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Education

Theology:

Ph.D. in theology, Free University Amsterdam, expected 2024

M.A. in systematic theology, Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, May 2018

Honors: *Summa cum laude*

Social Science:

Ph.D. and M.A. in political science, Yale University, June 2002

Fields: Political philosophy, contemporary theory, American government

Honors: With Distinction (awarded to approx. one-eighth of doctorates)

B.A. in political and social thought, and in rhetoric and communications studies,
University of Virginia, May 1995

Honors: Highest Distinction (*summa cum laude*); Phi Beta Kappa

Positions

Director of the Oikonomia Network, and Visiting Assistant Professor of Faith and Culture
Trinity International University, September 2015 – Present

Program Director

Kern Family Foundation, August 2008 – August 2015

Director of Research, and Senior Fellow

Friedman Foundation for Educational Choice, April 2005 – July 2008

Senior Research Associate

Manhattan Institute for Policy Research, August 2002 – April 2005

Books (Authored)

Economics: A Student's Guide

Crossway, 2019

The Keynesian Revolution and Our Empty Economy: We're All Dead

With Victor V. Claar, Palgrave Macmillan, 2019

*The Church on Notice: Overcoming Our Complacency, Consumerism, Idolatry and Injustice
with Luther's 95 Theses*

Center for Transformational Churches (Trinity International University), 2017

Joy for the World: How Christianity Lost Its Cultural Influence and Can Begin Rebuilding It

Crossway, 2014

The Joy of Calvinism: Knowing God's Personal, Unconditional, Irresistible, Unbreakable Love

Crossway, 2012 (also published in Korean translation)

Starting with Locke

Continuum, 2011 (also published in Chinese translation)

John Locke's Politics of Moral Consensus

Cambridge University, 2005 (paperback 2010)

The Contested Public Square: The Crisis of Christianity and Politics

InterVarsity, 2008 (also to be published in Chinese translation)

Education Myths

With Jay P. Greene and Marcus A. Winters; Rowman & Littlefield, 2005 (paperb. 2006)

Books (Edited)

Human Flourishing: Economic Wisdom for a Fruitful Christian Vision of the Good Life

With Anthony Cross; Wipf & Stock, forthcoming (under contract)

Faithfully Rendering God's Word

Oikonomia Network (Trinity International University), April 2020

Economic Wisdom for Churches: A Primer on Stewardship, Poverty and Flourishing

With Adam Joyce; Oikonomia Network (Trinity International University), 2017

John Rawls and Christian Social Engagement: Justice as Unfairness

With Anthony B. Bradley; Lexington, 2014

The Pastor's Guide to Fruitful Work and Economic Wisdom

With Drew Cleveland; Made to Flourish, 2014

Freedom and School Choice in American Education

With C. Bradley Thompson; Palgrave, 2011

Peer-Reviewed Journal Publications

“The Ovine Conspiracy: Dallas Willard's Use of Psalm 23:1 to Authorize a General Foundation for Theological Ethics”

Bibliotheca Sacra (forthcoming 2020)

“Economic Ethics as a Gospel Priority in the Pastoral Ministry of Jonathan Edwards”

Jonathan Edwards Studies 9.1 (Spring 2019)

Special issue devoted to Keynes and Moral Issues

Co-edited with Victor Claar; *Journal of Markets and Morality* 20.1 (Spring 2017)

“Evangelicalism and the Two Pluralisms”

With Timothy Shah, *Social Science and Modern Society* 53.2 (March/April 2016), p. 142-152

“America's Founding Entrepreneurs”

With Kyle Bode, *Journal of Engineering Entrepreneurship* 2.1 (Winter 2011), p. 1-9

“*Salus Populi Suprema Lex*: John Locke versus Contemporary Democratic Theory”

With Glenn Moots, *Perspectives on Political Science* 39.1 (Jan-March 2010), p. 35-45

“ ‘Men Being Partial to Themselves’: Human Selfishness in Locke's *Two Treatises*”

With Kim Ian Parker, *Politics and Religion* 1.2 (August 2008), p. 169-199

“Apples to Apples: An Evaluation of Charter Schools Serving General Populations”
With Jay P. Greene and Marcus A. Winters
Education Working Paper Archive April 4, 2006

“Testing High Stakes Tests: Can We Believe the Results of Accountability Tests?”
With Jay P. Greene and Marcus A. Winters
Teachers College Record 106.6 (June 2004), p. 1124-1144

“Divine Law and Human Law in Hobbes’s *Leviathan*”
History of Political Thought 24.2 (Summer 2003), p. 189-217

Selected Other Academic Publications

Complete list of articles and conference presentations is available on request

“Nations in the Metanarrative of Redemption”
In *Human Flourishing*, ed. Anthony Cross and Greg Forster, Wipf & Stock, forthcoming

“Lamentable Obligation in Augustine’s Political Theology”
In *Human Flourishing*, ed. Anthony Cross and Greg Forster, Wipf & Stock, forthcoming

“Faith, Learning and the World”
In *Christian Higher Education*, ed. David S. Dockery and Christopher Morgan,
Crossway, 2018

“Being God’s People by Working on God’s Mission”
In *Work*, ed. R. Keith Loftin and Trey Dimsdale, SCM Press, 2018

“A Biblical View of Work”
In *Holman Worldview Study Bible*, ed. David S. Dockery, Holman, 2018
In *Christian Worldview Handbook*, ed. David S. Dockery, Holman, 2019

