

Curriculum Vitae

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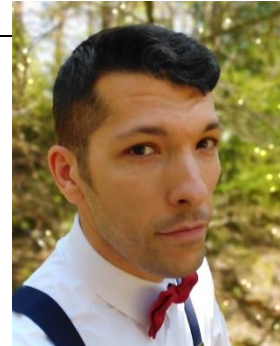
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Nationality: German

Family Status: Married, three children



Current Position

Since 04/2017

Templeton Research Fellow, International Academy of Philosophy (IAP) in the Principality of Liechtenstein

- Research Project: “The Openness of the Universe for Free Will and Special Divine Action”
- Project Leader: Prof. Dr. Dr. Daniel von Wachter
- Position generously funded by *The John Templeton Foundation*

Education

01/2014 – 12/2017

Queen’s University Belfast (QUB), Northern Ireland

- *Doctor of Philosophy* (PhD), supervised by Prof. Dr. Stephen N. Williams and Dr. Cynthia Bennett Brown
- Dissertation: “In the Face of Death: Helmut Thielicke’s Theology in Light of His ‘Eschatological Existence’”

09/2012 – 12/2013

Queen’s University Belfast (QUB), Northern Ireland

- *Master of Theology* (MTh (Dist)), supervised by Dr. Graham Cheesman
- Graduation *with distinction*
- Thesis: “Teaching Theology in a Postmodern Environment”

10/2007 – 07/2012

Global University, Springfield, Missouri, USA

- *Bachelor of Arts in Bible and Theology, Honors* (BA (Hons)), by correspondence course
- Graduation with *summa cum laude* (Grade Point Average: 3.91)
- Honors Thesis: “The Ontological Foundation of Morality: A Small Investigation into Moral Being and Acting with and without God”

Areas of Competence & Interest

- * *Systematic Theology*
- * *Ethics & Theological Anthropology*
- * *Philosophy of Religion*
- * *Historical Theology & Church History*
- * *History of Philosophy*
- * *Apologetics*
- * *Philosophy of Education & Spiritual Formation*

Publications

Authored Books

- * *In the Face of Death – Thielicke: Theologian, Preacher, Boundary Rider.* Eugene, OR: Pickwick, 2019.

Journal Articles

- * “Widerstand und Verblendung? Helmut Thielicke's Stellung zum Dritten Reich vor und nach 1945: eine Neubewertung anhand unbeachteter Quellen,” in *Kirchliche Zeitgeschichte – Internationale Zeitschrift für Theologie und Geschichtswissenschaft* [*Contemporary Church History – International Journal for Theology and History*], forthcoming.
- * “C. S. Lewis and Helmut Thielicke on Divine (and Human) Personhood,” currently submitted for publication.

Online Articles

- * “On the unity of theological education – A critical appraisal of Gordon T. Smith's article ‘Spiritual Formation in the Academy: A Unifying Model.’” Published 10 October 2013. <http://theologicaleducation.net/articles/view.htm?id=253>.

Edited Projects

- * Editor of the German translation of Richard Swinburne, *The Coherence of Theism: Second Edition*; to be published in autumn 2019.
- * Editor of the German translation of John Martin Fischer, Robert Kane, Derek Pereboom, and Manuel Vargas, *Four Views on Free Will*; to be published in autumn 2019.

Book Reviews

- * William Lane Craig, *The Atonement* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2018), forthcoming.
- * Johannes Fried, *Kein Tod auf Golgatha: Auf der Suche nach dem überlebenden Jesus* (München: C. H. Beck, 2019), in *Glauben und Denken heute*, forthcoming.
- * Craig A. Boyd and Don Thorsen, *Christian Ethics and Moral Philosophy: An Introduction to Issues and Approaches* (Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Academic, 2018), in *Diakrisis* 1/2019; and *Studies in Christian Ethics*, forthcoming.
- * C. Stephen Evans, *A History of Western Philosophy: From the Pre-Socratics to Postmodernism* (Downers Grove, IL: IVP Academic, 2018), in *European Journal of Theology* 1/2019; and *Arbeitskreis für evangelikale Theologie (AfeT)* [German Association of Evangelical Theologians], <https://rezensionen.afet.de/>.

