



TRINITY INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY

127TH ANNUAL COMMENCEMENT

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In kind consideration of the candidates for graduation, the speakers,
and the solemnity of this service, please remember

to refrain from taking flash pictures from the time of the opening Hymn
to the Presentation of Candidates for Degrees;

to refrain from leaving or entering the auditorium
during the commencement address;

to turn off any noise-making devices such as cell phones.

FLAGS OF THE NATIONS

The flags on display represent the regions of the world in which
the members of the university class of 2024 hold citizenship:
United States of America, Canada, China, Ethiopia, Germany, Ghana,
Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Kenya, Myanmar, Nepal, Nigeria, Poland,
Republic of Korea, United Kingdom, Uzbekistan



A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Welcome to Trinity's 2024 Commencement! On behalf of the Board of Regents, the faculty, and the staff of Trinity International University, I want to express our sincere congratulations to each one of this year's graduates. Your commitment, hard work, and persistent dedication have led you to this point, where today, you will receive the degree you have earned. From the day you first started your journey at Trinity, there may have been times when you wondered if you would get to this point. Yet, with the encouragement, support, and prayers of family, friends, and faculty members, along with your determination and sacrifice, you have completed the journey.

For many of you, the sacrifice was shared by those closest to you. Your family and friends stood beside you, prayed for you, and, in so many other ways, helped make your education possible. To each family member and friend, I want to express a heartfelt word of appreciation for everything you did to make your graduate's dream a reality.

I also want to acknowledge and express my personal thanks to the exceptional faculty and staff of Trinity for the multiple investments you have made in the lives of our graduates. I deeply appreciate your heart for all that Trinity stands for and for your commitment to preparing our students well to make an impact for Jesus with their lives as they faithfully serve him. You not only shared information with our students but also shared yourselves with them. Thank you.

Trinity graduates, as you cross the stage today and receive your diploma, you will embark on the next leg of the journey of faith and service the Lord has for you. I pray you will know the clear direction from our heavenly Father, the encouragement from our Lord Jesus, and the empowerment and protection of the Holy Spirit. Keep your focus on walking with the Lord, serving him faithfully in the days ahead, and stewarding well the gift that has been entrusted to you through your Trinity education.

As you depart Trinity today, know that we are praying for you, and we ask that you also remember to pray for us as we continue to invest in the lives of men and women to prepare them well for God's redemptive work in the world.

"The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the LORD turn his face toward you and give you peace."

(Numbers 6:24–26)

Serving our Savior Together,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kevin Kompelien". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Kevin Kompelien (MDiv '83)

President, Trinity International University



TRINITY INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY

For more than 25 years, Trinity International University has been a family of four schools: Trinity College, Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, Trinity Graduate School, and Trinity Law School. The law school is located in Santa Ana, California, and stages its own graduation ceremonies on that campus. The other three schools within Trinity International University will confer degrees during this weekend's ceremonies in Deerfield, Illinois.

In addition to the main campus in Deerfield, a regional center operates in two Florida locations: Miami/Dade County and Broward County. Trinity Florida hosts graduation ceremonies once each spring in south Florida.

In February 2024, Trinity's Board of Regents acted on recommendations offered by the TIU administration to address the increasing challenges facing higher education, which included closing the college and graduate school, as well as the programs at its regional campus in Florida. Trinity Law School remains fully operational. The difficult decision to close these programs enabled the Board of Regents to position the ministry of TEDS for continued service to the evangelical church worldwide.

Kevin Kompelien (MDiv '83) became the 17th president of the University in April 2024.

TRINITY EVANGELICAL DIVINITY SCHOOL

Trinity traces its roots to 1897 when the Swedish Evangelical Free Church began a ten-week Bible course in the basement of a Chicago church. This soon developed into the Bible Institute of the Swedish Evangelical Free Church of America. In 1910 the Norwegian-Danish Free Church established the Norwegian-Danish Bible Institute and Academy. It was first located in Rushford, Minnesota, and then later in Minneapolis with the name Trinity Seminary and Bible Institute. Between 1946 and 1949 the Swedish school merged with the Norwegian-Danish school to form Trinity Seminary and Bible College, located in Chicago.

