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EDUCATION

PhD. Theology. University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, IN. August 2015.
M.Div. Princeton Theological Seminary, Princeton, NJ. May 2008.
BA. Philosophy. Minor in Economics. Wheaton College, Wheaton, IL. May 2004.

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Associate Professor of Church History and Theology, Western Theological Seminary, Holland, Michigan, USA. July 2020 to present.
Assistant Professor of Church History and Theology, Western Theological Seminary, Holland, Michigan, USA. July 2015 to June 2020.
Faculty Fellow, Western Theological Seminary, Holland, Michigan, USA. July 2014—June 2015.
English Instructor, Yantai University, Yantai, China. August 2004—July 2005.

PUBLICATIONS

Books

Augustine on the Will: A Theological Account (New York: Oxford University Press, 2020).

Mark A. Noll, David Komline, and Han-luen Kantzer Komline, *Turning Points: Decisive Moments in the History of Christianity*, 4th ed. (Grand Rapids: Baker Academic, forthcoming 2022).

Essays

“Augustine,” forthcoming in *Cambridge Companion to Early Christian Theology*, ed. David Wilhite. Due August 2023.

“Preaching on God’s Grace and Our Willing,” forthcoming in *Cambridge Companion to Augustine’s Sermons*, ed. David V. Meconi and Andrew Hofer. Due November 2022.

“Christology,” forthcoming in *The Oxford Handbook on the Pelagian Controversy*, ed. Anthony Dupont, Giulio Malavasi, and Brian Matz. Due June 30, 2022.

“He Emptied Himself: Augustine on Philippians 2:7,” forthcoming in *The Doctrine of Kenosis*, ed. Paul T. Nimmo and Keith L. Johnson (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2022). Completed.

“The Human Person and Visions of Asceticism,” forthcoming in *The Cambridge History of Early Christian Theology*, ed. Lewis Ayres (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press,

- 2022). Completed.
- “Arnobius and the Argument from Antiquity,” forthcoming in *Studia Patristica*, ed. Markus Vinzent (Leuven: Peeters Publishers, 2022). Completed.
- “Whose Paul? Which Resurrection?,” Symposium on Tom McGlothlin’s *Resurrection as Salvation: Development and Conflict in Pre-Nicene Paulinism, Syndicate*, forthcoming 2021.
- “Monica and Macrina: Students of Scripture, Teachers of Teachers,” in *The Tongue of a Teacher: Essays in Honor of the Rev. Dr. Timothy Brown*, ed. Trygve Johnson, Historical Series of the Reformed Church in America 103 (Grand Rapids: Reformed Church Press, 2021), 57–69.
- “The Spirit and the Letter,” Symposium on Jonathan Teubner’s *Prayer After Augustine, Syndicate*, January 14, 2021. <https://syndicate.network/symposia/theology/prayer-after-augustine/>
- “Augustine and the Limits of Evil: From Creation to Christ in the *Enchiridion*,” in *Evil and Creation: Historical and Constructive Essays in Christian Dogmatics*, ed. David Luy, Matthew Levering and George Kalantzis (Bellingham, WA: Lexham Press, 2020), 67-83.
- “Always Something New out of Africa: Augustine’s Unapologetic Argument from Antiquity,” forthcoming, *Augustinian Studies* 51, no. 2 (2020): 177-196.
- “Barth and Augustine,” in the *Wiley-Blackwell Companion to Karl Barth*, ed. George Hunsinger and Keith L. Johnson (Hoboken, NJ: Wiley-Blackwell, 2020), 421-434.
- “Doctrine of Predestination,” in the *Brill Encyclopedia of Early Christianity Online*, ed. David Hunter, Paul J. J. van Geest and Bert Jan Lietaert Peerbolte (Leiden: Brill, 2020).
- “Heart Conditions: *Gilead* and Augustinian Theology,” in *Balm in Gilead: A Theological Dialogue with Marilynne Robinson*, ed. Timothy Larsen and Keith L. Johnson (Downers Grove, IL: IVP Academic, 2019), 28-43.
- “From Building Blocks to Blueprints: Augustine’s Reception of Ambrose’s *Commentary on Luke*,” *Studia Patristica* 84, vol. 10, ed. Markus Vinzent (Leuven: Peeters Publishers, 2017), 153-166.
- “Freedom, Free Will and Determinism,” in the *Evangelical Dictionary of Theology*, third edition, ed. Daniel Treier and Walter Elwell (Grand Rapids: Baker Academic, 2017), 329-330.
- A shorter version of “Grace, Free Will, and the Lord’s Prayer: Cyprian’s Importance for the ‘Augustinian’ Doctrine of Grace,” was translated into Chinese. See “恩典,自由意志与主祷文—奥古斯丁对居普良的引用,” *Journal for the Study of Christian Culture* 36 (2016): 19-39.
- “Grace, Free Will, and the Lord’s Prayer: Cyprian’s Importance for the ‘Augustinian’ Doctrine of Grace,” *Augustinian Studies* 45, no. 2 (2014): 247-279.
- “Beauty, Glory and Trinity in Karl Barth or in David Bentley Hart: A Response to Keith Starkenburg,” in *Karl Barth in Conversation*, ed. W. Travis McMaken and David W. Congdon (Eugene: Wipf and Stock, 2014), 165-167.
- “‘*Ut in illo uiueremus*’: Augustine on the Two Wills of Christ” in *Studia Patristica* 70, vol. 18, ed. Markus Vinzent (Leuven: Peeters Publishers, 2013): 347-356.
- “Friendship and Being: Election and Trinitarian Freedom in Moltmann and Barth,” *Modern Theology* 29, no. 1 (2013): 1-17.
- “The Second Adam in Gethsemane: Augustine on the Human Will of Christ,” *Revue d’études*

