

# CURRICULUM VITAE

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## EDUCATION

2009 University of Cambridge, Peterhouse: PhD (Theology)  
'Parsing Paradox, Analysing 'And': Christological Configurations  
of Theological Paradox in Some Mystical Theologies'.  
Supervisor: Denys Turner; Examiners: Janet Soskice and Oliver Davies.

2006—7 Yale University, Department of Religious Studies: Visiting Assistant in Research

2004 University of Oxford: MA

2003 Harvard University: MTS (Systematic Theology)

2001 University of Rouen, France: *Diplôme Approfondi de la Langue Française*

2000 University of Oxford, St Benet's Hall: BA (Hons), First Class

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## EMPLOYMENT

2020— Institute of Religion and Critical Inquiry, Australian Catholic University  
Research Fellow

2018—20 St Edmund's College, Cambridge · Vice Master

2015—20 Von Hügel Institute, St Edmund's College, Cambridge · Director & Fellow

2015—20 St Edmund's College, Cambridge · Director of Studies in TRPR

2015—17 Faculty of Theology & Religion, Oxford · Lecturer in Modern Theology (0.5 FTE)

2014—20 Magdalene College, Cambridge · Director of Studies in TRPR

2014—20 Murray Edwards College, Cambridge · Director of Studies in TRPR

2012—20 Faculty of Divinity, Cambridge · Research Associate & Affiliated Lecturer

2011— Wiley-Blackwell Publishing · Editor, *RRT*

2010—12 Trinity and Jesus Colleges, Oxford · Lecturer in Theology

2009—12 St Benet's Hall, Oxford · Deputy Master

2000—1 Diocese of Rouen, France · Lay Chaplain

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## HONOURS AND DISTINCTIONS

2017 Successfully negotiated an expansion and development of *RRT* to include peer-reviewed research articles, and a relaunch as *Religion, Theology, and Ethics* (to launch with first issue of 2019).

2011 Successfully submitted a proposal to become overall editor of *RRT* (*RRT*) and move the journal to the UK, starting from the first issue of 2012. Commissioned by Wiley-Blackwell to plan and implement a new vision for the journal ready for the first issue of 2014.

2006	Invited by Blackwell Publishing to create and edit a new section in <i>RRT</i> to deal solely with books in languages other than English. First issue published in 2008.
2006	Invited to be a ‘Regular Contributor’ of <i>RRT</i>
2004—6	Financial Award from the Isaac Newton Trust, University of Cambridge
2003	Ellerton Theological Essay Prize, University of Oxford Doctoral Grant from the Arts and Humanities Research Board
2000	First Class Honours in Second Public Examination, University of Oxford Canon Hall Junior Prize in New Testament, University of Oxford
1998	Distinction in First Public Examination, University of Oxford Pusey and Ellerton Junior Prize in Biblical Hebrew, University of Oxford Scholarship, St Benet’s Hall

## PUBLICATIONS

### BOOKS (PUBLISHED & FORTHCOMING)

Sole editor, *What is it that the Scripture says? Essays in Biblical Interpretation, Translation, and Reception in Honour of Henry Wansbrough OSB* (LNTS, 316; London: T&T Clark, 2006). REVIEWED in: *Expository Times* 119/3 (2007), 152-3 (Joseph Fitzmyer SJ); *New Blackfriars* (2007), 739-41 (Ian Boxall); *Scripture Bulletin* 37/2 (2007), 87-9 (Guy Williams); *Journal for the Study of the Old Testament* 32/5 (2008), 11 (John Day).

Co-editor (with Denys Turner), *Cambridge Companion to the Summa Theologiæ of Thomas Aquinas* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2016). REVIEWED in: *The Tablet* 270/9173, 22 October 2016, 17 (Bernard McGinn); *New Blackfriars* 98/1078 (2017), 751-3 (Fergus Kerr OP).

Author, *Christ the Paradox: Expanding Ressourcement Theology* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, forthcoming 2022)

### ARTICLES, REVIEW ARTICLES & EDITORIALS (REVERSE CHRONOLOGICAL)

‘From the Joy of the Gospel to the Joy of Christ: Situating and Expanding the Christology of *Evangelii Gaudium*’, in Duncan Dormor and Alana Harris (eds), *Pope Francis, Evangelii Gaudium, and the Renewal of the Church* (New York: Paulist, 2018), 58-62.

