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EDUCATION

Ph.D. Religions and Theology, 2008

The University of Manchester, England

Dissertation: Protestant Metaphysics according to Karl Barth and Martin Heidegger

Supervisor: Professor Graham Ward

M.A. Religion, Culture and Gender, 2004

The University of Manchester, England, Graduated with distinction

M.A. Theology and Biblical Studies, 2003

Fuller Theological Seminary, Pasadena, California, USA

B.A. Biblical Studies, 2000

Puget Sound Christian College, Everett, Washington, USA, Graduated *summa cum laude*

TEACHING AND RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Postdoctoral Fellow in Christianity and Contemporary Culture, Religions and Theology Subject Area, The University of Manchester, September 2008 - September 2011

Description: Over the course of this three year postdoctoral fellowship I am working to complete a series of articles in the area of Christianity and contemporary culture, lead quarterly doctoral seminars in religion and politics, design and maintain the Centre for Religion and Political Culture's website <http://religionandpoliticalculture.com>, and teach a number of courses for the Religions and Theology Subject Area.

- RELT10311 Introduction to the Study of Religion and Theology which is a methods and theory core course for one hundred first year undergraduates. I gave seven of the eleven lectures for the course (Dr. Alan Williams gave the other four) as well as tutoring one of ten seminar groups twice weekly.
- RELT31111/RELT61111 The Return of Religion in the West which explores contemporary social theory and continental philosophy of religion for third year undergraduates and is open to Master of Arts students as well. I lectured and led seminar tutorials for this course.
- RELT60141 Religion and Political Life which is the core course for the Religion and Political Life Master of Arts degree program and covers key western figures such as Hobbes, Tocqueville, Weber, and Habermas in a weekly seminar.
- RELT10131 Introduction to Christian Theology which introduces the texts and creeds of the Christian tradition to first year undergraduates. I lectured and led the discussion seminars.

- RELT20031 Making Sense of Christ: From Lessing to Harnack, which introduced second year undergraduates to the nineteenth century Christology of figures such as Kant, Hegel, Kierkegaard and Strauss. I lectured and led discussion seminars.

Graduate Teaching and Research Assistant, Religions and Theology Subject Area, The University of Manchester, January 2005 - June 2008

Description: Alongside my doctoral research at the University of Manchester I functioned as a seminar tutor on a number of undergraduate courses:

- RELT10180 Introduction to the Study of Religions and Theology (Social Anthropology)
- RELT10322 Introduction to the Study of Religions and Theology
- RELT10132 Introduction to Christian Theology.

Furthermore, I also supported the research endeavors of the Centre for Religion and Political Culture in the following ways: 1) edited and compiled the conference proceedings for the centre's 2005 Network Colloquium, Denial of Religious Authority in Democratic Culture; 2) compiled supplementary reading bibliographies for the centre's book Religion and Political Thought: Key Readings – Past and Present published with Continuum Press; 3) researched grant proposals; 4) maintained and facilitated the revision of the Centre's website.

Teaching and Research Assistant, Fuller Theological Seminary, September 2002 - March 2003

Description: I guest lectured on three occasions and graded student coursework for Professor William Dyrness's Systematic Theology I: Doctrine of God and Human Persons and Systematic Theology III: Ecclesiology and Eschatology courses. As well, I assisted Professor Dyrness with the compilation of just under fifty different works of art for publication in his book *Reformed Theology and Visual Culture: The Protestant Imagination from Calvin to Edwards* published by Cambridge University Press.

TEACHING INTERESTS

General Introductory Courses: Introduction to the Study of Religions and Theology, Introduction to Christian Theology, Introduction to Enlightenment Philosophy of Religion.

Specific Courses: The Return of Religion in the West, Theology and Film, Religion and Political Life: Key Figures, Theology after Karl Barth and Martin Heidegger.

PUBLICATIONS

Books

Protestant Metaphysics after Karl Barth and Martin Heidegger. London: SCM Press, 2010.

Peer Reviewed Articles

“Before Analogy: Recovering Barth’s Ontological Development.” *New Blackfriars* vol. 90, no. 1029 (September, 2009): 577-601.

“Karl Barth and Jürgen Habermas: Transcendental Aporias of Global Civil Society.” *Political Theology* vol. 9, no. 4 (October, 2008): 477-502.

