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**PERSONAL**

Married to Jennifer Lynn (Coleman) McCall (26 July 1997)

Children: Cole Edward (11 September 2000), Josiah Chase (1 April 2002), Madelyn Kate (28 June 2004), and Isaac Thomas (2 November 2006)

**EDUCATION**

Ph.D., Systematic Theology, Calvin Theological Seminary (2004)

M.A., Theology, Wesley Biblical Seminary (1996)

B.A., Christian Studies, Hobe Sound College (1994)

**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

Professor of Biblical and Systematic Theology, Trinity Evangelical Divinity School (2015-Present)

Director, Carl F. H. Henry Center for Theological Understanding (2012-Present)

Associate Professor of Biblical and Systematic Theology, Trinity Evangelical Divinity School (2009-2015, Tenured 2010)

Assistant Professor of Biblical and Systematic Theology, Trinity Evangelical Divinity School (2004-2009)

Pastor, Diamond Springs Wesleyan Church, Hamilton, MI (2001-2004)

Instructor, Department of Philosophy, Calvin College (2001)

Pastor, Greatland Bible Chapel, Eagle River, AK (1996-1999)

## **AREAS OF STUDY**

### **Areas of Specialization**

Systematic Theology (particularly theology proper, Christology, hamartiology, and soteriology, and especially as done according to the theological interpretation of Scripture and theologies of retrieval)

Analytic Philosophical Theology

Historical Theology

### **Areas of Competence**

Biblical Theology

Philosophy of Religion

Moral Theology

## **RESEARCH AND PUBLICATIONS**

### **Books Authored**

6. *Against God and Nature: The Doctrine of Sin*. Foundations of Evangelical Theology, series editor John S. Feinberg. Wheaton: Crossway, forthcoming (2017).
5. *An Invitation to Analytic Christian Theology*. Downers Grove: InterVarsity Academic, 2015.
4. *Two Views on the Doctrine of the Trinity*. With Paul S. Fiddes, Stephen R. Holmes, and Paul D. Molnar. Ed. Jason S. Sexton. Grand Rapids: Zondervan Academic, 2014.
3. *Forsaken: The Trinity and the Cross, and Why It Matters*. Downers Grove: InterVarsity Academic, 2012.
2. *Jacob Arminius: Theologian of Grace*. With Keith D. Stanglin. New York: Oxford University Press, 2012.
1. *Which Trinity? Whose Monotheism? Philosophical and Systematic Theologians on the Metaphysics of Trinitarian Theology*. Grand Rapids: William B. Eerdmans Publishing Co., 2010.

### **Books Co-Edited**

5. *Christ and the Created Order: Perspectives from Theology, Philosophy, and Science*. Edited with Andrew B. Torrance. Grand Rapids: Zondervan Academic, forthcoming.
4. *Knowing Creation: Perspectives from Theology, Philosophy, and Science*. Edited with Andrew B. Torrance. Grand Rapids: Zondervan Academic, forthcoming.
3. Stephen Williams, *The Election of Grace: A Riddle Without A Resolution?* Kantzer Lectures in Revealed Theology, edited with Douglas A. Sweeney and Kevin J. Vanhoozer. Grand Rapids: William B. Eerdmans Publishing Co., 2015.
2. Nicholas Wolterstorff, *The God We Worship: An Exploration of Liturgical Theology*. Kantzer Lectures in Revealed Theology, edited with Douglas A. Sweeney and Kevin J. Vanhoozer. Grand Rapids: William B. Eerdmans Publishing Co., 2015.
1. *Philosophical and Theological Essays on the Trinity*. Edited with Michael C. Rea. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2009.

### **Journal Articles**

13. "A Wild Night at the Rodeo: An Engagement with William J. Abraham on Historic Wesleyan Theologies of Scripture," under review.
12. "Professor Ward and Polytheism," *Philosophia Christi* (2016): 313-322.
11. "Gender and the Trinity Once More: A Review of *One God in Three Persons: Unity of Essence, Distinction of Persons, and Implications for Life*," *Trinity Journal* (2015): 263-280.
10. "I Am My Body? Physicalism, Identity, and the Metaphysics of the Incarnation," *Philosophia Christi* (2015): 205-211.
9. "Was Arminius a (Unwitting) Determinist? Another Look at His Modal Logic," *Journal of Reformed Theology* (2014): 301-309.
8. "On Trinitarian Subordinationism," (with Keith E. Yandell) *Philosophia Christi* (2009): 339-358.
7. "We Believe in God's Sovereign Goodness: A Rejoinder to John Piper," *Trinity Journal* (2008): 235-246.
6. "I Believe in Divine Sovereignty," *Trinity Journal* (2008): 205-226.
5. "Holy Love and Divine Aseity in the Theology of John Zizioulas," *Scottish Journal of Theology* (2008): 191-205.