augustiniennes et patristiques 58, no. 1 (2012): 41-56.

“Review Essay—Tracing the Triple Helix: The Reformed and Ecumenical Shape of David Kelsey’s Theological Anthropology,” *Journal of Reformed Theology* 6, no. 1 (2012): 57-68.

“Finitude in the Beauty of the Infinite: A Theological Assessment and Proposal,” *The Heythrop Journal* 50, no. 5 (2009): 806-818.

Book Reviews and Other Writings

Rowan Greer, trans. and ed., *Commentary on the Minor Pauline Epistles*, by Theodore of Mopsuestia in *Journal of the American Oriental Society* 133, no. 3 (2013): 554-557.

Dominic Keech, *The Anti-Pelagian Christology of Augustine of Hippo, 396-430* in *Reviews in Religion & Theology* 20, no. 3 (2013): 441-444.

Keith L. Johnson, *Karl Barth and the Analogia Entis* for the Center for Barth Studies, Princeton Theological Seminary, May 29, 2013. Available URL:

http://www.ptsem.edu/library/barth/default.aspx?menu1_id=8457&id=25769805909

Blossom Stefaniw, *Mind, Text, and Commentary: Noetic Exegesis in Origen of Alexandria, Didymus the Blind, and Evagrius Ponticus* in *Journal of Theological Studies* 63, no. 1 (2012): 310-312.

David Kelsey, *Eccentric Existence: A Theological Anthropology* in *Journal of Religion* 91, no. 1 (2011): 120-122.

Christoph Marksches, *Origenes und sein Erbe: Gesammelte Studien* in *Journal of Theological Studies* 61, no. 2 (2010): 783-785.

“The Awful English Language,” Fulbright U.S. Student Grantee Newsletter, Issue 19, July 2009. Available URL: <http://newsletter.fulbrightonline.org/142.html>

Hans Küng, *Musik und Religion: Mozart—Wagner—Bruckner* in *Princeton Theological Review* 13, no. 1 (2007): 107-110.

Prolegomena: “Theology and Global Conflict: Beyond Just War,” *Princeton Theological Review* 11, no. 2 (2006): 3.