Trinity Seminary and Bible College relocated to the present 111-acre Deerfield (Bannockburn) campus in 1961. The seminary was renamed Trinity Evangelical Divinity School (TEDS) in 1963, when Kenneth S. Kantzer was appointed its new dean.

TEDS students have come from around the country and the world, having attended a wide variety of major universities, liberal arts colleges, Christian colleges and Bible institutes. These diverse backgrounds make Trinity an exciting community in which to learn.

The vast majority of TEDS faculty have earned doctorates from universities and theological schools in the United States and abroad. These scholars, among the finest in the evangelical community, are committed to the authority of the Bible and to the preparation of men and women for significant roles as Christian leaders.

TEDS graduates enter leadership roles not only within the pastoral and missionary ranks of the Evangelical Free Church but also within a wide variety of professional, scholarly, and lay ministries throughout the larger church and society. More than 60 percent of TEDS' graduates enter pastoral ministry. Others pursue further graduate study, enter the military or institutional chaplaincy, teach at the college or graduate level, pursue specialized youth or campus ministries, serve the educational ministries of the local church, commit themselves to the global mission field, or return to their lay vocations with a sound biblical and theological basis for their faith and witness.

TEDS hosts classes at extension sites throughout the Midwest and beyond. It also offers a Doctor of Ministry program in Seoul that is taught entirely in Korean.

David Pao was installed as the dean of TEDS in fall 2021.

TRINITY COLLEGE

When the Norwegian-Danish and Swedish schools merged in 1949, they became known as Trinity Seminary and Bible College. The undergraduate college was renamed Trinity College in 1963 and offered traditional residential programs in biblical studies and ministry, the humanities, education, the social sciences, and the natural sciences and mathematics through 2023. In 2024, the College offered online programs in Bible and ministry, business, criminal justice, and psychology.

TRINITY GRADUATE SCHOOL

Trinity Graduate School, the newest of Trinity International University's schools, was founded in the fall of 1997. Degree offerings included Master of Arts degrees in Mental Health Counseling (Florida), and Leadership.

Building on Trinity International University's commitment to biblical, historic Christianity, the graduate school mission was to educate Christian leaders who will influence their professions and engage their culture for the cause of Christ. Of primary importance is the integration of biblical and theological understanding with world and life view in the context of academic inquiry.

Karen Wrobbel was installed as the dean of Trinity College and Trinity Graduate School in 2020.

The Speaker
KEVIN KOMPELIEN

Kevin Kompelien is the 17th president of Trinity International University.

Prior to Trinity, Rev. Kevin Kompelien served as the president of the Evangelical Free Church of America for nine years and, before that, for nine years as the international leader for the Africa Division with ReachGlobal (the international mission of the EFCA) and as a senior leader of the mission.

A graduate of Trinity Evangelical Divinity School (1983), Kompelien served over twenty years as pastor of two EFCA churches. In addition, he served on the North Central District Board, chairing the church planting committee, and on the Central California District Board (now EFCA West). In June 2019, President Kompelien was presented with an honorary Doctor of Divinity degree by Trinity International University. A native of Thief River Falls, Minn., Kompelien and his wife Becky have been married for 42 years, and they have four grown, married children and nine grandchildren.



ACADEMIC REGALIA

A tradition derived from the oldest European universities, academic dress in American higher education follows the guidelines adopted by the American Council on Education. A bachelor's gown is traditionally black and has pointed sleeves. The master's gown can be distinguished by its oblong sleeves, while the doctor's gown has bell-shaped sleeves with velvet panels on the sleeves, around the neck, and down the front.

