-2020
Interpreter/leader, mission trips to Cuba, Colombia, Dominican Republic, El Salvador	2010-2015

## **LANGUAGES**

Spanish (fluent)  
German (reading)  
French (reading)