David Bentley Hart, *The Beauty of the Infinite: The Aesthetics of Christian Truth* in *Princeton Theological Review* 12, no. 1 (2006): 39-40.

HONORS AND AWARDS

Humboldt Research Fellowship, at the University of Tübingen, host: Dr. Volker Dreccoll. June 1, 2022-May 31, 2023.

2020 Manfred Lautenschlaeger Award for Theological Promise.

Patricia H. Imbesi Fellowship. Villanova University. Spring 2020.

Named one of “[Ten New or Lesser-Known Female Theologians Worth Knowing](#).” *Christianity Today*, 2018.

Louisville Institute Postdoctoral Fellowship. Fall 2015-spring 2017.

Graduate Student Award, American Society of Church History. For paper presented at annual meeting. January 2012.

Fulbright Fellowship, Research at the University of Tübingen, Germany, supervised by Dr. Christoph Schwöbel. October 2008-July 2009.

DAAD Study Scholarship, Universität Tübingen, Germany. October 2008-July 2009. Declined.

Presidential Scholarship. University of Notre Dame. Fall 2009—spring 2014.

- Senior Fellowship in Theology, for best master's thesis in theology. Princeton Theological Seminary. May 2008.
- Winner of "You Say I Preach Like a Woman? I say Amen." Preaching Contest, awarded by the Women's Center of Princeton Theological Seminary. March 2008.
- The Archibald Alexander Hodge Prize in Systematic Theology. Princeton Theological Seminary. May 2007.
- The E. L. Wailes Memorial Prize in New Testament. Princeton Theological Seminary. May 2007.

INVITED TALKS

- "Augustine in the Pulpit," Evening Address, Stott Award Consultation, Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, January, 2022.
- "The Art of Willing," Scripture and Ministry Lecture, Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, January 27, 2022.
- "Conversion(s) and Growth in Augustine's *Confessions*," Panel Discussion with Dr. Joshua Bruce, hosted by Blair Smith, Paideia Center Conference, Reformed Theological Seminary, January 27-28 2021, online.
- "New Perspectives on the Old in Early Christianity." Colloquium for Winners of Manfred Lautenschlaeger Award. Research Center for International and Interdisciplinary Theology. Heidelberg, Germany. May 16 and 18, 2020. [Canceled due to Covid]
- Patricia H. Imbesi St. Augustine Fellow Public Lecture, Villanova University. April 22, 2020. [Canceled due to Covid]
- "Barth and Augustine." Afternoon lecture for the Karl Barth Society. American Academy of Religion, San Francisco, CA. November 22, 2019.
- "Going to Church with Augustine." Calvin College Symposium on Worship, Calvin College and Seminary, Grand Rapids, MI. January 24-26, 2019.
- "Remaking Martyrdom: Augustine on the Theological Virtues of a Christian." Plenary lecture at Finkenwalde Day, Beeson Divinity School, Birmingham, AL. October 16, 2018.
- "Heart Conditions: Marilynne Robinson and Augustinian Theology." Wheaton Theology Conference, Wheaton College, Wheaton, IL. April 5-6, 2018.
- "Augustine and the Limits of Evil: From Creation to Christ in the *Enchiridion*." Colloquium on "Creation and the Problem of Evil." Sponsored by the Chicago Theological Initiative via a Templeton Grant. Wheaton College, Wheaton, IL. March 23, 2018.
- "Always Something New out of Africa: Augustine and the Argument from Antiquity." Boston Colloquy in Historical Theology. August 1, 2016. Respondent: John Peter Kenney.
- "A 'Peculiar Sacredness'? Some Questions for Jack Mulder on 'A Very Difficult Matter.'" Hope College. A response to Jack Mulder's *What it Means to be Catholic*. Holland, MI. January 28, 2015.
- "The Second Adam in Gethsemane: Augustine on the Human Will of Christ," Analytic Theology Workshop, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas. August 11, 2014.
- "Free Choice, Grace, and the Lord's Prayer: Augustine's Appeal to Cyprian," Zhejiang Workshop on the Research of Augustine, Zhejiang University, Hangzhou, China. November 16, 2013.

