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## **Education**

Drew University, Madison, NJ, Ph.D. in Theological and Religious Studies, 2002  
Drew University, M. Phil., 1995.  
Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, M. Div., emphasis in Urban Ministry, 1994.  
The Citadel, B.S., Biology, 1987.

**Dissertation:** The Role of the Holy Spirit in Creation and History with special reference to Abraham Kuyper  
Committee Chair: Donald Dayton

**Comprehensive Exam Areas:** John Calvin  
Neopragmatism in Richard Rorty and Cornel West  
Public Theology  
Abraham Kuyper and Sphere Sovereignty.

## **Faculty Positions**

Professor of Theology, Wheaton College, Wheaton, IL, 2021-  
Associate Professor of Theology, Wheaton College, Wheaton, IL, 2006-2021.  
Assistant Professor of Theology, Wheaton College, Wheaton, IL, 2002-2006.  
Visiting Assistant Professor of Theology, Wheaton College, Wheaton, IL, 2000-2001.  
Adjunct Professor, Fuller Theological Seminary (Summers), 2004-  
Adjunct Professor, Kilns College, 2017-  
Adjunct Professor, Northern Baptist Theological Seminary, 2009-2014  
Teaching Assistant, Department of Theology, New York Theological Seminary, 1996-97.

## **Courses Taught**

Christian Thought (2 and 4 hour versions)  
Christian Theology (Wheaton College, Northern Seminary)  
Christian Traditions (MABS program)  
Freshman Experience  
Faith and Globalization  
God/Bible/Holy Spirit (Cru IBS)  
Gospel, Church and Culture  
Theology of the Holy Spirit  
Theology of Culture  
Majority World Theologies (MABS program)  
Political Theology  
Neocalvinism  
Politics and Culture: Kuyper  
Theological Discernment in Film and Music  
Theologies of Transformation

## Senior Seminar

Anthropology, Hamartiology, and Soteriology, ECWA Theological Seminary, Igbaja, Nigeria, May-June 2007

Christian Ethical Traditions: African-American, Evangelical, and Emergent, Fuller Theological Seminary 2007-2010, 2013

Global Empire or Christ's Kingdom: Should Christians Run the World? Fuller Theological Seminary 2005, 2006

Theologies of Public Engagement. Fuller Theological Seminary, 2004

Theological Anthropology

The Holy Spirit, Willow Creek Community Church, November 2010.

“What Does it Mean to be The Church?” Village Church of Barrington, December 2003.

The Doctrine of the Holy Spirit. Christ Community Church, Summer 2002.

“Not Just a Third Wheel: The Doctrine of the Holy Spirit.” River Glen Presbyterian Church, Naperville, IL. January-February 2000.

## Honors

Magna Cum Laude, Trinity Evangelical Divinity School.

Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges, 1993, 1994.

Dean's List, The Citadel, 1986, 1987.

Gold Stars, The Citadel, 1984.

Tri Beta Biological Honor Society, The Citadel (Charter Member), 1987.

## Awards

Faculty Service Award, Wheaton College, 2019.

Shirley Sugarman Tuition Scholarship, Drew University, 1995-1999.

Alumni Association Award, Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, 1993.

Black-Hispanic Grant, Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, 1990-1994.

## Activities

Director, Center for Applied Christian Ethics, Wheaton College, 2007-

Senior Fellow, The Trinity Forum, 2022-

Wheaton College Faculty Personnel Committee, 2020-

Theology Editorial Team, Christianity Today, 2020-21

Wheaton College Associate Chaplain Search Committee, 2019-2020.

Co-Chair, Evangelical Studies Section, American Academy of Religion, 2018-21.

Steering Committee, Karam Forum, 2018-.

Wheaton College Chief Intercultural Engagement Officer Search Committee, 2017-18.

Wheaton College Biblical and Theological Studies Associate Dean Search Committee, 2016.

Wheaton College Center for Urban Engagement Committee, 2015-

Wheaton College McKenna Mentor Guided Scholarship program, 2016.

Steering Committee, Public Theology Group (Evangelical Theological Society), 20

Steering Committee, Systematic Theology Group (Evangelical Theological Society), 2005-17.

Wheaton College Review Task Force related to Dr. Larycia Hawkins, 2016.

Wheaton College Nominating Committee, 2011-2013.  
Faith and Learning Paper Reader, 2011, 2016-19, 2021.  
HNGR Visit (Uganda and Indonesia), 2011-12  
Wheaton College B.R.I.D.G.E. Program Instructor, 2011-2014  
Wheaton College Peer Review Evaluator, 2011, 2016  
Board of Trustees, Center for Public Justice, 2009-2015  
Contributing Editor, Cultural Encounters Journal, 2010-  
Wheaton College Presidential Transition Team, 2009-10  
Wheaton College Military Affairs Committee, 2008-2016  
Wheaton College Taskforce on Sexual Identity, 2008-2016  
African-American Church Lecture Committee, 2004-10  
Panelist, *Ask God* television program, 2007  
Editor, Precepts for Living® Bible Commentary, 2007-2012  
Columnist, Comment Magazine ([www.wrf.ca/comment](http://www.wrf.ca/comment)), 2004-.  
President, Christian Theological Research Fellowship, 2004-2006.  
Diversity Task Force, Evangelical Free Church of America, 2004-2008.  
Board Secretary, The Vine, 2003-2005.  
Advisory Council, Faith As A Way of Life Project, Yale Divinity School (Miroslav Volf, Director), 2003-2007.  
Participant, Health and Transformation in Afro-Christian Worship. Calvin Seminars on Christian Scholarship, July 2003.  
Co-Vice President, Christian Theological Research Fellowship, 2001-2003.  
Session Chair, Christian Theological Research Fellowship, American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, November 2000.  
Presiding Officer (Member-at-Large), Christian Theological Research Fellowship, 1999-2001.  
Graduate Representative, Mid-Atlantic Region AAR Executive Committee (1997-98).  
Section Head, Religion in America, Mid Atlantic American Academy of Religion, Annual Meeting, March 1998.  
Theology of the Marketplace Committee, Drew University (1996-97).  
Association of Believers for Black America, Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, 1990-94 (Vice President, 1992-93, President 1994).

