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Education

University of St Andrews, Logos Institute for Analytic & Exegetical Theology (St Andrews, UK)

Degree: Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)

Field: Divinity

Thesis: *Chalcedon and the Mind(s): A Comparative and Constructive Study in Analytic Christology* (tentative)

Thesis Supervisor: Andrew Torrance

Received: May 2025 (Anticipated)

Union Presbyterian Seminary (Richmond, VA)

Degree: Master of Theology (ThM)

Thesis: *Ascetical Salvation: A Soteriological Study and Constructive Proposal through the Work of Sarah Coakley*

Thesis Adviser: Dawn DeVries (Second Reader: Rachel Beard)

Received: May 2021

Union Presbyterian Seminary (Richmond, VA)

Degree: Master of Divinity (MDiv)

Received: May 2020

North Carolina State University, College of Humanities & Social Sciences (Raleigh, NC)

Degree: Bachelor of Arts (BA)

Major: Religious Studies

Minor: Journalism

Received: May 2017

Teaching and Research Interests

Systematic and philosophical theology (especially Christology, soteriology, and eschatology); philosophy of religion (especially metaphysics, philosophy of mind, and religious epistemology); religion and science (especially psychology of religion and cognitive science).

Professional Experience

St. Timothy's Episcopal Church (Wilson, NC)

Youth and Family Minister, August 2021 – July 2022

Responsible for working in partnership with the Rector, Christian Formation Commission, and volunteers to oversee and lead ministries for persons aged birth through twelfth grade and their families. Additionally responsible for partnering with the Worship Commission and Community Outreach Commission to support full participation of youth and families in the life and work of the parish. Charged with executing a program and curriculum designed to enhance faith and spiritual life, form discipleship, and support the overall mission of the Episcopal Church.

Grace & Holy Trinity Episcopal Church (Richmond, VA)

Coordinator of Children, Youth, and Family Ministries, August 2017 – June 2021

Responsible for overseeing Christian education/formation programs for all parishioners aged birth through twelfth grade and their families including, but not limited to: Sunday School, Confirmation classes, Children's Chapel, nursery, and youth activities. Additionally, responsible for recruiting and managing relevant volunteers and paid staff, developing/managing program budgets, and generally serving as the parish's Christian educator and educational administrator.

Union Presbyterian Seminary (Richmond, VA)

Grant Project Assistant, August 2020 – June 2021

Responsible for administrative assistance to the Rev. Richard W. Voelz, PhD in the completion of a project funded by the Calvin Institute of Christian Worship through a Teacher-Scholar Grant. Primary duties include feedback collection, data recording and aggregation, and software support.

North Carolina State University (Raleigh, NC)

Lead Audio-Visual Technician, December 2015 – July 2017

Audio-Visual Technician, July 2015 – December 2015

Publications

Refereed Articles

[Davis, Aaron Brian. "Making and Mending Ourselves: A Practical Proposal." *TheoLogica* 6, no. 1 \(2022\): Online First.](#)

[Davis, Aaron Brian. "Compassionate Exclusivism: Relational Atonement and Post-Mortem Salvation." *Journal of Analytic Theology* 9 \(2021\): 158-179.](#)

Chapters

Davis, Aaron Brian. "Disability, Eschatology, and *Sword Art Online*," in *Anime and Theology*, ed. Roberto J. De La Noval and David Armstrong.

Forthcoming with Lexington Books/Fortress Academic

Popular Articles

Davis, Aaron Brian. "A Prayerbook Centered Children's Chapel." *Building Faith* (2022): [online here](#).

Reviews

"Drew Collins, *The Unique and Universal Christ: Refiguring the Theology of Religions*."
Forthcoming in Journal of Analytic Theology

"David McLachlan, *Accessible Atonement: Disability, Theology, and the Cross of Christ*."
Forthcoming in McMaster Journal of Theology & Ministry

"Sarah Coakley, *Spiritual Healing: Science, Meaning, and Discernment*." *Reading Religion* (2022): [online here](#).

"Oliver D. Crisp, *Approaching the Atonement: The Reconciling Work of Christ*." *Reading Religion* (2021): [online here](#).

["Oliver D. Crisp, *Analyzing Doctrine: Toward a Systematic Theology*" *Anglican Theological Review* 103, no. 2 \(May 2021\): 248-249.](#)

["Eleonore Stump, *Atonement*." *McMaster Journal of Theology & Ministry* 21 \(2019-2020\): R31-36.](#)

In Progress/Under Review

Davis, Aaron Brian. "Hopeful Universalism? A Reply to Rea."
In progress

Davis, Aaron Brian and Lindsey Johnson Edwards. "A Moderated Ecumenical Interpretation of the Atonement."

In progress

Davis, Aaron Brian. "When is Salvation Compassionately Exclusivist? A Problem and Two Solutions."
In progress

Davis, Aaron Brian. "'Draw Me After You:' Toward an Erotic Theosis."
In progress

Presentations

Davis, Aaron Brian. "Horizons of Hope: Disability, Eschatology, and the Work of the Holy Spirit." Paper presentation to the Christian Systematic Theology Unit at the Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion. Denver, CO, November 19-22, 2022.

