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EDUCATION

Ph.D. (Philosophical Theology), University of St. Andrews, UK (2010)
Doctoral Studies (Philosophical Theology), University of Durham, UK [2004-07]
Post-Graduate Diploma (Anglican Studies), Virginia Theological Seminary, USA (2000)
Clinical Pastoral Education, University of Pennsylvania Medical Center, USA (Summer 1999)
M.Th. (Systematic Theology), *with distinction*, University of Edinburgh, UK (1996)
M.Div., Princeton Theological Seminary, USA (1995)
B.A. (Philosophy), *summa cum laude*, Liberty University, USA (1992)

DOCTORAL DISSERTATION

“Solved by Sacrifice”: Austin Farrer, Fideism, and the Evidence of Faith.

Supervisor: David Brown (University of St. Andrews)

Internal Examiner: Fergus Kerr OP (Universities of Edinburgh and St. Andrews)

External Examiner: Douglas Hedley (University of Cambridge)

Passed without corrections (highest result).

RELEVANT POSITIONS HELD

Associate Professor of Theology, University of the South, TN

July 2015–

Assistant Professor of Theology and Christian Ethics, University of the South, TN

July 2010–June 2015

Instructor of Theology and Christian Ethics, University of the South, TN

July 2009–June 2010

Ramsey Fellow and Chaplain, St. Chad’s College, University of Durham, UK

September 2005–September 2008

Assistant to the Rector, St. Mary’s Episcopal Church, Kinston, NC

August 2001–May 2004

Research Assistant to the Archbishop of Canterbury, Lambeth Palace, London, UK

September 2000–July 2001

Theology Teacher and Assistant School Minister, Brooks School, North Andover, MA

September 1997–January 1999

HONORS, AWARDS, and ADDITIONAL STUDIES

Research Grant, Templeton Religion Trust, 2019-20: *Human Holiness as Divine Evidence* (\$198,645)
 Visiting Scholar, Harvard Divinity School, 2016-17
 Appalachian College Association Post-Doctoral Faculty Fellowship, 2016-17 (\$30,000)
 Lawton Memorial Scholarship, Gladstone's Library, Wales, July 2013
 Internal Research Grant, University of the South, 2013: *Scripture, Metaphysics, and Poetry* (book)
 McGregor Memorial Scholarship, Gladstone's Library, Wales, June 2012
 Internal Research Grant, University of the South, 2012: *Theology, Aesthetics, and Culture* (book)
 Internal Research Grant, University of the South, 2010: *Theology, Aesthetics, and Culture* (conference)
 Individual Research Grant, Historical Society of the Episcopal Church, 2008
 Personal Research Award, St. Luke's College Foundation (UK), 2008-09
 Visiting Scholar, Duke University, Department of Religion and Divinity School
 (University of Durham / Duke University Exchange Program), April 2007
 Lawton Memorial Scholarship, St. Deiniol's [now Gladstone's] Library, Wales, March 2006
 Ramsey Fellowship, St. Chad's College, University of Durham, 2005-08
 Bell-Woolfall Scholarship (awarded by Virginia Theological Seminary), 2005-06, 2006-07, 2007-08
 Barry Scholarship in Divinity, University of Durham, 2004-05
 Overseas Research Student Grant, Department of Education and Skills (UK), 2004-05
 (renewed for 2005-06, but declined in order to accept the Ramsey Fellowship)
 Junior Postgraduate Fellowship, St. Chad's College, University of Durham, 2004-05
 Episcopal Church Foundation Doctoral Fellowship, 2004-05, 2005-06, 2006-07 (\$10,000 per year)
 University of Edinburgh / Princeton Theological Seminary Exchange Fellowship, 1995-96
 Princeton Seminary Fellowship, 1992-93, 1993-94, 1994-95
 Liberty University Theology and Philosophy Award, 1992
 Non-matriculated Student, Department of Philosophy, University of Idaho, Spring Semester 1991
 Phi Sigma Tau, National Honor Society in Philosophy, 1990
 Liberty University Honors Program Scholarship, 1989-90, 1990-91, 1991-92
 Alpha Lambda Delta, National Scholastic Honor Society for Freshmen, 1989

PUBLICATIONS

Authored Books

Essays Anglican and Analytic: Explorations in Critical Catholicism (essay collection in progress)

Human Holiness as Divine Evidence: The Hagiological Argument for the Existence of God (monograph in progress).