4. "Trinity and Creation: Why Kortum's Argument Fails," *Heythrop Journal* (2007): 260-266.
3. "The Meaning of 'Foreknowledge:' Another Look," (with Keith D. Stanglin) *Trinity Journal* (2005): 19-31.
2. "Ronald Thiemann, Thomas Torrance, and Epistemological Doctrines of Revelation," *International Journal of Systematic Theology* (2004): 148-168.
1. "Social Trinity and Tritheism Again: A Response to Brian Leftow," *Philosophia Christi* (2003): 405-430.

### **Book Chapters**

17. "'Although He Was Son, He Learned Obedience:' The Submission of Christ in Theological Perspective (In Dialogue with Thomas Aquinas and Karl Barth)." In *Listen, Understand, Obey*, ed. Caleb Travis Friedeman (Eugene, OR: Wipf and Stock, 2017), pp. 131-153.
16. "Christology... Within the Limits of Reason Alone? Kant on Fittingness for Atonement." In *Kant and the Question of Theology*, eds. Nathan D. Jacobs, James Joiner, and Chris L. Firestone (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2017), pp. 213-227.
15. "Wesleyan Theologies of Atonement." In *T & T Clark Companion to the Atonement*, ed. Adam J. Johnson (New York: T & T Clark/Continuum, 2017), pp. 797-800.
14. "John Wesley's Soteriology." In *Christian Theologies of Salvation*, ed. Justin S. Holcomb (New York: New York University Press), forthcoming.
13. "Divine Providence and Sin." In *T & T Clark Companion to the Doctrine of Sin*, eds. David Lauber and Keith L. Johnson (New York: T & T Clark/Continuum, 2016), pp. 319-336.
12. "Wesleyan Theology and the Authority of Scripture: Historic Affirmations and Some Contemporary Issues." In *The Enduring Authority of the Christian Scriptures*, ed. D. A. Carson (Grand Rapids: William B. Eerdmans Publishing Co., 2016), pp. 171-194.
11. "The Many 'Yes, Buts...' of Theodicy: Revisiting Feinberg's Account of Moral Evil." In *Building on the Foundations of Evangelical Theology: Essays in Honor of John S. Feinberg*, eds. Gregg R. Allison and Stephen J. Wellum (Wheaton: Crossway Books, 2015), pp. 189-205.
10. "Response to John S. Hammett" (with Grant R. Osborne). In *The Extent of the Atonement: Three Views*, eds. Andrew Naselli and Mark Snoeberger (Nashville: Broadman and Holman, 2015), pp. 194-202.
9. "Response to Carl R. Trueman" (with Grant R. Osborne). In *The Extent of the Atonement: Three Views*, eds. Andrew Naselli and Mark Snoeberger (Nashville: Broadman and Holman,

2015), pp. 62-73.

8. “Arminius and Determinism: Another Look at His Modal Logic.” In *Reconsidering Arminius: Beyond the Reformed and Wesleyan Divide*, eds. Keith D. Stanglin, Mark G. Bilby, and Mark H. Mann (Nashville: Abingdon Press, 2014), pp. 23-37.

7. “Trinity Doctrine, Plain and Simple.” In *Advancing Trinitarian Theology: Explorations in Constructive Dogmatics*, eds. Oliver D. Crisp and Fred Sanders (Grand Rapids: Zondervan Academic, 2014), pp. 42-59.

6. “‘But a Heathen Still:’ Wesleyan Theology and the Doctrine of Original Sin.” In *Adam, the Fall, and Original Sin: Theological, Biblical, and Scientific Perspectives*, eds. Hans Madueme and Michael Reeves (Grand Rapids: Baker Academic, 2014), pp. 145-164.

5. “The Trinity.” In *The Routledge Companion to Modern Christian Thought*, eds. James K. Beilby and Chad Meister (New York: Routledge, 2013), pp. 493-502.

4. “Religious Epistemology, Theological Interpretation of Scripture, and Critical Biblical Scholarship: A Theologian’s Reflections.” In *Do Historical Matters Matter to Faith? A Critical Appraisal of Modern and Postmodern Approaches to Scripture*, eds. James K. Hoffmeier and Dennis R. Magary (Wheaton: Crossway Books, 2012), pp. 33-54.

3. “Theologians, Philosophers, and the Doctrine of the Trinity.” In *Philosophical and Theological Essays on the Trinity*, eds. Thomas H. McCall and Michael C. Rea (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2009), pp. 336-349.

2. “Introduction” (with Michael C. Rea). In *Philosophical and Theological Essays on the Trinity*, eds. Thomas H. McCall and Michael C. Rea (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2009), pp. 1-15.

