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Adjunct Professor of Philosophy, Moody Bible Institute—Spokane

EDUCATION AND ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS

2010-2014: Post-Graduate: New College, University of Edinburgh

- Ph.D, Theology and Ethics
- Thesis: “The Freedom of a Christian Commonwealth: Richard Hooker and the Problem of Christian Liberty” (submitted May 28, 2013; defended Oct. 2, 2013)
In this thesis, I engage contemporary proposals for relating civil obligation and religious liberty that have sought to draw on Reformation-era doctrines either to offer descriptive accounts of the rise of modern political liberties or prescriptive resources for generating such liberties. I argue that many such accounts are insufficiently attentive to the theological dimensions of the doctrine of Christian liberty, and its relationship to civil authority, during the Reformation period. I narrate the complexities and tensions in this doctrine, and suggest that Richard Hooker offers a compelling and fruitful theoretical solution to many of them.
- Supervised by Oliver O’Donovan and Joan Lockwood O’Donovan

2009-2010: Post-Graduate: New College, University of Edinburgh

- M.Th (Res.) in Theological Ethics, with Distinction
involved significant coursework in theological ethics and political theology, as well as 15,000-word thesis.
- Thesis: “Prophets of the Royal Supremacy: Vermigli, Bullinger, and the Hermeneutics of Early Reformed Political Theology”
- Supervised by Oliver O’Donovan

2007-2009: Post-Graduate: New Saint Andrews College, Moscow, ID

- M.A. in Trinitarian Theology and Culture, Summa Cum Laude
involved extensive coursework and writing in historical and systematic theology, Old Testament, New Testament, philosophy, and literature
- Supervised by Peter J. Leithart

2004-2007: Undergraduate: New Saint Andrews College, Moscow, ID

- B.A. in Liberal Arts and Culture, Summa Cum Laude
- Dean’s List honors in 11 out of 12 academic terms
- Outstanding Senior Thesis recognition (“One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic: The Quest for the True Church in 19th-century Reformed Theology”)

Graduate Record Exam Scores (2007):

English: 800/800

Math: 800/800

Writing: 6.0/6.0

TEACHING

Adjunct Professor of Philosophy (Moody Bible Institute—Spokane): Responsible for teaching Introduction to Philosophy, of which I have taught eight sections to about 230 students since January 2015. Have led student reading groups in Political Philosophy and Ethics outside of class time.



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Postgraduate Tutor/Teaching Assistant (University of Edinburgh)

Worked as a Tutor for the first-year course Christian Ethics: Sources (course supervisor: Prof. Michael Northcott) (Spring 2012; Spring 2013), responsible for leading weekly tutorial group discussions on the reading, marking and grading weekly submissions and term papers

Partnership for Theological Education in Edinburgh

Taught Ecclesiology and Eschatology units for a program of lay theological education for local churches (Spring 2013)

ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

Books Authored

The Peril and Promise of Christian Liberty: Richard Hooker, the Puritans, and Protestant Political Theology. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, forthcoming May 2017.

Richard Hooker: A Guide to His Life and Work. Cascade Companions. Eugene, OR: Cascade Books, 2015.

The Mercersburg Theology and the Quest for Reformed Catholicity. Eugene, OR: Pickwick Publications, 2009. 214 pp.

Books Edited

Beyond Calvin: Essays on the Breadth of the Reformed Tradition. Proceedings of the 4th Annual Convivium Irenicum. The Davenant Press, forthcoming 2017.

(With Scott N. Kindred-Barnes). *Richard Hooker and Reformed Orthodoxy.* Reformed Historical Theology. Göttingen: Vandenhoeck and Ruprecht, forthcoming March 2017.

(With Brian Marr and Bradley Belschner). *Radicalism: When Reform Becomes Revolution. The Preface to Hooker's Laws: A Modernization.* The Davenant Press, 2016.

For Law and For Liberty: Essays on the Trans-Atlantic Legacy of Protestant Political Thought. Proceedings of the 3rd Annual Convivium Irenicum. The Davenant Press, 2016.

(With J. Peter Escalante). *For the Healing of the Nations: Essays on Creation, Redemption, and Neo-Calvinism.* Proceedings of the 2nd Annual Convivium Irenicum. The Davenant Press, 2014.

