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EDUCATION

St. Mary's College, University of St. Andrews, St. Andrews, Scotland. 2000-2004
Ph.D in Theology.

AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

2002-2004 Doctoral Fellow, Center for Religion and Democracy, University of Virginia.
2001-2003 University Scholarship, University of St. Andrews.
2000-2001 Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar.

University of Virginia, Charlottesville, Virginia, USA. 1994-1998
B.A. with High Distinction, Political and Social Thought.
Minor, Religious Studies.

HONORS

Phi Beta Kappa
Echols Scholar

EMPLOYMENT

Dean and Vice President of Academic Affairs
Professor of Theology and Christian Formation
Western Theological Seminary, July 2019-present

Associate Professor of Theology and Christian Formation
Western Theological Seminary, July 2013-June 2019

Director, Center for Ministry Studies and Assistant Professor of Ministry Studies
Hope College, July 2012-June 2013

Director, Studies in Ministry Minor, Associate Director, The CrossRoads Project, and Assistant Professor of Political Science
Hope College, January 2005-June 2012

PUBLICATIONS

BOOKS

The Justice Calling: Where Passion Meets Perseverance, Brazos Press (co-authored with Bethany Hanke Hoang of International Justice Mission), 2016; paperback edition 2017.

AWARDS

Book of the Year, *Christianity Today* 2017 Book Awards, Politics and Public Life Category
Recommended Selection, *Outreach Magazine* Resources of the Year (2017), Social Justice Category

Theology, Political Theory, and Pluralism: Beyond Tolerance and Difference, Cambridge University Press, 2007; paperback edition 2010.

ARTICLES, BOOK CHAPTERS, AND CONTRIBUTIONS

"Public Theology," *New Cambridge Companion to Christian Doctrine*, edited by Michael Allen. Cambridge University Press, forthcoming.

"The Jesus Way in Divided Times," in *The Tongue of a Teacher: Essays in Honor of the Rev. Dr. Timothy Brown*, edited by Trygve Johnson, Historical Series of the Reformed Church in America, forthcoming.

"The Theologian," in *Uncommon Ground: Living Faithfully in a World of Difference*, edited by Timothy Keller and John Inazu, Thomas Nelson, 2020.

"Justice, Creation, and New Creation: In Christ All Things Hold Together," in *Creation and Doxology: The Beginning and End of God's Good World*, edited by Gerald L. Hiestand, IVP Academic, 2018.

"Political Theology," in the *Evangelical Dictionary of Theology*, third edition, Baker Academic, edited by Daniel J. Treier and Walter A. Elwell, 2017.

"Supporting this World's Ballerinas: Learning from *Mad Men's* Female Workers," in *The Universe is Indifferent: Theology, Philosophy, and Mad Men*, edited by Ann W. Duncan and Jacob L. Goodson, Cascade Books, 2016.

"The Justice Game: Augustine, Disordered Loves, and the Temptation to Change the World," *Religions* 6, no. 2 (2015).

"Hunter and Peterson on Institutions," in *Pastoral Work: Engagements with the Vision of Eugene Peterson*, edited by Jason Byassee and L. Roger Owen, Cascade Books, 2014.

"Earthly Peace in the Halls of City Schools" with Peter Boumgarden, *Corners in the City of God: Theology, Philosophy, and The Wire*, edited by Jonathan Tran and Myles Wertz, Cascade Books, 2013.

"Brave New World? Faith, Hope and the Political Imagination," in *Patterns of Promise: Art, Imagination and Christian Hope*, edited by Jeremy Begbie and Trevor Hart, Ashgate, 2012.

"Towards a Vision of Thick Conversation: Explorations in Bioethics and Interfaith Deliberation," *Comparative Sociology* 11 (2012).

Contributor to *Feasting on the Word: Preaching the Revised Common Lectionary, Year A, Vol. 4*, edited by David L. Bartlett and Barbara Brown Taylor, Westminster John Knox Press, 2011.

"Public' Reimagined: A Reconsideration of Church, State, and Civil Society," in *A World for All? Global Civil Society in Political Theory and Trinitarian Theology*, edited by William F. Storrar, Peter J. Casarella and Paul Louis Metzger, William B. Eerdmans Publishing Company, 2011.

"Kristen Johnson's Reply to Eric Stoddart's Review of Her Book," *Political Theology* 11, no. 1 (2010).

"Response to Review Article of *Theology, Political Theory, and Pluralism: Beyond Tolerance and Difference*," *Evangelical Review of Society & Politics* 2, no. 2 (October 2008).