“Returning Barth to Anselm.” *Modern Theology* vol. 24, no. 3 (July, 2008): 413-37.

“Christian Particularism in Postmodern Contexts.” *The International Review of Mission* vol. 97, no. 384/385 (January/April, 2008): 21-30.

“Heidegger on Luther on Paul.” *Dialog: A Journal of Theology* vol. 46 no.1 (Spring, 2007): 41-45.

“Urban Surveillance: The Hidden Costs of Disneyland.” *International Journal of the Humanities* vol. 3 no. 8 (Fall, 2006): 117-24.

“Punch Drunk Masculinity.” *Journal of Men’s Studies* vol. 14, no. 2 (Spring, 2006): 235-42.

“From Habermas to Barth and Back Again.” *Journal of Church and State* vol. 48, no. 1 (Winter, 2006): 101-26.

“Redeeming the Icons.” *Journal for Cultural and Religious Theory* vol. 6, no. 2 (April, 2005): 39-62.

Other Articles

"Perfume: The Perverse Allegory of a Savior." *Metaphilm* (January, 2007).

"Deconstructing Fear: A Reading of M. Night Shyamalan." *Metaphilm* (April, 2005).

"Punch Drunk Love: Popeye the Novelty Toilet Accessory Man." *Metaphilm* (March, 2004).

PRESENTATIONS

“Job: A Serious Man,” Paper to be presented at the Institute for Theology, Imagination and the Arts Research Seminar in the School of Divinity at the University of St. Andrews, May 14, 2010.

"Putting Luther's '*hoc est corpus*' Back on the Table," Paper to be presented at the Theology Research Seminar in the School of Divinity at the University of St. Andrews, April 21, 2010.

“The Return of the Scroll: From Codex to Google,” Paper presented at the Returning to the Church Conference: Valuing Theological Education, St. Stephen’s House, The University of Oxford, January 4-6, 2010.

“One Trinity, One Election, One Jesus,” Paper presented at the Society for the Study of Theology Annual Conference 2009, Kontakt der Kontinenten, Utrecht, The Netherlands, March 30 - April 2, 2009.

“Karl Barth and Jürgen Habermas: Christian Mission and Global Civil Society,” Paper presented at the American Academy of Religion 2006 Annual Conference, Washington, DC, November 18-21, 2006.

“The Post-Ontological Paul?” Paper presented at the Society of Biblical Literature 2006 Annual Conference, Washington, DC, November 18-21, 2006.

“Barth's Prolegomena to Any Future Protestant Metaphysics which Can Possibly Pretend to Be a Science,” Paper presented at Belief and Metaphysics Conference, The Centre of Philosophy and Theology in partnership with the Instituto de Filosofia Edith Stein de Granada, Granada, Spain, September 15-18, 2006.

“Heidegger's Hidden Theology: Revisiting Martin Luther's Influence upon Martin Heidegger,” Paper presented at the 16th Conference of the European Society for Philosophy of Religion, Tübingen, Germany, September 1-4, 2006.

“Trinitarian Freedom: Communicating Christian Particularism in Postmodern Contexts,” Paper presented at The Society for the Study of Theology Annual Conference 2006, Bodington Hall, University of Leeds, April 3-6, 2006.

“Urban Surveillance: From Concentration Camps to Disneyland,” Paper presented at The Fourth Annual Hawaii International Conference on Arts & Humanities, Renaissance Ilikai Waikiki Hotel, Honolulu, Hawai'i, January 11-14, 2006.

“Cyber-Space of Possibles,” Paper presented at The Cyberspace 2005 Conference, Faculty of Law, Masaryk University, Brno, Czech Republic, November 7-8, 2005.

“Urban Surveillance: From Concentration Camps to Disneyland,” Paper presented at The Third International Conference on New Directions in the Humanities, University of Cambridge, August 2-5, 2005.

BURSARIES AND AWARDS

Overseas Research Scholarship, Sept 2004 – Sept 2007

£15,120 highly competitive bursary awarded over the course of three years by the British government.

University Research Studentship, Sept 2004 – Sept 2007

£9030 bursary awarded over the course of three years by the University of Manchester Graduate School of Arts, Histories and Cultures.