## Other Employment

Research Staff, Ancient Christian Commentary Project, Thomas C. Oden, Editor, 1995-99.

## Publications

### *Scholarly*

Eschatology and Ethics. Baker Academic, Forthcoming.

“Evangelicalism: A Home for All of Us” in To Be Welcomed as Christ: Pursuing a Hospitable Evangelicalism. Edited by Nicholas Scott-Blakely. Pickwick Publications, 2022.

“Kuyper and Race in the Stone Lectures” in Calvinism for a Secular Age: A Twenty-First Century

Reading of Abraham Kuyper's Stone Lectures. Edited by Robert J. Joustra and Jessica R. Joustra. InterVarsity Press, 2022.

Reckoning with Race and Performing the Good News: In Search of a Better Evangelical Theology. Brill Research Perspectives on Theology. Brill, 2020.

“Introduction,” in Common Grace: God's Gifts for a Fallen World Volume 3. Abraham Kuyper. Lexham Press, 2020.

With Nathaniel Perrin, “Redemptive Rehabilitation: Theological Approaches to Reforming Criminal Offenders,” Christian Scholars Review 49:1 (2019), 3-24.

“Drawing from the Well: Learning from African American Christian Formation,” in Tending Soul, Mind, and Body: The Art and Science of Spiritual Formation. Edited by Gerald Hiestand and Todd Wilson. IVP Academic, 2019.

“A Kuyperian Contribution to Politics,” in Cultural Engagement: A Crash Course in Contemporary Issues. Edited by Joshua D. Chatraw and Karen Swallow Prior. Zondervan Academic, 2019.

“Political Discipleship in Review,” Public Justice Review 8, no. 5 (2018).

[https://cpjustice.org/index.php/public/page/content/pjr\\_vol8\\_no6\\_bacote\\_political\\_discipleship\\_review?utm\\_source=Center+for+Public+Justice&utm\\_campaign=a7dc559031-PJR17\\_11\\_14\\_COPY\\_01&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=0\\_9d8cd7ba40-a7dc559031-386214793](https://cpjustice.org/index.php/public/page/content/pjr_vol8_no6_bacote_political_discipleship_review?utm_source=Center+for+Public+Justice&utm_campaign=a7dc559031-PJR17_11_14_COPY_01&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_9d8cd7ba40-a7dc559031-386214793).

“A Different Kind of Public Theologian?”, Commentary on America's Pastor: Billy Graham and the Shaping of a Nation, by Grant Wacker. Syndicate Theology, May 9, 2016.  
<https://syndicatetheology.com/commentary/different-kind-public-theologian/>

“Social Justice and Christian Obedience: Present and Future Challenges,” in The Church and Social Responsibility: Essays on Evangelicalism and Social Justice. Edited by Jordan J. Ballor and Robert Joustra. Christian's Library Press, 2015.

The Political Disciple: A Theology of Public Life. Zondervan, 2015.

“Erasing Race: Racial Identity and Theological Anthropology,” in Black Scholars in White Space. Edited by Anthony B. Bradley. Wipf and Stock, 2015.

“How Should I Live?” in Theology Questions Everyone Asks: Christian Faith in Plain Language, eds. Gary M. Burge and David Lauber. IVP Academic, 2014.

“Beyond Faithful Presence: Abraham Kuyper's Legacy for Common Grace and Cultural Development,” Journal of Markets and Morality 16, no. 1 (Spring 2013), 195-205.

“Ethnic Scarcity in Evangelical Theology: Where Are the Authors?” in Aliens in the Promised Land: Why Minority Leadership Is Overlooked in White Christian Churches and Institutions, ed. Anthony B. Bradley, P&R Publishing, 2013.

“Natural Law: Friend of Common Grace?” in Natural Law and Evangelical Political Thought, eds. Jesse Covington, Bryan McGraw and Micah Watson. Lexington Books, 2012.

“African American Theology: Retrospect and Prospect” in Global Theology in Evangelical Perspective: Exploring the Contextual Nature of Theology and Mission, eds. Jeffrey P. Greenman and Gene L. Green. IVP Academic, 2012.

“More Than Victims: The Benefits of a Theological Vision,” in Keep Your Head Up: America’s New Black Christian Leaders, Social Consciousness, & The Cosby Conversation, ed. Anthony B. Bradley. Crossway, 2012.

“Creation,” in Prophetic Evangelicals: Envisioning a Just and Peaceable Kingdom, eds. Bruce Ellis Benson, Malinda Elizabeth Berry and Peter Goodwin Heltzel, Eerdmans, 2012.

Editor, UMI Annual Sunday School Lesson Commentary. Precepts for Living® 2011-2012. Based on the International Uniform Lessons. Vol. 14. Chicago:UMI, 2011.

Editor, Precepts for Living® Annual Commentary: Pastor’s Edition 2011-2012. 4<sup>th</sup> edition. Chicago:UMI, 2011.

“A Response and a Strategy,” in Creation and Salvation: Dialogue on Abraham Kuyper’s Legacy for Contemporary Ecotheology, ed. Ernst Conradie. Brill, 2011.

“Abraham Kuyper” in Cambridge Dictionary of Christian Theology, eds. David Fergusson, Karen Kilby and Iain Torrance. Cambridge University Press, 2011.

“Introduction” to Wisdom and Wonder: Common Grace in Science and Art, Abraham Kuyper. Christian’s Library Press, 2011.

Editor, UMI Annual Sunday School Lesson Commentary. Precepts for Living® 2010-2011. Based on the International Uniform Lessons. Vol. 9. Chicago:UMI, 2010.

Editor, Precepts for Living® Annual Commentary: Pastor’s Edition 2010-2011. 3<sup>rd</sup> edition. Chicago:UMI, 2010.