1. “Understanding Scripture as the Word of God.” In *Analytic Theology: New Essays in the Philosophy of Theology*, eds. Oliver D. Crisp and Michael C. Rea (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2009), pp. 171-186.

#### **(Select) Book Reviews**

12. Review of Alvin Plantinga, *Where the Conflict Really Lies: Science, Religion, and Naturalism* in *Trinity Journal* (2013): 117-119.

11. Review of J. Todd Billings, *Union with Christ: Reframing Theology and Ministry for the Church* in *Trinity Journal* (2013): 308-310.

10. Review of Peter Phan, ed., *The Cambridge Companion to the Trinity* in *Trinity Journal* (2012): 99-101.

9. Review of Keith D. Stanglin, *Arminius on the Assurance of Salvation: The Context, Roots,*

*and Shape of the Leiden Debate, 1603-1609* in *Themelios* (2010): 154-155.

8. Review of William J. Abraham and James Kirby, eds., *Oxford Handbook of Methodist Studies* in *Themelios* (2010): 156-157.

7. Review of Richard Cross, *The Metaphysics of the Incarnation* in *Trinity Journal* (2007): 162-163.

6. Review of Eleonore Stump, *Aquinas* in *Trinity Journal* (2006): 174-176.

5. Review of Stanley J. Grenz and John R. Franke, *Beyond Foundationalism: Shaping Theology in a Postmodern Context* in *Calvin Theological Journal* (2006): 154-156.

4. Review of Veli-Matti Kärkäinen, *Christology: A Global Introduction* in *Calvin Theological Journal* (2006): 159-161.

3. Review of David K. Clark, *To Know and Love God: Method in Theology* in *Trinity Journal* (2005): 340-343.

2. Review of Alister E. McGrath, *A Scientific Theology, Volume One: Nature* in *Calvin Theological Journal* (2002): 378-379.

1. Review of John S. Feinberg, *No One Like Him: The Doctrine of God* in *Calvin Theological Journal* (2002): 369-371.

### **Current (and Future) Projects**

2. *After Wesley: Essays on the Retrieval of Methodist Theology* (proposal under consideration with William B. Eerdmans Publishing Co.)

1. *Perfect Love: The Holy Love of the Triune God* (proposal under consideration with Oxford University Press)

### **CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS AND INVITED LECTURES**

25. "Immanuel and Kant: Fittingness for Atonement in Kant's Christology," American Academy of Religion, San Antonio, TX, November, 2016

24. "Comments on Fred Sanders's *The Triune God*," Evangelical Theological Society, San Antonio, TX, November, 2016

23. Respondent to Author-Meets-Critics Panel on *An Introduction to Analytic Theology*, Evangelical Theological Society, San Antonio, TX, November, 2016

22. "Immanuel and Kant: Fittingness for Atonement in Kant's Christology," Wheaton College

Philosophy Lectures, September 2016

21. "Divine Freedom, Plain and Simple," Colloquium on Divine Simplicity, Wheaton College, March 2015
20. "Comments on Ryan W. Davis's 'Authority and Atonement,'" Logos Workshop in Philosophical Theology, University of Notre Dame, May 2014
19. "I Am My Body? Physicalism, Identity, and the Metaphysics of the Incarnation," Wesleyan Philosophical Society, Northwest Nazarene University, Nampa, ID, March 2014
18. "Trinity Doctrine, Plain and Simple," Los Angeles Theological Conference (Keynote Address), Fuller Theological Seminary, Pasadena, CA, January 2014
17. "The Trinity: A Creedal Relational Proposal," Conference on the Doctrine of the Trinity, University of St. Andrews, April 2013
16. "Arminius Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow," Evangelical Theological Society, Milwaukee, WI, November 2012
15. "Comments on Michael Scott Horton's *The Christian Faith: A Systematic Theology for Pilgrims on the Way*," Evangelical Theological Society, Milwaukee, WI, November 2012
14. "Comments on Jonathan Jacobs's 'Apophatic Anthropology,'" Logos Workshop in Philosophical Theology, University of Notre Dame, May 2012
13. "Was Arminius an (Unwitting) Determinist?" "Rethinking Arminius: Wesleyan and Reformed Theology for the Church Today" Conference, Point Loma Nazarene University, San Diego, CA, February 2012
12. "Right with God: The Trinity and Justification in Wesleyan Theological Perspective," Evangelical Theological Society, Atlanta, GA, November 2010
11. "Wesleyan Theology and the Authority of Scripture," Wesleyan Theological Society, Azusa Pacific University, Azusa, CA, March 2010
10. Participant and Moderator, Logos Workshop in Philosophical Theology, University of Notre Dame, May 2009
9. "Wesleyan Theology and the Authority of Scripture: Historic Affirmations and Some Contemporary Issues," Evangelical Theological Society, Providence, RI, November 2008
8. "On Understanding Scripture as the Word of God," Evangelical Theological Society, Providence, RI, November 2008

