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## **Education**

- 2018      **PhD, Theology & Religion**, *University of Birmingham (UK)*  
The Interdependent Light: A Quaker Theology of Reconciliation
- 2011      **M. Phil., Reconciliation Studies**, *Trinity College Dublin*  
Theory & Practice of Reconciliation in Post-Conflict Societies and Cultures  
Cloud of the Spirit: A Communitarian Ontology for Reconciliation Theology
- 2010      **M.A., Theology**, *St. Mary's Seminary & Univ.-Ecumenical Inst. of Theology*  
Neither Slave nor Free, Black nor White, For All Are One in Christ: Religious and Racial Reconciliation in the Episcopal Diocese of Maryland
- 2001      **B.A. History/Government**, *The University of Texas at Austin*  
4.0 GPA in major coursework

## **Teaching Experience**

**Montclair State University**, Montclair, NJ *September, 2019 – Current*  
*Religions of the World (RELG 100)*  
*Understanding Religion (RELG 101)*  
*Death, Dying, Afterlife (RELG 218)*  
*Mythology (HUMN 285)*

**Earlham School of Religion**, Richmond, IN *January, 2024 – Current*  
*Diversity, Community, Conflict (FC 103)*  
*Ministers Amongst Ministers (PM 260)*

**University of St. Joseph**, West Hartford, CT *September, 2020 – May, 2022*  
*Christian Peacemaking (RELS 208)*  
*Justice Seekers and Peacemakers (RELS 211)*

**Woodbrooke Quaker Study Centre** *June – July, 2021*  
*Don't Be Scared of Theology*  
\* Six week exploration of the foundational aspects of theology, with a special focus on Quaker expressions and understandings of theology.

**Moorestown Friends School**, Moorestown, NJ *June, 2016 – June 2018*

*Chester Reagan Chair of Quaker and Religious Studies*

- \* Managed curricular development and delivery for all Religious Studies courses for K-12
- \* Taught required courses for grades 7-12: Sacred Narratives, History of Quakerism, World Religion, Political and Religious Extremism, Peer Leadership and Counseling.
- \* Integrated Quaker pedagogical practice and vision across all areas of the school.

**Notre Dame of Maryland University**, Baltimore, MD *2013-2016*

*Introduction to Biblical Studies*

*Contemporary Spirituality*

**Loyola University of Maryland**, Baltimore, MD *2014-2015*

*Introduction to Theology: Focus on Reconciliation Theology*

*Christian Theology and World Religions*

*Forgiveness and Reconciliation*

**St. Mary's Seminary and Univ.-Ecumenical Inst. of Theology** *2013*

*Post-Conflict Justice and Reconciliation*

**Lancaster University**, Lancaster, England, UK *2013*

*Guest Lecturer, Ongoing Online Module*

## **Publications**

**The Politics of Scripture, Political Theology Network - Editor**

<https://politicaltheology.com/category/the-politics-of-scripture/>

**Quaker Religious Thought – Associate Editor**

<https://qtdg.org/>

## ***Books/Monographs:***

*Divine Ecosystem: A Quaker Theology*. Minneapolis, MN: Fortress Press, 2025

*Quakers and the Future of Peacemaking*, **co-editor** with Paul Anderson and Lonnie Valentine, vol 8 in the Quakers and the Disciplines Series. Longmeadow, MA: Full Media Services, 2024.

*Quakers, Ecology, and the Light*, co-written with Cherice Bock, in the Brill Research Perspectives in Quaker Studies series. Leiden, The Netherlands: Brill Publishing, 2023

*Liberal Quaker Reconciliation Theology*, in the Brill Research Perspectives in Quaker Studies series. Leiden, The Netherlands: Brill Publishing, 2020.

### **Chapters:**

“Liberal Quaker Pneumatology”, in *The Quaker World*, eds. Wess Daniels and Rhiannon Grant. Abingdon, UK: Routledge. (2022)

“The Place of Testimony: Quaker Testimony as Reconciliation Framework”, in *Quakers, Social Work, and Justice Concerns*, eds. Jen Buck, Max Carter, Erin Johnson, and Daniel Rhodes, vol 7 in the Quakers and the Disciplines Series. Longmeadow, MA: Full Media Services. (2020)

“The Inner Light and the Light of God: Islamic and Quaker Mysticism in Dialogue”, co-written with Dave Russell, in *Quakers and Mysticism: Comparative and Syncretic Approaches to Spirituality*, edited by Jon Kershner. London: Palgrave Macmillan, 2019.

“The Divine Light of Creation”: Liberal Quaker Metaphors of Divine/Creation Interdependence” in *Quakers, Creation Care and Sustainability*, eds. Cherice Bock and Stephen Potthoff, vol 6 in the Quakers and the Disciplines Series. Longmeadow, MA: Full Media Services, 2019.

"Non-Theism", in *The Cambridge Companion to Quakerism*, eds. Stephen W. Angell and Pink Dandelion. Cambridge, UK: Cambridge University Press, 2018.

