

Austin Stevenson

CURRICULUM VITAE

APPOINTMENTS

- 2021–22 **Visiting Lecturer in Theology.** London School of Theology, UK
- 2018–22 **Supervisor in Theology.** Cambridge Faculty of Divinity, UK
- 2019–22 **Affiliated Tutor.** Faraday Institute for Science & Religion, UK
- 2019–20 **Adjunct Lecturer in Theology.** Ridley Hall, Cambridge UK

EDUCATION

- 2017–21 **Ph.D. in Theology.** University of Cambridge, UK
Supervisor: Andrew Davison / Advisor: Ian McFarland
Examiners: David Fergusson and Simon Gaine
Thesis: “The Consciousness of the Historical Jesus: A Thomistic Study in Historiography, Theology, and Metaphysics” doi.org/10.17863/CAM.78757
- 2015–17 **Th.M. in Theology.** Regent College, Vancouver BC, Canada
Supervisor: Hans Boersma / External Examiner: Markus Bockmuehl (Oxford)
Thesis: “The Self-Understanding of Jesus: A Comparison of Aquinas & N.T. Wright.”
- 2013–15 **M.A. in Theology.** Regent College, Vancouver BC, Canada
Final Project: Comprehensive Exams
- 2008–12 **B.M. Worship Arts.** Colorado Christian University, Denver CO, USA
Magna cum laude | Dean’s List 8 Semesters | Trustee Scholar

PUBLICATIONS

Books (Submitted for Review)

1. *The Consciousness of the Historical Jesus: Historiography, Theology, and Metaphysics.* Studies in Systematic Theology (London: T&T Clark). Under Consideration

Peer-Reviewed Articles

2. “‘Concerning that Day and Hour’: In Defence of Patristic Exegesis,” *Journal of Theological Interpretation* (Accepted, Forthcoming).
3. “The Unity of Christ and the Historical Jesus: Aquinas and Locke on Personal Identity,” *Modern Theology* 37:4 (Oct 2021/Online Nov 2020): 851–64. dx.doi.org/10.1111/moth.12663
4. “The Self-Understanding of Jesus: A Metaphysical Reading of Historical Jesus Studies,” *Scottish Journal of Theology* 72 (2019): 291–307. doi.org/10.1017/S0036930619000346

5. “The Eternal Generation of the Son: The Christological Significance for Origen and Nicaea,” *Cruce* 79 (Fall 2015): 13–22.

Edited Works

6. *Theological Genealogies of Modernity*. Special issue of *Modern Theology*. Edited by Darren Sarisky, Pui-Him Ip, and Austin Stevenson (Forthcoming).
7. *New Trinitarian Ontologies*, Volume 2. Edited by John Milbank, Alexander Abecina, and Austin Stevenson. Interventions (Eugene, OR: Wipf and Stock). Under consideration
8. *Noesis Review* Vol. 6 (2019), edited by Austin Stevenson, Alexander Garton, and Jessica Scott.

Non-refereed Journal Articles

9. “Trinitarian Spirit-Christology in Thomas Aquinas: Biblical Hermeneutics and the *munus triplex*,” *Noesis Review* 5 (2018): 71–78.

Media Contributions

10. “‘My body is a temple’: Vaccine hesitancy, religious exemptions, and the integrity of Christian witness,” *ABC Religion & Ethics* (2021)
11. “How Conspiracy Theories Undermine the Common Good,” *ABC Religion & Ethics* (2020)

Book Reviews

12. “Jason T. Eberl, *The Nature of Human Persons: Metaphysics and Bioethics* (Notre Dame University Press, 2020)” *Anglican Theological Review* (In Progress)
13. “*Theosomnia: A Christian Theology of Sleep* by Andrew Bishop (Jessica Kingsley Publishers, London, 2018),” *New Blackfriars* (Forthcoming).
14. “*In Him Was Life: The Person and Work of Christ* by Trevor Hart (Baylor University Press, 2019),” *Church Times* (November 2020).
15. “Sarisky, Darren, *Reading the Bible Theologically*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2019,” *International Journal of Systematic Theology* 22 (August 2020).
16. “*Dual Citizens: Two Natures Christologies and the Jewish Jesus* by Kayko Driedger Hesslein (London: Bloomsbury, 2015),” *Reviews in Religion and Theology* 26 (January 2019): 86–88.
17. “*The Trinitarian Christology of St Thomas Aquinas* by Dominic Legge, O.P. (Oxford: OUP, 2017),” *Reviews in Religion and Theology* 25 (July 2018): 526–28.

Articles In Progress

- “‘Truth is a Mode of Being’: Aquinas on the Participatory Structure of Cognition”
- “Apocalyptic and the Beatific Vision: A Suggestion Regarding Continuity and Reception”

SELECT PRESENTATIONS (*Invited)

1. * “Title TBD.” Aquinas Institute, Thomistic Christology Seminar, Oxford, 9 June 2022.