The colorful hood linings represent the colors of the institution conferring the degree. Hood linings for Trinity International University are royal blue and white. The velvet border on the hood indicates the field of study in which the degree has been conferred. Those graduate degrees conferred by Trinity are represented as follows:

ROYAL BLUE:

Doctor of Philosophy (Educational Studies, Intercultural Studies, Theological Studies)

SCARLET:

Doctor of Ministry, Master of Theology, Master of Divinity, Master of Arts (Ministry, Systematic Theology, Theological Studies, Urban Ministry)

LIGHT BLUE:

Master of Arts (Educational Ministries)

CITRON YELLOW:

Master of Arts (Chaplaincy and Ministry Care, Counseling Ministries, Mental Health Counseling)

WHITE:

Master of Arts (Biblical and Near Eastern Archaeology and Languages, Bioethics, Church History, Intercultural Studies, Leadership, New Testament, Old Testament and Semitic Languages)



TRINITY EVANGELICAL DIVINITY SCHOOL



COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY PROGRAM

PRELUDE

Paul Satre
Professor Emeritus of Music
University Organist

MACE BEARER

Stephen Greggo (3:00 PM)
Professor of Counseling
Tite Tienou (6:30 PM)
Research Professor of Theology of Mission
Dean Emeritus

THE PROCESSIONAL

“Te Deum”
Charpentier

*INVOCATION

John Simons
Associate Dean, Trinity Evangelical Divinity School

*HYMN OF PRAISE

“The University Hymn”
Fleming / Wesley
led by Jodi Craiglow
Doctor of Philosophy, Educational Studies

WE PRAISE YOU, GOD OUR FATHER, WE WORSHIP CHRIST, YOUR SON.

WE GLORY IN THE SPIRIT, THREE PERSONS EVER ONE.

WE GATHER AS ONE BODY, UNITED IN THE LORD;

DIVERSE IN GIFTS AND CALLINGS, YET JOINED IN ONE ACCORD.

INERRANT AND EFFECTUAL, YOUR WORD FOREVER STANDS.

GREAT PEACE HAVE THOSE WHO LOVE IT, AND FOLLOW YOUR COMMANDS.

WE WOULD BE WISE AND FAITHFUL, JUST, MERCIFUL AND TRUE.

ENTRUSTED WITH THE GOSPEL, SHOW CHRIST IN ALL WE DO.

TRANSFORM US, HOLY SPIRIT, TO SERVE OUR RISEN LORD.

REFLECT HIS PERFECT BEAUTY, IN THOUGHT AND DEED AND WORD.

WHOLEHEARTED IN OUR SERVICE, EMPOW’R OUR WORK, O LORD.

UNTIL WE STAND IN GLORY, YOUR PRESENCE OUR REWARD. AMEN.

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

David Pao
Dean, Trinity Evangelical Divinity School
Professor of New Testament

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalms 33:1–11
Yeorm Han (3:00 PM)
Master of Arts in Bioethics

Feyissa Muleta (6:30 PM)
Doctor of Philosophy, Educational Studies

1 Corinthians 4:1–5
Eric Oei (3:00 PM)
Master of Arts, Theological Studies

Stefan Seibel (6:30 PM)
Doctor of Ministry

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

What’s in Your Hand?
Kevin Kompelien
President

THE PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES

Kevin Kompelien
David Pao
John Simons

Jonathan Kim (6:30 PM)
Director of the Doctor of Ministry Program
Associate Professor of Pastoral Theology

Donald Guthrie (6:30 PM)
Director of the Doctor of Philosophy
Professor of Educational Ministries

Manuel Rauchholz (6:30 PM)
Director of the Doctor of Philosophy (Intercultural Studies) Program
Associate Professor of Anthropology and Intercultural Studies

Eric Tully (6:30 PM)

*Director of the Doctor of Philosophy (Theological Studies) Program
Professor of Old Testament and Semitic Languages*

INVESTITURE

Fellipe do Vale (3:00 PM)

Assistant Professor of Biblical and Systematic Theology

Mimi Larson (3:00 PM)

*Assistant Professor of Educational Ministries
Executive Director of the Center for Faith and Children*

Dana Harris (6:30 PM)

Professor of New Testament

Kevin J. Vanhoozer (6:30 PM)

Research Professor of Systematic Theology

Mary Guthrie (3:00 & 6:30 PM)

Dean of Students

EXPRESSION OF GRATITUDE

Laura Shehata (3:00 PM)

Master of Arts in Mental Health Counseling

Hope Chang (6:30 PM)

Master of Divinity

RESPONSE OF COMMITMENT

The Candidates for Graduation

By God's grace, we commit ourselves to exalt and glorify the Lord Jesus Christ, to grow in the grace and knowledge of our holy God, to walk worthy of our calling in Christ Jesus, to make disciples, to build up the church, the body of Christ, to pray and work for the evangelization of the world, to stimulate the church, to minister to all the needs of humankind, physical as well as spiritual, to glorify God, now and through eternity. Amen.

