

Matt Jenson

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EDUCATION

Ph.D., University of St. Andrews, St. Andrews, Scotland

2006

- Thesis title: *"Homo incurvatus in se: A relational understanding of sin and its systematic implications in Augustine, Luther and Barth"*
- Supervisors: Prof. Trevor Hart, Dr. Mark Elliott
- Examiners: Prof. Jeremy Begbie, Dr. Alistair McFadyen
- Completed 2/3 of the course requirements for the M.Litt. in Theology; Supervised by Prof. Trevor Hart

B.A., Wheaton College

1995 to 1998, *Magna Cum Laude*

- Major in Literature and Philosophy
- Recipient, William F. (Billy) Graham Award
- Chairman of World Christian Fellowship

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

Assistant Professor of Theology, Torrey Honors Institute, Biola University

Fall 2006 to Present

- One of two systematic theologians in an honors 'Great Books' program
- Lead discussions of classic theological, scriptural, literary and philosophical texts of the Western tradition
- Mentor thirty-four students through their four years of the program

Tutor in Theology, "The Late Medieval and Early Modern Church and its Theology," St. Mary's College, University of St. Andrews

Spring term 2005

- Led two weekly tutorials on late medieval and early modern theology
- Graded essays for students

Tutor in Theology, "Contemporary Theology and Its Challenges," St. Mary's College, University of St. Andrews

Spring term 2004

- Led weekly tutorial on issues in philosophical theology

Tutor in Theology, "Theology: Issues and History," St. Mary's College, University of St. Andrews

Fall term 2003

- Led weekly tutorial on introductory issues in theology
- Gave feedback to weekly writing
- Graded two sets of essays for students

- Completed Introduction to Tutoring and Assessment course

PAPERS PRESENTED

"Sin and the City: Augustine, sin and life together," American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, November 2005

"*Homo incurvatus in se*: Luther's Relational Account of Sin," Evangelical Theological Society National Meeting, Valley Forge, Pennsylvania, November 2005

"The Manner of the Mercenary: Luther on Humanity Curved in on Itself," Scottish Universities' Staff/Student Church History Conference, Perth, Scotland, February 2005

"Rethinking *Soli Deo Gloria*: How the City of God Trumps the Earthly City," Evangelical Theological Society National Meeting, San Antonio, Texas, November 2004

Invited to present a paper and lead discussion in a class on "Augustine and Aquinas in History and Effect," St. Mary's College, University of St. Andrews, March 2004

"Sin's Irony: Missing the Point on Missing the Mark," Systematic Theology Research Seminar, University of St. Andrews, St. Andrews, Scotland, March 2004

"Looking for God in All the Wrong Places? Augustine's Ambiguous Introspection," Research Seminar for the Institute for Theology, Imagination and the Arts, University of St. Andrews, St. Andrews, Scotland, December 2003

PROPOSED RESEARCH AND RESEARCH INTERESTS

General interests:

- Theological anthropology; Christology; pneumatology; ecclesiology; theology and the arts; feminist theology; theology of religions; theological method and the role of experience; integration of Scripture and theology; Augustine; Cyril of Alexandria; Luther; Barth; Bonhoeffer.

Proposed research:

- "Creation and Fall: John Milton, Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Arthur Miller and C. S. Lewis on *Urgeschichte*"
- "Christ as Church: Dietrich Bonhoeffer's Christological Ecclesiology"
- "(Dis)continuity or Dis(continuity)? Feminism, the Cross and the Self"
- "The Democratization of Sacred Space: On Locating the Eucharist in a Free Church"
- "God's 'Roominess': Do We Have a Place in God? A Response to Robert Jenson"

PUBLICATIONS/REVIEWS

"Barth," in *A Guide to the Historical Reception of Augustine*, ed. Karla Pollmann and Willemien Otten (forthcoming, Oxford University Press)

The Gravity of Sin: Augustine, Luther and Barth on 'homo incurvatus in se' (New York: T&T Clark, 2007)

"An Apology for Staying," www.theotherjournal.com/article.php?id=210 (November 2006)

"Real Presence: Contemporaneity in Bonhoeffer's Christology," *Scottish Journal of Theology* 58:2 (2005): 143-160

Biographies and summaries of the following: W. R. Inge (*The Philosophy of Plotinus*), Werner Jaeger (*The Theology of the Early Greek Philosophers*), Henry Chadwick (*Authority in the Early Church and Authority in Christian Theology*), www.giffordlectures.org.uk