2. "Apocalyptic and the Beatific Vision." *Society for the Study of Theology* annual conference, University of Warwick, 28-30 March 2022. (Proposal Submitted)
3. "Reconciling History & Theology: The Logic of Assumption and the Grace of Christ." *Reconciliation: SST Post-Grad Conference*, Cambridge, Sept 2021. (Postponed from 2020)
4. Panel Chair: "Reconciliation as Placed: America & Europe," featuring Mark Frankel, Brad McKinnon, and Samuel Efrain Murillo Torres. *Reconciliation*, Cambridge, Sept 2021.
5. "Challenging Borders in Cognitive Theory." *Society for the Study of Theology* annual conference, Nottingham, April 2021. (Postponed from 2020)
6. "Conspiracy Theories, Cooperative Inquiry, and the Common Good." Presented at the Christian Theology Senior Seminar on theological responses to the COVID-19 pandemic, University of Cambridge, 27 May 2020. youtu.be/nEywZonM4wo
7. "Personal Identity and *Hypostasis*: The Christological Crisis of Personhood." *Thomas Aquinas and the Crisis of Christology*, Ave Maria, Florida, 7-8 Feb. 2020. youtu.be/HbdYl9-2iLY
8. "The Participatory Structure of Human Cognition: Creation and Aquinas's Doctrine of Intelligible Species." *Aquinas on Creation and Nature*, Angelicum, Rome, 3-5 Oct. 2019.
9. Panel Chair: "Modern Challenges & Medieval Possibilities," featuring Thomas Joseph White, Philipp Rosemann & Martin Bieler. *New Trinitarian Ontologies*. youtu.be/ekhwNQDDMbc
10. *"The Self-Understanding of Jesus: A Theological Appraisal of Historical Jesus Studies." Cambridge New Testament Graduate Seminar, 8 May 2019.
11. "Christological Logic and the *Scientia Christi*: Aquinas and the Church Fathers on Matthew 24:36." *Society for the Study of Theology* annual conference, University of Warwick, April 2019.
12. "The Ignorance of Christ? Christological Logic & Patristic Interpretations of Mk 13:32." *Aquinas & the Church Fathers*, Toruń, Poland, Apr. 2019. youtu.be/-IKTfVQarnc
13. "Historiography, Metaphysics, and Historical Jesus Studies." 2018 Michaelmas Seminar for *Noesis*: Cambridge Graduate Society for Philosophical Theology & Systematics

TEACHING

Sample Lecture: 'Exploring the Mystery of Christ.' youtu.be/n6u1U0kbKOM

London School of Theology, UK. Visiting Lecturer 2021/22

- *Christology: Ancient & Modern* (Graduate level 7). Course Lecturer. Autumn 2021 [Upcoming]
- *God and Creation* (Undergraduate level 4). Course Lecturer. Winter 2022 [Upcoming]

University of Cambridge, UK. Faculty of Divinity. Undergraduate Courses

- *The Holy Spirit and Christian Experience* (D1d). Assistant course coordinator, 2020-21 [Online]
- *Religious Themes in Literature* (B13). Supervisor, 2018-19, 2020-21, 2021-22
- *Disputed Questions in the Christian Tradition* (C6). Supervisor, 2020-21, 2021-22

- *Sutton Trust Summer School*. Co-coordinator. “Theology & Philosophy,” 9-13 August 2021

Ridley Hall, Cambridge, UK. Undergraduate Course. Validated by the University of Durham

- *Introduction to Christian Doctrine*. Course Lecturer. Winter 2020

Faraday Institute for Science & Religion, Cambridge, UK. Hong Kong University Program.

- *Introduction to Christian Theology*. Lecturer. Autumn 2021 [Synchronous Blended]
- *The Rise of Fundamentalism*. Lecturer. Autumn 2020 [Online] & 2021 [In-Person]
- *The Meaning of Creation in Christian Theology*. Lecturer. Winter 2020

HM Prison, Whitmoore, UK. ‘Learning Together’ Course. cctl.cam.ac.uk/tlif/learning-together

- *Justice & Literature: Dante’s Divine Comedy*. Discussion group leader, Spring 2019.