‘Cherishing and Clarifying Difference’, with Ed Kessler [editorial], *European Judaism* 50/1 (2017), 78-80.

‘Grace in the *Summa Theologiae*’, in McCosker and Turner (eds), *The Cambridge Companion to the Summa Theologiae of Thomas Aquinas* (Cambridge: CUP, 2016), 205-21.

‘Navigating Impasses in Bioethics: Rethinking Ill/Health’ [editorial], *The New Bioethics* 22/1 (2016), 2-3.

‘From the Joy of the Gospel to the Joy of Christ: Situating and Expanding the Christology of *Evangelii Gaudium*’, *Ecclesiology* 12/1 (2016), 34-53.

‘*Sitit Sitiri*: Apophatic Christologies of Desire’, in Eric Bugyis and David Newheiser (eds), *Desire, Faith, and the Darkness of God* (Notre Dame: University of Notre Dame Press, 2015), 391-413.

‘Sacrifice in Recent Catholic Theology: From Paradox to Polarity, and Back Again?’, in Johannes Zachhuber and Julia Meszaros (eds), *Sacrifice and Modern Thought* (Oxford: OUP, 2013), 132-46.

‘*Enhypostasia Mystica*: Insights from Mystical Theology for an Old Debate’, in Louise Nelstrop and Simon Podmore (eds), *Immanence and Transcendence: Christian Mysticism and Incarnational Theology* (Aldershot: Ashgate, 2013), 69-92.

- ‘Transatlantic translocation’ [editorial], *RRT* 19/2 (2012), 1-3.
- ‘On differing differently’ [editorial], *RRT* 18/4 (2011), 504-8.
- ‘Sacrifice regained’, *The Tablet* 264/8866, 16 October 2010, 6-7.
- ‘On Liberating Discrimination, or the History of Words’ [editorial], *RRT* 17/4 (2010), 445-7.
- ‘On Reviewing’ [editorial], *RRT*, 16/3 (2009), 331-3.
- ‘Ephrem the Syrian (c. c.306–73)’, in Ian Markham (ed.), *The Blackwell Companion to the Theologians* (Oxford: Wiley-Blackwell, 2009), 97-115.
- ‘Bonaventure (c.1217–74)’, in Ian Markham (ed.), *The Blackwell Companion to the Theologians* (Oxford: Wiley-Blackwell, 2009), 268-83.
- ‘Small beginnings’ [editorial], *RRT*, 15/2 (2008), 141-2.
- ‘On Emptying Kenosis’, a review article of C. Stephen Evans (ed.), *Exploring Kenotic Christology: The Self-Emptying of God* (Oxford: OUP, 2006), *RRT*, 14/3 (2007), 380-8.
- ‘Middle Muddle?’, review article of John Milbank, *The Suspended Middle: Henri de Lubac and the Debate concerning the Supernatural* (London: SCM, 2005), *RRT*, 13 (2006), 362-70.
- ‘The Christology of Pierre de Bérulle’, *Downside Review*, 124/435 (2006), 111-34.
- ‘Stirring Christianity’, review article of Norman Russell, *The Doctrine of Deification in the Greek Patristic Tradition* (Oxford: OUP, 2005). *RRT*, 13 (2006), 8-11.
- ‘Introduction’ in Philip McCosker (ed.), *What is it that the Scripture Says? Essays in Biblical Interpretation, Translation, and Reception in Honour of Henry Wansbrough OSB* (London: T&T Clark, 2006), xxiv-xxx.
- “‘Blessed Tension’: Barth and von Balthasar on the Music of Mozart’, *The Way*, 44/4 (2005), 81-95.
- ‘Joined-up Thomism and the ‘Second Quest’ for Trinitarian Renewal’, review article of Matthew Levering, *Scripture and Metaphysics: Aquinas and the Renewal of Trinitarian Theology* (Oxford: Blackwell, 2004), *RRT*, 12 (2005), 331-7.
- ‘Sodality of the Blessed Virgin Mary: Devotion or Institution?’, *Stonyhurst Magazine*, L/493 (1997), 17-24.
- ‘Let the merry Organ go: *Benedicamus Domino*’, *Stonyhurst Magazine*, XLIX/492 (1996), 248-54.

