

CURRICULUM VITAE

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EDUCATION

Doctor of Philosophy in Religious Studies (Theology and Society), 2013
Marquette University, Milwaukee, WI
(Dissertation: *Transcending Subjects: Hegel After Augustine, an Essay on Political Theology*. Readers: Michel Barnes, D. Stephen Long, James South)

Master of Divinity, Theology, 2003
Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, Deerfield, IL

Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy, 1999
University of California, Santa Cruz, CA

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY AND TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Visiting Professor of Theology (2024-present), Western Theological Seminary,
Holland, MI
Lead Mentor of DMIN in Spiritual Formation and Relational Neuroscience.

Affiliate Professor of Theology (2013-present), Northern Seminary, Lombard, IL.
Christian Theology I (4x) (masters level course taught *live and online*)
Christian Theology II (3x) (masters level course taught *live and online*)
Discerning the Triune God (2x) (masters level course taught *live and online*)
Theology of Church and Culture (13x) (masters level course taught *live & online*)
Biblical/Theological Foundations of Ministry (5x) (doctoral level course)
Thesis Design (3x) (doctoral level course)

Adjunct Professor (2020), Cornerstone University, Grand Rapids, IL
Introduction to Beliefs and History of Christianity (undergrad)

Director of Master of Arts Program (Theology and Mission) (2014-2018)
Northern Seminary, Lombard, IL.

Adjunct Professor of Theology (2012), Northern Seminary, Lombard, IL.
Biblical/Theological Foundations of Ministry (1x) (doctoral level)

Teaching Assistant (2007-2011), Marquette University, Milwaukee, WI.
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Assistant to professors D. Stephen Long, Ralph Del Colle, Rodrigo Morales, and Joshua E. Burns

AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Arthur J. Schmitt Fellow, Marquette University, 2011-12.
Klingler College of Arts and Sciences Graduate Travel Fund, Marquette University, 2011.
Teach Assistant and Full Tuition Scholarship, Marquette University, 2007-2011.
Calvin Seminars in Christian Scholarship, Calvin College, June-July 2007.

PUBLICATIONS

Academic Books

Transcending Subjects: Augustine, Hegel, and Theology (Challenges in Contemporary Theology Series) (Oxford: Wiley-Blackwell, 2016). (6 citations)

Popular Books

Deeply Attached to God: How Jesus Quiets an Anxious and Avoidant Faith, with Cyd Holsclaw (Carol Stream: Tyndale, forthcoming, 2025)

Does God Really Like Me? Discovering the God Who Wants to Be With Us, with Cyd Holsclaw (Downers Grove: IVP, 2020).

Prodigal Christianity: Ten Signposts into the Missional Frontier, with David E. Fitch (San Francisco: Jossey-Bass, 2013). (3 citations)

Peer-Reviewed Articles

“Attachment Theory and Theological Anthropology” (under review)

“Mission Amid Empire: Relating Trinity, Mission, and Political Formation,” *Missiology: An International Review*, with David E. Fitch 41/4 (October 2013): 389-401. (2 citation)

“At a Distance to the State: The Politics of Hobbes and Badiou” *Telos: Journal of Politics, Philosophy, Critical Theory, Culture, and the Arts* 160 (Fall 2012): 99-119. (2 citations)

“Christ in Circulation: The Eucharistic Exchange and Money,” *Journal for Cultural and Religious Theory* vol. 11 no. 2 (Spring 2011): 199-215. (1 citation)

“Discerning Fidelity: Badiou Between Faith and Reason,” *New Blackfriars* 91 (2010): 229-241. (1 citation)

Book Chapters

“Christ and Capital: Money Changers and the Lord’s Table” in *Render Unto God: Christianity and Capitalism in Crisis* ed. Ryan McIlhenny (Newcastle: Cambridge Scholars Publishing, 2015), 137-148.

“Is Anything Worth Dying For? Martyrdom, Exteriority, and Politics after Bare Life,” with D. Stephen Long, in *Witness of the Body: The Past, Present and Future of Christian Martyrdom*, eds. Michael L. Budde and Karen Scott (Grand Rapids, Eerdmans, 2011), 171-189. (2 citations)

“Subjects between Death and Resurrection: Žižek, Badiou, and St. Paul” in *Paul, Philosophy, and the Theopolitical Vision: Critical Engagements with Agamben, Badiou, Žižek, and Others* (Theopolitical Visions Series), ed. Douglas Harink (Eugene, OR: Cascade, 2010), 155-175. (15 citations)

Book Reviews

John Atherton’s “Transfiguring Capitalism: An Inquiry into Religion and Global Change,” *Evangelical Review of Society and Politics*, 3, no. 1 (March, 2009).

Philip Goodchild’s “Theology of Money,” *Evangelical Review of Society and Politics*, 2, no. 2 (October 2008).

Other Publications

"Stuck in a Spiritual Rut? Neuroscience Might Have the Answer" [*Christianity Today*, July 17, 2020.](#)

“Joy, The Overlooked Aspect of the Cross” [*Christianity Today*, April 17, 2019.](#)

“Does God Have to Love Me?” [*Christianity Today*, Feb. 14, 2017.](#)

“A Pastor to evangelical Trump voters.” Op-ed in [*The Washington Post*](#), November 18th, 2016.