(General Editor) *The Mercersburg Theology Study Series.*

Schaff, Philip. *The Development of the Church: The Principle of Protestantism and Other Writings on Church History.* Edited by Theodore Trost and David Bains. Eugene, OR: Wipf and Stock Publishers, 2016.

Nevin, John Williamson, Philip Schaff, and Emmanuel Gerhart. *Born of Water and the Spirit: Essays on the Sacraments and Christian Formation.* Edited by David W. Layman. Eugene, OR: Wipf and Stock Publishers, 2016.

Nevin, John Williamson, Philip Schaff, and Daniel Gans. *The Incarnate Word: Selected Writings on Christology.* Edited by William B. Evans. Eugene, OR: Wipf and Stock Publishers, 2014.

Nevin, John Williamson, and Charles Hodge. *Coena Mystica: Debating Reformed Eucharistic Theology.* Edited by Linden DeBie. Eugene, OR: Wipf and Stock Publishers, 2013. 246 pp.

Nevin, John Williamson. *The Mystical Presence and the Doctrine of the Reformed Church on the Lord's Supper.* Edited by Linden DeBie. Eugene, OR: Wipf and Stock Publishers, 2012. 384 pp.



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Book Chapters in Edited Works

- “A Reformed Irenic Christology: Richard Hooker and the Question of Ubiquity in the 16th century.” In W. Bradford Littlejohn, ed., *Beyond Calvin: Essays on the Breadth of the Reformed Tradition*. The Davenant Press, forthcoming 2017.
- “Richard Hooker, Franciscus Junius, and a Reformed Theology of Law.” In *Richard Hooker and Reformed Orthodoxy*. Edited by W. Bradford Littlejohn and Scott N. Kindred-Barnes. Göttingen: Vandenhoeck and Ruprecht, forthcoming February 2017.
- “The Use and Abuse of John Jewel in Richard Hooker’s Defense of the English Church.” In *Defending the Faith: John Jewel and the Church of England*. Edited by Angela Ranson. Kirksville, MO: Truman State University Press, forthcoming 2017.
- “The Search for Visible Catholicity and the Danger of Boundary-Drawing: Lessons from John Nevin and Richard Hooker.” In *Marking the Church: Essays in Ecclesiology*. Edited by Greg Peters. Eugene, OR: Pickwick Publications, 2016.
- “The Privation of Property: Property Rights, Christianity, and the Christian Tradition.” In Ryan C. McIlhenny, ed., *Render Unto God: Christianity and Capitalism in Crisis*. Newcastle-upon-Tyne: Cambridge Scholars Publishing, 2015.
- “Bancroft v. Penry: Conscience and Authority in Elizabethan Polemics.” In *Paul’s Cross and the Culture of Persuasion in England, 1520–1640*. Edited by W.J. Torrance Kirby and P.G. Stanwood. Leiden: Brill, 2014.
- “Sola Scriptura and the Public Square: Richard Hooker and a Protestant Paradigm for Political Engagement.” In *The Bible: Culture, Community, and Society*. Edited by Angus Paddison and Neil Messer. Edinburgh: T&T Clark, 2013.

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

- “Addicted to Novelty: The Vice of Curiosity in a Digital Age.” *Journal of the Society of Christian Ethics* (forthcoming Winter 2016).
- “The Search for a Reformed Hooker: Some Modest Proposals.” *Reformation and Renaissance Review* 16:1 (2015): 68–82. (WINNER OF THE 2015 DOUGLAS MURRAY PRIZE)
- “Sectarianism and the search for visible catholicity: Lessons from John Nevin and Richard Hooker.” *Theology Today* 71:4 (2014): 404–15.
- (With Linden J. DeBie). “Reformed Eucharistic Theology and the Case for Real Presence.” *Theology Today* 71.4 (2014): 429–39.
- “Thomas Piketty and His Discontents: A Review Article of *Capital in the Twenty-First Century*.” *Journal of Markets and Morality* 17:2 (Fall 2014).
- “‘The Edification of the Church’: Richard Hooker’s Theology of Worship and the Protestant Inward/Outward Disjunction.” *Perichoresis* 12:1 (2014): 3–18.
- “More than a Swineherd: Hooker, Vermigli, and the Aristotelian Defense of the Royal Supremacy.” *Reformation and Renaissance Review* 15:1 (2014): 78–93.
- (With Jordan J. Ballor.) “European Calvinism: Church Discipline.” In *European History Online* (EGO). Edited by Irene Dingel and Johannes Paulmann (Mainz: Institute of European History [IEG], 2013).