Solved by Sacrifice: Austin Farrer, Fideism, and the Evidence of Faith. Studies in Philosophical Theology 51. Peeters, 2013.

- Reviewed in *Anglican Theological Review* (Charles Taliaferro), *European Journal for Philosophy of Religion* (Sergio Sorrentino), *Faith and Philosophy* (Brian Hebblethwaite), *International Journal for Philosophy of Religion* (John Cottingham), *International Journal for the Study of the Christian Church* (George Westhaver), *Journal of Analytic Theology* (Michael Hogan), *Journal of Theological Studies* (Rowan Williams), and *Sewanee Theological Review* (Charles Hefling).

Edited Books

David Brown, *Divine Generosity and Human Creativity: Theology Through Symbol, Painting and Architecture*. Edited by Christopher R. Brewer and Robert MacSwain. Routledge, 2017.

David Brown, *God in a Single Vision: Integrating Philosophy and Theology*. Edited by Christopher R. Brewer and Robert MacSwain. Routledge, 2016.

Scripture, Metaphysics, and Poetry: Austin Farrer's The Glass of Vision with Critical Commentary. Edited by Robert MacSwain. Ashgate Studies in Theology, Imagination and the Arts. Ashgate, 2013. Republished by Routledge, 2016.

Theology, Aesthetics, and Culture: Responses to the Work of David Brown. Edited by Robert MacSwain and Taylor Worley. Oxford University Press, 2012.

The Cambridge Companion to C. S. Lewis. Edited by Robert MacSwain and Michael Ward. Cambridge Companions to Religion. Cambridge University Press, 2010. Portuguese translation published in Brazil as *C.S. Lewis - Além do Universo Mágico de Nárnia*. Martins Fontes, 2015.

The Truth-Seeking Heart: Austin Farrer and His Writings. Edited by Ann Loades and Robert MacSwain. Canterbury Studies in Spiritual Theology. Canterbury Press, 2006.

Grammar and Grace: Reformulations of Aquinas and Wittgenstein. Edited by Jeffrey Stout and Robert MacSwain. SCM Press, 2004.

Edited Journal Issue

Guest editor of *Sewanee Theological Review*, Volume 55, Number 2, Easter 2012: "A Sewanee Companion to *The Cambridge Companion to C. S. Lewis*."

Book Chapters

"Are Effective Altruists Saints? Effective Altruism, Moral Sainthood, and Human Holiness," in *Religious Perspectives on Effective Altruism*. Edited by Dominic Roser and Markus Huppenbauer. Nomos, 2020 (forthcoming).

"'The Evidence of Faith': Austin Farrer, Diogenes Allen, and Reformed Epistemology," in *Austin Farrer for Today*. Edited by Richard Harries and Stephen Platten. SCM Press, 2020 (forthcoming)

"Austin Farrer," in *Twentieth-Century Anglican Theologians*. Edited by Stephen Burns, Bryan Cones, and James Tengatenga. Wiley, 2020 (forthcoming).

"Moving Texts and Mirror Neurons: David Brown and Eleonore Stump on Biblical Interpretation," in *The Moving Text: Interdisciplinary Perspectives on David Brown and the Bible*. Edited by Garrick V. Allen, Christopher R. Brewer, and Dennis F. Kinlaw III. SCM Press, 2018 (pages 51-69).

“The Tradition of Reason: David Brown, Joseph Butler, and Divine Hiddenness,” in *Christian Theology and the Transformation of Natural Religion: From Incarnation to Sacramentality—Essays in Honour of David Brown*. Edited by Christopher R. Brewer. Peeters, 2018 (pages 21-35).

“Editor’s Introduction” in David Brown, *God in a Single Vision: Integrating Philosophy and Theology*. Edited by Christopher R. Brewer and Robert MacSwain. Routledge, 2016 (pages vii-x).