#### REVIEWS (REVERSE CHRONOLOGICAL)

- Simon Gaine, *Did the Saviour See the Father? Christ, Salvation and the Vision of God* (London: Bloomsbury T&T Clark, 2015), *Scottish Journal of Theology* 72/1 (2019), 100-2.
- James Boyce, *Born Bad: Original Sin and the Making of the Western World* (Collingwood: Black Inc., 2014), *Tablet* 269/9082, 10 January 2015, 23.
- Sarah Bachelard, *Resurrection and Moral Imagination* (Farnham: Ashgate, 2013), *The Tablet* 268/9055, 28 June 2014, 18.
- David Bentley Hart, *The Experience of God: Being, Consciousness, Bliss* (New Haven: Yale UP, 2013), *The Tablet* 268/9045, 19 April 2014, 33.
- Paul Murray, *Aquinas at Prayer: The Bible, Mysticism, and Poetry* (London: Bloomsbury, 2013), *The Tablet* 267/9022, 2 November 2013, 23.
- Torstein Theodor Tollefsen, *The Christocentric Cosmology of St Maximus the Confessor* (Oxford: OUP, 2008), *RRT* 17/4 (2010), 520-4.

David Brown, *God and Mystery: Experience through Metaphor and Drama* (Oxford: OUP, 2008), *The Tablet*, 263/8788, 16<sup>th</sup> April 2009, 24.

Robert Spaemann, *Persons: The Difference Between 'Someone' and 'Something'* (Oxford: OUP, 2007), *RRT*, 15/4 (2008), 582-6.

Reinhard Hütter, *Bound to Freedom: Evangelical Catholic Engagements in Ecclesiology, Ethics, and Ecumenism* (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2004), *Nova et Vetera* [English Edition], 6/2 (2008), 464-9.

Henny Fiskå Hägg, *Clement of Alexandria and the Beginnings of Christian Apophaticism* (Oxford: OUP, 2006), *RRT*, 15/3 (2008), 406-11.

Melchisedech Törönen, *Unity and Distinction in the Thought of St. Maximus the Confessor* (Oxford: OUP, 2007), *RRT*, 15/2 (2008), 251-7.

Lytta Basset, Éric Fassin, and Timothy Radcliffe, *Les chrétiens et la sexualité au temps du SIDA* (Paris: Cerf, 2007), *RRT*, 15/2 (2008), 262-6.

Daniel Schwartz, *Aquinas on Friendship* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2007), *RRT*, 15/1 (2008), 112-6.

Richard Cadoux, *Bérulle et la question de l'homme: servitude et liberté* (Paris: Cerf, 2005), *Sixteenth Century Journal*, 38/3 (2007), 824-5.

Jeffrey F. Hamburger and Anne-Marie Bouché (eds), *The Mind's Eye: Art and Theological Argumentation in the Middle Ages* (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2006), *RRT*, 14/3 (2007), 415-20.

Peter J. Casarella (ed.), *Cusanus: The Legacy of Learned Ignorance* (Washington: Catholic University of America Press, 2006), *RRT*, 14/2 (2007), 201-5.

Grzegorz Strzelczyk, *Communicatio Idiomatum: Lo scambio delle proprietà: Storia, status quaestionis e prospettive* (Rome: Pontificia Università Gregoriana, 2004), *Modern Theology*, 23/2 (2007), 298-301.

Matthew Levering, *Sacrifice and Community: Jewish Offering and Christian Eucharist* (Oxford: Blackwells, 2005), *The Tablet*, 260/8662, 21<sup>st</sup> October 2006, 25.

Julius J. Lipner (ed.), *Truth, Religious Dialogue and Dynamic Orthodoxy: Reflections on the works of Brian Hebblethwaite* (London: SCM, 2005), *RRT*, 14 (2007), 122-6.

David Ford, Ben Quash and Janet Soskice (eds), *Fields of Faith: Theology and Religious Studies for the Twenty-first Century* (Cambridge: CUP, 2005), *RRT*, 13 (2006), 89-92.

Frederick Bauerschmidt, *Holy Teaching: Introducing the Summa Theologiae of St. Thomas Aquinas* (Grand Rapids: Brazos, 2005), *RRT*, 13 (2006), 246-48.

David Ford and Rachel Muers (eds), *The Modern Theologians: An Introduction to Christian Theology since 1918* (3<sup>rd</sup> edition; Oxford: Blackwells, 2005). *RRT*, 13 (2006), 263-64.

Graham Ward, *Christ and Culture* (Oxford: Blackwells, 2005), *RRT*, 13 (2006), 324-29.