Editor, UMI Annual Sunday School Lesson Commentary. Precepts for Living® 2009-2010. Based on the International Uniform Lessons. Vol. 9. Chicago:UMI, 2009.

“African American Theology Reconsidered,” Books and Culture. September/October 2009, 26-27.

“Abraham Kuyper’s Rhetorical Public Theology with Implications for Faith and Learning,” Christian Scholar’s Review 37:4 (2008), 407-425.

“John Calvin on Sovereignty,” in *The Sovereignty of God Debate*, eds. D. Stephen Long and George Kalantzis. Cascade Books, 2008.

Editor, UMI Annual Sunday School Lesson Commentary. Precepts for Living® 2007-2008. Based on the International Uniform Lessons. Vol. 10. Chicago:UMI, 2007.

“Church As a Lifestyle: Distinctive or Typical?,” in *This Side of Heaven: Race, Ethnicity, and Christian Faith*, eds. Robert J. Priest and Alvaro L. Nieves. Oxford University Press, 2007.

The Spirit in Public Theology: Appropriating the Legacy of Abraham Kuyper. Baker Academic, 2005.

“Justice” in Dictionary for the Theological Interpretation of the Bible, eds. Kevin Vanhoozer, Craig R. Bartholomew, N.T. Wright, and Daniel J. Treier. Baker Academic, 2005.

With Stephen R. Spencer, “What are the Theological Implications for Natural Science,” in Not Just Science: Questions Where Christian Faith and Natural Science Intersect, eds. Dorothy F. Chappel and E. David Cook. Zondervan, 2005.

Co-editor with Dennis Okholm and Laura Miguez, Evangelicals and Scripture: Tradition, Authority, and Hermeneutics. InterVarsity Press, 2004.

“Common Grace and “Spiritual Stewardship”: Guidance for Development?” Princeton Theological Bulletin 24:1 (2003), 84-93.

“What’s This Life For?: Expanding the View of Salvation,” in What Does it Mean to Be Saved?: Broadening Evangelical Horizons of Salvation. Baker Academic, (November 2002).

“Fade to White? or How White is Evangelical Theology?” in Church of the New Millenium - True Unity in the Church. Moody Press, 2002.

“Theological Method in Black and White: Does Race Matter at All?” in The Gospel in Black and White: The Role of Theology in Racial Reconciliation. InterVarsity Press, 1997.

“Called Back to Stewardship: Recovering and Developing Kuyper’s Cosmic Pneumatology,” Journal for Christian Theological Research, [http://apu.edu/~CTRF/articles/1997\_articles/bacote.html] 2:3 (1997).

"When Will There be Room in the Inn?: Minorities and Evangelical Leadership Development," Urban Mission, December 1994, 25-33.

### ***Popular***

“Wide Awoke at Wheaton?,” Current Pub, October 28, 2021.  
<https://currentpub.com/2021/10/28/wide-awoke-at-wheaton/>

“Good News Can Still Occur in U.S. Evangelicalism,” Berkley Forum, April 22, 2021.  
<https://berkleycenter.georgetown.edu/responses/good-news-can-still-occur-in-u-s-evangelicalism>

“Racing On,” in Pursuing Racial Justice:CT Writers on Identity, Faith and the Future of the Church. Christianity Today, 2021.

“Applying Discipleship to Our Political Lives,” The Banner, July 13, 2020.  
<https://www.thebanner.org/columns/2020/07/applying-discipleship-to-our-political-lives>

“Another Run at Freedom,” Christianity Today, June 19, 2020.  
<https://www.christianitytoday.com/ct/2020/june-web-only/racial-justice-church-vincent-bacote-race-set-before-us.html>

“Remembering Bruce Fields,” Christianity Today, April 29, 2020,  
<https://www.christianitytoday.com/ct/2020/april-web-only/remembering-bruce-fields.html>

“Christian Convictions Start at the Beginning,” Christianity Today, February 24, 2020,  
<https://www.christianitytoday.com/ct/2020/february-web-only/christian-convictions-start-beginning-vincent-bacote.html>

“The Goodness of Work: Work that Leads to Flourishing,” in Whatever You Do: Six Foundations for an Integrated Life, ed. Luke Bobo, Made to Flourish, 2018.

“What I Wish I Knew,” Worship Leader Summer 2018, 20-21.

“Walking the Line,” Fuller Magazine 10, 2018, 73-74.

“Four Crucial Questions Raised by Black Panther,” Think Christian, February 2018.  
<https://thinkchristian.reframemedia.com/four-crucial-questions-raised-by-black-panther>

“CPJ as a Discipleship Movement,” Public Justice Review, Fall 2017.  
[https://www.cpjustice.org/index.php/public/page/content/pjr\\_lblf40\\_no1\\_CPJ\\_as\\_a\\_Discipleship\\_Movement](https://www.cpjustice.org/index.php/public/page/content/pjr_lblf40_no1_CPJ_as_a_Discipleship_Movement)

“Disciples After the Election,” Capital Commentary, November 2016.  
[https://www.cpjustice.org/public/capital\\_commentary/article/1361](https://www.cpjustice.org/public/capital_commentary/article/1361)

“Political Discipleship,” Capital Commentary, June 2016.  
[https://www.cpjustice.org/public/capital\\_commentary/article/1342](https://www.cpjustice.org/public/capital_commentary/article/1342)

“Black Panther and our impatience for Shalom.” Think Christian (May 12, 2016).  
<https://thinkchristian.reframemedia.com/black-panther-and-our-impatience-for-shalom>

“Contending with the Long Shadow,” Qideas blog, April 2015.  
<http://qideas.org/articles/contending-with-the-long-shadow/>

“Faith, Work and #Ferguson: An Opportunity for Us?” Patheos Mission:Work blog (December 1, 2014).

<http://www.patheos.com/blogs/missionwork/2014/12/faith-work-and-ferguson-an-opportunity-for-us/#ixzz3KnVJ88uz>

“Create Good: Still Fruitful,” The High Calling, (November 14, 2014).