“Scripture in the Toolshed?: A Report from North America,” in *The Bible in the Life of the Church*. Edited by Clare Amos. Canterbury Studies in Anglicanism. Morehouse Publishing / Canterbury Press, 2013 (pages 32-47).

“Introduction: ‘The Form of Divine Truth in the Human Mind,’” in *Scripture, Metaphysics, and Poetry: Austin Farrer’s The Glass of Vision with Critical Commentary*. Edited by Robert MacSwain. Ashgate Studies in Theology, Imagination and the Arts. Ashgate, 2013 (pages 1-8).

“Introduction: Theology, Aesthetics, and Culture,” in *Theology, Aesthetics, and Culture: Responses to the Work of David Brown*. Edited by Robert MacSwain and Taylor Worley. Oxford University Press, 2012 (pages 1-10).

“Introduction,” in *The Cambridge Companion to C. S. Lewis*. Edited by Robert MacSwain and Michael Ward. Cambridge Companions to Religion. Cambridge University Press, 2010 (pages 1-12).

“Imperfect Lives and Perfect Love: Austin Farrer, Stanley Hauerwas, and the Reach of Divine Redemption,” in *Exchanges of Grace: Essays in Honour of Ann Loades*. Edited by Natalie K. Watson and Stephen Burns. SCM Press, 2008 (pages 142-54).

Journal Articles

“‘The Saint is Our Evidence’: The Hagiological Argument for the Existence of God,” in *Sewanee Theological Review*, Volume 62, Number 3, 2020 (forthcoming).

“Sacramentality and Sub-creation,” invited contribution to a symposium with Makoto Fujimura and Nicholas Wolterstorff on Gordon Graham’s *Philosophy, Art, and Religion: Understanding Faith and Creativity*, in “Art as a Voice for the Church: A Festschrift for Gordon Graham,” *Princeton Theological Review*, Volume 21, Number 1, 2017 (pages 13-15).

“*Sensus Divinitatis* or Divine Hiddenness? Alvin Plantinga and J. L. Schellenberg on Knowledge of God” in *Anglican Theological Review*, Volume 99, Number 2, Spring 2017 (pages 353-62).

“A Response” to Leigh Vicens, Olli-Pekka Vainio, Paul J. Griffiths, and Darren Kennedy in *Syndicate Theology*, Volume 3, Issue 5, September/October 2016 (pages 20-37). Contribution to a symposium on my book *Solved by Sacrifice: Austin Farrer, Fideism, and the Evidence of Faith*. See also the on-line version, which contains more material from Vicens, Vainio, and me than was published in the print edition: <https://syndicate.network/symposia/theology/solved-by-sacrifice/>.

“‘A Generous God’: The Sacramental Vision of David Brown,” in *International Journal for the Study of the Christian Church*, Volume 15, Issue 2, 2015 (pages 139-50).

“The Continuing (Ir)Relevance of C. S. Lewis,” in *Sehnsucht: The C. S. Lewis Journal*, Volume 7/8, 2013-14 (pages 11-22).

“Fall and Spring: A Systematic Theological Response to *Creator God, Evolving World*,” in *Sewanee Theological Review*, Volume 56, Number 4, Michaelmas 2013 (pages 364-71).

“‘The Gifts of God for the People of God’: Some Thoughts on Baptism and Eucharist,” in *Sewanee Theological Review*, Volume 56, Number 1, Christmas 2012 (pages 71-84).

“Correspondence and Documentation Related to Austin Farrer’s Baptism in the Church of England on 14 May 1924,” in *Anglican and Episcopal History*, Volume 81, Number 3, September 2012 (pages 241-76).

“Contemporary Anglican Systematic Theology: Three Examples in David Brown, Sarah Coakley, and David F. Ford” (co-authored with Benjamin J. King and Jason A. Fout), in *Anglican Theological Review*, Volume 94, Number 2, Spring 2012 (pages 319-34).