Matt Jenson and Kristen Deede Johnson, "Interview with An Author," *Cultural Encounters* 4, no. 2 (Summer 2008).

“The Infinite Qualitative Difference: Sin, the Self, and Revelation in the Thought of Søren Kierkegaard,” *International Journal for Philosophy of Religion* 53, no. 1 (February 2003).

BOOK REVIEWS

Adam Neder, *Theology as a Way of Life. The Journal of Spiritual Formation and Soul Care* 14, no. 1 (2021).
(Co-authored with Anna Erickson.)

P. Travis Kroeker. *Messianic Political Theology and Diaspora Ethics: Essays in Exile. Syndicate* (2019).

Dorothy Bass, Kathleen Cahalan, Bonnie Miller-McLemore, Christian Scharen, and James Nieran. *Christian Practical Wisdom: What It Is, Why It Matters. Interpretation: A Journal of Bible and Theology* 72, no. 3 (2018).

Craig Hovey and Elizabeth Phillips, editors. *The Cambridge Companion to Christian Political Theology. Anglican Theological Review* 98, no. 4 (2016).

Teresa Delgado, John Doody, and Kim Paffenroth, editors. *Augustine and Social Justice. Reading Religion, AAR online book review website, May 2016.*

Eric Gregory, *Politics and the Order of Love. International Journal of Systematic Theology* 10, no. 2 (2011).
(Co-authored with Jeffrey Skaff.)

Jean Bethke Elshtain, *Sovereignty: God, State, and Self. Politics and Religion* 3, no. 3 (2010).

POPULAR PUBLICATIONS, PODCASTS, AND RADIO INTERVIEWS

"Prayer as Response and Participation," Christianity Today Special Issue, forthcoming (August 2021).

Guest, Grace Communion International Resources Podcast: Gospel Reverb, April 2021.

Guest, The Small Town Girl Podcast with Jenn VanHekken, "Episode 106: Kristen Deede Johnson on Faith, Politics, and 2021," January 2021.

"The Way of Jesus in a Divided Nation," Center for Pastor Theologians, November 2020.

"Pastoring in an Age of Polarization: Preparing Faithfully for the Election and its Aftermath," Webinar/Panel Discussion, Western Theological Seminary, with Winn Collier, Chuck DeGroat, and Fred Johnson, October 2020.

Guest, The Pastor Theologians Podcast, "Pluralism, Politics and St. Augustine," June 2020.

"Living Faithfully in a World of Difference," Christianity Today livestream, May 2020.

Guest, Conversing with Mark Labberton Podcast, "Bethany Hanke Hoang and Kristen Deede Johnson on Justice," September 2019.

"Improv for the Kingdom: What Does it Mean to Equip People for Public Justice?" *Public Justice Review*, Vol 8, no. 2 (2018).

"Go Into Your Room, Close the Door, and Engage the World," *Comment Magazine*, Fall 2017.

Host, The Luxcast, a podcast of Western Theological Seminary, Episode 3.7 with Soong Chan-Rah on Faith & Vocation, October 2017.

Guest, The Luxcast, a podcast of Western Theological Seminary, Episode 3.8 on Faith & Justice, October 2017

Guest, Word FM Radio, "The Ride Home with John & Kathy," Pittsburgh, September 2017.

"Are We Missing the Point of Spiritual Disciplines?" *Christianity Today*, September/October 2017.

"Cleaning Dishes as a Revolutionary Act," *Comment Magazine*, Winter 2016.

Guest host, Groundwork Radio Program, "God's Church Seeks Biblical Justice," September 30, 2016.

Guest host, Groundwork Radio Program, "Justice, Heroes, and Jesus," September 23, 2016.

"How Then Shall We Work: Divinity," A Symposium on the Changing Nature of Professions in the Digital Age, *Comment Magazine*, Summer 2016.

Guest, WTBF-AM & FM, "Book Bits," April 27, 2016.

Guest, Salem Radio Network, "Steve Brown Etc," April 25, 2016.

Host, The Luxcast, a podcast of Western Theological Seminary, Episode 3 with Gisela Kreglinger, author of *The Spirituality of Wine*, April 2016.

Guest, Stumptown Christian Podcast, March 2016.

With Bethany Hanke Hoang, "Justice Calling," Catalyst.com, April 2016 (Book Excerpt).

With Bethany Hanke Hoang, "Live as Saints (Not Heroes): Justice and Jesus," *Perspectives: A Journal of Reformed Thought*, March/April 2016 (Book Excerpt).