[http://www.thehighcalling.org/work/create-good-still-fruitful#.VKn9xmTF\\_dl](http://www.thehighcalling.org/work/create-good-still-fruitful#.VKn9xmTF_dl)

“Three Points About Common Grace Every Businessperson Should Consider,” TIFWE blog (November 7, 2014).

<http://blog.tifwe.org/common-grace-and-business/>

“Human Flourishing and the Moral Complexity of the Public Square,” TIFWE blog (October 2, 2014).

<http://blog.tifwe.org/flourishing-and-moral-complexity/>

“Is There a ‘Correct’ Way for Christians to Engage the World?,” TIFWE blog (June 11, 2014).

<http://blog.tifwe.org/how-should-christians-engage-the-world/>

“A Perennial Moment of Opportunity,” Comment, (August 7, 2012).

“More ‘Elephant Room’ Noise,” UrbanFaith.com, February 8, 2012.

“Surprised by the Spirit,” Comment, (November 30, 2011).

“The Questions Remain on Bell, Hell,” The Christian Post, April 18, 2011.

<http://www.christianpost.com/news/the-questions-remain-on-bell-hell-49879/>

“Surprised by the Spirit,” Comment, (November 30, 2011).

“Burning Questions” review of *Love Wins*, UrbanFaith.com, March 28, 2011.

<http://www.urbanfaith.com/2011/03/burning-questions.html>

“Ask the Professor: Farewell Rob Bell?,” UrbanFaith.com, March 5, 2011.

<http://www.urbanfaith.com/2011/03/ask-the-professor-bye-bye-rob.html>

“Letter to a Young Black Scholar,” Comment (Spring, 2011), 40-41.

“The Poison Cup,” Comment (April 30, 2010).

“Dilemma and Opportunity,” Comment, 7 August 2009.

“For everything there is a season,” Comment, 22 May 2009.

“Faux Authenticity?,” Comment, 22 February 2008.



“Everybody’s Business,” EFCA Today, Fall 2006, 26-27.

“Racism: Does the Struggle Continue?,” Comment 32: 1 (August 2006).

“Reading the Bible . . . and Listening for the Spirit,” Comment 26:14 (March 2006).

“Bringing Faith to Life,” EFCA Today, Winter 2005, 12.

“What is to be done in theology?,” Comment 24:14 (September 2005).

“The Spirit and Institutions,” Comment 23:13 (August 2005).

“A Call for the Thought Police,” Comment 22:8 (October 2004).

“Of Presidents and Public Faith,” Comment 22:6 (August 2004).

“Gifts from Father Abraham,” Comment 22:3 (April 2004).

“An Alternative to Victory,” Comment 22:2 (March 2004).

(Panel participant) “The Anti-Moderns: Six postmodern Christians discuss the possibilities and limits of postmodernism,” Christianity Today, November 13, 2000, 74-80.

“The New Scarlet Letter,” Christianity Today, November 13, 2000, 98-99.

“Coming to Terms with My Otherness,” in Best Christian Writing 2000. Harper Collins, 2000.

“Say Amen, Somebody,” ChristianityToday.com, November 22, 1999.

“Coming to Terms with My Otherness,” re:generation quarterly, 5:2 (Summer 1999), 8-9.

“While Pinnick Seeks Answers,” re:generation quarterly, 5:1 (Spring 1999), 5.

“Why I Want a Private Jet: Private Jets and Stewardship,” re:generation quarterly, 4:4 (Winter 1998-1999), 39-40.

## **Presentations**

“Eschatology and Ethics,” Redemption Church First Wednesday, September 2022.

“Kuyper and Political Theology,” Baylor DC Political Theology Seminary, August 2022.

Seminar on Neocalvinism, Race, and Ethnic Oppression, New College, University of Edinburgh, Scotland, June 2022.

“The Pursuit of Public Fidelity,” Evangelical Presbyterian Church General Assembly, June 2022.

“Political Discipleship,” National Presbyterian Church, June 2022.

Respondent, Center for Public Justice Kuyper Lecture, Grand Rapids, MI, March 2022.

Panelist, *God’s Law and Order: The Politics of Punishment in Evangelical America* by Aaron Griffith, The Symposium on Religion and Public Life, Calvin University, March 2022.

Panelist, *Richard Mouw’s Public Theology*, The Symposium on Religion and Public Life, Calvin University, March 2022.

“The Gospel Possibility in the Face of Race,” Dallas Baptist University, April 2022.

“Kuyper and Public Life,” Charlotte Institute for Faith and Work, March 2022.

Discussant, Cardus NextGen Fellows Conference, March 2022.

Lectures on Public Theology, Theological University in Kampen, March 2022.

“Eschatology and Ethics,” Hope College-Western Theological Seminary Seminar, January 2022.

“Toward a More Holistic Education,” Knowledge for the Future Conference, Trinity Christian College, November 2021.

Respondent, Evangelical Studies Section, American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, November 2021.

Gotham Leaders and Alumni Lectures, Redeemer Center for Faith and Work, November 2021.

“A Liberated Identity,” Society for Gospel Haymanot Annual Conference, October 2021.

“Pastoring Well in a Polarized World,” Pastors Lunch Lecture, The Gospel Coalition, Chicago Regional Chapter, October, 2021.

“Race and Opportunities of a Good News Witness,” Center for Pastor Theologians Conference Plenary Address, October 2021.

“Living Together Across Our Differences,” Living Water Evangelical Church Missions Conference, October 2021.

“A Path Toward a Hopeful Future,” Plenary Address, GreatKids Allen County Annual Conference, Fort Wayne, IN, October 2021.

“A Conversation Toward a Better Justice,” Breakout Session, GreatKids Allen County Annual Conference, Fort Wayne, IN, October 2021.

“Some Texts and Our Politics,” North Park Theological Seminary Symposium on the Theological Interpretation of Scripture, September 2021.

“Loving All of Our Neighbors,” King University, September 2021.

“Learning from Looking Back,” King University, September 2021.

