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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

The King’s College, New York, NY **2022–2023**
Lecturer of Biblical Studies

PUBLICATIONS

BOOKS

He Trains My Hands for War: Divine Judgment and the Sons of God (Bellingham, WA: Lexham Press, under contract).

The Imprecatory Psalms: A Christian Guide to Cursing with God, Theopolis Explorations (West Monroe, LA: Athanasius Press, under contract).

Cursing with God: The Imprecatory Psalms and the Ethics of Christian Prayer (Waco, TX: Baylor University Press, 2022).

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

EDITED VOLUMES

With Helen Paynter, *Windows on Biblical Violence: Speech Acts, Satire, and Intertextuality* (Sheffield: Sheffield Phoenix Press, under contract).

With Helen Paynter, *Violent Biblical Texts: New Approaches*, Bible in the Modern World 80, Sheffield Centre for Interdisciplinary Biblical Studies 4 (Sheffield: Sheffield Phoenix Press, 2022).

EDITED SERIES

With Helen Paynter, Michael Spalione, and Brandon Hurlbert, *The Bible and Violence* (Abingdon: Routledge, under contract).

CHAPTERS IN EDITED VOLUMES

“Violence in Exodus 19–40,” in *The Bible and Violence*, ed. Johanna Stiebert, Johnathan Jodamus, Chris Greenough, and Mmapula Kebaneilwe (London: Bloomsbury T&T Clark, under contract).

“Introduction: The Conditions of Interpretation and the Tools of the Trade,” in *Violent Biblical Texts: New Approaches*, ed. Trevor Laurence and Helen Paynter, Bible in the Modern World 80, Sheffield Centre for Interdisciplinary Biblical Studies 4 (Sheffield: Sheffield Phoenix Press, 2022).

“Violent Prayers of Love: An Ethical (Re)Assessment of the Imprecatory Psalms,” in *Violent Biblical Texts: New Approaches*, ed. Trevor Laurence and Helen Paynter, Bible in the Modern World 80, Sheffield Centre for Interdisciplinary Biblical Studies 4 (Sheffield: Sheffield Phoenix Press, 2022).

“Let Sinners Be Consumed: The Curious Conclusion of Psalm 104,” in *Violent Biblical Texts: New Approaches*, ed. Trevor Laurence and Helen Paynter, Bible in the Modern World 80, Sheffield Centre for Interdisciplinary Biblical Studies 4 (Sheffield: Sheffield Phoenix Press, 2022).

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

William J. Webb and Gordon K. Oeste, *Bloody Brutal and Barbaric? Wrestling with Troubling War Texts* in *JSBV* (forthcoming).

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.

PRESENTATIONS AND CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

- “The Washing of the World: A Cultic Reading of Genesis 6–9,” paper accepted for the Annual Meeting of the Institute for Biblical Research, Biblical Violence research group, November 17–18, 2023, San Antonio, TX.
- “The Slaughter at Sinai: Sacred Space and Priestly Service in Exodus 32,” paper accepted for the Annual Meeting of the Evangelical Theological Society, Biblical Theology session, November 14–16, 2023, San Antonio, TX.
- Co-moderator (with Helen Paynter), Biblical Violence research group, Institute for Biblical Research, 2020–Present.
- “The Cultic Commission: Genesis Overtures toward a Biblical Theology of Human Mediation of Divine Judgment,” Invited paper, Trinity Bristol/Bristol Baptist College Old Testament Conference, January 12, 2023, Virtual.
- “To Serve and Subdue: Human Mediation of Divine Judgment in Biblical Theological Outline,” Annual Meeting of the Evangelical Theological Society, Biblical Theology session, November 15, 2022, Denver, CO.
- “Singing for Justice: The Imprecatory Psalms and Corporate Worship,” Liturgy Collective, October 13, 2022, Nashville, TN.
- “Singing the Future: Learning to Hope in the School of the Psalms,” Theopolis Institute Ministry Conference, July 18, 2022, Birmingham, AL.
- Moderator, Panel Discussion: Criminal Justice and the Church, Annual Conference of the Centre for the Study of Bible and Violence, May 25, 2022, Virtual.
- Moderator, Panel Discussion: Restorative Justice—Should the Church Get Involved?, Annual Conference of the Centre for the Study of Bible and Violence, May 24, 2022, Virtual.
- “A Stilled Storm and the End of Exile: The Intertextual Matrix of Christ’s Rebuke of the Sea,” presentation to the Trinity College and Bristol Baptist College research seminar, January 27, 2022, Virtual.
- Moderator, Biblical Theology session, Annual Meeting of the Evangelical Theological Society, November 18, 2021, Fort Worth, TX.
- “A Stilled Storm and the End of Exile: The Intertextual Matrix of Christ’s Rebuke of the Sea,” Annual Meeting of the Evangelical Theological Society, Biblical Theology session, November 18, 2021, Fort Worth, TX.
- Convener, Traditional Biblical Hermeneutical Approaches sessions, Third Annual Symposium of the Centre for the Study of Bible and Violence, May 25 and 28, 2021, Virtual.
- “The Cosmic Temple and Biblical Violence,” presentation to the Centre for the Study of Bible and Violence Student Seminar, May 11, 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.
- “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,” 24th 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,” 23rd 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.

MINISTRY EXPERIENCE

Trinity Church of Winston-Salem, PCA, Winston-Salem, NC
Ruling Elder
Pastor

2016–Present
2012–2016

AWARDS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

James B. Jordan Prize, 2021

Ginkgo 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