The Richardson Award, Sept 2005

£250 competitive bursary awarded by the North American Awards for Graduate Study at the University of Manchester.

University Research Travel Bursaries, Nov 2005- Nov 2006

£1485 cumulative total of four research bursaries awarded by the Religions and Theology Subject Area, School of Arts, Histories and Cultures, and the Graduate Research Office at the University of Manchester.

The Richardson Award, Sept 2004

£250 competitive bursary awarded by the North American Awards for Graduate Study at the University of Manchester.

Chadwick Prize, Sept 2004

£2500 essay prize for Master of Arts students in Religions and Theology at The University of Manchester.

James F. and Barbara Bere Merit Scholarship, Sept 2002 – June 2003

\$4500 academic merit scholarship for Master of Arts study at Fuller Theological Seminary.

KNOWLEDGE TRANSFER

Public Web Design: Over the past decade I have developed a number of academic public websites. For instance, I maintain my own personal website at <http://timothywstanley.com> where I post teaching materials such as PowerPoint presentations and PDF handouts. I have also built websites for the Manchester Wesley Research Centre, www.mwrc.ac.uk, as well as the Anglican research network, Returning to the Church conference series which is currently running from 2009-2011, www.returningtothechurch.org.uk. Furthermore, I am the web editor for the Centre for Religion and Political Culture at www.religionandpoliticalculture.com. In order to build and maintain these sites, I have developed a number of software proficiencies with Microsoft Office products, Adobe Acrobat and Photoshop, Omnipage, and other content management systems such as Sitemanager.

Recruitment Lecturer: In coordination with the Religions and Theology Subject Area admissions and recruitment team at The University of Manchester, I have committed to give a series of lectures and seminars designed to introduce high school students to the study of religions and theology at our university. These seminars have been taking place over the course of 2009 and will continue into the 2010 academic year. They are designed to draw students' attention to the differences in higher education approaches to the discipline, as well as key information about the benefits of studying religions and theology at Manchester. Our aim is to widen participation for those students who may not think of a religions and theology degree at university, as well as attract students deciding between different religions and theology degree programs around the UK.

Online Learning: Over the course of my graduate work at the University of Manchester I took on the role of pioneering the Religions and Theology Subject Area's first use of WebCT and Blackboard to enhance the teaching of its Introduction to the Study of Religions and Theology undergraduate core course. Over the last three years I have developed proficiencies with these online learning formats, and crucial real world experience with the practical pedagogical outcomes of these online tools. Working with students and tutors on this course has allowed the team of people to see what really "works" for first year undergraduate students using online materials, and refine accordingly our online presence over the years the course has been taught. I find that this experience has provided me with invaluable teaching skills as many students expect online materials to support their learning.

Radio Panelist for a "Sunday Breakfast Discussion of Religion in American Politics," BBC Greater Manchester Radio FM 95.1, November 7, 2004.

STUDENT SATISFACTION SURVEY RESULTS

The University of Manchester's satisfaction survey asks students to respond to a range of statements designed to indicate the performance of its lecturers. Students are provided with a scale from -2 for strongly disagree, -1 for disagree, 0 for neither agree nor disagree, 1 for agree, and 2 for strongly agree. An average of all student responses is compiled for each category as well as for all categories. Two key indicators I will cite are for questions one which asks whether "The teaching I received was excellent," and question six which asks whether "The teaching and support staff were readily approachable." The following results are for the courses I have taught so far:

Autumn 2009	Q1	Q6	Overall Avg
RELT31111 Return of Religion in the West UG	1.73	1.89	1.49
RELT61111 Return of Religion in the West PG	2.0	2.0	1.83
RELT60141 Religion and Political Life PG	2.0	2.0	1.89
RELT10311 Introduction to Religions and Theology UG	1.42	1.42	1.21
Autumn 2008	Q1	Q6	Overall Avg
RELT10131 Introduction to Christian Theology UG	1.6	1.7	1.39
RELT20031 Making Sense of Christ UG	1.10	1.52	1.04
RELT10311 Introduction to Religions and Theology UG	2.0	2.0	1.75

ACADEMIC SOCIETIES

American Academy of Religion, 2002-10
Society of Biblical Literature, 2002-10

REFERENCES

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