Nicholas Healy, *The Eschatology of Hans Urs von Balthasar: Being as Communion* (Oxford: OUP, 2005), *RRT*, 13 (2006), 391-94.

Ben Quash, *Theology and the Drama of History* (Cambridge: CUP, 2005), *RRT*, 13 (2006), 593-99.

E. TeSelle, *Augustine* (Nashville: Abingdon Press, 2006), *RRT*, 13 (2006), 604-6.

Paul Helm, *John Calvin's Ideas* (Oxford: OUP, 2004), *RRT*, 13 (2006), 40-43.

Rupert Shortt, *God's Advocates: Christian Thinkers in Conversation* (London: Darton Longman & Todd, 2005), *The Tablet*, 259/8616, 26<sup>th</sup> November, 2005, 23.

Rik van Nieuwenhove, *Jan van Ruusbroec: Mystical Theologian* (Notre Dame: UNDP, 2003), *Sixteenth Century Journal*, 36/3 (2005), 944-6.

‘The Last Straw’, *The Catholic Herald*, 27<sup>th</sup> January 2006, 13. A Marshall D. Johnson, *The Evolution of Christianity: Twelve Crises that Shaped the Church* (London: Continuum, 2005).

Demetrios Bathrellos, *The Byzantine Christ: Person, Nature, and Will in the Christology of Saint Maximus the Confessor* (Oxford: OUP, 2004), *RRT*, 12 (2005), 372-5.

Gerrit Scott Dawson, *Jesus Ascended: The Meaning of Christ’s Continuing Incarnation* (London: T&T Clark, 2004), *RRT*, 12 (2005), 504-7.

Martin Laird, *Gregory of Nyssa and the Grasp of Faith: Union, Knowledge, and Divine Presence* (Oxford: OUP, 2004), *RRT*, 12 (2005), 242-5.

Daniel Keating, *The Appropriation of Divine Life in Cyril of Alexandria* (Oxford: OUP, 2004), *RRT*, 12 (2005), 45-8.

Linda Woodhead, *An Introduction to Christianity* (Cambridge: CUP, 2004), *Times Literary Supplement*, 5314, February 4, 2005, 29

Dániel Deme, *The Christology of Anselm of Canterbury* (Aldershot: Ashgate, 2003), *RRT*, 12 (2005), 43-5.

Bruno Forte, *The Essence of Christianity* (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2003), *RRT*, 11 (2004), 526-9.

Simon Gainé, *Will there be Free Will in Heaven?* (London: T & T Clark, 2003), *RRT*, 11 (2004), 539-42.

Gerald O’Mahony, *A Way into the Trinity* (Leominster: Gracewing, 2004), *RRT*, 11 (2004), 534-6.

‘Is this really the Historical Jesus?’, *The Catholic Herald*, 26<sup>th</sup> December, 2003, 9. A review of Geza Vermes, *The Authentic Gospel of Jesus* (London: Allen Lane, 2003).

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## SELECT PRESENTATIONS

‘Christ the Paradox: Expanding *Ressourcement* Theologies’. Research paper presented at the Christian Theology Research Seminar, Faculty of Theology and Religion, University of Oxford, 20 February 2017.

‘Changing from Christ Outwards: Developing Hints in *Ressourcement* Theologies’. Keynote paper presented at ‘Conceiving Change in the Church: The Hermeneutics of Tradition’, Australian Catholic University Rome Campus, September 2016.

‘From the Joy of the Gospel to the Joy of Christ: Situating and Expanding Pope Francis’ Christology’. Paper to be presented at “‘Making all Things New’?: *Evangelii Gaudium* and Ecumenical Mission”, St John’s College, Cambridge, 29 June-1 July 2015.

‘Music, Liturgy, Paradox: In Conversation with *The Master and His Emissary*’. Paper presented at ‘Ascetical Practice in a Secular Culture: A New Approach to Prayer and the Brain’, Rocca di Papa, Rome, 21-22 September 2014.

‘Publishing Reviews and Scholarly Articles: Schizoid Reflections’. Invited panelist at the Oxford Theology Faculty Professional Forum, 2 June 2014.

‘*Sitit Sitiri*: Christologies of Desire’. Paper presented at a Colloquy in Honour of Denys Turner at Yale University. 22-25 March, 2012.

‘*In primis est autem Eucharistia sacrificium*: Sacrifice in recent Roman Catholic Theology’. Paper presented at ‘Sacrifice in Modern Thought’: Trinity College, Oxford. 12-13 March, 2012.