Works in Progress

“A Temple Christology: From Zion to Chalcedon,” an essay arguing that the Christological imagination of the early church came neither from pre-existing mediating figures nor the inclusion of Jesus in the divine identity, but from an understanding of the Temple as the union of heaven and earth.

“*Autre*-biography: Augustine beyond Lacan,” an essay moving through and beyond psychoanalytic readings of Augustine by showing that rather than inventing the

autobiographic genre Augustine is more concerned with another's writing (*autre-biography*).

“Among Other Bodies: On an Augustinian Eucharistic Politic”, an essay on the three aspects of the Eucharist for Augustine and how this might inform our understanding of the body politic.

“Between Hermeneutics and Metaphysics: On Canonical, Sacramental, and Ecclesial Practices,” an essay on first theology that will posit a sacramental approach to doctrine that unifies an emphasis on biblical and metaphysical approaches.

ACADEMIC CONFERENCE PAPERS

Academic Papers

“After Hermeneutics” panel presentation at *The Church in the Time Between the Times*, Society of Vineyard Scholars Conference, Columbus, OH, April 4th, 2014.

“Against ‘Political’ Theology,” panel presentation at the *Political Theologies Seminar* at Marquette University, September 15th, 2011.

“The Trinitarian Foundation for Mission Amid Empire; or Why Political Formation and Mission are not mutually exclusive,” with David Fitch, at *Empire, Church, Missio Dei*, Wesleyan Theological Society Meeting, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, TX, March 4, 2011.

“Scripture After Hermeneutics and Historicism: On Canonical, Sacramental, and Ecclesial Practices,” presented at *The Future of Scripture*, Wesleyan Theological Society Meeting, Azusa Pacific University, March 5, 2010.

“Christ in Circulation: The Eucharistic Exchange and Money,” presented at *Gift and Economy: Ethics, Hospitality and the Market*, Wesleyan Philosophical Society, Azusa Pacific University, March 4, 2010.

“Among Other Bodies: On an Augustinian Eucharistic Politic,” presented at the *Marquette University/Loyola University Chicago Graduate Student Theological Colloquium*, Feb. 20th, 2010.

“Can Hermeneutics Overcome Historicism? The Ethics of Textual and Sacramental Practices,” presented at *The Ethics of Interpretation: From Ancient to Postmodern Times*, by the Seminar on Phenomenology and Hermeneutics, Marquette University, May 14th, 2009.

“Hegel, Augustine, and the Limits of *Sittlichkeit*,” presented at the *2009 Symposium on Religion and Politics*, Calvin College, April 24th, 2009.

“Discerning Fidelity: Alain Badiou Between Faith and Reason,” presented at the Midwest AAR Regional meeting, April 4th, 2009.

“Subjects between Death and Resurrection: Žižek, Badiou, and St. Paul,” presented at *Saint Paul’s Journeys Into Philosophy*, University of British Columbia, June 5th, 2008.

“At a Distance to the State: Radical Democracy and Religion,” presented at the *Fourth Biennial Symposium on Religion and Politics*, Calvin College, April 26th, 2008.

Popular Presentations

“Does God Really Like Me?” *Ecclesia National Gather*, Focused Session, Orlando, FL, Jan. 10th, 2020.

“Making Leadership Right Again,” *Praxis Gathering*, Philadelphia, PA, Sept. 24th, 2019.

“The Practice of the Bible that Shapes a People for God’s Mission,” *Future of the Gospel*, Workshop, Alexandria, VA, April 12th, 2013.

“Worship, Liturgy, Mission,” *Ecclesial National Gathering*, Focused Session, Washington, D.C., Feb. 17th, 2010.

“Repentance as Resistance: The Politics of Sacrifice,” *2006 Emergent Theological Conference*, Workshop Presentation, Yale Divinity School, February 8th, 2006.

“Evangelism, Ekklesia, and the Emerging Church,” *Ekklesia Project Conference*, Workshop Presentation, DePaul University, July 19th, 2004.

ACADEMIC SERVICE AND OTHER ACTIVITIES

Article Reviewer and Book Reviewer (2024-present)
Journal of Spiritual Formation and Soul Care

Associate Pastor (2018-present)
Vineyard North
Grand Rapids, MI

Podcast Host (2021-present)
Attaching to God
Exploring the intersection of neuroscience, spiritual formation, and faith.

Podcast Co-Host (2015-2018)
Theology on Mission Podcast (produced by Northern Seminary)
A popular podcast co-hosted with David Fitch.

Co-Pastor (2003-2018)
Life on the Vine Community of Christ of the C&MA
Long Grove, IL

Editor (2006-2013)

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Church and Postmodern Culture: Online
with James K.A. Smith of Calvin College
(Archive: <http://theotherjournal.com/category/blogs/churchandpomo/>)

LANGUAGES

Hebrew, Greek, Latin, German, French

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Society of Vineyard Scholars
American Academy of Religion (past member)
Evangelical Theological Society (past member)

REFERENCES

Dr. David Fitch

Betty R. Lindner Chair of Evangelical Theology
Northern Seminary
Email: dfitch@faculty.seminary.edu

Dr. Charlie Self

Visiting Professor of Church History
Assemblies of God Theological Seminary
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Dr. Scot McKnight

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Northern Seminary
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Dr. D. Stephen Long

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