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CURRICULUM VITAE

Education

- 2007-2011** **PhD in Historical Theology**, New College, Edinburgh
- Viva passed without corrections 16/03/2011
 - Thesis Title: ‘The Hallowing of Logic: The Trinitarian Method of Richard Baxter’s *Methodus Theologiae*’
 - Supervisor: Professor Susan Hardman Moore
- 2005-2006** **MPhil in Theology and Religious Studies**, Magdalene College, Cambridge
- Distinction
 - Dissertation Title: ‘The Earl of Clarendon’s *Contemplations* on the Psalms’
- 2004-2005** **Diploma in Theology and Religious Studies**, Magdalene College, Cambridge
- Distinction
 - Dissertation Title: ‘Clarendon upon Catholicism in his *Animadversions*’
- 2001-2004** **BA (Hons) in Natural Sciences Tripos**, Magdalene College, Cambridge
- First year: First class overall. Awarded College prize and elected to College scholarship
 - Second year: First class in Advanced Physics and Mathematics. Awarded College prize and re-elected to College scholarship
 - Third year: First class in Astrophysics. Awarded P. M. S. Blackett prize for Natural Sciences and elected to Bundy Scholarship
- 1990-2001** **Chigwell School, Essex**
- Harsnett Scholar in Senior School (1996-2001)
 - A-levels: Mathematics (A), Further Mathematics (A), Physics (A), Chemistry (A)
 - 10 GCSEs at A* grade

Research, Teaching and Administrative Experience

- 10/2013-** **Assistant-Professor and Postdoctoral Fellow, Faculty of Artes Liberales, University of Warsaw, Poland**
- Postdoctoral research project on Ramism and Reformed theology as part of an international research project on the Universal Reformation
 - Designing and teaching three undergraduate courses on ‘Science and Christianity’, ‘Christian Theology’ and ‘Platonism in the Christian Tradition’
 - Leading a course on didactics for PhD students
 - Designing a new MA programme in Christianity in an Ecumenical and Interreligious Perspective
 - Mentoring PhD students and advising them on their writing
 - Supervising undergraduate dissertation work
 - Co-organising ‘Reformed Majorities and Minorities’ conference in September 2014

- 09/2012-09/2013 Canadian Commonwealth and CREOR Postdoctoral Fellowship, McGill University, Montreal, Canada**
- Postdoctoral research project on Peter Martyr Vermigli in his late medieval context under the supervision of Professor Torrance Kirby
 - Designing and teaching an undergraduate course on ‘Reformation Thought’
- 06/2012- Associate Member of Leverhulme-funded research group on ‘Scottish Philosophers in Seventeenth-Century Scotland and France’**
- Offered a series of papers at international workshops and conferences, attended a translation seminar and took full part in the research life of the group
- 06/2012 Visiting Fellowship at the Theologische Universiteit Kampen, voor de Gereformeerde Kerken, The Netherlands**
- Researched and presented on English Ramism
- 06/2012 Interviewer on behalf of the Templeton Foundation**
- Interviewed Templeton Laureates and Gifford Lecturers: John Polkinghorne, Charles Taylor, Freeman Dyson, Holmes Rolston III, John Barrow, Martin Rees, Ian Barbour
- 01-09/2012 Research Assistant for Professor David Fergusson at New College, Edinburgh**
- Helping to organise a postgraduate reading group on Thomas Aquinas
 - Compiled annotated bibliography for David Fergusson, *Creation* (Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans, 2014)
 - Collating responses from a recent conference
- 01-09/2012 Contributor to the Gifford Lectures site of the Templeton Press**
- Summarising past series of the Gifford Lectures for online publication
- 01-04/2012 Undergraduate Tutor in ‘Practical Theology’**
- 12/2011 Session Chair at SST Postgraduate Conference on Theologians and the Church**
- 2009-2011 Co-organiser of the New College Postgraduate Conference**
- As a member of the founding committee, co-organised semi-annual one-day conferences, helping to select papers and giving the opening welcome
- 2009-2010 Undergraduate Tutor in ‘God in Philosophy from Plato to Hume’ and ‘Systematic Theology IIB’**
- Prepared and led the discussion on a range of primary and secondary texts, marked students’ assignments and essays
 - Along with colleagues, was awarded a teaching award for the ‘God in Philosophy’ course
- 2009-2010 Secretary of the New College Postgraduate Committee**
- Took a leading role in discussions about postgraduate and wider departmental matters, minuted meetings and helped to organise social events within the department
- 09-12/2006 Researcher for Jubilee Centre/Intern with Concordis International**
- Undertook a research project for the Jubilee Centre for a project on sexual ethics
 - Worked as an intern for Concordis International with responsibility for augmenting their database of contacts

