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EDUCATION

2027 Ph.D. Candidate (ABD), New Testament and Christian Origins, The University of Edinburgh
Dissertation: *The Politeia of Christ: The Gentile Problem in Ephesians*
Advisor: Paul Foster, PhD
Secondary Advisor: J. Thomas Hewitt, PhD

2020 M.T.S. New Testament, Duke University, Summa Cum Laude
Thesis: “Patronal Loyalty and the Hope of Salvation: Divine Patronage, Eschatological Hope and the Success of Paul’s Mission in Thessalonica”
Supervisor: J. Ross Wagner, PhD

2017 B.A. Biblical Studies, Lancaster Bible College, Summa Cum Laude
Delta Epsilon Chi Honor Society

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2023-Present Instructor, UMC Course of Study, The Divinity School, Duke University
Bible III: The Gospels

2021-Present Graduate Teaching Assistant, The Divinity School, Duke University
New Testament Interpretation (2026, Residential, Lead Preceptor) – Principal Instructor: J. Ross Wagner, PhD
Theology of Christian Leadership (2025, Hybrid, DMin) – Principal Instructor: The Very Rev’d Timothy Kimbrough
New Testament Interpretation (2025, Residential) – Principal Instructor: J. Ross Wagner, PhD
The Anglican Tradition (2025, Residential) – Principal Instructor: The Very Rev’d Timothy Kimbrough
Christian Theology (2024, Hybrid) – Principal Instructor: Jeremy Begbie, PhD
The Book of Common Prayer and the Principles of Anglican Worship (2024, Residential) – Principal Instructor: The Very Rev. Timothy Kimbrough
New Testament Interpretation (2024, Residential) – Principal Instructor: J. Ross Wagner, PhD
New Testament Interpretation (2023, Residential/Hybrid) – Principal Instructor: J. Ross Wagner, PhD
Old Testament Interpretation I (2022, Hybrid) – Principal Instructor: Anathea Portier-Young, PhD
Old Testament in the New Testament (2022, Residential) – Principal Instructor: J. Ross Wagner, PhD
New Testament Interpretation (2022, Residential) – Principal Instructor: J. Ross Wagner, PhD
Anglican Tradition (2021, Residential) – Principal Instructor: Christopher Beeley, PhD
English Exegesis of Luke (2021, Residential) – Principal Instructor: David A. Smith, PhD

2023-2024 Upper School Humanities Instructor, Cresset Christian Academy
6th Grade World History; 7th Grade World History; 9th Grade Cultural Geography

PUBLICATIONS

Book Reviews

2026 “Reading Paul as Christian Scripture: A Literary, Canonical, and Theological Introduction (Review).” *Religious Studies Review* (forthcoming).

2026 “Paul and His Rivals: Apostleship and Antagonism in the Corinthian Correspondence (Review).” *Religious Studies Review* (forthcoming).

2026 “Paul: Apostle of Grace (Review).” *Religious Studies Review* (forthcoming).

2026 “The Commentarial Impulse: Interpretation and Actualization in the Pauline Tradition (Review).” *Religious Studies Review* (forthcoming).

2025 “Counting Paul: Scientificity, Fuzzy Math, and Ideology in Pauline Studies (Review).” *Religious Studies Review* (forthcoming).

2025 “The Life of Thecla: Apocryphal Expansion in Late Antiquity (Review).” *Religious Studies Review* (forthcoming).

2025 “Those for Whom the Lamp Shines: The Making of Egyptian Ethnic Identity in Late Antiquity (Review).” *Religious Studies Review* 50.4 (2025).

2025 “The Apostle to the Foreskin: Circumcision in the Letters of Paul (Review).” *Religious Studies Review* 50.4 (2025).

2024 “The Apostle and the Empire: Paul’s Implicit and Explicit Criticism of Rome (Review).” *Religious Studies Review* 50.1 (2024).

2024 “Divination and Philosophy in the Letters of Paul (Review).” *Religious Studies Review* 50.1 (2024).

2023 “Isaiah’s Servant in Paul: The Hermeneutics and Ethics of Paul’s Use of Isaiah 49–54 (Review).” *Religious Studies Review* 49.2 (2023).

2023 “The Curse Motif in Galatians: An Investigation into Paul’s Rhetorical Strategies (Review).” *Religious Studies Review* 49.2 (2023).

2023 “The Origin and Persistence of Evil in Galatians (Review).” *Religious Studies Review* 49.2 (2023).

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS & INVITED LECTURES

2024 “Gentiles and the Politeia of Israel: The Jewish *Politeia* in Ephesians, Philo and Josephus,” British New Testament Society Conference, Glasgow, Scotland, 24 August , 2024

2022 “Isaiah’s Servant in Matthew,” Guest Lecture for Prof. J. Ross Wagner’s “The Old Testament in the New” (OT 817/NT 817), Duke Divinity School, 8 November, 2022

MEDIA APPEARANCES

2024 “Unlocking 1 Thessalonians: Greek Insights and Early Christian Context,” Exploring the Language of Scripture Podcast, 11 December, 2024

ADDITIONAL WORK EXPERIENCE

2019-Present Admissions Consultant, Solomon Admissions Consulting

2018-2019 First Reader, Duke University, Office of Undergraduate Admissions

2017 Youth Ministry Assistant, Grace Redeemer Church

2016-2018 Chaplain, The Bowery Mission

FELLOWSHIPS, AWARDS, & DISTINCTIONS

2020 *Summa Cum Laude*, Duke University

2019-2020 Academic Merit Scholarship, Duke University

2017	<i>Summa Cum Laude</i> , Lancaster Bible College
2017	Delta Epsilon Chi Honor Society

LANGUAGES

Ancient:

Koine Greek (Advanced)
Hebrew (Basic)
Coptic (Basic)

Modern:

English (Native, First Language)
Spanish (Advanced)
German (Intermediate)
French (Basic)

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Online Course Management: Sakai, Canvas
Data Management: Microsoft Office Suite, Google Suite
Research: Logos Bible Software, ATLA

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

2019-present Society of Biblical Literature
2021-present North American Patristics Society
2021-present North American Society for the Study of Christian Apocryphal Literature
2021-present British New Testament Society

REFERENCES

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