“Introduction,” in *Sewanee Theological Review*, Volume 55, Number 2, Easter 2012: “A Sewanee Companion to *The Cambridge Companion to C. S. Lewis*” (pages 1-3).

“Centenary Perspectives on Austin Farrer: A Review Article,” in *Philosophy Compass*, Volume 5, Issue 9, 2010 (pages 820-29), published on-line on 13 September 2010 and available at <http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/j.1747-9991.2010.00322.x/abstract>.

“Learning to Pray with Austin Farrer,” in *Sewanee Theological Review*, Volume 52, Number 4, Michaelmas 2009 (pages 409-21).

“A Fertile Friendship: C. S. Lewis and Austin Farrer,” in *Chronicle of the Oxford University C. S. Lewis Society*, Volume 5, Issue 2, Trinity Term / May 2008 (pages 22-45).

“An Analytic Anglican: The Philosophical Theology of William P. Alston,” in *Anglican Theological Review*, Volume 88, Number 3, Summer 2006 (pages 421-32).

“Above, Beside, Within: The Anglican Theology of Austin Farrer,” in *Journal of Anglican Studies*, Volume 4, Number 1, June 2006 (pages 33-57).

Reference Articles

“Farrer, Austin Marsden” in *Dictionary of Christian Apologists and Their Critics*. Edited by R. Douglas Geivett and Robert B. Stewart. Wiley-Blackwell (forthcoming).

“Holiness” in *The Wiley-Blackwell Encyclopedia of Philosophy of Religion*. General Editors: Stewart Goetz and Charles Taliaferro. Wiley-Blackwell (forthcoming).

“Farrer, Austin Marsden” (pages 86-87) and “Lewis, Clive Staples” (page 138) in *A Dictionary of Philosophy of Religion*. Edited by Charles Taliaferro and Elsa J. Marty. Continuum, 2010. Revised entries on pages 101-02 and 162-63 in the Second Edition, 2018.

Book Reviews

Stanley Hauerwas, *The Character of Virtue: Letters to a Godson*, with an Introduction by Samuel Wells, in *Sewanee Theological Review* (forthcoming).

Bethany N. Sollereeder, *God, Evolution, and Animal Suffering: Theodicy without a Fall*, in *Reading Religion*, at <http://readingreligion.org/books/god-evolution-and-animal-suffering> (28 August 2019).

Anthony C. Thiselton, *Systematic Theology*, and Stanley Hauerwas, *The Work of Theology*, in *The Living Church*, 19 May 2019 (pages 19-20).

Michael Rota, *Taking Pascal's Wager: Faith, Evidence and the Abundant Life*, and Rupert Shortt, *God is No Thing: Coherent Christianity*, in *Anglican Theological Review*, Volume 101, Number 2, Spring 2019 (pages 386-90).

Jerry Walls and Trent Dougherty (eds.), *Two Dozen (or so) Arguments for God: The Plantinga Project*, in *Reading Religion*, at <http://readingreligion.org/books/two-dozen-or-so-arguments-god> (February 6, 2019).

Linda Zagzebski, *Exemplarist Moral Theory*, in *Anglican Theological Review*, Volume 100, Number 2, Spring 2018 (pages 457-58).

Hans Boersma and Matthew Levering (eds.), *The Oxford Handbook of Sacramental Theology*, in *The Living Church*, 7 May 2017 (pages 21-22).

William J. Wainwright, *Reason, Revelation, and Devotion: Inference and Argument in Religion*, in *Reading Religion*, at <http://readingreligion.org/books/reason-revelation-and-devotion> (September 17, 2016).

Timothy F. Sedgwick, *Sex, Moral Teaching, and the Unity of the Church: A Study of the Episcopal Church*, and Robert Song, *Covenant and Calling: Towards a Theology of Same-Sex Relationships*, in *Anglican Theological Review*, Volume 98, Number 2, Spring 2016 (pages 436-39).

Bob Tennant, *Conscience, Consciousness and Ethics in Joseph Butler's Philosophy and Ministry*, in *Sewanee Theological Review*, Volume 58, Number 3, Pentecost 2015 (pages 726-28).

