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Education

University of St Andrews (St Andrews, UK)

Degree: Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)

Field: Divinity

Thesis: *The Dignity of Every Human Being: Disability and a Theology of Health Law* (tentative)

Supervisor: Andrew Torrance

Received: November 2025 (Anticipated)

Union Presbyterian Seminary (Richmond, VA, US)

Degree: Master of Theology (ThM)

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

Adviser: Dawn DeVries

Received: May 2021

Degree: Master of Divinity (MDiv)

Received: May 2020

North Carolina State University (Raleigh, NC, US)

Degree: Bachelor of Arts (BA)

Major: Religious Studies (Minor in Journalism)

Received: May 2017

Teaching and Research Interests

Systematic and philosophical theology (especially Christology, soteriology, eschatology, and disability theology); philosophy of religion (particularly with reference to metaphysics, philosophy of mind, and religious epistemology); religion and science (neuropsychology and cognitive science); and philosophy of law (particularly health law and human rights law)

Publications

Refereed Articles

Davis, Aaron Brian. "‘Draw Me After You:’ Toward an Erotic Theosis." *Scottish Journal of Theology* (forthcoming).

Davis, Aaron Brian. "[Making and Mending Ourselves: A Practical Proposal.](#)" *TheoLogica* 6, no 1. (March 2022): 178-196.

Davis, Aaron Brian. "[Compassionate Exclusivism: Relational Atonement and Post-Mortem Salvation.](#)" *Journal of Analytic Theology* 9 (September 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 (Lanham: Lexington Books/Fortress Academic, forthcoming).

Popular Articles

Davis, Aaron Brian. "[A Prayerbook Centered Children’s Chapel.](#)" *Building Faith* (July 2022).

Book Reviews

"Drew Collins, *The Unique and Universal Christ: Refiguring the Theology of Religions.*" *Journal of Analytic Theology* (forthcoming).

["David McLachlan, *Accesible Atonement: Disability, Theology, and the Cross of Christ.*"](#) *McMaster Journal of Theology & Ministry* 23 (2021-2022): R47-R52.

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

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

["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-R36.

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. "Time and Purgation."
In progress

Professional Experience

St. Timothy's Episcopal Church (Wilson, NC, US)
Youth and Family Minister, August 2021 – July 2022

Grace & Holy Trinity Episcopal Church (Richmond, VA, US)
Coordinator of Children, Youth, and Family Ministries, August 2017 – June 2021

Union Presbyterian Seminary (Richmond, VA, US)
Grant Project Assistant, August 2020 – June 2021

North Carolina State University (Raleigh, NC, US)
Lead Audio-Visual Technician, December 2015 – July 2017
Audio-Visual Technician, July 2015 – December 2015

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, US, 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, US, June 17-22, 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, Anderson, SC, US, 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, Villanova, PA, US, 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 American Academy of Religion – Southeast Region, Florida State University, online due to COVID-19, March 11-13, 2022.

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, US, June 19-21, 2020.

Rescheduled to 2021 Annual Meeting due to COVID-19

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, US, March 9-10, 2020.

Cancelled due to COVID-19

Davis, Aaron Brian. "Orthodoxy and Family: Addressing Cultural Change Contra-Dreher." Paper presentation to the Constructive Theologies Section at the Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion-Southeast Region, University of Georgia, Athens, GA, US, 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, US, November 23-26, 2019.

Honors and Awards

University of St Andrews (St Andrews, UK)

Postgraduate Travel Award, October 2022

School of Divinity Postgraduate Research Scholarship, September 2022 – Present

Union Presbyterian Seminary (Richmond, VA, US)

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

University of St Andrews (St Andrews, UK)

Divinity Postgrad Research Representative to the St Andrews Students' Association, October 2022 – Present
Mentor for the St Mary's College Mentoring Scheme, September 2022 – Present

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, US)

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 2022

Christ Episcopal Church (Raleigh, NC, US)

Lay Eucharistic Minister, June 2015 – July 2017

Lector, June 2015 – June 2017

North Carolina State University (Raleigh, NC, US)

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

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

Organizational Memberships

Society for the Study of Theology (SST), October 2022 – Present

European Academy of Religion (EUR), October 2022 – Present

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

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

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

References

Academic

Dawn DeVries

John Newton Thomas Professor of Systematic
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Union Presbyterian Seminary (Richmond, VA, US)
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