***HYMN OF CONSECRATION**

"May the Mind of Christ My Savior"

Wilkinson / Barham-Gould

led by Jodi Craiglow

**MAY THE MIND OF CHRIST MY SAVIOR LIVE IN ME FROM DAY TO DAY,
BY HIS LOVE AND POW'R CONTROLLING ALL I DO AND SAY.**

**MAY THE WORD OF GOD DWELL RICHLY IN MY HEART FROM HOUR TO HOUR,
SO THAT ALL MAY SEE I TRIUMPH ONLY THROUGH HIS POW'R.**

**MAY THE LOVE OF JESUS FILL ME AS THE WATERS FILL THE SEA,
HIM EXALTING, SELF ABASING, THIS IS VICTORY.**

**MAY HIS BEAUTY REST UPON ME AS I SEEK THE LOST TO WIN,
AND MAY THEY FORGET THE CHANNEL, SEEING ONLY HIM.**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND BENEDICTION**

Eric Rivera (3:00 PM)

Assistant Professor of Pastoral Theology

Michelle Knight (6:30 PM)

Associate Professor of Old Testament and Semitic Languages

THE RECESSIONAL

"Festive Praise"

Pote

Guests are invited to a complimentary dessert reception
in Waybright Center, immediately following the ceremony.

STUDENT PARTICIPANTS

Hope Chang

Hope is graduating from Trinity Evangelical Divinity School with a Master of Divinity degree. She is from New York City and has a BA in Sociology from Columbia University. Hope's theologizing lives in the realm of such topics as sexuality, gender, race, grief, decolonized ecclesiology, and Asian American hermeneutics. She looks forward to continuing her theological sense-making at Yale Divinity School the fall 2024 with her husband Kyle and their dog Lazarus.

Yeorm Han

Yeorm is graduating from Trinity Evangelical Divinity School with a Master of Arts degree in Bioethics. She earned a BA in Psychology from Trinity College. Yeorm has a passion for human rights justice and has a calling from God to serve the communities around her with the tools she gained through her education. Yeorm is planning to pursue a MS in Social Work at Columbia University. She is looking forward to the next chapter of her life and is excited to see what God has in store for her future.

Feyissa Wosenu Muleta

Feyissa Wosenu Muleta is graduating from TEDS with a PhD in Educational Studies. He hails from Ethiopia and has been serving with the Great Commission Ministry in Ethiopia since January 2007, a ministry of Cru. Feyissa recently accepted the role of academic dean at the International Leadership University in Ethiopia, which is owned by the Great Commission Ministry. He is married with two sons.

Eric Oei

Eric is graduating from Trinity Evangelical Divinity School with a Master of Arts degree in Theological Studies. He was educated in the USA where he obtained a BA in economics and an MBA. Eric is a businessman from Hong Kong. During the COVID-19 pandemic, he and his wife Valonia both came to TEDS to study for their MA in Theological Studies. The couple has three young adult children living in the States.

Stefan Seibel

Stefan is graduating from Trinity Evangelical Divinity School with a Doctor of Ministry degree. He had completed professional job training in technical engineering before entering seminary for his Master of Divinity. Stefan and his wife have two boys and currently live in Lübeck, Germany, where he is ministering at a local EFC church.



