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EDUCATION

Ph.D. 2022	Free University of Amsterdam
Th.M. 2016	The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary
M.Div. 2015	The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary
B.A. 2009	University of Louisville

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2025—	Adjunct Professor, Theology & Religious Studies Department Bellarmine University
2024—	<i>Research Fellow</i> , Jonathan Edwards Center ETF Leuven and Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam
2023—	<i>Adjunct Professor</i> , Doctoral Education Program (online instruction) Spalding University
2020—	<i>Senior Lecturer</i> , History Department (in person & online instruction) University of Louisville
2017—2022	<i>Junior Researcher</i> , Jonathan Edwards Center Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, the Netherlands
2014—2017	<i>Junior Fellow</i> , Andrew Fuller Center for Baptist Studies The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary
2014—2017	<i>Junior Fellow</i> , Center for Ancient Christian Studies California Baptist University
2015—2017	<i>Garrett-Fellow</i> and <i>Teaching Assistant</i> for Michael A.G. Haykin The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary
2014—2016	<i>Archives & Special Collections Assistant</i> James P. Boyce Centennial Library

PUBLICATIONS

Books

1. *Bondage & Benevolence: Jonathan Edwards, Slavery, Race, and the Paradox of Equality*. (Under contract with University of South Carolina Press).

Edited Books

1. *Jonathan Edwards within the Enlightenment*, New Directions in Jonathan Edwards Studies. Co-edited with Daniel N. Gullotta. Göttingen, Germany: Vandenhoeck & Ruprecht Publishing, 2020.
2. *The Influence of Jonathan Edwards in the Early American Republic: Patriotism, Exceptionalism, and the Pursuit of Happiness*. Co-edited with Obbie Tyler Todd. (Under contract with Pickwick Publications).

Book Chapters

1. “Truths to be Self-Evident”: Black Hope and Support during the American Revolution. Civitas Institute (Accepted).
2. “Jonathan Edwards.” *The Palace of the Thundering Gods: A Massively Collaborative Open History of Religion in the United States*. Edited by Benjamin Wright and Joseph Locke. Stanford University Press (Accepted).
3. “Indigenous Benevolence: Counter- Cultural Doctrines on the Eighteenth-Century American Frontier,” *The Companion to the Miscellanies, Vol.2*, Edited by Robert Boss. Fort Worth, TX: Jonathan Edwards Society Press, 2021.
4. “‘Destruction and Benevolence’: The New Divinity and Abolitionism in Edwardsean Tradition,” *Jonathan Edwards within the Enlightenment*, New Directions in Jonathan Edwards Studies. Co-edited with Daniel N. Gullotta. Göttingen, Germany: Vandenhoeck & Ruprecht Publishing, 2020.

Encyclopedia & Dictionary Articles

1. “Cotton Mather,” “Jonathan Edwards,” and “The First Great Awakening.” *American Religious History: Society and Belief through Time*. American Bibliographical Center—CLIO Santa Barbara, CA: Greenwood Press, 2020.
2. “Angels,” *Jonathan Edwards Encyclopedia*, Grand Rapids, MI: William Eerdmans Publishing Company, 2017.
3. “Simon the Zealot,” *The Lexham Bible Dictionary*, J.D. Barry and L. Wentz, editors. Bellingham, WA: Lexham Publishers, 2012.
4. “Didache,” *Ancient History Encyclopedia*. World History Encyclopedia, West Sussex, UK, 2015.