Book Reviews

- “*Delivered from the Elements of the World: Atonement, Justification, Mission*. By Peter J. Leithart.” Review article for *Journal of the Evangelical Theological Society* (forthcoming Winter 2016)
- “*Divine Covenants and Moral Order: A Biblical Theology of Natural Law*. By David VanDrunen.” *Journal of the Society of Christian Ethics* (forthcoming Winter 2016)



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- “*Martin Luther: Visionary Reformer*. By Scott H. Hendrix.” *Anglican and Episcopal History* (forthcoming December 2016).
- “*The Soul of Doubt: The Religious Roots of Unbelief from Luther to Marx*. By Dominic Erdozain.” *Political Theology* 17.6 (Nov.2016): 589–91.
- “*A Polity of Persuasion: Gift and Grief of Anglicanism*. By Jeffrey W. Driver.” *Journal of Anglican Studies* FirstView (2015): 1-3.
- “*Richard Hooker, Of the Laws of Ecclesiastical Polity: A Critical Edition with Modern Spelling*. Edited by A.S. McGrade.” *University Bookman* (Spring 2014).
- “*Richard Hooker and the Vision of God: Exploring the Origins of Anglicanism*. By Charles Miller.” *Journal of Anglican Studies* FirstView (2014): 1-3.
- “*Between Babel and Beast: America and Empires in Biblical Perspective*. By Peter J. Leithart.” Book review. *Political Theology* 15:1 (Jan. 2014): 10–12.
- “*Richard Hooker’s Use of History in His Defense of Public Worship*. By Scott N. Kindred-Barnes.” Book review. *Journal of Anglican Studies* FirstView (2013), 1–2.
- “*Richard Hooker and Anglican Moral Theology*. By A.J. Joyce.” Book Review. *Anglican Theological Review* 95:4 (Fall 2013): 34-36.
- “*Calvin and Commerce: The Transforming Power of Calvinism in Market Economies*. By David W. Hall and Matthew Burton.” Book review. *Scottish Bulletin of Evangelical Theology* 28/2 (Autumn 2010): 227-29.
- “*Natural Law and the Two Kingdoms: A Study in the Development of Reformed Social Thought*. By David VanDrunen.” Book review. *Scottish Bulletin of Evangelical Theology* 29/1 (Spring 2011): 131-35.
- “*The Hebrew Republic: Jewish Sources and the Transformation of European Political Thought*. By Eric Nelson.” Book review. *Scottish Bulletin of Evangelical Theology* 29/1 (Spring 2011): 144-46.

POPULAR WRITING

- “An Introduction to Martin Luther’s Political Theology.” *Providence* magazine, forthcoming.
- “Dependent or Independent? Towards a Christian Way of Thinking about Saving and Wealth.” *Journal of Markets and Morality* 19.2 (Winter 2016), forthcoming.
- “God vs. Mammon.” Eight-part series of articles offering a theology and ethics of money for [Reformation21](#), the web journal of the Alliance of Confessing Evangelicals. Forthcoming March-May 2016.
- “The Seven Deadly Sins in a Digital Age.” Eight-part series of articles on the perils of new media, analyzed through the lens of old vices, for [Reformation21](#), the web journal of the Alliance of Confessing Evangelicals. October-December 2014.

I have written numerous other book reviews, short essays, and long articles for various web journals, including [Reformation21](#), [Political Theology Today](#), [Capital Commentary](#), [The Calvinist International](#), [Mere Orthodoxy](#), [First Things](#), and [The Federalist](#).