OTHER SCHOLARLY PRESENTATIONS

- Response paper at session on “Augustine and Tradition: A Festschrift in Honor of Patout Burns.” Society of Biblical Literature. San Antonio, TX. November 20, 2021.
- “Arnobius and the Argument from Antiquity.” Eighteenth International Conference on Patristic Studies at the University of Oxford, Oxford, UK. August 21, 2019.
- Response paper at session on “Monogenes in Early and Late-Antique Christian Theology.” Society of Biblical Literature. Boston. November 20, 2017.
- “Always Something New out of Africa: Augustine’s Unapologetic Argument from Antiquity.” Hope College-Western Theological Seminary Theology Seminar, Hope College, Holland, MI. November 4, 2016.
- “Ambrose and the Argument from Antiquity.” North American Patristics Society, Chicago. May 27, 2016.
- “The Ambrosian Heart of the Augustinian Will? Augustine’s Reception of Ambrose’s *Commentary on Luke* in his Anti-Pelagian Writings.” Seventeenth International Conference on Patristic Studies at the University of Oxford, Oxford, UK. August 12, 2015.
- “The Holy Spirit and the Good Will: Intervention and Analogy.” Hope College-Western Theological Seminary Theology Seminar, Hope College, Holland, MI. March 3, 2015.
- “From History to Hymnody: Theodore of Mopsuestia on Psalm 40 (LXX),” North American Patristics Society, Chicago. May 26, 2012.
- “A Paragon, a Pariah, and a Compassionate Christ: Augustine’s Critique of Pagan Paradigms of Feminine Virtue in *City of God*,” American Society of Church History, Chicago. January 8, 2012.
- “Augustine on the Two Wills of Christ,” Sixteenth International Conference on Patristic Studies at the University of Oxford, Oxford, UK. August 11, 2011.
- “From History to Hymnody: Theodore of Mopsuestia’s Commentary on Psalm 40 (LXX),” Archbishop Iakovos Graduate Students Conference in Patristic Studies, Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology, Brookline, MA. March 12, 2011.
- “Von fabelhafter Neuheit zu dem Diensthaus Ägypten: Karl Barths Reaktionen auf Martin Heidegger zwischen 1924 und 1931 und ihre Bedeutung für Barths Heideggerrezeption in I/2 §14,1 der *Kirchlichen Dogmatik*.” Doctoral student colloquium of Prof. Christoph Schwöbel, University of Tübingen, Germany. May 26, 2009.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- Systematic Theology I—fall 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019
 Church History I—fall 2014, 2015, 2016, 2018, 2020, 2021
 Augustine of Hippo: His Life and Thought—spring 2016, 2017, 2018; J-term 2021
 Credo—spring 2016, 2017, 2018, 2021, 2022
 What Does it Mean to be Human? Wisdom from the Early Church—fall 2018
 From Africa to Anatolia: Mothers and Fathers of the Church—fall 2017
 Theological Method (ThM program)—fall 2016, 2019, 2021
 Summative Evaluation (MA program)—spring 2018

Christ in the Early Church—spring 2022

SERVICE TO THE ACADEMY

Member of Steering Committee of the “Development of Early Christian Theology” program unit of the Society of Biblical Literature. 2017 to present.

Board member of the Foundation for Theological Education in Southeast Asia as RCA representative. 2016 to present.

Article Peer Reviewer for *Augustinian Studies*, *American Catholic Philosophical Quarterly*, *International Journal of Systematic Theology* and *Theology Today*

Book Reviewer for Oxford University Press

ThM Supervisor: Erin Zoutendam, Western Theological Seminary '17, currently a PhD student in religious studies at Duke University and recipient of the 2017 Goodwin Prize for Excellence in Theological Writing for an essay she developed in an independent study with me. Godfrey Kyome, Western Theological Seminary '16, currently an Anglican priest in the diocese of Uganda.