Charles Taliaferro and Jil Evans, *The Image in Mind: Theism, Naturalism, and the Imagination*, in *Anglican Theological Review*, Volume 97, Number 2, Spring 2015 (pages 373-75).

Eleonore Stump, *Wandering in Darkness: Narrative and the Problem of Suffering*, and Michael Bergmann, Michael J. Murray, and Michael C. Rea (eds.), *Divine Evil?: The Moral Character of the God of Abraham*, in *Sewanee Theological Review*, Volume 57, Number 4, Michaelmas 2014 (pages 582-86).

Mark Wynn, *Renewing the Senses: A Study of the Philosophy and Theology of the Spiritual Life*, in *Faith and Philosophy*, Volume 31, Number 3, July 2014 (pages 361-63).

Alister McGrath, *C. S. Lewis—A Life: Eccentric Genius, Reluctant Prophet*, Alister McGrath, *The Intellectual World of C. S. Lewis*, and Samuel Joeckel, *The C. S. Lewis Phenomenon: Christianity and the Public Sphere*, in *Sewanee Theological Review*, Volume 57, Number 1, Christmas 2013 (pages 99-102).

Simon Oliver, Karen Kilby, and Thomas O'Loughlin (eds.), *Faithful Reading: New Essays in Theology and Philosophy in Honour of Fergus Kerr, OP*, in *Anglican Theological Review*, Volume 95, Number 4, Fall 2013 (pages 745-46).

Oliver D. Crisp and Michael C. Rea (eds.), *Analytic Theology: New Essays in the Philosophy of Theology*, and Andrew Davison (ed.), *Imaginative Apologetics: Theology, Philosophy and the Catholic Tradition*, in *Sewanee Theological Review*, Volume 56, Number 4, Michaelmas 2013 (pages 399-401).

Rowan Williams, *The Lion's World: A Journey into the Heart of Narnia*, in *Anglican Theological Review*, Volume 95, Number 3, Summer 2013 (pages 577-78).

Darren M. Kennedy, *Providence and Personalism: Karl Barth in Conversation with Austin Farrer, John Macmurray and Vincent Brümmer*, in *Sewanee Theological Review*, Volume 56, Number 1, Christmas 2012 (pages 94-96).

David Brown, *Tradition and Imagination: Revelation and Change, Discipleship and Imagination: Christian Tradition and Truth, God and Enchantment of Place: Reclaiming Human Experience, God and Grace of Body: Sacrament in Ordinary*, and *God and Mystery in Words: Experience Through Metaphor and Drama*, in *Faith and Philosophy*, Volume 29, Number 3, July 2012 (pages 362-66).

Jerry Root, *C. S. Lewis and a Problem of Evil*, in *Modern Believing*, Volume 53, Number 4, October 2012 (pages 440-41).

Robert Titley, *A Poetic Discontent: Austin Farrer and the Gospel of Mark*, in *Anglican Theological Review*, Volume 94, Number 3, Summer 2012 (pages 579-83).

Charles R. Pinches, Kelly S. Johnson, and Charles M. Collier (eds.), *Unsettling Arguments: A Festschrift on the Occasion of Stanley Hauerwas's 70th Birthday*, in *The Living Church*, 6 May 2012 (pages 19-20).

Ellen Charry, *God and the Art of Happiness*, in *Sewanee Theological Review*, Volume 55, Number 2, Easter 2012 (pages 228-31).

Richard Bauckham, *The Bible and Ecology: Rediscovering the Community of Creation*, Ellen F. Davis, *Scripture, Culture, and Agriculture: An Agrarian Reading of the Bible*, and Willis Jenkins, *Ecologies of Grace: Environmental Ethics and Christian Theology*, in *Sewanee Theological Review*, Volume 55, Number 1, Christmas 2011 (pages 93-96).

Austin Farrer, *A Science of God?*, second edition with a new foreword by Margaret Yee, in *Anglican Theological Review*, Volume 92, Number 3, Summer 2010 (pages 564-66).