Regent College, Vancouver BC. Graduate Courses. Graduate Teaching Assistant

- *M.A. Seminar. Doctrine of the Trinity*. Autumn 2015
- *Theology I. God, Creation, Christ & Humanity*. Autumn 2015 & Autumn 2016
- *Theology II. Salvation, Spirit, Church & Eschatology*. Spring 2016 & Spring 2017
- *History of Christian Doctrine*. Spring 2016
- *Tb.M. Seminar. Theological Method: The Analogy of Faith*. Spring 2016

Public Lectures

- “To Write Redemption a Script”: *The Person & Work of Christ*. Parish Study Day. St Bene’t’s Church, Cambridge. [Upcoming]
- “The Fountain Thirsts.” St Savior’s Symposium. Dublin Ireland. 15 Apr. 2021
- “Exploring the Mystery of Christ for Holy Week.” St Alban’s Cathedral, UK, Mar. 2021.
- “Jesus: Mad, Bad, or God in N.T. Wright & Aquinas” St John’s Church, Vancouver, Jan. 2017

Sample Feedback:

- “Austin’s lecture was the best introduction to classical Christology I have heard. He moved with a light touch through some complex areas of thought, picking out the essential points, and illustrating them with simple, striking graphics. He made very helpful connections between the topic of his lecture and other areas in theology and the life of the Church, so that a rich and fruitful discussion naturally followed his presentation”
Fr Conor McDonough OP, Convenor of St Savior’s Symposium
- “[The student reps] asked me to pass on to you their great appreciation of your teaching, which they found informative, encouraging & inspiring in equal measure.”
Senior Administrator, Ridley Hall
- “The marking of the scripts seemed both consistent and fair. The feedback is extensive, both through general comment and specific comment in the body of the essays.”
External Moderator, Ridley Hall

- “Austin did a brilliant job of teaching the material.” / “The lectures were excellent, very knowledgeable and great delivery of the material.”
Students, Ridley Hall
- “Austin’s talk provided a stimulating and thought-provoking addition to St Albans Cathedral’s programme of talks and was especially welcome as it looked ahead to Holy Week, giving both theological and prayerful food for thought. Drawing on visual art and poetry to examine the mystery of Christology, Austin challenged the audience gently and intelligently, inspiring deep and wide-ranging responses from a clearly very engaged audience.”
Caroline Godden, Adult Learning Officer, St Alban’s Cathedral

MINISTRY EXPERIENCE

- 2018– Present **Preaching.** [St Bene’t’s Church, Cambridge.](#)
I am licensed as an occasional preacher at St Bene’t’s Anglican Church. I also lead Bible studies and parish study days. My wife and I run the church’s communications, we designed their [logo & website](#), and we transitioned everything online for COVID.
- 2015–17 **Ministry & Church Involvement.** [St John’s Church, Vancouver.](#)
My wife was on staff as communications director, and I led bible studies, helped with youth ministry, taught adult catechesis classes, and built the church website.
- 2015–17 **Volunteer Ministry.** Musqueam First Nations Reserve, Vancouver, BC
Our weekly efforts, in cooperation with members of the Truth & Reconciliation Commission, focused on supporting a Musqueam-led ministry in the community.
- 2011–13 **Worship Director.** Cornerstone Church, Boulder Colorado, USA
Led and disciplined a team of 75 musicians, planned services, taught music lessons, and undertook pastoral and administrative duties as a full-time member of the pastoral staff.
- 2010–11 **Worship Director.** Watermark Church, Broomfield Colorado, USA
I was on staff as the worship director for the final year of this vibrant church plant from Watermark Community Church, Dallas, that ended up closing its doors in 2011.
- 2008–10 **Worship Director.** New Way Church, Northglenn Colorado, USA
- 2009–12 **University Chapel Worship Leader.** Colorado Christian University, Paid Internship

OTHER RELATED PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2010– Present **Freelance Graphic and Web Designer:** www.austin-stevenson.com/design-portfolio
Branding & promotional materials, website design, videography for clients in the US, UK, Canada, and Hong Kong.
- 2021– Present **Research Assistant to Prof Jeremy Begbie,** Cambridge University & Duke Divinity
Currently helping with the preparation of *Eternally More: Theology and the Arts in a Reductionist Culture* (Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Books, 2023)
- 2019/21 **Research Assistant to Dr Andrew Davison,** University of Cambridge
Created the indexes for Andrew Davison, *Participation in God* (CUP, 2019). Provided feedback, editing, & research for a forthcoming monograph on theology & exobiology.

- 2017–18 **Research Assistant to Prof Hans Boersma**, Regent College.
Assisted with research & editing. Created the bibliography for Hans Boersma, *Seeing God* (Eerdmans, 2018) and the indexes for *Scripture as Real Presence* (Baker Academic, 2017).