General Editor, *Princeton Theological Review*. Fall 2006—spring 2008. Directed the journal's entire publication process: planned themes for each issue, developed strategies for advertising the journal, corresponded with authors, assigned articles to associate editors for editing, performed a final edit prior to printing, shared responsibility for letters and editorial pieces, supervised other members of editorial staff.

LANGUAGES (proficiency level based on ACTFL guidelines)

Latin (advanced reading)

Koine Greek (advanced reading)

German (superior listening, speaking, reading, and writing)

French (advanced listening, speaking, reading, and writing)

Italian (advanced listening, speaking, reading and writing, with certification from the Società Dante Alighieri)

Mandarin Chinese (advanced listening and speaking; basic reading and writing)

Biblical Hebrew (basic reading)

POPULAR WRITING AND SPEAKING

Interviewed in “Image of God,” The Biologos Podcast, August 26, 2021.

<https://biologos.org/podcast-episodes/uniquely-unique-image-of-god>

Interview on “The Church Mothers,” The Stone Table Podcast, January 20, 2021.

<https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/the-church-mothers-with-han-luen-kantzer-komline/id1478795937?i=1000505977142>

Interview on “The Church Mothers Teach Us to Delight in Scripture” for Pilgrim Radio, October 5, 2020. <https://pilgrimradio.com/2020/10/05/han-luen-komline-talking-about-some-influential-women-in-the-early-christian-church/>

“The Church Mothers Teach Us to Delight in Scripture” for *Christianity Today* online, September 28, 2020. See: <https://www.christianitytoday.com/ct/2020/september/monica-macrina-church-mothers-delight-scripture.html>

- “Monica & Macrina: Teachers of Teachers” for *Christianity Today* special issue, “Why Women Love the Bible,” September 2020, pages 52-56.
- “Eat Phlegm. Chew Grass. Sit on a Pillar.” for *Christianity Today* online, March 5, 2020. See: <https://www.christianitytoday.com/ct/2020/march-web-only/lent-desert-fathers-eat-phlegm-chew-grass-sit-pillar.html>
- “Advent in the Flesh” and “Waiting for the Dawn,” in Advent Devotional 2019, published by *Christianity Today*.
- Featured in the roundup “Our 15 Favorite Prayers,” for *Christianity Today* online, May 2, 2019. See: https://www.christianitytoday.com/women/2019/may/national-day-prayer-ct-women-our-15-favorite-prayers.html?visit_source=twitter
- “Why Augustine’s ‘Come to Jesus’ Moment Tells an Incomplete Story,” for *Christianity Today* online, March 12, 2019. See: <https://www.christianitytoday.com/women/2019/march/augustine-conversion-moment-tells-incomplete-story.html>
- “Buds in a Bleak Midwinter” and “A House for the Lord,” in Advent Devotional 2018, published by *Christianity Today*.
- “Augustine on the Will,” interviewed by Timothy George on the Beeson Divinity School Podcast, November 20, 2018. See: <https://www.beesondivinity.com/podcast/2018/augustine-and-the-will>
- Interviewed on Groundwork, from Words of Hope and Reframe Media, for episodes “How Jesus Changed Our Understanding of God” and “Christ throughout History” in series “Who is Jesus Christ?,” November 18, 2016. See: <https://groundwork.reframemedia.com/series/who-is-jesus-christ>.
- “Making History Come Alive,” Podcast Interview with Justo González, October 25, 2016. See: <http://www.westernsem.edu/episode-10-justo-l-gonzalez-making-history-come-alive/>

CHURCH INVOLVEMENT

Ordained as Minister of Word and Sacrament in the Reformed Church in America. December 17, 2017.

Licensed by Holland Classis to Preach in the Reformed Church in America. November 8, 2017.
Elder at Pillar Church, a dual affiliation church of the RCA and CRC. Holland, MI. July 16, 2017 to July 2020.

Preaching (not including regular preaching at Western Seminary)

Hope College, Holland, MI. November 3, 2021.

