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Formal Education

Ph.D., Trinity Evangelical Divinity School (Church History), 2021.
“Jonathan Edwards and Hebrews: His Harmonic Interpretation of Scripture,” Ph.D. Thesis, Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, 2021.
Readers: Douglas A. Sweeney, Scott M. Manetsch, and Kenneth P. Minkema.
Th.M., Dallas Theological Seminary (Interdisciplinary New Testament and Pastoral Leadership), 2009.
B.B.A., Cum Laude. University of Texas at Arlington (Marketing), 2004.

Teaching Experience and Service

Anxious Bench (2022–Present)

General Editor and Regular Columnist (<https://www.patheos.com/blogs/anxiousbench/>)

Conference on Faith and History (2020–Present)

Social Media Coordinator

Purdue University Northwest | Hammond, IN (2024–2025)

Visiting Instructor of History (Fa, 2024–Sp, 2025)
HIST 104 Introduction to the Modern World (Fa, 2024)
HIST 110 Pre-Modern World History (Online, Fa, 2024)
HIST 151 American History to 1877 (2 sec, Fa, 2024)

Wheaton College | Wheaton, IL (2020–2024)

Visiting Assistant Professor, History Department (Fa, 2023–Sp, 2024)
Marketing and Communications Consultant, History Department (Su, 2023–Fa, 2023)
Guest Instructor, History Department (Sp, 2020–Su, 2023)
HIST 102 World History Since 1300 (Fa, 2023; Sp, 2024)
HIST 103-1 The Making of America (Sp, 2022; Sp, 2023)
HIST 103-2 Magic and Folklore in Colonial America (Sp, 2022; Fa, 2022; Fa, 2023; Sp 2024)
HIST 251 American History to 1865 (Fa, 2023)
HIST 252 American History Since 1865 (Sp, 2023)
HIST 391-2 The Rise of Evangelicalism (Sp, 2023)
HIST 391-4 Great Early American Personal Narratives (Sp, 2020; Sp 2024)
HIST 483/BITH 585 History of Christianity in North America (Fa, 2022)

Trinity Evangelical Divinity School | Deerfield, IL | *Adjunct Professor, Church History Department*
CH 5060 American Church History (Online, Sp, 2022)

Trinity Christian College | Palos Heights, IL | *Adjunct Professor, History/Bible and Theology Department*

HT 104 Europe and Western Civilization (Sp, 2019; Sp, 2020; Sp, 2021)
HT 103 America and Western Civilization (Fa 2019)
ST 121 Old Testament and Its Fulfillment (Fa, 2019)
ST 122 The Church and Christian Traditions (Sp, 2020)

The Center for Pastor Theologians | Oak Park, IL (2020–2021)

Copy/Proof Editor, Bulletin of Ecclesial Theology

Jonathan Edwards Center at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School | Deerfield, IL (2015–2019)

Assistant Director

Other Career Experience

Calvary Memorial Church | Oak Park, IL (2015–2018)

*Pastor of Adult Discipleship (7–10/2018); Pastor of Connection and Communication (1–6/2018);
Pastor of Middle School Discipleship and Communication (2015–2017)*

Fellowship Bible Church | Tulsa, OK (2010–2013)

Associate Pastor; Formerly High School Pastor

Dallas Theological Seminary | Dallas, TX (2005–2009)

General Manager, Campus Dining Services

Society Memberships/Fellowships

American Historical Association, *Member*; **American Society of Church History**, *Member*;

Conference on Faith and History, *Member*; **Omohundro Institute**, *Associate*.

Royal Historical Society, *Associate Fellow* (2022–present)

The Center for Pastor Theologians, *Fellow* (2017–Present)

Jonathan Edwards Center | Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, *Senior Fellow* (2015–2019)

Languages

Hebrew, research comprehension; **Greek**, reading comprehension; **Latin**, research comprehension;

German, research comprehension; **French**, reading comprehension.

Book Publications

Jonathan Edwards and Hebrews: A Harmonic Interpretation (Vandenhoeck & Ruprecht, [Forthcoming], 2024).

Brand Evangelicals: The Makers and Consumers of the States Most Powerful Religious Movement (Brazos Press, Forthcoming, 2026).

Periodical and Journal Articles

“Jonathan Edwards and His Harmony of the Word of God,” *Bulletin of Ecclesial Theology*, (forthcoming).

[“Jonathan Edwards and His World of Harmony,”](#) *Jonathan Edwards Studies* 13, Nos. 1–2 (2023): 23–44.

“Imitating the Virtue Ethic of Jonathan Edwards and William James,” *Bulletin of Ecclesial Theology* 9, No. 2 (2022): 19–42.

“Review Essay of Oxford Handbook of Jonathan Edwards,” *Fides et Historia* 53, No. 1 (2021): 75–79.