Davis, Aaron Brian. "The Analytic Missiological Turn? Critical Introspection and the Missionary's Ongoing Conversion." Paper presentation at the Annual Meeting of the American Society of Missiology, St. Mary's College, Notre Dame, IN, June 17-19, 2022.

Davis, Aaron Brian. "When is Salvation Compassionately Exclusivist? Temporal Possibilities for Post-Mortem Salvation." Paper presentation at the Carolina Analytic Theology Workshop, Anderson University, May 20-21, 2022.

Davis, Aaron Brian. "Unconditioned Desire? Tillich and Coakley in Constructive Dialogue." Paper presentation at the Christian Philosophy at Villanova/Augustinian Institute conference "God and the Unconditional," Villanova University, April 1-2, 2022.

Davis, Aaron Brian. "Imagining Sainly Bodies: Modeling an Ecclesiological Soteriology." Paper presentation to the Constructive Theologies Section at the Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion – Southeast Region, Florida State University, online due to COVID-19, March 11-13, 2022.

Davis, Aaron Brian. "'Comfort, O Comfort My People;' Exploring the Pastoral Import of Eleonore Stump's Analytic Theology." Paper presentation at the Logia Postgraduate Interdisciplinary Conference "Women and God," University of St. Andrews, online due to COVID-19, May 27, 2021.

Davis, Aaron Brian. "The Moderated Ecumenical Interpretation: A Mashup Account of the Atonement." Paper presentation to the Constructive Theologies Section at the Annual Meeting of the Southeastern Commission for the Study of Religion, Florida State University, online due to COVID-19, March 12-14, 2021.

Davis, Aaron Brian. "'Draw Me After You:' Toward an Erotic Theosis." Paper Presentation to the Christian Systematic Theology Unit at the Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, online due to COVID-19, November 29-December 10, 2020.

Davis, Aaron Brian. "No Longer through a Glass Dimly: Conciliar Orthodoxy and Foundational Propositional Knowledge." Paper presentation at the Christ Among the Disciplines Conference, online due to COVID-19, November 18-25, 2020.

Davis, Aaron Brian. "Loving Self, Neighbor, and God: A Hybrid Approach to Mission and Relationality." Lightning Talk at the Annual Meeting of the American Society of Missiology, St. Mary's College, Notre Dame, IN, June 19-21, 2020.

Rescheduled to 2021 Annual Meeting due to COVID-19 outbreak

Davis, Aaron Brian. "Making Our Selves: Flourishing through Narrative and Fellowship." Paper presentation to the Contemporary Theology Section at the Annual Meeting of the Mid-Atlantic Region of the American Academy of Religion, Princeton Theological Seminary, Princeton, NJ, March 9-10, 2020.

Cancelled due to COVID-19 outbreak

Davis, Aaron Brian. "Orthodoxy and Family: Addressing Cultural Change Contra-Dreher." Paper presentation to the Constructive Theologies Section at the Annual Meeting of the Southeastern Commission for the Study of Religion, University of Georgia, Athens, GA, February 28-March 1, 2020.

Davis, Aaron Brian. "Compassionate Exclusivism: Toward a Broader Soteriology through the Relationality of Grace." Paper presentation to the Christian Systematic Theology Unit at the Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, San Diego, CA, November 23-26, 2019.

Honors and Awards

University of St Andrews (St Andrews, UK)

School of Divinity Postgraduate Research Scholarship, Beginning September 2022

Union Presbyterian Seminary (Richmond, VA)

Master of Theology Merit Scholarship, September 2020 – May 2021

Wade and Lou Boggs Scholarship for Excellence in Christian Theology, April 2019

Ida, Susan, Matilda, and Joseph Chesnutt Merit Scholarship, August 2017 – May 2020

Professional and Community Service

Society of Christian Philosophers

Member of the Eastern Region Committee, January 2021 – Present

American Academy of Religion – Southeast Region

Co-Chair of the Constructive Theologies Section, February 2020 – Present

Union Presbyterian Seminary (Richmond, VA)

Volunteer for the Community Life First Year Student Program, June 2019 – May 2021

Volunteer for the Admissions Visitor Program, October 2018 – May 2021

Richmond Student Representative to the Committee on Academic Programs, May 2019 – September 2020

Moderator of the Richmond Student Government Assembly, October 2019 – April 2020

Christ Episcopal Church (Raleigh, NC)

Lay Eucharistic Minister, June 2015 – July 2017

Lector, June 2015 – July 2017

North Carolina State University (Raleigh, NC)

Vice President of the College of Humanities and Social Sciences Student Council, May 2016 – May 2017

President of Academic Study of Religions Club, May 2015 – June 2016

Organizational Memberships

American Academy of Religion (AAR), January 2018 – Present

American Society of Church History (ASCH), January 2018 – Present

American Society of Missiology (ASM), January 2019 – Present

Society of Christian Philosophers (SCP), February 2019 – Present

References

Available upon request.