

## **Suzanne McDonald – Curriculum Vitae**

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### **Academic Record:**

PhD, University of St Andrews, 2006. Title: *Re-Imaging Election: The Holy Spirit and the Dynamic of Election to Representation*.

MA (Theology), University of Cambridge, 2002. (Fitzwilliam College Gibson Prize, College Prize and Reddaway Scholarship, 2001)

M.Phil (English Studies) Oxford University, 1996 (Commonwealth Scholarship).  
BA (Hons) (English Literature and French) University of Western Australia, 1993.

### **Teaching:**

**2014 - present:** Professor of Systematic and Historical Theology (with tenure), Western Theological Seminary, Holland, MI

Courses taught:

TH310 - Systematic Theology 1  
TH490 - Credo  
TH505 - Creation Calling: Thinking Wisely, Acting Well  
TH518 - Eschatology: Christian Hope and the Last Things  
MN582 - Ministry, Aging, and Dementia  
MN121 - RCA Standards

Young Life Staff Systematic Theology intensive course (every January, 2019 - present)

D. Min teaching: Theology for Mission intensive course (Londrina, Brazil, August 2018)

**2007 – 2014:** Assistant & Associate Professor of Theology, Calvin College Grand Rapids, MI

Courses taught:

Religion 121 (Biblical Literature and Theology)  
Religion 131 (Christian Theology)  
Religion 235 (Eschatology)  
Religion 244 (History of Theology II: Reformation to the Present)  
Religion 343 (Studies in Reformation Theology: Calvin's *Institutes of the Christian Religion*)  
Interim Intensive: Exploring Election

**2006-07:** Temporary Lecturer in Systematic Theology and the Reformed Tradition, Westminster College, Cambridge.

**2005:** DI5905: *The Holy Spirit Today* (co-leader of this postgraduate distance-learning module in the M. Litt. course, *The Bible and the Contemporary World*, St Mary's College, University of St Andrews)

## **Publications:**

### **Books:**

*John Knox for Armchair Theologians* (Westminster John Knox Press, 2013)

*Re-Imaging Election: Divine Election as Representing God to Others and Others to God* (Eerdmans, 2010)

### **Articles/Essays/Book Chapters:**

'*Meditations and Discourses on the Glory of Christ*' in Crawford Gribben and John Tweeddale, eds., *T&T Clark Handbook of John Owen* (T&T Clark, 2022)

'John Owen's Discourse on the Holy Spirit' in Michael Allen & Scott Swain, eds., *The Oxford Handbook of Reformed Theology* (OUP, 2020)

'Waiting with Eager Longing: The Inseparability of Human Flourishing from the Flourishing of All Creation', in Greg Forster and Anthony R. Cross, eds., *Human Flourishing: Economic Wisdom for a Fruitful Vision of the Good Life* (Cascade, 2020)

'The Canons of Dort for the Church Today: Polemics, Pastoring, and Pulling Up TULIPs,' *Calvin Theological Journal* 52:2 (2019), 407-420.

'The Electing God,' in Kent Eilers & Kyle Strobel, eds., *Sanctified By Grace: A Theology of the Christian Life* (T&T Clark, 2014).

'Beholding the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ: John Owen and the "reforming" of the beatific vision,' in Mark Jones & Kelly M. Kapic, eds, *The Ashgate Research Companion to John Owen's Theology* (Ashgate, 2012).

'Calvin's Theology of Election and its Reception: Modern Reception and Contemporary Possibilities,' in J. Todd Billings and I. John Hesselink, eds, *Calvin's Theology and Its Reception: Disputes, Developments and New Possibilities* (Westminster John Knox Press, 2012).

'Evangelical questioning of election in Barth: a pneumatological perspective from the Reformed heritage,' in Clifford Anderson and Bruce McCormack, eds, *Karl Barth and American Evangelicalism* (Eerdmans, 2011).