Plenary Lecture, 1Charleston Conference, April 2021

“Faithful Politics in a Divided World,” Geneva Forum at Upper House, February 2021.

Panelist, “Making Sense of/from the 2020 Us Election,” American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, November 2020.

Respondent, “Evangelical Political Identities,” American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, November 2020.

“Engaging Abraham Kuyper and Race,” Theological University, Kampen, The Netherlands, March 2020.

“Can Christians Be Political?,” Just Gospel Conference, March 2020.

“African American Church,” Nevin Lectures, Theopolis Institute, February 2020.

T.B. Maston Lecture, Truett Seminary, October 2019.

Panelist, “Aliens and Sojourners: Re-thinking Christian Political Identity and Loyalty,” Just Gospel Conference, May 2019.

Panelist, “Common Grace, Community and Culture,” Kuyper Conference, Calvin Seminary, April 2019.

“Making the Dotted Line a Solid Line,” Vineyard Cincinnati Church, March 2018.

“Retreat Speaker,” Bridge Church at Bear Creek, Lakewood, CO, March 2018.

“Political Discipleship,” Jubilee Conference, February 2018.

“A Courageous Public Witness,” Matthew 25 Gathering, February 2018.

“Blacks in Theology,” Denver Seminary Chapel Series, February 2018.

“An Antidote to America’s Agitation,” Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Address, Dubuque, Iowa, January 2018.

“A Better Freedom: Response to Patrick J. Deneen’s *Why Liberalism Failed*”, Christian Ethics Section, Evangelical Theological Society Annual Meeting, November 2018.

“Abraham Kuyper on Flourishing,” Commonweal Project, Southern Seminary, November 2018.

“Learning from African-American Spiritual Formation,” Center for Pastor Theologians Conference, October 2018.

“The Open Vista of Black Public Theology,” Black Public Theology and Race in America Symposium, Fuller Seminary, October 2018.

“A Golden Opportunity: Public Faith in Crazy Times,” Lenoir-Rhyne University Institute for Faith and Learning Lecture Series, October 2018.

Academy of Faith and Leadership Lecture series, Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary, October 2018.

“Walking with Jesus in the Public Square: Being in and not of the World”, Cairn University, September 2018.

Faith and Work Lectures, Made To Flourish Learning Community, Denver, Co, May 2018.

“Chapel Speaker, University of Northwestern St. Paul, March 2018

“Theology and Work”, Christ Community Church Pastor’s Training, March 2018.

“Be Courageous... And Patient,” Chapel Address, Reformed Theological Seminary (Orlando), February 2018.

“Making America Beautiful Through Public Faithfulness,” Focus Series, Spring Arbor University, February 2018.

“Loving God and Loving Our Country,” Focus Series, Spring Arbor University, February 2018.

“Faith and Politics: What’s the Connection?”, Lumen Lecture Series, Berry College, January 2018.

“Seminaries or Cemeteries?: A Mission as Big as Life Itself,” Karam Forum, January 2018.

“Chapel Address,” Cornerstone University, November 2017.

Chapel Address, Dordt College, October 2017.

Commencement Address, Kilns College, August 2017.

Thornwell Lecture, First Presbyterian of Columbia, SC, July 2017.

“Deep Catechesis: Guidance for Public Faithfulness?”, Henry Symposium on Religion and Public Life, Calvin College, April 2017.

“Chapel Address,” Cornerstone University, March 2017.

Reformation Panelist, Concordia University, River Forest, IL, March 2017.

Panelist, Just Gospel Conference, March 2017.

“The Ethics of Eschatology,” Eschatology Conference, Deerfield, IL, March 2017.

“Engaging Our Pluralistic World,” Karam Forum, March 2017.

Plenary Address, Texas Baptist Advocacy Day, Austin, TX, February 2017.

Renew Conference (3 Lectures), Suffolk, VA, February 2017.

“The Dream We Need to Keep Alive,” Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Address, Dubuque, Iowa, January 2016.

“Hospitality,” Redemption Everyday Conference, November 2016.

“Cracking the Code: The Riddle of Evangelicals and Public Life,” DePaul University, November 2016.

“Some Reformed Guidance for Life Together in a Racialized World,” Westminster Seminary California, November 2016.

“Don’t Look Away: Facing the Horror of a Racialized World and Resisting Theological Escapes,” Westminster Seminary California, November 2016.

“Facing Racial Conflict with a Listening Ear,” North Coast Calvary Chapel, November 2016.

Convocation Address, Pepperdine University, October 2016.

“Civic Engagement,” Seattle Pacific University, October 2016.

“The Sky’s Not Falling, the Door is Opening,” Bryan College, September 2016.

“Our Opportunity for Public Faithfulness,” Gordon College Convocation Address, September 2016.

Dean’s Forum Address, Gordon Conwell Theological Seminary, September 2016.

“Beyond Description,” Jubilee Conversations Conference, April 2016.

“Black Scholars in White Space: Race and Public Theology,” Interview with Randall Ballmer, Wheelock Society Conference, Dartmouth University, April 2016.

“Trapped by Modernity?: Race and the Challenge to Ethical Obligation,” Religion Department doctoral seminar, Princeton University, April 2016.

Discipling Kingdom Citizens for Faithful Participation in the Body Politic (4 lectures), Covenant Seminary, April 2016.

Chapel Address, Covenant Seminary, April 2016.

Kuyper Lectures, Covenant College, March 2016.

“A New Day?: The Opportunities of Public Discipleship in Perplexing Times,” Calvin College, March 2016.

Honors Symposium Lectures, Dallas Baptist University, February 2016.

“Discipleship, Public Faith and Christian Intellectual Life,” Jochum Symposium, Valparaiso University, February 2016.

“Academic Theology,” Wheaton College Faith and Learning Seminar, February 2016.

The Political Disciple lectures, Lake Avenue Church, February 2016.

The Political Disciple lecture, Del Rey Hills Church, February 2016.