Research Grants and Fellowships

- 2013-2015** Postdoctoral Fellowship, Faculty of Artes Liberales, University of Warsaw, Poland

- 2012-2013** Canadian Commonwealth Postdoctoral Fellowship, McGill University, Montreal, Canada – Funded by DFAIT
- 06/2012** Visiting Fellowship, Theologische Universiteit Kampen voor de Gereformeerde Kerken, The Netherlands
- 2007-2010** AHRC Studentship for PhD
- 2005-2006** AHRC Studentship for MPhil

Memberships

- 06/2013-** Member of the Sixteenth Century Society
- 06/2012-** Associate Member of ‘Scottish Philosophers in Seventeenth-Century Scotland and France’ Research Group – led by Professor Alexander Broadie (University of Glasgow)
- 06/2012-** Member of ‘Classical Reformed Theology’ Research Group – invited by Professor Willem van Asselt (Institute of Post-Reformation Studies, ETF, Leuven)
- 02/2012-** Member of the Society of Reformation Studies

Publications and Conference Papers

Published/Accepted Works

- Books:** *The Hallowing of Logic: The Trinitarian Method of Richard Baxter’s Methodus Theologiae* (Leiden: Brill, 2012)
- Articles:** ‘Between Aristotle and Augustine: Peter Martyr Vermigli and the Development of Protestant Ethics’, *Studies in Medieval and Renaissance History* (forthcoming 2015)
- ‘Faith, Reason and the Trinity in Richard Baxter’s Theology: Incipient Rationalism or Scholastic *Fides Quaerens Intellectum*’, *Calvin Theological Journal* 49:1 (2014), 85-111
- ‘The Heavenly Pattern of the Church: Trinitarian and Covenantal Patterns in Richard Baxter’s Association Ecclesiology’, *Ecclesiology* 10 (2014), 53-75
- ‘Baxter, Richard’, in Karla Pollmann and Willemien Otten (eds.), *The Oxford Guide to the Historical Reception of Augustine* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2013)
- ‘Peter Martyr Vermigli on Grace and Free Choice: Thomist and Augustinian Perspectives’, *Reformation and Renaissance Review* 15:1 (2013), 33-48
- ‘Reading the Psalms with Athanasius and Seneca: Stoicism and Providence in the Earl of Clarendon’s *Contemplations*’, *Renaissance Studies* 25/2 (2011), 298-317
- Book Chapters:** ‘Samuel Rutherford’s *Euthypro Dilemma*: Reformed Perspectives on the Scholastic Natural Law Tradition’, in Aaron Denlinger (ed.), *Reformed Orthodoxy in Scotland: Essays on Scottish Theology c.1570-c.1750* (London: T & T Clark, forthcoming 2015)
- ‘Mere Sanctity: The Victorian Canonisation of Richard Baxter’, in Gareth Atkins (ed.), *Making and Remaking Saints in Nineteenth-Century Britain* (Manchester University Press, forthcoming 2014)
- Edited Volumes:** Assistant-Editor for a forthcoming special edition of *Reformation and Renaissance Review* on Polish Bible translation edited by Piotr Wilczek

E-Book Chapters: ‘Sin and Virtue in the Ethics of Peter Martyr Vermigli’, in Andrzej Danczak and Joshua Farris (eds.), *Sins, Vices and Virtues: Dialectical Tensions in Moral Concepts* (Inter-Disciplinary Press: ISBN: 978-1-84888-188-4, 2012)

Book Reviews: 2 in *Theological Book Review*; 2 in *European Journal of Theology*; 6 in *Expository Times*

Submitted Works

Book Chapters: ‘The Scholastic and Conciliar Roots of Samuel Rutherford’s Political Philosophy: The Influence of Jean Gerson, Jacques Almain and John Mair’, in the narrative volume for the project ‘Scottish Philosophers in Seventeenth-Century Scotland and France’. Submitted

‘Theology as *Scientia-Affectiva-Practica*: The Ecclesial Pursuit of Metaphysics, Catechesis and the Trinity’, in Ian Clausen, Mike Higton and K. Jason Wardley (eds.), *Academy and Church: Contemporary Perspectives on Theology and the Life of Faith*. Accepted by Wipf & Stock, currently under discussion