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MASTER OF ARTS
(NEW TESTAMENT)

Cooper Bryan
summa cum laude

Koby T. Krikac
magna cum laude

MASTER OF ARTS
(OLD TESTAMENT AND
SEMITIC LANGUAGES)

Ashley Alexis Jemmott

Justin Andrew Wheaton

MASTER OF ARTS
(SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY)

Bonnie Miller

Brandon D. Wieberdink
cum laude

Xu Yan
magna cum laude

MASTER OF ARTS
(THEOLOGICAL STUDIES)

Jonathan Lee Addington
summa cum laude

Samuel Andres
summa cum laude

Ahyuwani E.S. Akanet
cum laude

Mark Alexander Belden
cum laude

Kirstyn Besch

Anna Kathleen Bilhorn
summa cum laude

Ming-tsu Timothy Chen
magna cum laude

Winston L. Chiu
cum laude

Cinthia Cochrum
summa cum laude

Shane Joseph Coulter
summa cum laude

Mario Dega
cum laude

Christopher Dew
summa cum laude

Denise D. DiSarro
summa cum laude

Lyndell Ray Durr Jr.
summa cum laude

Joseph Elisha Franks

Brian Alexander Gardner Sr.

Brandon M Grant
cum laude

Jeremy D. Hudson
cum laude

Margaret Jackson

Bryan Kirby
summa cum laude

Kurt B. Knutson
cum laude

Kyle Jay Kutasi

Logan Mark Lindahl
summa cum laude

Ryan Littlefield
cum laude

Keith Minier
cum laude

Samuel Meyung
magna cum laude

Kang Eric Oei
magna cum laude

Valonia Lau Oei
magna cum laude

Douglas Powell

Jerry Lee Risser
summa cum laude

James Thomas Schwindt
cum laude

David Shahata

Amy E Stapleton
magna cum laude

Ashley Nicole Thomas

Gwendolyn Thomas
cum laude

Abhimanue Reddy Vonteddu
cum laude

MASTER OF DIVINITY

David M Bogner
cum laude

Daehee Kim
cum laude

Geovany Escobar

Cooper Bryan
summa cum laude

Hope Chang
summa cum laude

Sarah Chang
cum laude

Youngjae Koh

Mark DeWall
cum laude

Jahongir Ergashev

Benjamin Edward Halliburton

Soren Paul Jensen Halvorson

Seongho Han
cum laude

Christopher Hansen
summa cum laude

Noah Nathan Hoech

Kyungbeom Jang

Michael B. Larkin

Paul Zachary Lee

Sung Jae Lee

Terry S. Lu
summa cum laude

Kyle Martin Luck
summa cum laude

Jason R. McCollum
magna cum laude

Richard James Meehan
magna cum laude

Mang Tha Par
summa cum laude

Anna Joy Robinson
summa cum laude

Joseph Song

Jacob Allen Starr
magna cum laude

Luis Noe Valenzuela

Xiyue Wang

Mark Aaron Wathke

Peter J Williams

Matthew Yamada

MASTER OF THEOLOGY

Benjamin Clements

Christopher Donato
magna cum laude

Lucy Han

Livingstone Seung-Ju Lee
cum laude

Hanna Hee-Won Kim

Christopher Patrick Kelleher

Woobeom Lee

Liang Peng

Anugrah Daniel Pokharel

Jonah Wilson



DOCTOR OF MINISTRY

Wilson Abraham

Project Title: *Challenges Facing the Next Generation of Indian Pentecostal Diaspora Churches in Chicagoland*

First Reader: Dr. Sam George
Second Reader: Dr. Jonathan Kim

Timothy Ferguson

Project Title: *An Evaluation of the Textocentric Model of Transformational Preaching*

First Reader: Dr. Kent Anderson
Second Reader: Dr. William Donahue

Sarah Foster

Project Title: *Instructor Burnout, Cause, Effect and Best Practices For Prevention and Recovery in Calvary Baptist Church, Greater New Era Baptist District Association and Baptist General State Congress of Christian Education*

First Reader: Dr. William Donahue
Second Reader: Dr. John Carter

Isaac Hayes

Project Title: *Missional Communities as a Strategy for Discipleship in an African-American Megachurch in Chicago*

First Reader: Dr. David Gustafson
Second Reader: Dr. Peter Cha

Brent Kompelien

Project Title: *Reimagining Catechesis: Embodied and Embedded Discipleship Through Placemaking*

First Reader: Dr. Kevin Vanhoozer
Second Reader: Dr. Donald Guthrie

Chak Ming Samuel Leung

Project Title: *Effects of Disc-based Personality Awareness on Leadership Development in Cantonese Churches*