CONFERENCE PAPERS/PANELS

1. “Protestantism and Political Liberalism: A Complicated Relationship.” Davenant Trust Mid-Atlantic Regional Convivium (New York City: October 2016)
2. “How (Not) to Have a Foot in Both Kingdoms: Protestant Models of Christian Citizenship.” Presentation for the Center for Applied Christian Ethics, Wheaton College (September 2016)
3. “Mediating Christologies: Hooker and Zanchi, Nevin and Dörner.” Invited paper presentation, The Mercersburg Convocation (Lancaster, PA: June 2016)



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4. A Reformed Irenic Christology: Richard Hooker's Account of Christ's 'Personall presence every where' in 16th-century Context." 4th Annual Convivium Irenicum (Landrum, SC: June 2016)
5. "Addicted to Novelty: The Vice of Curiosity in a Digital Age." The Society of Christian Ethics (Toronto: January 2016).
6. "Why Hooker Was Right: Trumpism, Radicalism, and the Need for Discrimination." Davenant Trust Eastern Canada Regional Convivium (Toronto: January 2016)
7. "Dependent or Independent? Towards a Christian Way of Thinking about Saving and Weath." Invited paper presentation, Evangelical Theological Society (Atlanta: November 2015).
8. "Richard Hooker: Reformed, Anglican, or Both?" Davenant Trust Mid-Atlantic Regional Convivium (Philadelphia: October 2015)
9. "What Makes a 'Puritan'? Hooker, Ussher, and English Reformed Episcopacy." Invited paper presentation, Evangelical Theological Society (San Diego: November 2014).
10. "Richard Hooker, Franciscus Junius, and a Reformed Theology of Law." The Sixteenth Century Society (New Orleans: October 2013).
11. "The Use and Abuse of John Jewel in Richard Hooker's Defense of the English Church." Defending the Faith Conference (Salisbury: September 2014).
12. "The Anti-Sect Spirit and the Quest for Reformed Catholicity." Keynote presentation. The Mercersburg Society Convocation (Lancaster, PA: June 2014).
13. "Mercersburg: A Reformed *Ressourcement*." Organizer of panel session for the Nineteenth-Century Theology Group and Reformed Theology and History Group, American Academy of Religion (Baltimore: November 2013)
14. "Nevin, Hooker, and the Quest for Evangelical Catholicity." Invited paper presentation, Evangelical Theological Society (Baltimore: November 2013).
15. "The Search for a Reformed Hooker: Some Methodological Observations and Recommendations." Richard Hooker Society (Toronto: November 2013)
16. "Richard Hooker, the Quest for Certainty, and the Troubled Conscience." The Sixteenth Century Society (San Juan, October 2013)
17. "Introducing *The Mercersburg Theology Study Series*." Invited presentation, Mercersburg Society/Association for Reformed and Liturgical Worship Joint Convocation (Princeton: June 2013).
18. "Grasping at Straws: *Sola Scriptura* and the Quest for Moral Certainty." Society for the Study of Christian Ethics Postgraduate Conference (Edinburgh, May 2013).
19. "Bancroft v. Penry: Conscience and Authority in Elizabethan Polemics." Paul's Cross and the Culture of Persuasion (Montreal, August 2012).
20. "Indifference that Makes a Difference: Richard Hooker and the Conundrum of Christian Liberty." Society for the Study of Theology (York, April 2012).
21. "The Promise and Pitfalls of Academic Blogging." Invited presentation. Edinburgh University IT Futures Conference (Edinburgh, December 2011).
22. "Natural Law and Which Two Kingdoms?: Contours of 16th-century Protestant Political Theology" American Academy of Religion Meeting (San Francisco, November 2011).
23. "*Sola Scriptura* and the Public Square: Richard Hooker and a Protestant Paradigm for Political Engagement." The Bible: Culture, Community, and Society (University of Winchester, July 2011).
24. "'Owe Nothing But Love': A Chiastic Reading of Romans 13." Society of Biblical Literature International Meeting (London, July 2011).



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25. “Law, Liberty, and Love of Neighbor in the English Reformation.” Society for the Study of Christian Ethics Postgraduate Conference (Edinburgh, April 2011)
26. “Social Justice in Israelite Legal Practice.” Society of Biblical Literature International Meeting (Tartu, Estonia, July 2010).
27. “Jesus Meets Moses: Metalepsis and Typology in Mark 3:1-6.” Society of Biblical Literature International Meeting (Tartu, Estonia, July 2010).
28. “‘Servants of God’ and Followers of Christ: Reading Romans 13 in Context.” Society for the Study of Christian Ethics Postgraduate Conference (Edinburgh, May 2010).

