

CURRICULUM VITAE

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EDUCATION

Calvin Theological Seminary, Grand Rapids, MI
Ph.D. in Historical Theology and Systematic Theology (2012)
Dissertation title: *In Defense of Leibniz's Theodicy*
Readers: Richard Muller / Donald Rutherford / Ronald Feenstra / Lee Hardy

Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, Deerfield, IL
M.A. in Christian Thought: emphasis in Systematic Theology, cognate in Church History (2004)
Thesis focus: St. Augustine of Hippo and the Problem of Evil
Readers: Kevin Vanhoozer / Douglas Sweeney

Trinity International University, Deerfield, IL
B.A., double major in Philosophy and Humanities (2001)

Maryland Institute College of Art, Baltimore, MD
Major in Fine Arts Painting, minor in Fine Arts Drawing (1996-1998)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

John Brown University, Siloam Springs, AR
Assistant Professor of Religion and Philosophy (beginning Fall 2012)

Trinity International University, Deerfield, IL
Assistant Professor of Biblical and Religious Studies
Courses Taught: Foundations of Integrative Thought (IDS 150); Biblical Interpretation (BI 210); Christian Doctrine (BRS 231); Theology of C. S. Lewis (BRS 350); History of Free Choice and Providence (BRS 350); The Doctrine of the Trinity (BRS 350); Philosophy, Theology, and Film (BRS 350). (Fall 2009 to Spring 2012)

Carthage College, Kenosha, WI

Adjunct Professor

History of Christian Thought (REL 2000). (January-term 2011, Summer 2011, Spring 2012)

Trinity Graduate School, Deerfield, IL

Adjunct Professor

Foundations of Integrative Thought (ID 5001); Foundations of Cultural Engagement (ID 5002). (Fall 2009, Fall 2010, Spring 2012)

Calvin Theological Seminary, Grand Rapids, MI

Adjunct Professor

Research Methodology for Theology (SYTH 485). (Fall 2008)

Calvin College, Grand Rapids, MI

Adjunct Professor

Christianity and Art (IDIS 150); Christian Ethics and Aesthetics (IDIS 150); Idols, Images, and Incarnation (IDIS 150). (January-term 2007, January-term 2008, January-term 2009)

Kuyper College, Grand Rapids, MI

Adjunct Professor

Ancient Philosophy (PH 231). (Fall 2007)

INTERNSHIP SUPERVISION

I have supervised four student internships in the Biblical and Religious Studies department at Trinity International University, and one prior to my time at TIU. Internships involve supervising student work of 15-30 hours per week for 1-2 semesters.

COMMITTEE WORK

Branding Committee (2009 to 2010)

General Education Curriculum Committee (2010)

Innovation Committee (2010 to 2011)

IDS 150 Redesign Committee (2010 to 2011)

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Academy of Religion

American Philosophical Association

Society of Christian Philosophers

Referee, *Modern Theology*

Referee, *Faith and Philosophy*

PUBLICATIONS

BOOKS

The Critique of Kant's Rational Religion, co-author Chris L. Firestone (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press – pending)

Immanuel and Kant, co-editors Chris L. Firestone and James Joiner (Evanston, IL: Northwestern University Press – pending)

The Persistence of the Sacred in Modern Thought, co-edited with Chris L. Firestone (Notre Dame, IN: University of Notre Dame Press, 2012)

In Defense of Kant's Religion, co-author Chris L. Firestone (Bloomington, IN: Indiana University Press, 2008)

INTRODUCTIONS, ESSAYS, AND ARTICLES

“Art Education at the Dawn of the Royal Academy: The First Public Lectures on Art by the Royal Academy, with Emphasis on Sir Joshua Reynolds,” in *Church and School in Early Modern Protestantism*, eds. Jordan Ballor, David Sytsma, and Jason Zuidema (Leiden: Brill, forthcoming).

“Introduction,” co-author Chris L. Firestone and James Joiner, in *Immanuel and Kant* (Evanston, IL: Northwestern University Press – pending)

“Adam Kadmon and Kant's Prototypical Theology,” in *Immanuel and Kant* (Evanston, IL: Northwestern University Press – pending)

“Kant's Prototypical Theology,” revised and reprinted in *Immanuel and Kant* (Evanston, IL: Northwestern University Press – pending)

“Introduction,” co-author Chris L. Firestone, in *The Persistence of the Sacred in Modern Thought* (Notre Dame, IN: University of Notre Dame Press, 2012)

“Leibniz and the Augustinian Tradition,” in *The Persistence of the Sacred in Modern Thought* (Notre Dame, IN: University of Notre Dame Press, 2012)

“Protestant Scholasticism and the Philosophy of Gottfried Leibniz,” in *Die Philosophie der Reformierten*, eds. Günter Frank and Herman Selderhuis (Stuttgart: Frommann-Holzboog, 2012)

“A Reply to Critics of *In Defense of Kant’s Religion*,” *Faith and Philosophy* 29:2 (March, 2012)

“How are Christians to be Stewards of Art?” *Journal of Markets and Morality* 12:2 (2009)

“In Answer to Calvin Seerveld on Christian Stewardship of Art,” *Journal of Markets and Morality* 12:2 (2009)

“Contra Clayton: Toward an Augustinian Philosophy of Organism,” *Faith and Philosophy* 25:4 (October, 2008)

“On ‘Not Three Gods’—Again: Can a Primary-Secondary Substance Reading of *Ousia* and *Hypostasis* Avoid Tritheism?” *Modern Theology* 24:3 (July, 2008)