With Bethany Hanke Hoang, "If God is Just, Why All this Suffering?" *Today's Christian Woman*, March 2016 (Book Excerpt).

With Bethany Hanke Hoang, "One Key to Walking Through Suffering," Annvoskamp.com, February 2016 (Book Excerpt).

With Bethany Hanke Hoang, "There's Only One Thing That Lets Us Get Close to Suffering," *Christianity Today*, January/February 2016 (Book Excerpt).

"Homes, Heroes and Saints in Christ," *Perspectives: A Journal of Reformed Thought*, July/August 2014.

Interview, "Patience, Trust, and Vision," *Comment Magazine Online*, June 6, 2012.

"Engaging culture with wisdom and patience," *Call & Response* (a blog offered by Faith and Leadership, Duke Divinity School), November 30, 2010.

"A Vision Anchored in Hope," *Capital Commentary* (a publication of the Center for Public Justice, Washington, DC), October 8, 2010.

Words of Hope Daily Reflections (a publication of Words of Hope Ministry, Grand Rapids, Mich.), November 16-November 30, 2007.

Trygve Johnson and Kristen Deede Johnson, *Words of Hope Daily Reflections* (a publication of Words of Hope Ministry, Grand Rapids, Mich.), December 1-December 31, 2005.

PAPERS, PRESENTATIONS, AND SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

Guest Teacher, "Justice Calling and Shalom," Youth With a Mission, Kona, Hawaii, April 2021.

"Evaluating Liberalism," Webinar/Panel Discussion, Baylor in Washington Program, with William T. Cavanaugh and Samuel Goldman, March 2021.

Respondent to George Marsden, "Reformation Influences: Was the United States Founded as a Christian Nation?" Reformation Commemoration, November 2020.

Guest, Conversation on Faith and Politics with First Year Seminar Faculty, Wheaton College, October 2020.

"Discipleship and Death: Exploring Mortality, the Christian Faith, and Human Flourishing," Wheaton College-Western Theological Seminary webinar, panel participant with J. Todd Billings, Jamie Aten, Christin Fort, Keith Johnson, Emily McGowin, and Noah Toly, January 2020.

Public Lecture, "Politics in a Divided Age: Engaging with Justice and Love," Christ at the Core Fall Series, Wheaton College, October 2020.

Public Lecture, "Faith and Politics," Growing Deeper Lecture Series, Grand Rapids Christian Schools, October 2020.

Hope College, Invited Chapel Preacher, October 2020.

Guest, "Religion, Democratic Citizenship, and Pluralism," Baylor in Washington, October 2020.

"Sanctification and Society: A Critical Engagement with Oliver O'Donovan's 'Ethics As Theology' Trilogy," Scripture and Hermeneutics Seminar, Institute for Biblical Research at the American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, November 2019.

"Pedagogy and Christian Formation in an Institutional Context," Wabash Co-Sponsored Mini-Workshop at Evangelical Theological Society Annual Meeting, November 2019.

"Justice and our Callings," Scholar's Weekend, Harbor Springs Presbyterian Church, October 2019.

Plenary Lecture, "Expanding our Gospel Imagination: The Great Commission Call to Seek God's Kingdom and Justice in Our Communities and Institutions," Kuyper Conference, April 2019.

"I Will Now Arise (Says the Lord)," Cathedral Church of the Advent Lenten Series, Birmingham, Alabama, March 2019.

"Life in the Vineyard," Cathedral Church of the Advent Lenten Series, Birmingham, Alabama, March 2019.

"Jesus and Justice: Exploring our Callings from Genesis to Revelation," Second Reformed Church, Grand Haven, Michigan, March 2019.

Guest Teacher, "Jesus & Justice," The Mars Hill Formation School, January 2019.

“Endow the King with Your Justice, O God!: Exploring the Role of the Holy Spirit in a Pluralistic Context,” Evangelical Theological Society, November 2018.

Annual Fall Lecture, “Justice and Our Callings: Exploring a Biblical Theology of Justice from Genesis to Revelation,” Evangelical Voices in the Academy, Southeastern Baptist Seminary, October 2018.

Guest Teacher, “Justice Calling and Shalom,” Youth With a Mission, Kona, Hawaii, October, 2018.

Public Lecture, “All Things New: Justice and our Callings,” Lumen Lecture Series, Berry College, September 2018.

“Following Jesus: Vocation and Mission,” Pillar Church, Holland, MI, June 2018.