“Free Faith”
In *Our Secular Age*, ed. Collin Hansen, Gospel Coalition, 2017

“Contested Visions of Flourishing: The Challenge of Pluralism”
American Academy of Religion annual meeting, 2017

“‘Burn It to Ashes’: Gospel Justice for the Poor in Luther’s 95 Theses”
Evangelical Theological Society annual meeting, 2017

“How Should the Christian Live?”
In *The Gospel and Work*, ed. Russell Moore and Andrew T. Walker, B&H, 2017

Review of *We Gather Together* by Neil J. Young
In *Trinity Journal*, Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, Fall 2017

“Opportunity: What Does Justice Require?”
In *Economic Wisdom for Churches*, ed. Adam Joyce and Greg Forster, Oikonomia
Network (Trinity International University), 2017

“Love Your Competitors: Competition as Cooperation”
Paper adopted by the Theology of Work Project, April 2016

“To Love the World: The Irony, Tragedy and Possibility of *To Change the World*”
In *Revisiting Faithful Presence*, ed. Collin Hansen, Gospel Coalition, 2015

“Made for Hope”

In *The Pastor’s Guide to Fruitful Work and Economic Wisdom*, ed. Drew Cleveland and Greg Forster, Made to Flourish, 2014

Selected Conferences

Evangelical Theological Society

Chair, Public Theology consultation, 2017 – Present

Presentations 2014 – Present

Faith at Work Summit, national conference

Event steering committee chair & host, October 2018

Event steering committee member & co-host, October 2016

Plenary speaker, October 2014

Made to Flourish, Common Good Conference

Local event speaker, October 2017 & October 2019

National plenary speaker, October 2015

The Gospel Coalition, national conference

Breakout group leader, April 2015

Panelist, after-conference on faith and work, April 2013

Jubilee, national conference

Plenary speaker, JPro pre-conference, February 2015

Breakout group leader, February 2015

Institute on Religion, Culture and World Affairs, Two Pluralisms conference

Closed session working group participant, April 2015

Acton Institute, Acton University conference

Breakout group leader, June 2012 – Present

American Enterprise Institute, Evangelical Leadership Summit

Panel chair, September 2014

Selected Non-Academic Publications

Complete list of articles is available on request

“The Religious Conflict at the Heart of Our Culture Wars”

Christianity Today, January 12, 2018

“The Evangelical Work Ethic: Forget Weber. We Don’t Need Social Science to Know that God Cares about Our Work”

Christianity Today, October 21, 2013

“Should More College Financial Aid Be Based on Need, Not Merit?”

Wall Street Journal, June 24, 2012

“College Diversity: Fix the Pipeline First”

With Jay P. Greene, *Washington Post*, January 7, 2004

Academic Teaching Experience

- Biweekly seminar leader, Gospel in the Public Square student group
Trinity International University, January 2016 – December 2018
- Instructor, A Christian Perspective on Work and the Economy (digital course)
MobileEd (Logos Bible Software), recorded May 2015
- Instructor, Theology and Economics (digital course)
Western Seminary, Center for Leadership Development, recorded 2013
- Instructor, Introduction to American Government
Montgomery College, Summer 2002
- Teaching Assistant, Introduction to Political Philosophy, Writing Intensive Section
Prof. Steven Smith, Spring 2000
- Teaching Assistant, Civil Rights and Civil Liberties
Prof. Rogers Smith, Fall 1999
- Teaching Assistant, The American Presidency
Prof. Stephen Skowronek, Spring 1999
- Teaching Assistant, Moral Foundations of Politics
Prof. Ian Shapiro, Fall 1998

Church Leadership

- Great Lakes Church (nondenominational; Kenosha, Wi.)
Theology seminar leader for pastoral staff, 2018 – Present
Small group leader, 2015 – Present
Ten Minute Theology videos (<http://greatlakeschurch.com/ten>), recorded 2017
- White Stone Community Church (Converge; Oconomowoc, Wi.)
Discipleship & Sunday school class leader, 2013 – 2015
Three sermons preached, 2014 – 2015
- Cornerstone Presbyterian Church (PCA; Delafield, Wi.)
Sunday school teacher, 2010 – 2012
Coffee service, 2010 – 2012
- Christ Covenant Presbyterian Church (OPC; New Berlin, Wi.)
Member, 2008 – 2010
- Christ Covenant Presbyterian Church (OPC; Indianapolis, In.)
Sunday school teacher, 2006 – 2008
Financial secretary, 2006 – 2008
- Coral Ridge Presbyterian Church (PCA; Ft. Lauderdale, Fl.)
Sunday school teacher, 2003 – 2005
Evangelism instructor, 2004 – 2005
Deacon, head of visitation ministry 2004 – 2005

Expert Testimony

Espinoza v. State of Arizona, expert witness deposition, September 11, 2007

Texas Senate Education Committee, March 29, 2007

Georgia House Education Subcommittee on School Choice, February 28, 2007

Kansas Joint Committee on Children's Issues, September 27, 2006

Missouri House Urban Affairs Committee, March 13, 2006

Missouri Senate Education Committee, February 21, 2006

Ohio Senate Education Committee, January 1, 2006

Ohio House Education Committee, January 1, 2006

Kansas Board of Education, December 13, 2005

Kansas Senate Education Committee, March 10, 2005