'The Pneumatology of the "Lost" Image in John Owen,' *Westminster Theological Journal* 71 no. 2 (Fall 2009), 323-35.

'Barth's "other" doctrine of election in the *Church Dogmatics*,' *International Journal of Systematic Theology* (Vol. 9/2, April 2007), 134-147.

### **Sample of popular publications:**

2022 - 'Beholding the Glory of God in the Face of Jesus Christ: John Owen's Christological Account of the Beatific Vision' (Credo Magazine, Volume 12, Issue 3, 2022). <https://credomag.com/article/beholding-the-glory-of-god-in-the-face-of-jesus-christ/>

2021 - 'Contemplating Jesus in John Owen's *Meditations and Discourses on the Glory of Christ*' (*Primer*, Issue 12: Understanding and Celebrating the Person of Christ. *Primer* is a journal for pastors in the UK).

November 2019 - 'Pulling up TULIPs' (feature article for the Christian Reformed Church's magazine, *The Banner*). <https://www.thebanner.org/columns/2019/10/pulling-up-tulips>

January 2019 - 'Commemorating the Canons' (feature article on the Canons of Dort for the Christian Reformed Church's magazine, *The Banner*). <https://www.thebanner.org/columns/2018/12/commemorating-the-canons>

December 2018 - 'Dealing Faithfully With Dementia' (feature article for the Narramore Christian Foundation's annual magazine, *Psychology for Living*).

October, 2017 - 'The Canons of Dort. No Line Between Deserving and Undeserving' (for the Christian Reformed Church's blog, *Do Justice*) - <http://dojustice.crcna.org/article/canons-dort-no-line-between-deserving-and-undeserving>

October, 2017 - 'Of Whole Mind and Good Memory' (article on the Reformation for Princeton Theological Seminary's *The Thread*) - <https://thethread.ptsem.edu/culture/of-whole-mind?rq=mcdonald>

### **Conference papers/involvement/presentations:**

**2023** Keynote speaker: *Theology Matters* Conference: - "Spirituality Old and New: Testing the Spirits Today, Yesterday, and Tomorrow." Hilton Head Island, SC, March 2023 ('John Owen on the Beatific Vision: Historic Reformed "Spirituality" in Action')

**2022** Panel chair: 'The Eloquence of Figures' (George Herbert Society Conference, Cambridge, UK, June 2022)

**2019** Keynote speaker: Oikonomia Network Theology Colloquium on Being Human in a Broken World, Dallas, TX, January 2019 ('Waiting with eager longing: the inseparability of human flourishing from the flourishing of all creation')

Keynote speaker: The Prodigal Love of God: Re-encountering Dort at 400 and Beyond Conference (Dordt College, April 2019)

**2018** Keynote speaker: Clergy Day Conference, Wyckhoff, NJ, October 2018 ('Dealing Faithfully With Dementia')

Keynote speaker: Synod of Dort Commemorative Conference, Calvin Theological Seminary, September 2018 ('The Canons of Dort for the Church Today: Polemics, Pastoring, and Pulling up TULIPS')

**2017** Christian Educators Association Conference speaker, October 2017 ('Being Roman Catholic Before the Reformation: What Art and a Will Can Teach Us')

**2016** Keynote speaker: Reformed Institute of Washington DC Annual Convocation, March 2016  
Reformation Day lecturer (3 lecture series), Covenant College, October 2016

**2015** Session chair, Calvin Studies Society Conference  
Invited participant: symposium honoring Richard Muller  
Fall Colloquium Speaker for the Reformed Institute of Washington DC ('John Knox: Then & Now')  
Panel Chair, AAR

**2014** Inaugural public lecture, Western Theological Seminary  
Bast Preaching Festival panelist

**2013** Eerdmans author series - *John Knox for Armchair Theologians*

**2012** Calvin Institute of Christian Worship, Worship Symposium session, January 2012 ('Royal Priesthood: Election, Worship, and Being Church')