Conferences and Seminars

Speaker: ‘From Minority Discourse to Universal Method: Polish Chapters in the Evolution of Ramism’, Reformed Majorities and Minorities, Warsaw, September 2014

‘Affirming Reason and Mystery: Early Modern Protestant Responses to Anti-Trinitarianism’, Workshop for volume on Trinitarian controversy, Warsaw, June 2014 (invited paper)

‘Between Ramism and Universal Reformation: The Debate between Piscator, Temple and Scribonius’, Fourth RefoRC Conference, Bologna, May 2014

‘Samuel Rutherford’s Covenantal and Conciliar Politics’, Leverhulme workshop (Scottish Philosophers in Seventeenth-Century Scotland and France), Paris, February 2014 (invited paper)

‘Peter Martyr Vermigli on Grace and Free Choice: Thomist and Augustinian Perspectives’, McGill Medievalists’ and Centre for Research on Religion, Montreal, March 2013 (invited paper)

‘Samuel Rutherford and the Metaphysics of Morality’, Leverhulme workshop (Scottish Philosophers in Seventeenth-Century Scotland and France), St Andrews, December 2013 (invited paper)

‘The Philosophical Significance and Influence of Scottish Reformed Scholasticism’, Function, Form and Funding: What are Universities for – and who should pay for them?, St. Andrews, August 2012 (invited paper)

‘In the Name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit: The Triune Baptismal Covenant in Richard Baxter’s Vision of the (Re-)Unified Church’, 1662 Conference, Exeter, August 2012

‘The Victorian Legacy of Richard Baxter’, The Making and Remaking of Saints in Nineteenth-Century Britain, Magdalene College, Cambridge, July 2012 (invited paper)

‘Necessity, Contingency and Freedom in Samuel Rutherford: Investigations of the Scotist Influence on Seventeenth-Century Scottish Reformed Scholasticism’, Leverhulme workshop (Scottish Philosophers in Seventeenth-Century Scotland and France), Clermont-Ferrand, June 2012 (invited paper)

‘Revealed Logic and Divine Rhetoric: The Ramist *Logica Fidei*’, ATSF Seminar Series, Theologische Universiteit Kampen, June 2012

‘Faith, Reason and the Trinity in Richard Baxter’s Theology: Incipient Rationalism or Scholastic *Fides Quaerens Intellectum*’, Transatlantic Seminar on British Religion, Edinburgh, April 2012

‘Sin and Virtue in Peter Martyr Vermigli’, 1st Global Conference: Sins, Vices and Virtue, Prague, March 2012

‘Theology as *Scientia-Affectiva-Practica*: The Ecclesial Pursuit of Metaphysics, Catechesis and Trinity’, Society for the Study of Theology Post-Graduate Conference: Theologians and the Church, Edinburgh, December 2011

‘Sanctification, Justification and the Indwelling of the Trinity in Richard Baxter’s Soteriology’, presented at the Edinburgh Dogmatics Conference, Edinburgh, September 2011

‘Richard Baxter, Francis Glisson and the Metaphysics of Inadequate Concepts’, presented at the New College Postgraduate Conference, Edinburgh, April 2011

‘Richard Baxter’s Trinitarian Theology’, presented at the 2009 Annual Conference of the Society for the Study of Theology, Amersfoort, Netherlands, May 2009

‘Doddridge’s Missed Opportunity? – The Declining Fortunes of Baxter’s *Methodus Theologiae*’, presented at the Workshop on Richard Baxter and the Development of Dissent, at the Dr Williams Centre for Dissenting Studies, London, November 2008

Co-organiser: Reformed Majorities and Minorities in Early Modern Europe: Confessional Boundaries and Contested Identities, September 2014
New College Postgraduate Conference, University of Edinburgh, October 2009, April 2010, October 2010, April 2011

Language Competence

English: Native speaker

Latin: Advanced reading ability, particularly in Scholastic Latin. Doctoral and postdoctoral work centred on reading philosophical and theological Latin texts from the medieval and early modern period. Formal qualifications: GCSE and ‘Advanced Latin’ (MPhil module).

German: Intermediate reading ability and developing speaking ability. Formal qualifications: Goethe Institut Certificate B.1.1.

French: Good reading ability. Formal qualifications: GCSE and Additional Level.

Classical Greek: Intermediate reading ability. Formal qualifications: GCSE in Ancient Greek and Diploma level course in New Testament Greek.