Academic Papers & Other Presentations

- * “Is the doctrine of an intrinsically suffering God panentheistic?” Paper to be given at the 2019 Ian Ramsey Centre Summer Conference “Compassion and Theodicy: Practice, Thought & Tradition” on 20 July 2019 at Eynsham Hall, Oxford, England.
- * “In God’s Name? Crusades, Witch-Hunts, Inquisitions: A Church Historical Apologetic.” Workshop given at the *European Leadership Forum (ELF)* on 18-23 May 2019 at the Gołębiowski Hotel in Wisła, Poland.
- * “*Persona est relatio?* C. S. Lewis and Helmut Thielicke on Divine (and Human) Personhood.” Paper given at the Fourth Interdisciplinary Conference “C. S. Lewis and Kindred Spirits” on 23 November 2018 at the University of Iași, Romania.
- * “In the Face of Death: The Role of ‘Borderline Situation’ in the Ethics of Helmut Thielicke.” Paper given at the 2018 Annual Conference “Living and Dying” of the *Society for the Study in Christian Ethics (SSCE)* on 9 September 2018 at St. John’s College, Durham University, England.
- * “Embodied Virtues: What Hebrew *hokhmah* (wisdom) can teach us about moral education.” Paper given at the International Conference “Virtue and Moral Education” on 18 May 2018 at the University of Gdańsk, Poland.
- * “Sind die Evangelien historisch zuverlässig?” [“Are the Gospels historically reliable?”] Presentation given for the general public at invitation of the *Bamler-Gehret Foundation* on 17 October 2016 at the IMS Center in Blaibach, Germany.
- * “Theology in the Face of Death: Existential *Anfechtung* as Determining Factor in the Thought of Helmut Thielicke.” Paper given at the *Religious Studies Research Forum* on 16 December 2015 at Queen’s University, Belfast, Northern Ireland.
- * “Thielicke as systematic theologian on death and suffering.” Paper given at the *Postgraduate Theology Seminar* on 17 April 2015 at Edgehill College, Belfast, Northern Ireland.

- * “Love Your God With All Your Mind.” Presentation given as reflection speaker for the undergraduate students on 21 June 2013 at the graduation ceremony of *Global University/ICI* in Springfield, MI, USA.

Other Professional Activities

- * Moderator of the main panel discussion at the conference “Ist Theologie eine Wissenschaft?” [“Is Theology a Science?”] on 13 September 2019 at the Staatsunabhängige Theologische Hochschule (STH) Basel, Switzerland.
- * Chairperson for all papers given at the IAP Conference “Free Will and Divine Action” on 21–23 August 2019 at Schloss Fürstenried in Munich, Germany.
- * Co-organizer of the 2nd IAP “Disputation Training” for students of philosophy and theology on 12–14 March 2019 at the IAP in Mauren, Liechtenstein.
- * Chairperson for all papers given at the IAP Conference “Causality, Free Will, Special Divine Action” on 13–15 September 2017 at the University of Vienna, Austria.
- * Master of Ceremonies at the Honorary Doctorate Conferring Ceremony for Prof. Richard Swinburne on 12 September 2017 at the Billrothhaus in Vienna, Austria. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=23pF-CGFJlg>.
- * Year-Round Mentoring in Organisational Development 2019/20 under the auspices of Jerry Twombly to pursue the professional development certification CDP (Certified Development Professional)
- * In training to become a local chapter director for Reasonable Faith, the apologetics ministry of Prof. Dr. Dr. William Lane Craig (www.reasonablefaith.org).

Miscellaneous Activities

- * Active member of the kids’ ministry team in the local church.
- * Five-day study trip to Auschwitz-Birkenau, Oświęcim, Poland, in July 2016.
- * Five-day study trip to Auschwitz-Birkenau, Oświęcim, Poland, in July 2012.
- * Founder and leader of an interdenominational Christian youth ministry for local churches in the Bavarian Forest from July 2007 until July 2012.
- * Youth worker within schools and the community in Rochdale and Croydon, England, from January 2005 until July 2007.
- * Football goalkeeper for various semiprofessional teams in the Bavarian Forest until 2011.

Memberships

- * Evangelical Philosophical Society (EPS) in the United States
- * Society for the Study of Christian Ethics (SSCE) in the United Kingdom
- * Association of Evangelical Theologians (AfeT) in Germany

Referees (contact details upon request)

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| * Prof. Daniel von Wachter | * Dr. Graham Cheesman |
| * Prof. Stephen N. Williams | * Dr. Mike Clark |

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