D. Z. Phillips (ed.), *Whose God? Which Tradition?: The Nature of Belief in God*, in *New Blackfriars*, Volume 90, Number 1029, September 2009 (pages 632-34).

Brian Hebblethwaite, *The Philosophical Theology of Austin Farrer*, in *International Journal of Systematic Theology*, Volume 11, Number 3, July 2009 (pages 365-67).

Mark A. McIntosh, *Divine Teaching: An Introduction to Christian Theology*, in *Virginia Seminary Journal*, Spring 2009 (pages 97-98).

Donna Freitas, *Sex and the Soul: Juggling Sexuality, Spirituality, Romance, and Religion on America's College Campuses*, in *Virginia Seminary Journal*, Spring 2009 (pages 95-97).

Richard Dawkins, *The God Delusion* (co-authored with Graham Kemp, Sarah Nohavicka, and Nicolas Helm-Grovas), in *Foundation: The Annual Periodical of the St. Chad's College Foundation*, Volume V, Number 1, 2008 (pages 64-75).

William J. Abraham, *Crossing the Threshold of Divine Revelation*, in *International Journal of Systematic Theology*, Volume 10, Issue 2, April 2008 (pages 219-22).

Hugo Strandberg, *The Possibility of Discussion: Relativism, Truth and Criticism of Religious Beliefs*, in *New Blackfriars*, Volume 89, Issue 1019, January 2008 (pages 129-31).

Robert Boak Slocum, *Light in a Burning Glass: A Systematic Presentation of Austin Farrer's Theology*, in *Anglican Theological Review*, Volume 89, Number 7, Fall 2007 (pages 682-83).

Douglas Hedley and Brian Hebblethwaite (eds.), *The Human Person in God's World: Studies to Commemorate the Austin Farrer Centenary*, in *International Journal of Systematic Theology*, Volume 9, Number 4, October 2007 (pages 471-73).

Rowan Williams, *Tokens of Trust: An Introduction to Christian Belief*, in *Foundation: The Annual Periodical of the St. Chad's College Foundation*, Volume IV, Number 1, 2007 (pages 115-18).

Mark A. McIntosh, *Discernment and Truth: The Spirituality and Theology of Knowledge*, in *Foundation: The Annual Periodical of the St. Chad's College Foundation*, Volume III, Number 1, 2006 (pages 103-07).

David Hein and Edward Hugh Henderson (eds.), *Captured by the Crucified: The Practical Theology of Austin Farrer*, in *Studies in Christian Ethics*, Volume 18, Number 3, 2005 (pages 154-57).

Brian Hebblethwaite, *Philosophical Theology and Christian Doctrine*, in *Foundation: The Annual Periodical of the St. Chad's College Foundation*, Volume II, Number 1, 2005 (pages 107-10).

Daniel W. Hardy, *Finding the Church: The Dynamic Truth of Anglicanism*, in *Journal of Religion and Society*, Volume 6, 2004 (<http://moses.creighton.edu/JRS/2004/2004-r4.html>).

Steve Stockman, *Walk On: The Spiritual Journey of U2*, in *Anglican Theological Review*, Volume 84, Number 3, Summer 2002 (pages 808-09).

Margaret Visser, *The Geometry of Love: Space, Time, Mystery, and Meaning in an Ordinary Church*, in *Cross Current: The Episcopal Diocese of East Carolina*, Lent 2002 (page 6).

Collaborative Work

Deep Engagement, Fresh Discovery: Report of the Anglican Communion "Bible in the Life of the Church Project," co-authored as member of the Steering Committee and North American Regional Coordinator, delivered to Anglican Consultative Council 15, New Zealand (2012).

ORDINATIONS and ECCLESIAL STATUS

Priest: The Rt. Rev. Clifton Daniel 3rd
Bishop of East Carolina
St. Mary's Episcopal Church, Kinston, North Carolina, USA
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Deacon: The Most Rev. and Rt. Hon. Dr. George Leonard Carey
Archbishop of Canterbury
Canterbury Cathedral, Kent, England
30 June 2001

Canonically Resident in the Diocese of East Carolina (The Episcopal Church) since 2001.