Journal Articles

1. ‘To Reform the World’: Abolition of Spirit and of Body in Abraham Booth’s Long Eighteenth Century Great Britain.” *Evangelical Quarterly: An International Review of Bible and Theology* 96 (2025): 1-18.
2. “‘To Seek the Welfare of the City’: Patriotism, Benevolence, and Abolitionism, in Andrew Fuller’s Nineteenth-Century Great Britain.” *Journal of Reformed Theology* 18, No. 1-2 (2024): 1-30.
3. “Aftershocks: The first Awakening ended, but it continued to shake the world,” in *The Christian History Magazine*, January 2024: 28-29.
4. “Document: Antislavery Letter from Abraham Booth (1793),” in *Baptist History & Heritage Journal* LVIII, No. 1 (2023): 74-78.
5. “‘The Growth of a Feeble Vine’: A History of Little Flock Baptist Church,” *The Spencer Journal: A Publication of the J.H. Spencer Historical Society*, Vol. 15 (2023): 16-19.
6. “Abolitionism as an Expression of Benevolence in Edwardsean Thought,” *Jonathan Edwards Studies Journal* 41, No. 1/2 (2023): 18-27.
7. “‘Prisoners of the Earth’: Cotton Mather’s Understanding of Sickness, Sin, and Sovereignty in the *Angel of Bethesda*,” *Trinity Journal* 41 NS (2020): 53–66.
8. “Holes in Our History: The Importance of Promoting and Preserving Minutes,” *The Spencer Journal: A Publication of the J.H. Spencer Historical Society*, Vol. 9 (2017).

Web-based Publications

1. [“Jonathan Edwards, Enslaver and Progenitor of Abolitionism,”](#) *The Anxious Bench*, Patheos (Jan.

- 30, 2023).
2. [“Salvation Requires a Pure Nation,”](#) Review of *Bonds of Salvation: How Christianity Inspired and Limited Abolitionism* (Baton Rouge, LA: Louisiana State University Press, 2020) by Ben Wright. *Law and Liberty* (March 6, 2021).
 3. [“Samuel Hopkins and the Paradoxical Legacy of Jonathan Edwards, Sr,”](#) Princeton and Slavery Project (2019).
 4. [“A New and Great Business and a Dark Cloud”: Reflecting on the Death of Jonathan Edwards,”](#) *Edwards Studies* (March 22, 2017).

Reviews

1. *America’s Theologian Beyond America: Jonathan Edwards, Israel, and China* by Victor Zhu in *The Proceedings of the Wesley Historical Society* 64, No.4 (Spring 2024).
2. *Dividing the Faith: The Rise of Segregated Churches in the Early American North* by Richard J. Boles in *The Journal of American Academy of Religion* 89, Vol.4 (2021).
3. *Jonathan Edwards and Scripture: Biblical Exegesis in British North America* edited by David P. Barshinger and Douglas A. Sweeney in *The Journal of Reformed Theology* 15 (2021).
4. *Before Jonathan Edwards: Sources of New England Theology* by Adriaan C. Neele in *Jonathan Edwards Studies Journal*, Vol. 10, No. 1 (2020).
5. *The Global Edwards: Papers from the Jonathan Edwards Congress held in Melbourne, Australia, 2015* edited by Rhys S. Bezzant in *Jonathan Edwards Studies Journal*, Vol 8, No. 1 (2018).
6. *American Colonial History: Clashing of Cultures and Faiths* by Thomas S. Kidd in *Jonathan Edwards Studies Journal*, Vol. 7, No. 1 (2017).
7. *Jonathan Edwards among the Theologians* by Oliver D. Crisp in *Jonathan Edwards Studies Journal*, Vol. 6, No. 1 (2016).
8. *Finding God in Solitude: The Personal Piety of Jonathan Edwards (1703-1758) and Its Influence on His Pastoral Ministry* by Donald S. Whitney in *Jonathan Edwards Studies Journal*, Vol. 5, No. 1 (2015).

