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## Teaching Experience

HOUSTON BAPTIST UNIVERSITY 2021-Present

- Adjunct Professor of Theology
- Courses taught | CHRI 2373 - Theology & the Tradition; CHRI 1301 - Introduction to the Bible; CHRI 4335 - Systematic Theology; CHRI 4355 - Trinitarianism; CHRI 5330 - History of Christianity.

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## Education

UNIVERSITY OF ST ANDREWS 2018-2021

- Ph.D. in Analytic and Exegetical Theology
- Supervised by Thomas McCall and Andrew Torrance
- Examined by Oliver Crisp and Tom Greggs (Passed without corrections)

UNIVERSITY OF ST ANDREWS 2017-2018

- Postgraduate Diploma with distinction in Analytic and Exegetical Theology
- Completed coursework for Masters of Letters; upgraded to Ph.D.
- Studied under Professors Alan Torrance and N. T. Wright

ASBURY THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY 2013-2017

- Masters of Divinity
- J. Ellsworth Kalas scholarship

UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY 2008-2011

- BA in Political Science, Minor in History

*Books*

(Under Contract) *The Church and the Problem of Divine Hiddenness*. Routledge.

(Forthcoming) *Attention and Spiritual Formation*.

*Articles*

“Can Modern Psychology shed light on how we might best Give our Attention to Both God and Others?” *Theological Puzzles*, Issue 8. New Visions in Theological Anthropology at The University of St Andrews, 2022.

“To Whom can God Speak? Trinitarian Persons in Gregory of Nyssa and William Hasker.” *TheoLogica: An International Journal for Philosophy of Religion and Philosophical Theology*. Volume 6, No. 2 (2022).

“A Theology of Divine Hiddenness.” *Roczniki filozoficzne* (Annals of Philosophy), Volume 69, No. 3 (2021). Co-authored with Marek Dobrzeniecki.

“Love that takes time: Pursuing Relationship in the Context of Hiddenness.” *European Journal for Philosophy of Religion*. Volume 13, No 2 (2021).

“Seeing the Face of Christ.” *TheoLogica: An International Journal for Philosophy of Religion and Philosophical Theology*, Volume 4, No 1 (2020).

“Meeting Face to Face: C. S. Lewis’s *Till We Have Faces* and the Problem of Divine Hiddenness.” *The Journal of Inklings Studies*, Volume 10, Issue 2 (2020).

“How to Tell Jerusalem From Athens: How a Faith-Methodology Distinguishes Theology from Philosophy.” *Theology in Scotland*, Volume 27, No. 1 (2020).

### *Book Reviews*

(Forthcoming) Book Review. Ed. James M. Arcadi and James T. Turner. *T & T Clark Handbook of Analytic Theology* (London: T & T Clark, 2021) in *Reading Religion*.

Book Review. Simon Cuff. *Love in Action: Catholic Social Teaching for Every Church* (London: SCM Press, 2019) in the *Journal of Anglican Studies* with Cambridge University Press.

Book Review. Thomas H. McCall. *Analytic Christology and the Theological Interpretation of the New Testament* (Oxford: Oxford, 2021) in the *International Journal of Systemic Theology*, Volume 24, Issue 1 (2022).

Book Review. Khaled Anatolios, *Deification Through the Cross* (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2020) in the *Journal for Analytic Theology*, Volume 9 (2021).

Book Review. David Bentley Hart, *That All Shall Be Saved: Heaven, Hell, and Universal Salvation* (New Haven and London: Yale University Press, 2019) in *Religious Studies* 57 (2010).

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### Grants and Awards

Science-Engaged Theology Grant with New Visions in Theological Anthropology at the University of St Andrews through the Templeton Foundation. Project Title: *Attending to God: A Science-Engaged Account of Attention for Spiritual Formation* (2022-2023)

Summer Fellowship in Science-Engaged Theology with New Visions in Theological Anthropology at the University of St Andrews (2022).

First Prize in 2019 Fraser Prize contest. *How to Tell Jerusalem From Athens: How a Faith-Methodology Distinguishes Theology from Philosophy*.

2nd Prize in the 2019 Center for Pastor Theologians Paper Contest. *The Sacrament of the Screen: Possibilities for Church in a Digital Age*.