“‘What’s love got to do with it?’: The Spanish Carmelites’. Lecture delivered in the University series of lectures on Christian Spirituality for FHS Paper 35: Oxford, 14 Feb., 2011 & 13 Feb., 2012.

‘Parsing Paradox Christologically: Towards a Fresh Path in the Taxonomy of Apophaticisms’. Paper presented at the Oxford Theology Faculty Research Consultation on ‘Apophaticism: Ancient and Modern’. Priory House, Christ Church, Oxford. 28 May, 2008.

‘Publishing: Reviews’. Invited panelist at the Oxford Theology Faculty Professional Forums: ‘Publications: Book Reviews, Articles and your first Monograph’. 14 May, 2008 and 7 June, 2012.

‘*Enhypostasia Mystica*: Some reflections on the Christology of Nicholas of Cusa’. American Cusanus Society Meeting, Medieval Congress, Kalamazoo, MI. May, 2007.

‘*Anhypostasia Mystica*: The Poverty of Christ’s Humanity’. Leuven Encounters in Systematic Theology V. November, 2005.

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## CONFERENCES & WORKSHOPS ORGANISED

- 2013 ‘Ethics, Theology and State Punishment’, McDonald Ethics Conference
  - 2014 ‘New Conversations in Islamic & Christian Political Theology’, McDonald Ethics Conference
  - 2015 ‘Towards a Contemporary Art of Dying’, McDonald Ethics Conference
  - 2015 ‘Navigating Impasses: Understandings of Ill/Health’,  
VHI interdisciplinary workshop (published in *The New Bioethics* 22/1 [2016])
  - 2016 ‘Catholic-Jewish Relations Today: from *Nostra Aetate* to *The Gifts and Calling of God are Irrevocable*’  
VHI workshop (published in *European Judaism* 50/1 [2017])
  - 2017 ‘Navigating Impasses in Bioethics: End of Life, Disability, and Mental Illness’  
VHI interdisciplinary workshop (to be published in *Religion & Disability*, May 2018)
  - 2018 ‘Refining Trust: Palestine in Comparative Perspective’, VHI interdisciplinary workshop
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## EXAMINING

- 2017 External research MA examiner (Leeds University)
  - 2017 Internal DPhil Examiner (Oxford)
  - 2015—17 Faculty Assessor (Oxford) for Final Honour School Theology, MSt and MPhil
  - 2015—17 Faculty Examiner (Oxford) for several 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> year DPhil transfer interviews
  - 2013—20 Faculty Assessor (Cambridge) for undergraduate final exams (A8; B11; C6)
  - 2012—20 Faculty Assessor (Cambridge) for several MPhil long essays and theses
  - 2012—20 Faculty Examiner (Cambridge) for several 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> year PhD transfer interviews
  - 2011—14 Invited external examiner for Heythrop College, London: all undergraduate courses in Theology; Church History, and Latin (BA in Theology; BDiv)
  - 2011 Faculty Moderator (Oxford) for Masters in Applied Theology
  - 2010—12 Final Honour School Theology (Oxford): Extended essays
  - 2010—12 PG Diploma in Theology (Oxford): Assessor for ‘God, Christ and Salvation’
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## SERVICE

- 2017—20 St Edmund’s College, Cambridge: Council and Trustee
  - 2015—20 St Edmund’s College, Cambridge: Governing Body, Dean’s Committee, VHI Committee
  - 2015—21 Edlumino Educational Aid (Charity): Trustee
  - 2014— Peer reviewing for Ashgate, Bloomsbury, CUP
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## GRANTS & FUNDRAISING

- 2017      Murphy Institute, St Thomas University, MN (£5,000):  
Grant for 'End of Life, Disability, and Mental Illness' VHI workshop
- 2017      DAAD Cambridge Hub Grant (£5000):  
Contextual Theology in Times of Crisis: Christians of the Middle East and the  
European Public (VHI: Heidemarie Winkel)
- 2017      DAAD Cambridge Hub Grant (£5000):  
Refining Trust: Palestine in Comparative Perspective (VHI: Ralf Wüstenberg)
- 2016      Porticus UK (£50,000)  
Grant for Fundraising Activities at the VHI
- 2016      Stanhill Foundation (£20,000)  
Grant for Fundraising Activities at the VHI
- 2015      Murphy Institute, St Thomas University, MN (£30,000)  
Grant for Murphy Fellow at the VHI