“Justice, the City, and our Callings,” Grace Church & Liberti Church, Philadelphia, March 2018.

“Unity without Uniformity: Respecting Diversity in the Context of Living Together,” panel discussion with Miroslav Volf and Anthony Bradley, sponsored by the Acton Institute at the American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, November 2017.

“Until Scripture and Theology Embrace: Exploring the Contributions of Peckham's Canonical Theological Method,” Evangelical Theological Society, November 2017.

“Creating and Cultivating Gratitude in Students,” Christian Educators Association, October 2017.

“Justice, Creation, and New Creation: In Christ All Things Hold Together,” Center for Pastor Theologians Annual Conference, October 2017.

“Justice and Discipleship,” RCA Discipleship Leadership Community, October 2017.

Mission Week Preacher, Hope College, October 2017.

“Christ in the City: Politics,” Public Lecture, Pillar Church, Holland, MI, July 2017.

Keynote Lecture, “Jesus + Justice Conference,” New City Fellowship, Grand Rapids, May 2017.

“God’s Heart for Justice and U.S. Political History,” Pillar Church, Holland, MI, April 2017.

Invited Respondent, Henry Institute Symposium on Religion and Public Life, Calvin College, April 2017.

Holland Christian High School, Invited Chapel Speaker, April 2017.

Staley Distinguished Christian Scholar Lecture, “Justice and Our Calling: From Genesis to Revelation,” Whitworth University, March 2017.

Whitworth Faculty Scholarship Forum, “Being Sanctified and Sent to Participate in God’s Work of Justice,” March 2017.

Whitworth University, Invited Chapel Preacher, March 2017.

Keynote Lecture, “The Justice Calling: Persevering in Hope,” “Hope for Restoration: Radical Hospitality and Prison Reform,” Conference on Restorative Justice organized by Calvin Prison Initiative students from the R.A. Handlon Correctional Facility, March 2017.

“The Justice Calling: Challenges and Opportunities,” Calvin Worship Symposium, January 2017.

“Justice and Worship: From Genesis to Revelation,” Calvin Worship Symposium, January 2017.

Worldview Speaker, “The Justice Calling,” Trinity Christian College, January 2017.

Trinity Christian College, Invited Chapel Preacher, January 2017.

“Seeking the Good of the City: Developing a Shalom-Inspired Ethic of Public Engagement,” 2-part Public Lecture, Grace Church Chicago, November 2016.

Wheaton College, Invited Chapel Preacher, October 2016.

Wheaton College, Q&A with Ph.D. Students, October 2016.

Wheaton in Chicago Guest Speaker, October 2016.

Biola University, Invited Chapel Preacher, September 2016.

Westmont College, Invited Chapel Preacher, September 2016.

“All Things New: Justice and our Calling,” Westmont College, Public Lecture, September 2016.

Invited Scholar, “Cultivating Faithful Citizens in a Pluralistic Society,” Calvin Seminar, June 2016.

Northwestern College, Invited Chapel Preacher, April 2016.

Dordt College, Invited Chapel Preacher, April 2016.

“The Justice Calling in Charlottesville,” public book launch and panel discussion, Theological Horizons Project and Virginia Festival of the Book, March 2016.

Hope College, Invited Chapel Preacher, February 2016.

Panel Participant, Center for Pastor Theologians Inaugural Conference, November 2015.

Invited Participant, Vocation and the Common Good Research Project: Governance Sector, August 2015-present.

Invited Participant, Pluralism Working Group convened by Institute for Advanced Studies in Culture, University of Virginia, December 2014 - December 2016.

Keynote lecture, “The Justice Game: Augustine, Disordered Loves, and the Temptation to Change the World,” “Teaching The Christian Intellectual Tradition: Augustine Across the Curriculum,” conference funded by the Lilly Fellows Program in Humanities and the Arts hosted by Samford University, October 2014.

Participant, “The Possibilities & Limits of Urban Transformation: *The Wire* through the Lens of Academic Disciplines,” panel discussion at Wheaton College, September 2014.

“Faithful Presence in God’s World,” presentation given to Eli House of Studies, April 2014.

“Conflict and Unity: What Hope for the Earthly City?” lecture, “The Politics of Spirit: Augustine and Hegel in Dialogue,” conference at Princeton University, March 2014.

“Christ in the City,” public lecture, Pillar Church, August 2013.

Participant, Augustine & Politics Colloquium, University of Virginia, July 2013.