PRESENTATIONS, PAPERS, & RESPONSIBILITIES

1. “We Hold These Truths: America at 250.” American Enterprise Institute. Washington, D.C. Oct. 21, 2025.
2. “Samuel Hopkins and the Legacy of Antislavery Thought in the American Revolution. Jack Miller Center and the American Revolution Institute Conference: The American Revolution and Its Legacies from 1776 to Today. Washington, D.C. Sept. 14-16, 2025.
3. “America Before the Constitution.” McConnell Center. Young Leader’s Academy. Louisville, KY. July 16, 2025.
4. “Edwardsean Exegesis in an Age of Revolution and an Age of Slavery.” World History Association. Louisville, KY. June 26-28, 2025.
5. “The Liberty of Righteousness:” A Revolution of Spirit and of Body in Abraham Booth’s Long Eighteenth-Century Great Britain. Nonconformity and Revolutions: British Nonconformity in the Long Eighteenth Century. American Society of Church History. Bath, England. June 21, 2025.
6. “The Question of Jacksonian Democracy.” Liberty Fund. Nashville, TN. Mar. 13-16, 2025.
7. “To Reform the World”: Abolition of Spirit and of Body in Abraham Booth’s Long Eighteenth-Century Great Britain. Evangelical Theological Society Southeastern Regional Annual Meeting. Toccoa Falls College. Toccoa Falls, GA. Feb. 23-24, 2024.
8. “A panel with George Marsden in honor of his publication, *An Infinite Fountain of Delight*.” The Conference on Faith and History. Nov. 9, 2023.

9. "Inanimate commodities": New Perspectives on Jonathan Edwards and Slavery." Princeton Slavery Project: The Troubles I've Seen: Religious Dimensions of Slavery & Its Afterlives. Oct. 22-23, 2021. (Cancelled due to COVID-19).
10. Indigenous Benevolence: Counter-Cultural Doctrines of Jonathan Edwards on the Eighteenth-Century American Frontier. Society for Intellectual US History. Nashville, TN. 2021. (Cancelled due to COVID-19).
11. "Indigenous Benevolence: Counter-Cultural Doctrines of Jonathan Edwards on the Eighteenth-Century American Frontier." American Academy of Religion Midwest Regional Meeting. Muncie, IN. Mar. 27-28, 2020. (Cancelled due to COVID-19).
12. "Destruction and Benevolence": The New Divinity and Abolitionism in Edwardsean Tradition. American Society of Church History National Meeting/American Historical Association Annual Meeting. New York, NY. Jan. 3-6, 2020.
13. "Author of this Violence": Jonathan Edwards, the New Divinity, and Slavery." Resarchdägen. Amsterdam, The Netherlands. June 28-29, 2018.
14. "Jonathan Edwards, Slavery, and Race." Omohundro Institute of Early American History & Culture Annual Conference. Williamsburg, VA. June 14-17, 2018.
15. "Eighteenth-century Perspectives on Slavery and the Slave Trade: Jonathan Edwards." American Society of Church History National Meeting/American Historical Association Annual Meeting. Washington D.C. Jan. 4-7, 2018.
16. "The Practice that Prevails": Jonathan Edwards, the Bible, and Slavery." Evangelical Theological Society Southeastern Regional Meeting. Louisville, KY. Mar. 17-18, 2017.
17. "The Practice that Prevails": Jonathan Edwards, the Bible, and Slavery." Evangelical Theological Society Midwest Regional Meeting. Wheaton, IL, Mar. 11-12, 2017.
18. "Prisoners of the Earth": Cotton Mather's Understanding of Sickness, Sin, and Sovereignty in the *Angel of Bethesda*." Society of Early Americanists Biennial Meeting. Tulsa, OK. Mar. 4-8, 2017.
19. "Drinking Poison with Honey: The Shift of Fourth-Century Christian Attitudes toward Pagan Literature in Basil of Caesarea." American Society of Church History/American Historical Association Annual Meeting. Denver, CO. Jan. 4-8, 2017.
20. Session Chair, "The Diversity of Dissent: A Quarter Centennial Appreciation of Richard Baxter, John Owen, and William Kiffin." Andrew Fuller Center for Baptist Studies 10th Annual Conference. The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. Louisville, KY, Sept. 19-21, 2016.
21. "Drinking Poison with Honey: The Shift of Fourth-Century Christian Attitudes toward Pagan Literature in Basil of Caesarea." North American Patristics Society Annual Meeting. Chicago, IL. May 26-28, 2016.
22. "Jonathan Edwards's Consistency with Martin Luther in His Commitment to Sola Fide." Evangelical Theological Society Midwestern Regional Annual Meeting. Grand Rapids Theological Seminary. Grand Rapids, MI. Mar. 11-12, 2016.
23. "Jonathan Edwards's Consistency with Martin Luther in His Commitment to Sola Fide: Reformation Legacy in Eighteenth-Century New England." Evangelical Theological Society Southeastern Regional Annual Meeting. Columbia International University. Columbia, SC. Mar. 18-19, 2016.
24. Session Chair, "Persecution and the Church, Early Church Martyrdom." Andrew Fuller Center for Baptist Studies 9th Annual Conference. The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. Louisville, KY. Sept. 15-16, 2015.
25. Session Chair, "American Friends of Whitefield, Jonathan Edwards, Samuel Davies, Oliver Hart." Andrew Fuller Center for Baptist Studies 8th Annual Conference. The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. Louisville, KY. Oct. 21-22, 2014.