Fellowship Reformed Church, Holland, MI. September 26th, 2021.

The Wabaningo Community Church, Whitehall, MI. July 25th, 2021.

Central Reformed Church, Grand Rapids, MI. May 23, 2021.

Northwestern College chapel, IO. September 24, 2019.

Central Reformed Church, Grand Rapids, MI. July 21, 2019.

Freedom Village, Holland, MI. October 28, 2018.

Hope College, Holland, MI. “Vessels of the Word: A Sermon on 1 Peter 3:1-7.” February 21, 2017. Available URL:

<https://blogs.hope.edu/campus-ministries/chapel/wednesday-02-21-2018-han-luen-k-komline/>

Calvary Reformed Church (Calvary on 8th), Holland, MI. “The Priority of the Word: A Sermon on Psalm 119:105.” October 22, 2017.

Wheaton College chapel, Wheaton, IL. “Water: A Sermon on Psalm 42.” October 13, 2017.
Available URL:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J7WLXaaLXkA&list=PL9GwT4_YRZdCMUCpFr7RTXinoya5vFqyg&t=107s&index=1

Service of Ordination and Installation for Betsy Aho, WTS '17. “Ministry in the Body: A Sermon on 2 Corinthians 4:7-18.” The Peoples Church, East Lansing, MI. August 27, 2017.

Freedom Village, Holland, MI. “Living by the Sword: A sermon on Hebrews 4:12.” January 29, 2017.

Freedom Village, Holland, MI. “Preparing the Way: A sermon on Luke 3:1-6.” December 6, 2015.

South Bend Christian Reformed Church, South Bend, IN. July 29, 2012.

South Bend Christian Reformed Church, South Bend, IN. Easter Vigil service, April 23, 2011.

Teaching

Taught Adult Education Class, Central Reformed Church, Grand Rapids, MI. “Going to Church with Augustine.” May 23, 2021.

Pillar Council New-Member Training, “On Being Reformed and Being Shaped by Sacraments,” February 28, 2021.

Taught Children in Worship with David Komline, Pillar Church, Holland, MI. September to November, 2019.

Taught Adult Education Class, 14th Street Christian Reformed Church, Holland, MI. “Going to Church with Augustine.” November 3, 2019.

Taught Session for Adult Discipleship Series, Pillar Church, Holland, MI. Introduction to “Cultivating Humility: A Necessary Virtue for the Common Good.” September 17, 2017.

Taught Adult Education Classes, Pillar Church, Holland, MI.

Two-week segment, “The Story of the Early Church,” as part of a larger series. October 12th and 19th, 2014.

Taught Church School, South Bend Christian Reformed Church, IN.

Taught Senior High Church School, September 2012 to May 2013.

Taught Senior High Church School, September 2011 to May 2012.

Taught Junior High Church School, January 9th-May 15th, 2011.

Taught Adult Education Classes, First Presbyterian Church of Dutch Neck, NJ.

Three-week Advent series. “The Birth of Jesus: Reconsidering the Infancy Narratives.” December 2007.

Six-week series. “Wrestling Reformers: Reformation Theologians Tackle Tough Issues.” February 25th—April 1st 2007.

Four-week Advent series. “An Advent Road Less Traveled.” December 2006.

Six-week series on the Apostles’ Creed. September—October 2006.

Taught English Classes once a month, Chi-Shan Three-Self Church of Yantai, China. Fall 2004—summer 2005. Created flexible lesson plans for students age 5 to adult.

Other Service

Served as Mentor, Ministry Minor Program, Hope College, Fall 2016-Spring 2019.

Served as Mentor to Hope College student through Pillar Church, Fall 2016-Winter 2017.

Planned and led evening prayer and devotional services as part of the worship team at the
Ökumenisches Wohnheim of Heidelberg University, Germany. October 2013-July 2014.

Served on Regular Liturgist rotation at South Bend Christian Reformed Church, IN. 2012-2013.

REFERENCES

Available upon request