Eerdmans author series - conversation with Todd Billings (*Re-Imaging Election*)

- 2011:** Keynote speaker, International Reformed Theological Institute conference, 'Christology in Context' (Potchefstroom, Sth Africa)
- 2010:** Respondent for J. Todd Billings' third Osterhaven lecture, 'Total Depravity, Total Communion: From Bondage to Sin to Communion with God.'
- 2009:** Session Chair, Calvin Studies Society (Richard Muller, 'Demoting Calvin: The Issue of Calvin and the Reformed Tradition')
- Calvin Institute of Christian Worship, Worship Symposium: panellist for the session, 'The Holy Spirit in Worship: Learning from the Reformed-Pentecostal Dialogue'
- 2008:** Meeter Center Fall Lecturer.
- Keynote speaker at the 'John Owen Today' conference, Cambridge, UK.
- Invited panelist for the session, 'Gerhard Sauter and the future of Reformed theology,' Calvin Colloquium, Erskine Seminary.
- 2007:** Keynote speaker at the conference, 'Karl Barth and American Evangelicalism: Friends or Foes?' Princeton Theological Seminary.

#### **Church / popular presentations:**

**Kyes Lecturer**, Kirk in the Hills, Bloomfield Hills, MI (October 2023): In the End, What: Thinking Well About Eschatology; Dealing Faithfully With Dementia.

**Teacher in Residence**, Central Reformed Church, Grand Rapids MI (March 2023) - The Sacred Odyssey: Walking With the Spirit.

#### **Frequent adult education presentations for churches. Samples include:**

Dealing Faithfully With Dementia (2 part series for churches / clergy)  
In the End, What...? Thinking Well About Eschatology (2-4 part series for churches)  
Creation Care: Why Should Christians Care?  
Praying Through Poetry: George Herbert  
Holy Saturday: Insights from a Neglected Day in Holy Week  
Exploring the Reformation (2 part series)  
Who's Afraid of the Canons of Dordt? (1 or 2 lectures on the doctrine of election and the Canons of Dordt)  
John Knox: Then and Now (for churches and historical societies)

#### **Academic Service**

2022-2023	ATS Self-Study Steering Committee
2022	Board of Reference, <i>Theology Matters</i>
2022	Search Committee - Professor & Director of the Accelerated Pastoral Degree Program
2021	Search Committee - Director of Student Life
2021	PhD Examiner (Aaron Prelock, 'The Pastoral Disposition in the Theology of John Owen', VID Special University, Stavanger, Norway)
2015-2018, & 2019-present	Theology Field Chair, Western Theological Seminary
2018	D. Min examiner (Stephen DeWit: 'Post-Christian Narratives for Liturgical Formation: Formation, Worship, and Mission at Alger Park Church')
2017-18	Search committee for Nouwen Faculty Fellows
2017	D. Min examiner (Brian Keepers: 'Playing Christ: Preaching and Performing the Drama of God's Mission')

2016-17	ThM Research Advisor (Rayman Chen)
2015 - 16	Search Committee for Vice President / Dean of Academic Affairs, Western Theological Seminary
2014 - present	IVP Academic Studies in Christian Doctrine Series advisory board
2014 - 2017	Louisville Institute Early Career Mentor to Dr Han-luen Kantzer-Komline
2014	Search Committee for Faculty Fellow, Western Theological Seminary
2010 - 2018	Kuiper Seminary annual lecturer for incoming faculty, Calvin College
2010 - 2016:	Steering Committee, Reformed Theology and History Group, American Academy of Religion
2011-2012:	Calvin College Faculty Lectureship Award
2008 – June 2011:	Book Reviews Editor for the <i>International Journal of Systematic Theology</i>
2008 – 2014:	Chair of Meeter Center Governing Board.
2007 – 2014:	Calvin College Religion Department Seminar Committee (chair 2009-14)