Participant, Roundtable on Benjamin Gregg, *Human Rights as Social Construction* (Cambridge University Press, 2012), Midwest Political Science Association, April 2013.

Facilitator, Trinity Christian College Faculty Discussion of *To Change the World: The Irony, Tragedy, and Possibility of Christianity in the Late Modern World* by James Davison Hunter, March 2012.

Respondent to Ron Nydam, “Love your Neighbor as Yourself,” Ryan Ende Lectures on Human Sexuality, Western Theological Seminary, November 2011.

“Christianity, the Enlightenment, and Political Life: A Transformed Landscape?” panel with John Bowlin and Jesse Couenhoven, Society of Christian Ethics, January 2011.

Respondent to J. Todd Billings, “Salvation as Adoption – an Antidote to Today’s Distant yet Convenient Deity,” Osterhaven Lecture, Western Theological Seminary, February 2010.

“Church, Society, and Sociality: Understanding Dan Hardy’s Theological Vision,” panel discussion in honor of Daniel Hardy with David Ford, Peter Ochs, Stanley Hauerwas, and Jacob Goodson, American Academy of Religion, November 2008.

Respondent, “Author Meets Critic: Panel Discussion of Kristen Deede Johnson, *Theology, Political Theory, and Pluralism: Beyond Tolerance and Difference*,” Henry Institute Symposium on Religion and Politics, Calvin College, April 2008.

“Truth, Justice, and the Evangelical Way,” University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Public Lecture, April 2008.

Keynote speaker with Trygve Johnson, “Leadership Remixed,” Northwestern College Leadership Conference, April 2007.

“Public’ Re-imagined: An Alternative to Church and State,” American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, November 2006.

Respondent to Kelly James Clark, “The Good of Diversity and the Virtue of Tolerance,” Society of Christian Philosophers, November 2006.

Respondent to Miroslav Volf, “Remembering Passion: Mistreatment, Memory, and Reconciliation,” Institute for the Study of Christianity and Culture, Michigan State University, October 2006.

“Christ and Politics: Augustine and Barth on the Political,” Henry Institute Symposium on Religion and Politics, Calvin College, April 2006.

“Pluralization and Contingency: What Comes After Connolly?” Secularity and Globalization Conference: What Comes After Modernity? The Fifth Annual Lilly Fellows Program National Research Conference, November 2005.

“Imagining Communities of Difference: Creation and Discovery in Political Theory,” Institute for Theology, Imagination and the Arts Spring Colloquium (“Over the Waters: Creation, Creativity, and Discovery”), University of St. Andrews, March 2003.

“From Tolerance to Difference: The Theological Turn of Political Theory,” Center for Religion and Democracy, University of Virginia, January 2003.

“From Tolerance to Difference: Theology and Political Theory,” Institute for Theology, Imagination and the Arts, St. Mary's College, October 2002.

“On Tolerance,” Civitas Scholars Summer Institute, July 2002.

“John Milbank's Theology of Difference: Trinity, Charity and Harmony,” Society for the Study of Theology Annual Conference, April 2002.

“Beyond Tolerance and Pluralism: Milbank, Metanarratives, and the Musical Harmony of Difference,” St. Mary's College Theology Seminar, University of St. Andrews, September 2001.

COURSES TAUGHT

“Practice of Discipleship” (MN 102)

“Justice, Discipleship, and the Church” (MN 533)

“Living the Christian Life According to Pop Christian Culture” (MN 539)

“Foundations for Theology and Ministry” (MIN 201)

“Theology of Ministry I and II” (MIN 371 and MIN 372)

“Internships in Ministry I and II” (MIN 398 and MIN 399)

“Introduction to Christian Theology and Spirituality” (REL 260)

“Coolness: Consumerism, Culture, and Christianity” (IDS 100)

“Pulpit, Pundits, and Politics” (TF 516)

PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES AND ACADEMIC SERVICE

American Academy of Religion

Editorial advisory board, New Explorations in Theology Series, IVP Academic

Steering Committee Member, Evangelical Studies Unit, American Academy of Religion

CHURCH SERVICE

Ordained Elder, Reformed Church in America.

Founding Member, The Pelican Project

Pastoral Formation Oversight Board, RCA, 2019-present

Colossian Way Leader, Pillar Church, Spring 2018.

Elected Member, Reformed Church in America Commission on Theology, July 2015-present.

Women's Bible Study Facilitator, Pillar Church, Fall 2013-present.

Adult Sunday School at various churches.