“Making the Most of a Difficult Legacy: Traveling with Kuyper,” Reformed Theological Seminary, February 2016.

“Doing the Long Take on Race,” Reformed Theological Seminary, February 2016.

“Discipleship and Public Life,” Mt. Helm Baptist Church, February 2016.

“The Courage to Persevere,” Princeton University, November 2015.

Truth Forum, Princeton Faith and Action, November 2015.

Faith and Public Life Forum, Progressive Baptist Church of Chicago, November 2015.

Surge Pastors Lunch, November 2015.

Kuyper Lecture Respondent, Henry Symposium on Religion and Politics, Calvin College, April 2015.

“Toward a Future Kuyper Could Not Quite See,” The 2015 Kuyper Conference: “Faith and Race,” Princeton Theological Seminary, April 2015.

“FLOWing Into a More Robust Faith,” Criswell College, April 2015.

“Get Off the Bench: Eschatology and Ethics,” New College, University of Edinburgh, Scotland, March 2015.

“Brilliant and Blemished: Learning from the Legacies of Martin Luther King, Jr. and Abraham Kuyper,” Redemption Church, Tempe, AZ, March 2015.

“Eschatology and Ethics,” Surge Pastors Lunch, Redemption Church, Arcadia, AZ, March 2015.

“Civility, or Public Sanctification,” Jubilee Conference, February 2015.

“Toward a More Christian Humanity,” Jochum Symposium, Valparaiso University, February 2015.

“Dive In: Faithfulness to God in His World,” Providence Christian College Spring Academic Conference (Three Lectures), Providence College, February 2015.

“From Lament to Hope: Making the Most of Evangelical Faith” 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration and Dedication of the William E. Pannell Center for African American Church Studies, Fuller Theological Seminary, January 2015.

“On Faith and Work” (3 Messages), The High Calling Retreat, Laity Lodge, Leakey, TX, November 2014.

“Developing a Listening Ear Regarding Race,” John Brown University Chapel message, November 2014.

“It Never Gets Old: Embracing the Past,” Reformation Day NAPRC joint worship service, Beaver Falls, PA, October 2014.

“Taking the Kingdom to the Street,” (Three Lectures), College Hill Reformed Presbyterian Church Conference, Beaver Falls, PA, October 2014.

Eschatology and Our Vision for Education, Lunchtime Faculty Address, Geneva College, October 2014.

Chapel Address, Geneva College, October 2014.

“Neocalvinism and Race,” Theologische Universiteit van de Gereformeerde Kerken (Vrijgemaakt) te Kampen, The Netherlands, October 2014.

“Living Our Faith, Not Just Proclaiming It,” Corban University, September 2014

“Telling the Truth About Context: Preserving and Refining Our Theology,” Address to Faculty of Asbury Theological Seminary, Wilmore, Kentucky, August 2014.

Sacred Conversations on Social Justice panelist, Elmhurst College, March 2014.

“The First Great Commission, Business and the Baptist Opportunity,” Public Lecture, Southeastern Theological Seminary, March 2014.

“Eschatology and the World of Work,” Southeastern Theological Seminary Chapel, March 2014.

“On Faith and Work,” Redeemer Presbyterian of Orange County Men’s Retreat, March 2014.

“Making the Exceptional the Typical,” Navigators AFAM Congress on Discipleship, March 2014.

“The Gospel and Race,” Calvary Memorial Church, February 2014.

“Public Discipleship,” Jubilee Conference, February 2014.

“Seeking the Best from an Imperfect Tradition: Taking Kuyper's Legacy Forward,” Geneva College, February 2014.

“Christian Engagement in Culture and the Opportunity to Learn from the Challenge of Race,” EFCA Theology Conference, Kansas City, KS, January 2014.

Chapel Message, Westmont College, January 2014.

“Questions on Poverty and Pastoral Ministry,” Kern Fellows Retreat, Fontana, WI, January 2014.

“Persistent and Patient Faithfulness: Living a Theology of Reconciliation,” Manna Christian Fellowship Public Lecture, Princeton University, November 2013.

“Theological Reflections on Justice,” Justice and Bioethics: Toward a Christian Understanding, CBHD Academy of Fellows Consultation, Deerfield, IL, 2013.

Panelist, American Bible Society 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Conference, October 2013.

“Why Abraham Kuyper Matters,” Acton University, Grand Rapids, MI, June 2013.

“Common Grace in Business,” Acton University, Grand Rapids, MI, June 2013.

Response to James Bratt’s *Abraham Kuyper: Modern Calvinist, Christian Democrat*, Henry Symposium on Religion and Politics, Calvin College, April 2013.

“Two Lessons from Abraham Kuyper,” Gathering of Unity Conference, Atlanta, GA, March 2013.



“Kuyper, The Spirit, and a Kingdom Vision for Humanity,” Regent University, Virginia Beach, VA, February 2013.

“The Dream: Not Just for Yesterday,” Regent University Chapel, Regent University, Virginia Beach, VA, February 2013.

“Christian Political Participation as Enduring Public Faithfulness,” Jubilee Conference, Pittsburgh, PA, February 2013.

“Theology for the Common Good,” Jubilee Professional, Pittsburgh, PA, February 2013.

“A Biblical View of Life,” Wheaton College Chapel, December 2012.

“The Atonement and the Possibilities for our Life,” Atonement Symposium, Fuller Theological Seminary, Pasadena, CA, November 2012.

“The Spirit of Renewal: Work Reimagined,” Gospel and Culture Conference, New York, NY, November 2012.

“Abraham Kuyper and Public Theology,” (3 talks) Paideia Society Annual Retreat, Dallas, TX, October 2012.

“Business as Public Faithfulness,” Paideia Society Friday Symposium, Dallas Baptist University, October 2012.

“Empowering on the Ground: Sphere Sovereignty and Urban Development,” Thriving Churches: Flourishing Communities Conference, Weehawken, NJ, September 2012.

Wheaton College Junior Class Chapel Speaker, January 2012.

Chapel Speaker, East Texas Baptist University, January 2012.