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Academic Presentations

“Can Modern Psychology shed light on how we might best Give our Attention to Both God and Others?” NViTA Science-Engaged Theology Conference. University of St Andrews. June 2022.

“Attending to God: Gregory of Nyssa, Spiritual Formation, and the Psychology of Attention.” Carolina Analytic Theology Workshop. Anderson University (South Carolina). May 2022.

“Knowing the Father in the Church: Jesus Christ as *πρόσωπον* in Gregory of Nyssa.” North American Patristics Society Conference. Online presentation. May 2021.

“What is an Image For?: The Functionality of the Divine Image in Gregory of Nyssa.” XVIII International Conference on Patristic Studies. Oxford University. August 2019.

“Image of the Invisible God: Classical Theism and Divine Hiddenness.” Helsinki Analytic Theology Conference. University of Helsinki. February 2019.

“To Whom Does God Speak? Gregory of Nyssa and William Hasker on Divine Persons.” Analytic Theology and the Tri-Personal God: The Trinitarian Renewal in Analytic Theology. UC Lovain at Louvain-la-Neuve, Belgium. September 2018.

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Popular Publications and Presentations

*Heaven Without God? How a Fourth Century Theologian Solves the Dilemma of NBC's 'The Good Place,'* article at Transpositions (author)

*An Anglican Theology for the Streets: Justice and Mercy Contending for Shalom,* article for the Matthew 25 Initiative (author)

*Why Isn't God More Obvious?,* a booklet in the Logos Questions series (author)

*Theology in the Church,* a post for *Blogos:* the official blog of the Logos Institute for Analytic and Exegetical Theology at the University of St Andrews (author)

*The Absolute Basics of the Christian Faith* college leaders guide (co-author)

Meeting Face-to-Face: C. S. Lewis and the Problem of Divine Hiddenness, at *Verum Fabula* Fellowship (presenter)

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## Work Experience

LEWIS HOUSE 2021-present

*Theologian-in-Residence* — [www.lewishouse.org](http://www.lewishouse.org)

- A Christian studies center that focuses on the life of the mind
- Engaging students and community in groups, lectures, and courses

CHRISTIAN STUDENT FELLOWSHIP 2011-2021

*Lead Staff* — [www.ukcsf.org](http://www.ukcsf.org)

- One of the largest campus ministries in the United States
- Lead in a variety of groups and projects; regularly teach and preach
- Write curriculum for over 500 college students each semester

## OTHER EXPERIENCE

- In 2015 I interned with Southland Christian Church, a 12,000 member megachurch in the greater Lexington, Kentucky area. I helped the lead pastor with sermon preparation.
- I have helped write numerous publications through Christian Student Fellowship, including books and curricula circulated to over 500 students.
- Taught non-accredited classes on: New Testament, Science and Faith, Apologetics.

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## Research Interests

- Theology
- Philosophy
- Patristic Theology
- Gregory of Nyssa
- Philosophical Theology
- Analytic Theology
- Exegetical Theology
- Science-Engaged Theology
- Divine Hiddenness
- Attention and Spiritual Formation

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## Languages

- English: native language
- Koine Greek: Limited Working Proficiency (ILR Level 2)
- French: Limited Working Proficiency (ILR Level 2)
- Latin: Elementary Proficiency (ILR Level 1)
- Hebrew: Elementary Proficiency (ILR Level 1)
- German: Elementary Proficiency (ILR Level 1)

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## References

- Dr. Thomas McCall – Supervisor – [tmccall@tiu.edu](mailto:tmccall@tiu.edu)
- Dr. Andrew Torrance – Supervisor – [abt3@st-andrews.ac.uk](mailto:abt3@st-andrews.ac.uk)
- Dr. Alan Torrance – Former Professor – [torrance@st-andrews.ac.uk](mailto:torrance@st-andrews.ac.uk)
- Dr. Kevin Kinghorn – Former Professor – [kevinkinghorn@asburyseminary.edu](mailto:kevinkinghorn@asburyseminary.edu)
- Brian Marshall – Employer – [brian@ukcsf.org](mailto:brian@ukcsf.org)