“Kant’s *Apologia*: A Look at the Usefulness of Kantian Insights for Christian Thought,” *Philosophia Christi* 9:1 (2007)

“Kant on the Christian Religion,” co-authored with Chris L. Firestone, *Philosophia Christi* 9:1 (2007)

“Kant’s Prototypical Theology: Transcendental Incarnation as a Rational Foundation for God-Talk,” in *Kant and the New Philosophy of Religion*, eds. Chris L. Firestone and Stephen R. Palmquist (Bloomington, IN: Indiana University Press, 2006)

TRANSLATIONS

Paul Tillich, “The Category of the ‘Holy’ in Rudolf Otto,” co-translator Chris L. Firestone, in Chris L. Firestone, *Kant and Theology at the Boundaries of Reason* (Aldershot: Ashgate Publishing, 2009)

Paul Tillich, “Rudolf Otto—Philosopher of Religion,” co-translator Chris L. Firestone, in Chris L. Firestone, *Kant and Theology at the Boundaries of Reason* (Aldershot: Ashgate Publishing, 2009)

BOOK REVIEWS

David S. Pacini, *Through Narcissus’ Glass Darkly: The Modern Religion of Conscience* (New York: Fordham University Press, 2008), in *Kantian Review* 15:1 (2010)

CONFERENCE PAPERS

“Bridging the Divide: From Academia to Hollywood, and Beyond,” co-presenter Chris L. Firestone, *Hawaii University International Conference on Arts and Humanities* (Hawaii, 2012)

“On the Supposed Rationalism of G. W. Leibniz: A Look at the Medieval and Reformed Scholastic Roots of Leibniz’s Philosophy,” *Sixteenth Century Studies Conference: Princeton Theological Seminary Panel* (Fort Worth, TX: October, 2011)

“Raising the Mentorship Bar: How to Mold Novices into Experts in One Class,” co-presenter Chris L. Firestone, *Associated Colleges of the Chicago Area: Scholarship of Pedagogy Symposium* (River Forest, IL: October, 2011)

“What Hath Königsberg to Do with Byzantium? An Eastern Reply to the Problem of Post-Kantian Theology,” *International Congress of Medieval Studies* (Kalamazoo, MI: May, 2010)

“A Summary of *In Defense of Kant’s Religion*,” *American Academy of Religion: Annual Meeting: Society of Christian Philosophers: Symposium on In Defense of Kant’s Religion* (Montreal: 2009)

“Reply to Critics of *In Defense of Kant’s Religion*,” *American Academy of Religion: Annual Meeting: Society of Christian Philosophers: Symposium on IDKR* (Montreal: 2009)

“Leibniz and the Reformed Scholastics,” *Reformierte Philosophie in der Frühen Neuzeit* (Bretten/Germany: May, 2009)

“A Response to Terry Muck,” *Trinity Consultation on Post-Christendom Spiritualities* (Deerfield, IL: October, 2008)

“Teaching Philosophy by Making One’s Classroom a Shared-Life Experience: An Interview with Nathan Jacobs,” co-author Chris L. Firestone, *Associated Colleges of the Chicago Area: Scholarship of Pedagogy Symposium* (Romeoville, IL: October, 2007)

“Contra Clayton: Toward an Augustinian Philosophy of Organism,” *American Academy of Religion: Midwest Regional Meeting* (River Forest, IL: 2007)

“Contesting Clayton: A Critique of Philip Clayton’s Emergent Panentheism,” *American Academy of Religion: Midwest Regional Meeting* (River Forest, IL: 2007)

“On the Only Possible Reading of Kant’s *Religion within the Boundaries of Mere Reason*: Books One and Two,” *Society of Christian Philosophers: Special Meeting* (Houghton, NY: 2006)

“On the Only Possible Reading of Kant’s *Religion within the Boundaries of Mere Reason*: Book Three,” co-author Chris L. Firestone, *Society of Christian Philosophers* (Houghton, NY: 2006)

“Kant’s *Apologia*,” *American Academy of Religion: Annual Meeting* (Philadelphia, PA: 2005)

“Augustine and Augustinianism,” *Evangelical Philosophical Society* (Denver, CO: 2001)

“Meet Chauncey Gardner: A Discussion of Theological Anthropology,” *American Academy of Religion: Midwest Regional Meeting* (Chicago, IL: 2000)

“The Groundwork for a Theodicy,” *American Academy of Religion: Annual Meeting: Evangelical Theology Group* (Nashville, TN: 2000)

HONORS

Fellowship from the Acton Institute/Liberty Fund (Oct, 2011)

Kern Fellow from the Kern Foundation (May, 2009 and May, 2010)

Book Prize Nominee by American Philosophical Association for *In Defense of Kant’s Religion* (2009)

Book Prize Nominee by the American Academy of Religion for *In Defense of Kant’s Religion* (2009)

Institutional Assistantship from Calvin Theological Seminary (Fall 2007 to Spring 2009)

Muller Fellowship from Calvin Theological Seminary (Fall 2005 to Spring 2007)

Dean’s Scholarship from Trinity International University (Fall 2001 to Spring 2003)

Senior Philosophy Award from the Trinity International University (May, 2001)

Dean’s Scholarship from Trinity International University (Fall 1999 to Spring 2001)

President’s Scholarship from the Maryland Institute College of Art (Fall 1996 to Spring 1998)

REFERENCES

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