First Reader: Dr. William Donahue
Second Reader: Dr. John Erickson

John Rudd

Project Title: *An Examination of Moral Injury Care as Practiced by Clinically Trained US Navy Chaplains: Toward a More Effective professional approach to Moral Injury Prevention, Detection, and Healing for Active Duty Military Personnel and Veterans*

First Reader: Dr. Kenneth Botton
Second Reader: Dr. Jason Holdeman

Stefan Seibel

Project Title: *Evangelism via Tools of Digital Communication the Benefits of Alpha Online Courses for a Local Church*

First Reader: Dr. David Gustafson
Second Reader: Dr. Craig Ott

Christopher Stukenberg

Project Title: *Paul in Athens: Anthropological Considerations of Divine Council Research: A Small Group at Park Hills*

First Reader: Dr. Steven Roy
Second Reader: Dr. William Donahue

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY (EDUCATIONAL STUDIES)

Esther Isuwa Atsen

Title: *"Academics Who Use Narratives Are The Best" Using Narrative Texts In Higher Education Classroom*

First Reader: Dr. James Moore
Second Reader: Dr. Tite Tienou

Rebecca Donald

Title: *Helping People Be Human: A Pedagogy Of Care For Academic Librarians*

First Reader: Dr. Donald Guthrie
Second Reader: Dr. Deborah Colwill

Crystal George

Title: *"Pastoring Pastors: A Redemptive Pedagogy Of "Pastoral Discipleship" Toward Transformative Pastoral Excellence In Life & Ministry*

First Reader: Dr. Donald Guthrie
Second Reader: Dr. Charlie Dates

Stacy Lung

Title: *Captivate, Cultivate, Create: Facilitating Wonder For Redemptive Transformative Learning*

First Reader: Dr. Donald Guthrie
Second Reader: Dr. James Moore

Timothy Joseph Mountfort

Title: *Growing Amidst A Tidal Wave Of Change: How China's House Church Seminary Graduates Reflect On Their Study Experience*

First Reader: Dr. Donald Guthrie
Second Reader: Dr. Deborah Colwill

Feyissa Wosenu Muleta

Title: *Facilitating A "Table of Mutual Exploration": Faculty Experiences As Cultivators Of Student Empowerment In Ethiopian Public Universities*

First Reader: Dr. Donald Guthrie
Second Reader: Dr. Deborah Colwill

Susan Lynn Nacy

Title: *Making Room: A Culturally Inclusive Pedagogy For Online Graduate Theological Education*

First Reader: Dr. Donald Guthrie
Second Reader: Dr. Timothy Westbrook

Richard Dean Trca

Title: *Cultivating Psychological Safety Within Global Christian Nonprofit Organizations*

First Reader: Dr. Deborah Colwill
Second Reader: Dr. Donald Guthrie



Anthony Wainaina Njuguna

Title: *“What I Do Is Linked To Who I Am, And Where I Have Been”: An Exploration Of Formation Of Leaders In Kenyan Christian Universities*

First Reader: Dr. Donald Guthrie
Second Reader: Dr. James Moore

Jason Scott Walch

Title: *Fostering A Space Where Life And Truth Collide: Church Small Group Leaders In The Roles Of Convener, Facilitator, And Guide*
First Reader: Dr. Donald Guthrie
Second Reader: Dr. Bill Donahue

Ka Hon Tony Wong

Title: *“A Mother Cooking A Meal For Her Children”: Exploring The Pastoral Identity Of The Canadian Chinese Church Pastors*
「啊媽煮飯」：加拿大華人教會牧者教牧身份的探訪
First Reader: Dr. James Moore
Second Reader: Dr. Arch Wong

**DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY
(THEOLOGICAL STUDIES)**

William Bankston

Title: *The Communication Of Saints: An Augustinian Anthropology For A Secular Age*

First Reader: Dr. Kevin Vanhoozer
Second Reader: Dr. James Arcadi
Third Reader: Dr. Matthew Levering