[“Jonathan Edwards’s Harmonic Interpretation of Hebrews 12:22-24,”](#) *Jonathan Edwards Studies* 10, No. 1 (2020): 20–47.

“Becoming Data, Enhancing Humanity: How Technology and Transhumanism Challenge Christian Theology and Theological Anthropology,” *Bulletin of Ecclesial Theology* 7, No. 2 (2020): 15–32.

“Transhumanism—the Great Danger? How far are we allowed to go in biological and technological improvements to mankind?” *Christian Psychology Around the World*, Number 13 (2019): 25–34.

“JEC Gateway: Edwards Centers Add 10th Location,” *Edwardseana* 4 (Fall 2018): 14–15.

“The Art and Techne of Edwards Studies: How One Scholar Is Changing the Way We Read the Miscellanies,” *Edwardseana* 3 (Fall 2017): 20–23.

“How the Reformation Cultivated the Best Kind of Citizen,” *Light Magazine* 3, No. 1 (Summer 2017): 37–39.

Book Reviews

Regular contributions to *Fides et Historia*, *Themelios*, and *Bulletin of Ecclesial Theology*. Visit my [Academia profile](#) to see all my reviews. Recent review:

Review of Andrew Whitehead, *American Idolatry*, *Journal of Church and State* (forthcoming).

Review of Lisanne Winslow, *A Great and Remarkable Analogy*, *Jonathan Edwards Studies* 11, No. 2 (2021):186–87

(<https://jestudies.yale.edu/index.php/journal/article/view/533>).

Peer Review

Acknowledged by Karen Swallow Prior in *The Evangelical Imagination* (Brazos Press, 2023).

Acknowledged by Kaitlyn Schiess in *The Ballot and the Bible* (Brazos Press, 2023).

Blind Reviews for *Bulletin of Ecclesial Theology* and *Faith and Flourishing*.

In the Media

Bekah McNeil, *Sojourners* (forthcoming).

Rachel Dobkin, “[Conservative Colleges Are Facing Cancel Culture Problems.](#)” *Newsweek*, Aug 17, 2024.

Bob Smietana and Kathryn Post, “[With Keller’s Death, ‘young, restless, and reformed’ new Calvinists are at a crossroads.](#)” *Religious News Service*, Jun 6, 2023.

Josh Shepherd and Julie Roys, “[Trinity International U Announces Closure of Residential Program and Camp.](#)” *The Roys Report*, Feb 20, 2023.

Book Talks and Panels

CFH Book Talk Moderator (Jun, 2024) to Daniel Silliman, *Reading Evangelicals* (Eerdmans, 2021).

CFH Book Talk Moderator (May, 2024) to Leah Payne, *God Gave Rock and Roll to You* (OUP, 2024).

CFH Book Talk Moderator (Apr, 2024) to Devin Manzullo-Thomas, *Exhibiting Evangelicalism* (UMass, 2022).

CFH Book Panel Moderator (Nov, 2023) to George Marsden, *An Infinite Fountain of Light* (IVP, 2023).

CFH Book Talk Moderator (Oct, 2023) to Mark Edwards, *Walter Lippmann: American Skeptic, American Pastor* (OUP, 2023).

CFH Virtual Coffee Panelist (Sep, 2023), *The History of Gun Violence in the United States*.

CFH Book Talk Moderator (Jul, 2023) to Paul Gutacker, *The Old Faith in a New Nation* (OUP, 2023).

CFH Book Talk Moderator (Jul, 2023) to Daniel Hummel, *The Rise and Fall of Dispensationalism* (Eerdmans, 2023).

CFH Book Talk Moderator (Dec, 2022) to James Ungureanu, *Science, Religion and the Protestant Tradition* (UPitt Press, 2019).

CFH Book Talk Moderator (Jul, 2022) to Katherine Carté, *Religion and the American Revolution* (UNC Press, 2021).

CFH Book Talk Moderator (Dec, 2021) to Tim Larsen and Jon Boyd, *Every Leaf, Line, and Letter* (IVP, 2021).

CFH Book Talk Moderator (Jul, 2021) to Aaron Griffith, *God’s Law and Order* (HUP, 2020).

CFH Book Talk Moderator (Jun, 2021) to Thomas Conner, *War and Remembrance* (University Press of Kentucky, 2018).

CFH Panel Moderator (Mar, 2021) for *Contest and Context: Current Issues in Baptist History*.

Conference Panels and Papers Read

American Society of Church History (Forthcoming Dec 2024), Chicago, IL | Chair *The Devil They Knew: Early Modern Witchcraft and the Other in the Christian Imagination*.

Conference on Faith and History (Forthcoming Oct 2024), Samford, AL | Roundtable *Current Issues in Activist History: An Anxious Bench Roundtable*.