Guest on WORD FM John and Kathy Show, January 2012.

“Another Amazing Grace,” Wisdom and Wonder Book Launch, Grand Rapids, MI, December 2011.

“Business as Public Faithfulness: An Overlooked Opportunity?,” Kuyper College Business Lunch, Grand Rapids, MI, December 2011.

Moderator, “Evangelicals and Catholics: How Much Common Ground”, A Dialogue between Richard Mouw and Fr. Donald Senior, Chicago, IL, November 2011.

“Christians in Public: Citizenship ‘On Earth as it is in Heaven’”, Chicago Semester Guest Speaker, October 2011.

“Wheaton College Women’s Club ‘Listening at Lunch’ Speaker,” October 2011.

Wheaton College Department Chapel Speaker, September 2011.

“Taking Sunday to Monday: Integrating Christian Faith with Culture,” NACC Convention, Cincinnati, OH, July 2011.

“African American Theology”, Wheaton Theology Conference, Wheaton, IL, April 2011.

“Embracing Promise Amid Peril: Culture and Neocalvinism,” The 2011 Kuyper Conference: “Calvinism and Culture,” Princeton Theological Seminary, April 2011.

“Natural Law: Friend of Common Grace?”, Natural Law and Evangelical Political Thought Conference, Westmont College, Santa Barbara, CA, February 2011.

Response to *The Next Evangelicalism*, Evangelical Theological Society Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA, November 2010.

“The Path We Must Take: An Vision for 21<sup>st</sup> Century (neo) Calvinism,” Calvinism for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Conference, Dordt College, Sioux Center, IA, April 2010.

“Erasing Race,” Evangelical Theological Society Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA, November 2009.

“Public and Private Christian Discipleship”, IDT, Calvary Church, Naperville, IL, July 2009.

“Embracing God’s Will,” Wheaton College Faculty Series Chapel, March 2009.

“The Surprising Neocalvinist Mandate for Diversity,” Act 3 Luncheon Lecture, March 2009.

“Everybody’s Business: Embracing Theology,” Jubilee Conference, February 2009.

“Good for Your Whole Life: The Centrality of Theology,” Jubilee Conference, February 2009.

“Theology and Politics,” Following Christ 2008 Conference, December 2008.

Moderator, “Too Reformed to Be Evangelical,” Evangelical Theological Society Annual Meeting, Providence, RI, November 2008.

Respondent, “Negotiating the Destination: The Role of Context”, Younger Scholars Consultation, Evangelical Theological Society Annual Meeting, November 2008.

“Evangelism and the World” (with Jon Tyson), Envision 08 Conference, June 2008.

Response to Randall Ballmer, Envision 08 Conference, June 2008.

“Schilder Takes Kuyper to Church,” Theologische Universiteit van de Gereformeerde Kerken (Vrijgemaakt) te Kampen, The Netherlands, June 2008.

Guest Lectures on Common Grace, Tyndale Theological Seminary, Badhoevedorp, The Netherlands, June 2008.

Panelist, A Call to An Ancient Evangelical Future: On the Primacy of the Biblical Narrative, Northern Seminary, November 2007.

“Abraham Kuyper and Neocalvinism,” North Park University Honors Program, November 2007.

Respondent, Younger Scholars Consultation, Evangelical Theological Society Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA, November 2007.

“Christian Worldviews and Education: Discovering Purpose, Meaning and Responsibility,” Redeeming Reason Conference, University of Chicago, November 2007.

“Biblical Diversity”, West Suburban Evangelical Fellowship, October 2007.

“Erasing Race,” Fuller Seminary, August 2007.

Engaging the “E” Words: Emergent, Evangelical, and Ecclesiology, Cornerstone Festival, Bushnell, IL, June 2007.

“God’s Creativity”, Panel Discussion, Evangelical Free Church of America Leadership Conference, Eden Prairie, MN, June 2007.

“It’s Not Political Correctness: A Biblical Apologetic for Diversity,” Evangelical Free Church of America North Central District Conference, Minneapolis, MN, April 2007.

“A Theology of Work,” Faith Beyond Sunday: A Conference on Faith and Work, Princeton University, March 2007.

“Erasing Race,” Erasing Hate Tour, Borders Books, Wheaton, IL, February 2007.

“Is Diversity Biblical?”, Wheaton College Solidarity Week, January 2007.

“The Supremacy of Christ and Christian Unity,” Martin Luther King Community Service, Port Huron, MI, January 2007.

“Desperately Seeking Identity,” SONS Ministry, Port Huron, MI, January 2007.

“Practical Strategies for Crossing the Racial Divide,” Pastor’s Breakfast, Port Huron, MI, January 2007.

“Resisting the Constantinian Temptation: A Neocalvinist Appreciation of John Howard Yoder,” Evangelical Theological Society Annual Meeting, November 2006.

“Prepare to Engage God’s World,” Covenant Christian Academy Fundraising Banquet, Chicago, IL, November 2006.

“A Missional Church Essential: The Neo-Kuyperian Mandate for Diversity,” The Missional Church and the Kingdom of Christ (A Conference by Act 3), First Reformed Church, South Holland, IL, November 2006.

“John Calvin on Divine Sovereignty,” Forum for Evangelical Theology, Garrett Theological Seminary, November 2006.

Address to the Board and Chapel Speaker, Kuyper College, Grand Rapids, MI, October 2006.

Chapel Speaker, Crossway/Good News Publishers, Wheaton IL, October 2006.

“It’s Not Political Correctness: A Biblical Apologetic for Diversity,” Evangelical Free Church of America Leadership Conference, Denver, CO, June 2006.

“Going Public: Reviving Kuyper in the United States,” Theologische Universiteit van de Gereformeerde Kerken (Vrijgemaakt) te Kampen, The Netherlands, May 2006.

“Abraham Kuyper and Public Engagement”, Tyndale Theological Seminary Chapel (four sessions), Badhoevedorp, The Netherlands, May 2006.