7. "Do Relations of Authority and Submission Exist Eternally Among the Persons of the Trinity? A Debate with Keith Yandell vs. Wayne Grudem and Bruce A. Ware," Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, October, 2008
6. "Latin Trinitarianism: An Analysis and Evaluation," Evangelical Philosophical Society, Chicago, IL, March 2008
5. "Eternal Functional Subordination: Considering a Recent Evangelical Proposal," Evangelical Theological Society, November 2007
4. "The Metaphysics of Sanctification and the Problems of Pastoral Care: Questioning Theological Determinism," Evangelical Theological Society (Counseling, Psychology, and Pastoral Care Study Group), San Diego, CA, November 2007
3. "Which Trinity? Whose Monotheism? Individual Essence, the Trinity, and Christian Orthodoxy," American Philosophical Association (Philosophy of Religion Group), Chicago, IL, April 2007
2. "Foreknowledge and Freedom: Problems All Around," Wesleyan Philosophical Society, Olivet Nazarene University, March 2007
1. "Wesleyan *and* Arminian: Wesleyan Theology and Middle Knowledge," Evangelical Theological Society, San Antonio, TX, November 2004

## **COURSES TAUGHT**

- "Systematic Theology I: Introduction to Theology" (TEDS)
- "Systematic Theology II: Humanity, Sin, Christ, and Salvation" (TEDS)
- "Systematic Theology III: Pneumatology, Ecclesiology, and Eschatology" (TEDS)
- "Survey of Contemporary Theology" (TEDS)
- "Christology: Classical Formulations and Contemporary Issues" (TEDS)
- "The Doctrine of the Trinity: Classical Formulations and Contemporary Issues" (TEDS)
- "Analytic Theology: Free Will in Christian Theology" (TEDS)
- "Models of Sanctification" (TEDS)
- "Philosophers of Religion and Religious Significance: Swinburne and Plantinga" (TEDS)

“Christian Ethics” (TEDS)

“Medieval Theology” (TEDS)

“Advanced Theological Prolegomena” (TEDS)

“Arminius and Arminianism” (TEDS)

“Introduction to Biblical Theology and Hermeneutics” (TEDS)

“Studies in Hamartiology: The Doctrine of Sin in Modern Theology” (TEDS)

“Theology and Science” (TEDS)

“Old Testament Theology” (West Africa Theological Seminary)

“Introduction to Philosophy” (Calvin College)

#### **GRANTS AND AWARDS**

Analytic Theology Course Award, University of Notre Dame Center for Philosophy of Religion, 2011, \$15,000.00 (for the development of a course entitled “Analytic Theology: Free Will in Christian Theology”)

Classical Theism Summer Stipend, University of St. Thomas, 2015, \$3,000.00 (for research on issues arising at the intersection of the doctrines of divine freedom and divine simplicity)

“Evangelical Theology and the Doctrine of Creation,” Templeton Religion Trust, 2016(-2019), \$3,374,000.00 (as the director of a three year research program administered by the Carl F. H. Henry Center for Theological Understanding at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School)

#### **OTHER SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION**

Referee: *Philosophia Christi*

Referee: *International Journal of Systematic Theology*

Referee: *Christian Scholar’s Review*

Referee: *International Journal for Philosophy of Religion*

Referee: *Journal of Reformed Theology*

Referee: *Faith and Philosophy*

Referee: *Irish Theological Quarterly*

Referee: *Modern Theology*

Referee: New York University Press

Referee: InterVarsity Academic Press

Referee: Baylor University Press

Referee: Baker Academic Press

Referee: Yale University Press

Referee: Oxford University Press

Referee: Cambridge University Press

Editorial Board: *Journal of Analytic Theology*

## **REFERENCES**

Oliver D. Crisp, Professor of Systematic Theology, Fuller Theological Seminary

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Matthew Levering, James N. and Mary D. Perry, Jr., Chair of Theology, University of St. Mary of the Lake/Mundelein Seminary

D. Stephen Long, Professor of Theology, Southern Methodist University

Richard A. Muller, P. J. Zondervan Emeritus Professor of Historical Theology, Calvin Theological Seminary

Thomas A. Noble, Research Professor of Theology, Nazarene Theological Seminary

Michael C. Rea, Professor of Philosophy and Director of the Center for Philosophy of Religion, University of Notre Dame

Alan J. Torrance, Professor of Systematic Theology, University of St. Andrews

Kevin J. Vanhoozer, Research Professor of Systematic Theology, Trinity Evangelical Divinity School

Keith E. Yandell, Julius R. Weinberg Emeritus Professor of Philosophy, University of Wisconsin