INVITED LECTURES, INTERVIEWS, & MEDIA APPEARANCES

1. "Origins of Evangelicalism." Invited talk at Ignite Louisville, Louisville, KY. April 2025.

2. “Kentucky and the War of 1812.” Invited lecture at the Historic Locust Grove, Louisville, KY. March 2024.
3. “Ethics, Race, and Religion in Early America.” Invited lecture at the Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary, Louisville, KY. Feb. 2023.
4. Research interview for *Reformatorsch Dagblad*, The Netherlands. Nov. 2022.
5. “Jonathan Edwards and Race in Stockbridge.” Invited lecture at Yale University. June 2022.
6. Research interview for Ecclesiastical Historical Society Podcast. June 2021.
7. Interview with Daniel Gullotta and John T. Lowe; Editors of the Forthcoming “Edwards and the Dark Side of the Enlightenment.” *Edwardsstudies.com*. Jan. 2017.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- 2024— Peer Referee: *Church History: Studies in Christianity and Culture*.
 2022— Editorial Board Member, Jonathan Edwards Society Press

ONLINE & DIGITAL PROJECTS

1. Contributor, *Princeton & Slavery Project* (<https://slavery.princeton.edu/>)
2. Guest Contributor, *Jonathan Edwards Studies Blog* (<http://edwardsstudies.com>)
3. Contributor, *Law & Liberty* (<https://lawliberty.org/>)

AFFILIATIONS & PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- 2025— Jack Miller Center
 2023— Royal Historical Society, Associate Fellow
 2015— American Historical Association
 2015— American Society of Church History
 2018— Omohundro Institute for Early American History & Culture
 2015— J.H. Spencer Historical Society
 2016—2018 Society of Early Americanists
 2014—2016 Evangelical Theological Society
 2014—2016 North American Patristic Society
 2014—2017 Andrew Fuller Center for Baptist Studies

AWARDS & HONORS

- 2023 Student Champion Award, *The University of Louisville*
 2014 Winter Southern Award, *The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary*
 2004 Horatio Alger Scholar Award, *Horatio Alger Association*

LANGUAGES

- Greek (Koine)
 Latin (Classical)
 Hebrew (Biblical)
 Coptic (Biblical, Beginner)

COURSES TAUGHT

Undergraduate

HIST104: Introduction to American History I (in-person & online)
HIST105: Introduction to American History II (in-person & online)
THEO200: Ultimate Questions (in-person)
THEO317: History of Christianity II (in-person)

Graduate

Church History I (in-person & online)
Church History II (in-person & online)
Life & Thought of St. Augustine (online)
St. Patrick's *Confessio* Latin Reading (in-person)

Doctoral

EDD905 Ethical Leadership (online)

REFERENCES

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