Kessia Reyne Bennett

Title: *Construing Traditions, Making Arguments: Uses Of Tradition In Theology, With Special Reference to Evangelical Appeals to NICAIA*
First Reader: Dr. Kevin Vanhoozer
Second Reader: Dr. David Luy

John David

Title: *The Bible And Theologizing In Africa: Engaging The Biblical Text And African Contexts, 1960-2010*
First Reader: Dr. Scott Manetsch
Second Reader: Dr. Tite Tienou
Third Reader: Dr. Joel Carpenter

Daniel Fleming

Title: *“Reforming Covenant Epistemology: A Critical Appropriation Of The Theology Of John Frame And The Philosophy Of Esther Lightcap Meek*
First Reader: Dr. Kevin Vanhoozer
Second Reader: Dr. David Luy

Chad Douglas Hardy

Title: *Deus Reconciliator: An Old Testament Theory Of Atonement*
First Reader: Dr. Richard Averbeck
Second Reader: Dr. Lawson Younger

Wilson Jeremiah

Title: *The Transmission Of Original Sin: A Bavinckian Dogmatic Account And Defense*
First Reader: Dr. Kevin Vanhoozer
Second Reader: Dr. James Arcadi

Youngrae Kim

Title: *The Aesthetics Of Jonathan Edwards As Seen In His Biblical Theology*
First Reader: Dr. Douglas Sweeney
Second Reader: Dr. Scott Manetsch
Third Reader: Kenneth Minkema

Roy Edmonds McDaniel

Title: *Christ And Cult: The Story Of Sacrifice And The Mechanism Of Atonement In Leviticus 1*
First Reader: Dr. Kevin Vanhoozer
Second Reader: Dr. James Arcadi

David Scott Nonnenmacher, Jr.

Title: *“Because I am Compassionate” Humanitarianism In The Book Of The Covenant And Cuneiform Law*
First Reader: Dr. Richard Averbeck
Second Reader: Dr. Lawson Younger

**DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY
(INTERCULTURAL STUDIES)**

Michael James Breen

Title: *Observable Patterns Of Mimesis And Stance In The Disciple-Making Process Found In The Discovery Bible Methodology*
First Reader: Dr. Rick Richardson
Second Reader: Dr. David Gustafson

James Hatch

Title: *Racial Change In The Local Church: Three Case Studies Of White Presbyterian Congregations*
First Reader: Dr. Craig Ott
Second Reader: Dr. Peter Cha

Andrew Kenneth Opie

Title: *Weakness In Witness: Exploring The Role Of Weakness In The Gospel Witnessing Person In Light Of Paul’s Statements On Weakness In 2 Corinthians*
First Reader: Dr. Tite Tienou
Second Reader: Dr. David Pao



TRINITY EVANGELICAL DIVINITY SCHOOL

FACULTY

David K. Bryan, PhD
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Professor of Counseling

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Affiliate Professor of Counseling

Bradley Gundlach, PhD
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Alice Ott, PhD

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Craig L. Ott, PhD

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"The University Hymn"
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WE PRAISE YOU, GOD OUR FATHER, WE WORSHIP CHRIST, YOUR SON.

WE GLORY IN THE SPIRIT, THREE PERSONS EVER ONE.

WE GATHER AS ONE BODY, UNITED IN THE LORD;

DIVERSE IN GIFTS AND CALLINGS, YET JOINED IN ONE ACCORD.

INERRANT AND EFFECTUAL, YOUR WORD FOREVER STANDS.

GREAT PEACE HAVE THOSE WHO LOVE IT, AND FOLLOW YOUR COMMANDS.

WE WOULD BE WISE AND FAITHFUL, JUST, MERCIFUL AND TRUE.

ENTRUSTED WITH THE GOSPEL, SHOW CHRIST IN ALL WE DO.

TRANSFORM US, HOLY SPIRIT, TO SERVE OUR RISEN LORD.

REFLECT HIS PERFECT BEAUTY, IN THOUGHT AND DEED AND WORD.

WHOLEHEARTED IN OUR SERVICE, EMPOW'R OUR WORK, O LORD.

UNTIL WE STAND IN GLORY, YOUR PRESENCE OUR REWARD. AMEN.