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Academy of Religion
American Catholic Philosophical Association
Society for the Study of Theology
Society of Biblical Literature

GRANTS & AWARDS

- 2020/21 ***Reconciliation: SST Post-Grad Conference**, University of Cambridge, Sept 2021
Conference grants totaling £13,727 — DAAD (£5,480); Cambridge Divinity Faculty Trust Fund (£5,347); SST (£1,000); St. John's College (£2,300); Girton College (£100); Cambridge School of the arts & Humanities (£500)
- 2020 **A.C. Macpherson Fund**. Conference Travel Grant: Cam. Divinity Faculty
- 2019 ***Graduate Research Award** (Bryce-Tebb): Girton College, Cambridge. Elected by the governing body of Girton College for graduate research excellence.
- 2019 ***Ruth Whaley Scholarship**: Girton College, Cambridge
- 2019 ***New Trinitarian Ontologies Conference**, University of Cambridge, September 2019
Conference grants totaling £9,850 — Cambridge Faculty of Divinity (£2,500); Pontifical University of the Holy Cross (EUR €4,600); Peterhouse (£2,000); Cambridge Societies Syndicate (£320); St. John's, Queens', St. Edmund's, Magdalene & Emmanuel (£1,100)
- 2019 **Theological Studies Fund**. Conference Travel Grant: Cambridge Divinity
- 2018/19 **Pillman Fund**. Two Conference Travel Grants: Girton College, Cambridge
- 2018 **A.C. Macpherson Fund**. Conference Travel Grant: Cam. Divinity Faculty
- 2017-18 **Jill Vlasto Choral Exhibition**: Girton College, Cambridge
- 2017 ***Ph.D. Research Funding**: The Institute for Religion & Culture
- 2017 ***The Doctrinal Theology Prize**: Regent College
Awarded at convocation to the outstanding student in the Theology program.
- 2013–14 **President's Merit & Entrance Awards**: Regent College
- 2008–12 **Undergraduate Academic & Music Performance Scholarships**: CCU (USD \$72,000)

CONFERENCE PLANNING

- 2021 **Principal Organizer.** *Reconciliation: SST Post-Graduate Conference*, University of Cambridge. September 13–15 (Postponed from 2020). Featuring Janet Soskice, Christoph Schwöbel, Tom Greggs, Anthony Reddie, Sarah Snyder and 50 postgrads.
- 2021 **Graduate Assistant Organizer.** *Theological Genealogies of Modernity*. University of Oxford. July 2021 (Online). Fifteen prominent speakers and over 600 guests. Featuring Brad Gregory, Peter Harrison, Thomas Pfau, Cyril O'Regan, Christine Helmer, etc.
- 2019 **Principal Organizer.** *New Trinitarian Ontologies*, University of Cambridge. Sept. 2019. We gathered 33 prominent speakers and hosted 310 guests from 28 countries. “Undoubtedly...the largest and most prestigious line-up we have seen in a conference run by the faculty” (Dr James Aitken). Our YouTube channel has 815 subscribers and 54,000 views. In the Press: [First Things](#), [Regent College](#)

FACULTY INVOLVEMENT & SERVICE

- Outreach & Recruitment**
- Co-coordinator, Cambridge [Sutton Trust Summer School](#), August 2021.
 - Temporary Outreach Administrator for the [50 Religious Treasures of Cambridge](#). Organized & implemented a 50-week Twitter campaign.
 - Judge for Corpus Christi College Hoskyn Essay Prize for Theology, 2018.
 - Theology Study Day, Harris Westminster Sixth Form, London, March 2018.
- Committees**
- Website and Social Media Working Group (2021).
 - Christian Theology Subject Committee (2018–21). Graduate Representative.
 - Divinity Faculty Learning & Teaching Review (2019). Graduate Representative.
- Faculty Life**
- *Aquinas Reading Group* (2018–21). Led through bks 1-4 of *Summa Contra Gentiles*
 - *Co-Editor of Noesis*, Cambridge Divinity Faculty Graduate Journal (2018-19)
 - Hosting various special lectures from outside scholars I invited to the faculty.
- Referee**
- Peer-reviewer for *Melita Theologica*

REFEREES

- Dr. Andrew Davison** Starbridge Senior Lecturer in Theology and Natural Sciences
(Ph.D. Supervisor) Faculty of Divinity, University of Cambridge, UK
Fellow and D.O.S. in Theology, Corpus Christi College
- Prof. Ian McFarland** Robert W. Woodruff Professor of Theology, Candler School of Theology
(Ph.D. Advisor) (Regius Professor of Divinity, University of Cambridge, UK, 2015–2019)
- Prof. David Fergusson** Regius Professor of Divinity, University of Cambridge, UK
(Ph.D. Examiner)

Prof. Simon Gainé OP (Ph.D. Examiner)	Professor of Theology, Angelicum, Rome Pinckaers Chair in Theological Anthropology & Ethics, Thomistic Institute
Dr. Simeon Zahl (Employer & Mentor)	University Lecturer in Christian Theology Faculty of Divinity, University of Cambridge, UK
Prof. Hans Boersma (Th.M. Supervisor)	St. Benedict Servants of Christ Chair in Ascetical Theology, Nashotah House (J.I. Packer Professor of Theology, Regent College, Vancouver, 2005–2019)