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Assistant Professor of Christian Theology  
Perkins School of Theology  
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## Education

Yale University            Ph.D. (Religious Studies), degree awarded with distinction, May 2009  
New Haven, CT            Title of dissertation: *Trinity, hierarchy, and difference: Mapping the Christian imaginary*

Yale Divinity School    M.A.R. (Philosophy of Religion), *summa cum laude* 2003  
New Haven, CT

La Sierra University    B.A. (Religious Studies/Philosophical Studies), *cum laude* 2001  
Riverside, CA

## Publications

“Sexual difference and trinitarian death: Cross, kenosis, and hierarchy in the *Theo-Drama*,” *Modern Theology* 26:4 (October 2010): 603-631.

“The ultimate consequence of his self-distinction from the Father...?: Difference and Hierarchy in Pannenberg’s Trinity,” *Neue Zeitschrift für Systematische Theologie und Religionsphilosophie* 51 (2009): 383-399.

Review of Marilyn McCord Adams, *Christ and Horrors: The Coherence of Christology* (with response by McCord Adams), in *Conversations in Religion and Theology* 8:1 (2010): 27-34.

Reviews of Ingolf Dalferth, *Malum: Theologische Hermeneutik des Bösen* and Eilert Herms (ed.), *Grund und Gegenstand des Glaubens*, in *Reviews in Religion and Theology* 17:2 (2010): 214-217 and 224-227.

“Bearing true witness,” coauthored with Miroslav Volf, in *The Ten Commandments for Jews, Christians, and Others*, ed. Roger Van Harn (Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans, 2007), 179-193.

## Presentations

“Feminist and womanist approaches to sin,” guest teaching, *A Short History of Sin*, Yale Divinity School, April 7, 2011.

“A Lived Theology of Quotidian Flourishing: Terry Pratchett’s *Discworld*,” Midwest Regional meeting of the American Academy of Religion, April 1, 2011.

“Queer Apocalyptic: Temporality, Futurity, and the Reproduction of God’s Body,” Midwest Regional meeting of the American Academy of Religion, April 2, 2011.

“Through a Critical Mimesis’ to God: A Butlerian Topography of the Trinitarian Imaginary”  
(selections from book), University of Chicago Theology PhD Colloquium, December 1,  
2010.

“Waging Peace by Means of War: Theological Rhetoric and the Rhetoric of Theology,” Midwest  
Regional meeting of the American Academy of Religion, March 27, 2010.

“Queering the Trinitarian Family: A Cultural Politics of the Divine Imaginary,” annual meeting of  
the American Academy of Religion, November 2008.

“Augustine on the Trinity,” invited response, Trinity Conference, Harvard Divinity School, May  
2006.

“Mary Wollstonecraft,” guest lecture, Modern Christian Thought, Yale University, November 2003.

### **Previous professional experience**

2009-2011 *Lilly Fellow in the Humanities and Theology*  
Valparaiso University, Valparaiso, IN

2003-2007 *Teaching assistant*  
Yale University, New Haven, CT  
Courses: Modern Christian Thought, Systematic Theology, Four Atheist Critiques of  
Christian Theism, and Calvin, Edwards, Barth.

*Research assistant*  
2003-2007 Miroslav Volf  
2004 Serene Jones  
2001-2002 Carolyn Sharp

### **Selected honors and awards**

2010 Participant, *Research Seminar in Religion and Sexuality*, June 9-17, Emory University,  
convened by Mark Jordan  
2008-2009 *Robert M. Lylean Prize Dissertation Fellowship*, Yale University (Yale’s second-highest  
dissertation fellowship)  
2007-2008 *Landesstiftung Baden-Württemberg Fellowship* in residence at Eberhard Karls Universität,  
Tübingen, Germany  
2003-2007 Yale University Graduate Fellowship  
2003-2005 *A. Bartlett Giamatti Fellowship*, Yale University Graduate School of Arts and Sciences  
2002 *Tew Prize*, Yale Divinity School  
2001-2003 Various scholarships, Yale Divinity School  
2001 *Outstanding Graduate*, School of Religion, La Sierra University  
2001 *Outstanding Undergraduate Research Paper*, La Sierra University

## **Service**

Speaker at Brent House, the Episcopal Ministry at the University of Chicago, on *Sex and the Altar: Queering the Trinity*, May 25, 2011

Speaker at Church Vocations symposium, Valparaiso University, March 23, 2010

Convener of Theology Discussion Group at Yale, 2006-2009

Graduate Student Assembly representative for Religious Studies, 2004-2005

Graduate student representative during Horace Tracy Pitkin professorship search, 2004

## **Languages**

Fluent Norwegian and German, intermediate French (good reading knowledge), elementary Arabic

## **Professional associations**

American Academy of Religion