“Inerrancy and Infallibility”, Presentation to Evangelical Student Group, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary, March 2006

Faculty Forum on The Spirit in Public Theology, Trinity Christian College, Palos Heights, IL, March 2006

“Following Kuyper’s Steps: The Neocalvinist Mandate for Social Justice,” Redeemer University College Social Justice Week, Hamilton, Ontario, March 2006.

“The Church’s First Great Commission,” Jubilee 2006, Pittsburgh, PA, February 2006.

“Toward Understanding and Appropriating a Great Tradition,” Jubilee 2006, Pittsburgh, PA, 2006.

“Spiritual Public Theology: Advancing Abraham Kuyper’s Legacy,” Calvin College, February 2006.

“Not for Whites Only: The Multi-cultural Relevance of Neo-Calvinism.” Searching the Sacred Lecture, Hope College, October 2005.

“I Kissed Colorblindness Goodbye,” Covenant College, February 2005.

“A Neo-Kuyperian Assist to the Emergent Church,” Covenant College, February 2005.

“Does Christianity Require Ethnic Suicide?” Covenant College, February 2005.

“A Neo-Kuyperian Foray into the Postmodern World: An Aid to the Emergent Church,” Evangelical Theological Society Annual Meeting, November 2004 (With Daniel Pylman, a Mentor Guided Scholarship Project, Wheaton College).

“Public Theology: The Case of Abraham Kuyper. A Conversation between Vincent Bacote and Richard Mouw” Fuller Theological Seminary, July 2004.

“A Reformational Worldview.” Covenant Christian Academy of Chicago, October 2003.

“Public Theology and Other Faiths: Can We Be Informed by Non-Christians?” Evangelical Theological Society, Annual Meeting, November 2002 (With Nathaniel Smith, a Mentor Guided Scholarship Project, Wheaton College).

“Fade to White? or How White is Evangelical Theology?” Midwest Regional Meeting of the Evangelical Theological Society, March, 2002.

Panel Response to Brenda Salter-McNeil, African-American Church Lecture Series, Wheaton College, February 2002.

“Common Grace and “Spiritual Stewardship”: Guidance for Development?” Inaugural Consultation of the Abraham Kuyper Center for Public Theology, Princeton Theological Seminary, February 2002.

Respondent, Trinity Evangelical Divinity School-Wheaton College Race/Ethnicity Writing Group, January 2002.

“What’s *This Life* For?: Expanding the View of Salvation,” Regent College Theology Conference, October 2001.

Black History Month Speaker (3 lectures), Covenant College, Lookout Mountain, GA February 2001

“Not for Whites Only: The Multi-cultural Relevance of Neo-Calvinism.” Wheaton College Office of Multicultural Development Faculty Lecture Series, January 25, 2001.

Respondent, North Park Symposium on the Theological Interpretation of Scripture, September 2000.

“Why Theology Matters,” Vine Conference, Fontana, Wisconsin, September 2000.

“An Unappreciated Gem: Horace Bushnell’s Doctrine of the Trinity,” Mid-Atlantic American Academy of Religion, Annual Meeting, March 1998.

“Which Path is Best: Options in Public Theology,” Evangelical Philosophical Society at the Evangelical Theological Society, Annual Meeting, November 1998.

“Liberation from the Intellectual Ghetto: Setting Doctrine Free to Embrace and Invigorate Life,” Christian Theological Research Fellowship, Additional Meeting, American Academy of Religion, Annual Meeting, November 1998.

“The Benefits of Narrative and Sociological Approaches to Ecclesiology,” Panel Discussion, New Projects in Systematic Theology, Evangelical Theological Society, Annual Meeting, November 1997.

“A Harnessed Individual and a Legitimated Plurality: Suggestions for Postmodern Evangelical Ecclesiology,” American Academy of Religion, Annual Meeting, Evangelical Theology Group, November 1997.

“Theological Method in Black and White: Does Race Matter at All?,” Wheaton Theology Conference, April 1996.

“Called Back to Stewardship: Recovering and Developing Kuyper’s Cosmic Pneumatology,” American Academy of Religion, Annual Meeting, Systematic Theology Group, November 1996.

## **Reviews**

Three Pieces of Glass: Why We Feel Lonely in a World Mediated by Screens, Eric O. Jacobsen. AI and Faith July 2020. <https://aiandfaith.org/book-review-three-pieces-of-glass-why-we-feel-lonely-in-a-world-mediated-by-screens-eric-o-jacobsen/>.

Contours of the Kuyperian Tradition: A Systematic Introduction, Craig G. Bartholomew, Christian Scholars Review. Winter 2017.

The Decline of African-American Theology: From Biblical Faith to Cultural Captivity, Thabiti Anyabwile. Prism, July/August 2008.

Speaking My Mind: The Radical Evangelical Prophet Tackles the Tough Issues Christians are Afraid to Face, Tony Campolo. Prism, March/April 2005.

Wild at Heart: Discovering the Secret of a Man’s Soul and Waking the Dead: The Glory of a Heart Fully Alive, John Eldredge. Christianity Today, November 2003.

God and the Constitution, Paul Marshall. Family Policy Review, Fall 2003.

Portraits of God: A Biblical Theology of Holiness, Allen Coppedge. JETS, December 2002.

The Original African Heritage Study Bible, King James Version, Cain Hope Felder, ed. JETS,  
December 1996.

### **Professional Memberships**

American Academy of Religion  
Evangelical Theological Society  
Society of Christian Ethics  
Christian Theological Research Fellowship (President, 2004-2006, Co-Vice President, 2001- 2003,  
Presiding Officer- Member at Large, 1999-2000)

### **Denominational Affiliation**

Ordained Minister, Baptist General Conference

### **Ministry**

Associate Minister, Calvary Baptist Church, Morristown, NJ, 1996-99.  
Associate Minister, Bellevue Baptist Church, Chicago, IL, 1993-94.

Internships: Bellevue Baptist Church, Chicago, IL, 1993.  
Central South Church, Memphis, TN, 1989-90.