Conference on Faith and History (Forthcoming Oct 2024), Samford, AL | Paper “Creating the Brand Evangelical Story and Buying into Its Myth”

CPT St. Augustine Fellowship (Mar 2024), Oak Park, IL | “Jonathan Edwards and the Harmony of the Word of God.”

Conference on Faith and History (Mar 2023), Baylor, TX | “Joseph Fish: Minister and Missionary.”

CPT St. Augustine Fellowship (Mar 2022), Oak Park, IL | “Imitating the Virtue Ethic of Jonathan Edwards and William James.”

Newberry Library Seminar on Culture and Religion in Early America (Oct 2019) | Respondent to Christopher Allison’s paper, “Absent Icons: Harriet Newell, Ann Judson, Ann Wilkins and the Materiality of the Cult of Women Missionaries in 19th Century America.”

CPT St. Augustine Fellowship (Mar 2019), Oak Park, IL; *Mid-West Regional ETS* (Mar 2019), Chicago, IL | “Becoming Data, Enhancing Humanity: How Technology and Transhumanism Challenge Christian Theology and What It Means to Be Human.”

Mid-West Regional ETS (2015), Grand Rapids, MI | “The Preacher as Pastor Historian.”

Chapel/Speaking Invitations

“Evangelicals for Harris Rally” (Aug 14, 2024).

Westminster School, Atlanta, GA (Mar 26, 2024), “The Truly Human Life.”

Wheaton College History Department (Mar 22, 2023), “Trust in God and Ye Need Not Fear, March 22, 1758.”

Tyndale House Publishers (Jun 2, 2022), “Remembering the Righteous, Phyllis Wheatley-Peters (1753–84).”

Crossway Publishers (Sep, 2015), “A Man of the Word, Thomas Watson (1620–86) and Psalm 119.”

Church Classes Taught

“Evangelicals: A Mix of the 70s, 80, and 90s,” Four Week Course, *forthcoming* Nov 2025, Christ Church, Oak Brook.

“Evangelicalism v. Fundamentalism,” Three Week Course, Jun–Jul 2024, Christ Church, Oak Brook.

“The Rise of Evangelicalism,” Four Week Course, Jun 2023, Christ Church, Oak Brook.

“Media and the Family,” Sep 2018, Parent Workshop.

“The Development of Denominations,” Apr 2018, CRU, University of Illinois, Chicago.

“Evangelicals at the Crossroads: A History of Evangelicalism,” Eight Week Course, Jan–Feb 2018, Foundations: Adult Sunday School.

“Roots of Reformation,” Three Week Course, Oct 2017, Foundations: Adult Sunday School.

“Creatures of Worship,” Three Week Course, Jan 2017, Foundations: Adult Sunday School.

“Puritans for Today,” Five Week Course, Jan 2015, Foundations: Adult Sunday School.

Sermons Preached

“An Unchanging Vision,” Jonah 3, 26 Jul 2015, <https://www.calvarymemorial.com/sermons/an-unchanging-vision?rq=Joey%20Cochran>.

“The Good Teacher,” Luke 18:18–34, 13 Mar 2016, <https://www.calvarymemorial.com/sermons/the-good-teacher?rq=Joey%20Cochran>.

“The Prayer of Faith: Prescribed Privilege, Prophetic Power,” James 5:18–13, 24 Jul 2016, <https://www.calvarymemorial.com/sermons/the-prayer-of-faith-prescribed-privilege-prophetic-power?rq=Joey%20Cochran>.

“Waiting and Worshiping,” Matthew 2:1–12, 1 Jan 2017, <https://www.calvarymemorial.com/sermons/waiting-and-worshipping?rq=Joey%20Cochran>.

“Crooked Ways Made Straight,” Matthew 3:1–12, 31 Dec 2017, <https://www.calvarymemorial.com/sermons/crooked-ways-made-straight?rq=Joey%20Cochran>.

“God Will Do What’s Good,” 2 Samuel 15:24–37, 23 Jul 2017,

<https://www.calvarymemorial.com/sermons/god-will-do-whats-good?rq=Joey%20Cochran>.

“The Demand of Discipleship,” Matthew 8:18–9:1, 15 Apr 2018,

<https://www.calvarymemorial.com/sermons/the-demand-of-discipleship?rq=Joey%20Cochran>.

Church, Civic, Community Activities

Currently Attending, Christ Church, Oak Brook, 2021–Present.

Middle School Small Group Leader, Christ Church, Oak Brook, 2021–Present.

Adult Discipleship Teacher, Christ Church, Oak Brook, 2023–Present.

Men’s Friday Morning Bible Study Leader/Member, 2018–Present.

Family Small Group Member, Christ Church, Oak Brook, 2022–23.

North Riverside Parks and Recreation, Assistant Soccer Coach, 2017–19.

Member and Pastor, Calvary Memorial Church, Oak Park, 2015–2019.

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