Review: *Who's Afraid of Postmodernism? Taking Derrida, Lyotard, and Foucault to Church*, by James K. A. Smith. *Cultural Encounters: A Journal for the Theology of Culture* (forthcoming)

Review: *Persons: The Difference Between 'Someone' and 'Something'*, by Robert Spaemann. *International Journal of Systematic Theology* (forthcoming)

Review: *Bonhoeffer as Martyr: Social Responsibility and Modern Christian Commitment*, by Craig J. Slane. *Scottish Journal of Theology* (forthcoming)

Review: *Who's Afraid of Postmodernism? Taking Derrida, Lyotard, and Foucault to Church*, by James K. A. Smith. *Cultural Encounters: A Journal for the Theology of Culture* (forthcoming)

Review: *From Nature to Experience: The American Search for Cultural Authority*, by Roger Lundin. *Cultural Encounters: A Journal for the Theology of Culture* 3:1 (Winter 2006): 79-81

Review: *Augustine's Commentary on Galatians: Introduction, Text, Translation, and Notes*, trans. Eric Antone Plumer. *European Journal of Theology* 15:1 (2006): 82-84

Review: *Karl Barth's Christological Ecclesiology*, by Kimlyn J. Bender. *Zeitschrift für Dialektische Theologie* 21:3 (2005): 295

Review: *Christ Present in Faith: Luther's View of Justification*, by Tuomo Mannermaa. *International Journal of Systematic Theology* 7:4 (2005): 482-485

Review: *The Fall and Sin: What We Have Become as Sinners*, by Marguerite Shuster. *Scottish Bulletin of Evangelical Theology* 23:1 (2005): 98-99

(with Ron Jenson), *Fathers and Sons: 10 Life Principles to Make Your Relationship Stronger* (Nashville, TN: Broadman & Holman, 1998); translation into Indonesian (2003)

[Under review] "Rethinking *Soli Deo Gloria*: How the City of God Trumps the Earthly City," *Scottish Journal of Theology*

SOCIETY MEMBERSHIPS AND OTHER PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

American Academy of Religion

Evangelical Theological Society

Contributing Editor, *Cultural Encounters: A Journal for the Theology of Culture* (2006-)

MINISTRY AND OTHER RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

Interim Pastor, Trinity Church of the Nazarene, Kansas City, Kansas

January 2006 to July 2006

- Weekly preaching
- Providing a pastoral presence as our church seeks a full-time pastor

Discipleship Hour Leader, Trinity Church of the Nazarene, Kansas City, Kansas

September 2006 to Present

- Lead discussion on a topic related to the worship service with a mixed class, most of whom are seminarians or men from the local rescue mission (e.g., repentance, calling, faith, forgiveness, *lectio divina*, the arts in the Christian life, the arts and the city, catholicity)

Worship Leader, St. Andrews Baptist Church, St. Andrews, Scotland

As Requested Fall 2003 to May 2005

German Language Acquisition, Deutschkurse für Ausländer at the University of Munich, Munich, Germany

June 2004 to July 2004

- Completed the Grundstufe German language program

Children's Club Assistant, Families First – St. Andrews, St. Andrews, Scotland

January 2003 to October 2003

- Led an after school club for grade school students
- Coordinated volunteers for the club
- Volunteered with a breakfast club after leaving the job

Director of Field Operations, High/Ground, Baguio, Philippines

May 2000 to September 2000

- Worked with Campus Crusade for Christ in Asia to help refocus their leadership development approach to include a more holistic emphasis
- Spoke in a number of different settings and co-planned a conference for individuals from 13 countries
- Project managed the design and development of a web-based curriculum to train church leaders

Volunteer with High School Youth Group, Maranatha Chapel, San Diego, California

August 1999 to May 2001

- Led a number of Bible studies and discipleship groups with high school students
- Occasional preaching

Chairman, World Christian Fellowship, Wheaton College, Wheaton, Illinois

August 1997 to May 1998

- Mentored and led a cabinet of eight and a leadership team of 50 for this organization which sought to integrate worship and missions

Resident Assistant, Wheaton College, Wheaton, Illinois

August 1996 to May 1997

- Led a floor of about 50 men, creating a culture of hospitality, personal and spiritual growth and providing general pastoral oversight
- Organized and led a retreat with my dad for fathers and sons, working on building father-son unity

REFERENCES

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College and Head of School

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