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**EDUCATION**

**Ph.D.**, 2020, Theological Ethics, University of Exeter, Devon, UK  
Dissertation: “Cursing with God: The Imprecatory Psalms and the Ethics of Christian Prayer”  
Supervisors: Esther Reed, Ph.D. and Louise Lawrence, Ph.D.

**M.A.**, 2013, Christian Thought, Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, Charlotte, NC  
*Summa Cum Laude*

**B.A.**, 2009, Religion, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL  
*Cum Laude*  
Valedictorian (College of Liberal Arts and Sciences)

**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

**Cateclesia Institute**, Winston-Salem, NC **2019–Present**  
**Executive Director**

**Centre for the Study of Bible and Violence**, Bristol, UK **2019–Present**  
**Research Associate**

**CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION**

Convener, Traditional Biblical Hermeneutical Approaches session, Annual Conference of the Centre for the Study of Bible and Violence, May 28, 2021, Virtual.

“Let Sinners Be Consumed: The Curious Conclusion of Psalm 104,” Annual Meeting of the Evangelical Theological Society, Psalms and Hebrew Poetry session, November 17, 2020, Virtual.

Co-moderator (with Helen Paynter), three-year study group on Biblical Violence, Institute for Biblical Research, 2020–2022.

“The Christ of the Curses: The Christological Polyvalence of the Imprecatory Psalms,” Annual Meeting of the Evangelical Theological Society, Old Testament: Psalms session, November 20, 2019, San Diego, CA.

Chair, Myth and Modern Violence session, Centre for the Study of Bible and Violence Inaugural Symposium, June 17, 2019, Bristol, UK.

“Violent Prayers of Love: An Ethical (Re)Assessment of the Imprecatory Psalms,” Centre for the Study of Bible and Violence Inaugural Symposium, June 17, 2019, Bristol, UK.

“Christian Imprecation and the Law of Enemy Love,” 24<sup>th</sup> Joint Postgraduate Conference on Theology and Religion, April 27, 2019, Exeter, UK.

- “Serpent Seed and Son of God: The Enemy and Imprecator in the Psalms of Vengeance,” Annual Meeting of the Evangelical Theological Society, Biblical Theology session, November 13, 2018, Denver, CO.
- “Into the Hands of God: Assessing Relinquishment Readings of the Imprecatory Psalms,” 23<sup>rd</sup> Joint Postgraduate Conference on Theology and Religion, April 28, 2018, Exeter, UK.
- “The Trinitarian Shape of God’s Works: A Pastoral Perspective,” Southern Evangelical Seminary Academic Conference, February 15, 2013, Charlotte, NC.

## PUBLICATIONS

### BOOKS

*The Story of the Word: Meditations on the Narrative of Scripture* (Eugene, OR: Wipf and Stock, 2017).

### EDITED VOLUMES

With Helen Paynter, *Hermeneutics of Violence: Creative Explorations in the Violent Texts of Scripture* (Sheffield Phoenix Press, under contract).

### CHAPTERS IN EDITED VOLUMES

- “Violent Prayers of Love: An Ethical (Re)Assessment of the Imprecatory Psalms,” in *Hermeneutics of Violence: Creative Explorations in the Violent Texts of Scripture*, ed. Helen Paynter and Trevor Laurence (Sheffield Phoenix Press, under contract).
- “Let Sinners Be Consumed: The Curious Conclusion of Psalm 104,” in *Hermeneutics of Violence: Creative Explorations in the Violent Texts of Scripture*, ed. Helen Paynter and Trevor Laurence (Sheffield Phoenix Press, under contract).

### ARTICLES

“Serpent Seed and Son of God: The Enemy and the Imprecator in the Psalms of Vengeance,” *Criswell Theological Review* 17, no. 2 (Spring 2020): 93–121.

### BOOK REVIEWS

- Amanda W. Benckhuysen, *The Gospel According to Eve: A History of Women’s Interpretation* in *JETS* 63, no. 2 (June 2020): 352–4.
- Allan J. McNicol, *The Persistence of God’s Endangered Promises: The Bible’s Unified Story* in *RBL* (2020), <https://www.bookreviews.org/bookdetail.asp?TitleId=12107>.
- Helen Paynter, *God of Violence Yesterday, God of Love Today? Wrestling Honestly with the Old Testament* in *JETS* 62, no. 4 (December 2019): 815–7.
- O. Palmer Robertson, *The Christ of Wisdom: A Redemptive-Historical Exploration of the Wisdom Books of the Old Testament* in *JETS* 61, no. 1 (March 2018): 165–7.
- Gregory A. Boyd, *The Crucifixion of the Warrior God: Interpreting the Old Testament’s Violent Portraits of God in Light of the Cross* in *Themelios* 42, no. 3 (December 2017): 557–61.

### POPULAR ARTICLES

“The Prayers of the Saints and the Judgment of God,” Centre for the Study of Bible and Violence, July 13, 2020, <https://www.csbvbristol.org.uk/2020/07/13/the-prayers-of-the-saints-and-the-judgment-of-god/>.

- “Pentecost Was First of the Last Days,” The Gospel Coalition, May 17, 2018,  
<https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/article/pentecost-first-of-the-last-days/>.
- “How the Baptism of Jesus Echoed the Future,” The Gospel Coalition, March 30, 2018,  
<https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/article/how-jesus-baptism-echoed-future/>.
- “3 Dangers of Preaching in a Digital Age,” The Gospel Coalition, July 29, 2016,  
<https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/article/3-dangers-of-preaching-in-a-digital-age/>.

## **INTERVIEWS AND APPEARANCES**

- “Episode 393: Paul on Malta and in Rome (Acts 28),” Theopolis Podcast, December 16, 2020,  
<https://soundcloud.com/user-812874628/episode-393-paul-on-malta-and-in-rome-acts-28>.
- “Episode 391: Paul Sails for Rome and Is Shipwrecked (Acts 27),” Theopolis Podcast,  
 December 10, 2020, <https://soundcloud.com/user-812874628/episode-391-paul-sails-for-rome-and-is-shipwrecked-acts-27>.
- “The Imprecatory Psalms with Trevor Laurence,” Mere Fidelity, January 15, 2020,  
<https://mereorthodoxy.com/imprecatory-psalms-trevor-laurence/>.

## **MINISTRY EXPERIENCE**

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| <b>Trinity Church of Winston-Salem, PCA, Winston-Salem, NC</b> | <b>2016–Present</b> |
| <b>Ruling Elder</b>  |                     |
| <b>Trinity Church of Winston-Salem, PCA, Winston-Salem, NC</b> | <b>2012–2016</b>    |
| <b>Pastor</b>  |                     |

## **AWARDS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

- Gingko Fellowship, 2018–2019**
- Todd E. Carrouth Scholarship, 2011, 2012**
- National Merit Scholarship, 2006**

## **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

- Institute for Biblical Research, 2020–Present**
- Society of Biblical Literature, 2019–Present**
- Evangelical Theological Society, 2017–Present**