ADMINISTRATIVE/LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

- *The Davenant Trust* (2013-) Founded and currently serve as Director of a nonprofit foundation dedicated to sponsoring research, building networks, and equipping leaders at the intersection of the church and academy, with a focus on early modern and contemporary Protestant theology and ethics (<http://www.davenanttrust.org>). This has involved fundraising, marketing, website development and management, organizing conferences and other events, training and mentoring regional leaders, overseeing and editing publication projects, etc.

Davenant Latin Institute: As one of the major projects of the Davenant Trust, I have organized and am responsible for administrating a program of online courses in theological Latin for seminarians, graduate students, etc. (<http://www.davenanttrust.org/latin-institute>) This has involved curricular development, budgeting, staff and student recruitment, marketing, program administration, negotiating partnerships with other academic institutions, etc.

Davenant House: As the newest project of the Davenant Trust, I have overseen the purchase and development of a facility to use as a study and retreat center for students, young adults, and churches. This has also involved fundraising, curricular development, budgeting, staff and student recruitment, marketing, program administration, negotiating partnerships with other academic institutions, etc.

- *Political Theology/Political Theology Today* (2013-Present): From June 2013 till November 2015 I served as Managing Editor for *Political Theology Today*, the weblog of the journal *Political Theology*, which features essays from clergy, practitioners, and eminent scholars in the field of political theology. This responsibility involved web development, editing, recruiting writers, and planning events. Since January 2015 I have served as an associate editor for the print journal, responsible for helping plan content, find contributors, and promote the journal.
- *SSCE Membership Secretary and Conference Secretary* (2012-13): served in both of these capacities throughout 2012 and into Spring 2013 for the Society for the Study of Christian Ethics (www.ssce.org.uk), one of the world’s leading academic societies for Christian ethics and moral theology: responsible for maintaining membership records and database, ensuring prompt payment of membership and conference dues, as well as most aspects of organizing and running the Society’s 2012 Annual Conference.
- *Theology and Ethics Subject Area Representative* (2011-12): served on the Postgraduate Committee at New College, University of Edinburgh, the body responsible for postgraduate student government at the Divinity School.
While serving in this capacity, I was tasked by the Committee and the School faculty with chief responsibility for soliciting feedback on the school’s Approaches to Research course and developing a new course structure.
I also worked on the subcommittee responsible for creating the New College Academic and Professional Development Program.
- *New College Missionary Society* (2010-13): I served on the Executive Committee (2010-11) of the New College Missionary Society, an organization dedicated to coordinating, funding, and encouraging student ministry opportunities in Edinburgh and abroad, coordinated a program called Theopolis



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(2010-12), dedicated to facilitating dialogue and organizing projects at the intersection of theological study and practical urban ministry. This culminated in a conference, “Does the Church Need Theology: Addressing the Gap Between Professor, Pulpit, and Pew” (Feb. 2012), which I co-organized, and in the launch of the Partnership for Theological Education in Edinburgh (PTEE) (2012-13), a joint initiative between New College and area churches to create an extensive program of lay theological education.

- *Students for the Relief of the Oppressed* (2008-09): President of student organization dedicated to raising funds for the needs of oppressed and persecuted minorities in the developing world.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

The Gloriana Society (2016-Present)
Society of Christian Ethics (2014-Present)
Evangelical Theological Society (2012-Present)
Richard Hooker Society (2013-Present)
Sixteenth Century Society (2012-Present)
American Academy of Religion (2009-Present)
Society for the Study of Christian Ethics (2011-13)
Society for the Study of Theology (2011-13)
Society of Biblical Literature (2009-15)

REFERENCES

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Prof. O’Donovan, having supervised my doctoral research, can speak to my research, writing, and general intellectual abilities.

Wendy Liddell
Assistant Dean of Academics
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Mrs. Liddell, as my superior at Moody Bible Institute, can speak to my teaching abilities.

Prof. Torrance Kirby
Professor of Ecclesiastical History
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Prof. Kirby, as a senior colleague with whom I’ve worked on several publications and conferences, and a member of the Davenant Trust’s Board of Advisors, can speak to my research, writing, and administrative abilities.

Rev. Can. Prof. Paul D.L. Avis
Honorary Professor of Theology, University of Exeter
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Rev. Avis served as an external examiner of my doctoral dissertation and I have corresponded with him about several of my writing projects since, so he can speak to the quality of my research.

Dr. David B. True
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Dr. True, having worked with me for the past few years at Political Theology, can speak to my administrative and editorial abilities.