*Audience standing

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

Karen Wrobbel

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Psalms 33:1–11
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1 Corinthians 4:1–5
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“May the Mind of Christ My Savior”
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MAY THE MIND OF CHRIST MY SAVIOR LIVE IN ME FROM DAY TO DAY,
BY HIS LOVE AND POW’R CONTROLLING ALL I DO AND SAY.

MAY THE WORD OF GOD DWELL RICHLY IN MY HEART FROM HOUR TO HOUR,
SO THAT ALL MAY SEE I TRIUMPH ONLY THROUGH HIS POW’R.

MAY THE LOVE OF JESUS FILL ME AS THE WATERS FILL THE SEA,
HIM EXALTING, SELF ABASING, THIS IS VICTORY.

MAY HIS BEAUTY REST UPON ME AS I SEEK THE LOST TO WIN,
AND MAY THEY FORGET THE CHANNEL, SEEING ONLY HIM.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND BENEDICTION

Bradley J. Gundlach
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THE RECESSIONAL

“Festive Praise”
Pote

Guests are invited to a complimentary dessert reception
in Waybright Center, immediately following the ceremony.

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Daniel Edson Tobar

Daniel is graduating from Trinity International University with an advanced 5 year BA/ MDiv degree. He also had the opportunity to study abroad for a semester at Oxford University in the UK. He was born in Waukegan, Illinois. He has served as Dean Pao’s graduate assistant and has enjoyed setting up the Subversive Orthodox series. In his last two years, he has served as a pastoral intern at CrossWay Community Church in Bristol, Wisconsin. Daniel aspires to start the first evangelical seminary in his family’s home country of Belize. Following graduation, Daniel will be continuing his missiological pursuits either academically or vocationally.

Waverly Pascale Swanstrom

Waverly is graduating from Trinity International University with a double major in Mathematics and Secondary Education. She is originally from Menasha, Wisconsin. Throughout her time at TIU, Waverly served as a leader of FREE (TIU’s student-led worship group) and was an outfielder and captain on the women’s softball team. Waverly is very thankful for the many life-long friendships she has made during her time at Trinity. Following graduation, Waverly will be teaching math at a middle school or high school in the greater Chicagoland area.

Deborah Lehman

Deborah is graduating from Trinity International University with a major in Psychology (Counseling emphasis) and an Honors Program minor. She is originally from Midland, Michigan. Deborah served in Women’s Ministry Council and College Union, but pursued her passion for ministry in co-founding and leading Campus Prayer and Revival from 2021-2023. She enjoyed tutoring writing and statistics, both of which helped her to learn and connect with new people. From 2022-2023, Deborah was a Johnson Hall Resident Assistant alongside her friends. In her last two years, she joined the Dual Degree program, beginning to take graduate classes in Mental Health Counseling. Although the journey through COVID-19 and college closure has made the last four years challenging, Deborah is grateful to the bright community, the supportive faculty, and kind staff. She will miss morning campus walks, the beautiful sunsets, and most of all, the people who have helped her to grow so much. Following graduation, she will continue to pursue a Master’s in Mental Health Counseling at TEDS.

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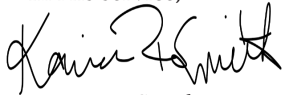
Greetings in the mighty name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

On behalf of the Alumni Office of Trinity International University, it is my joy and privilege to congratulate each of you on the completion of your degree. This has been a transformative and worthwhile journey. What you have accomplished is no small feat. You have stayed the course and finished your race. By God's grace you've earned the crown of your degree. We, as well as your family, friends, and peers are super proud of you! We know that God has plans to use you for his glory and service in magnificent ways. Be light in the darkness and let the light of Christ shine all around you, everywhere you go. You have joined a legacy of more than 28,000 Trinity alumni who are living out the gospel throughout the world. You, like your fellow alumni, are entrusted with the gospel. Use this opportunity to live out your faith and to share the gospel wherever you work, live, and minister. As an Alumni Office, we seek to serve and support Trinity graduates in every way we can. If the Alumni Office at Trinity can ever be of service, it is our pleasure to do so. Please feel free to contact us.

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