### **Articles:**

“An Ever-Branching River: The Beautiful Watersheds of the Quaker Theological Ecosystem”. *Quaker Studies* 29, no. 1 (Winter 2025)

“Jesus, A Priest According to the Order of Melchizedek, Hebrews 7:1–10, Hebrews 7:15–28” in *Illuminate – Friends Bible Study* 11, no. 2 (Winter, 2021-2022)

“Deborah, The Prophetess Judge – Judges 4:4-10, 5:6-12”, in *Illuminate – Friends Bible Study* 11, no. 1 (Fall, 2021)

“Two Kingdoms Battle for Religious and Political Power – 1 Kings 12:20–33, 2 Chronicles 31:1–12a”, in *Illuminate – Friends Bible Study* 9, no. 2 (Spring 2021)

“Samuel the Judge – 1 Samuel 7:15-17, 8:1-10, 16:1-12”, and “Saul: Responding to God’s Call – 1 Samuel 10:20-27, 15:15-28”, in *Illuminate – Friends Bible Study* 9, no. 1 (Winter, 2020-2021)

“Only God is Able to Judge – Romans 14:1-12, 13-23”, in *Illuminate – Friends Bible Study* 9, no. 1 (Winter, 2019-2020)

“Liberal Quaker Christologies in the Swarthmore Lectures: Two Studies in Theological Method” in *Quaker Studies* 25, no. 1 (June, 2020)

“Affirmation Mysticism: The Activist Theology of Rufus Jones”, in *Quaker Religious Thought*, #133 (2019)

"Review: Elise Boulding: Writings on Feminism, the Family, and Quakerism/Elise Boulding: A Pioneer in Peace Research, Peacemaking, Feminism, Future Studies, and the Family. From a

Quaker Perspective", in *Quaker Studies* 24, no. 1 (June, 2019)

"Christian AND Universalist?: Charting Liberal Quaker Theological Developments through the Swarthmore Lectures", in *Quaker Religious Thought*, #131 (2018)

"The Complex Hybridity of Ham Sok-Heon", in *Quaker Religious Thought*, #129 (2017)

"Review: Just Peace: Ecumenical, Intercultural, and Interdisciplinary Perspective", in *Journal of Ecumenical Studies* 49, no. 4 (2014)

### **Online Articles:**

"Waking into God's Dream", *The Politics of Scripture, Political Theology Network*, December 30, 2024, <https://politicaltheology.com/waking-into-gods-dream/>

"The Tree Is Always Known By Its Fruit", *The Politics of Scripture, Political Theology Network*, September 2, 2024, <https://politicaltheology.com/the-tree-is-always-known-by-its-fruit/>

"True Vines and True Branches", *The Politics of Scripture, Political Theology Network*, April 22, 2024, <https://politicaltheology.com/true-vines-and-true-branches/>

"The Nonbinary Creation", *The Politics of Scripture, Political Theology Network*, May 29, 2023, <https://politicaltheology.com/the-nonbinary-creation/>

"The Wisdom of God's Foolishness", *The Politics of Scripture, Political Theology Network*, January 23, 2023, <https://politicaltheology.com/the-wisdom-of-gods-foolishness/>

"The Timeless Power of Hope", *The Politics of Scripture, Political Theology Network*, October 24, 2022, <https://politicaltheology.com/the-timeless-power-of-hope/>

"Speaking the Justice of God", *The Politics of Scripture, Political Theology Network*, April 4, 2022, <https://politicaltheology.com/speaking-the-justice-of-god/>

"The Miraculous Power of Limitations", *The Politics of Scripture, Political Theology Network*, July 19, 2021, <https://politicaltheology.com/the-miraculous-power-of-limitations/>

"Let Love Be The First Motion", *The Politics of Scripture, Political Theology Network*, April 19, 2021, <https://politicaltheology.com/let-love-be-the-first-motion/>

"The Healing Power of Memory", *he Politics of Scripture, Political Theology Network*, March 22, 2021, <https://politicaltheology.com/the-healing-power-of-memory/>

"The Myth of 'Cheap' Reconciliation", *The Politics of Scripture, Political Theology Network*, September 14, 2020, <https://politicaltheology.com/the-myth-of-cheap-reconciliation/>

"Heroism is a Fatal Disease", *The Politics of Scripture, Political Theology Network*, May 4, 2020, <https://politicaltheology.com/heroism-is-a-fatal-disease/>

“The Sleepers Must Awaken”, *The Politics of Scripture, Political Theology Network*, March 23, 2020, <https://politicaltheology.com/the-sleepers-must-awaken/>

“The Perfect World is not a Utopian Nightmare”, *The Politics of Scripture, Political Theology Network*, December 2, 2019, <https://politicaltheology.com/the-perfect-world-is-not-a-utopiannightmare/>

“The Courage to be Humble”, *The Politics of Scripture, Political Theology Network*, October 21, 2019, <https://politicaltheology.com/the-courage-to-be-humble/>

“Living Hopefully in a Time of Despair”, *The Politics of Scripture, Political Theology Network*, September 23, 2019, <https://politicaltheology.com/living-hopefully-in-a-time-of-despairjeremiah-321-3a-6-15/>

“The Politics of True Faith”, *The Politics of Scripture, Political Theology Network*, August 12, 2019, <https://politicaltheology.com/the-politics-of-true-faith-hebrews-1129-122/>

“Wisdom’s Place in the Creation”, *The Politics of Scripture, Political Theology Network*, June 10, 2019, <https://politicaltheology.com/wisdoms-place-in-the-creation/>

“Memory and the Risen Christ”, *The Politics of Scripture, Political Theology Network*, April 15, 2019, <https://politicaltheology.com/memory-and-the-risen-christ-luke-241-12/>

“The Paradox of a World Turned Upside Down”, *The Politics of Scripture, Political Theology Network*, February 11, 2019, <https://politicaltheology.com/the-paradox-of-a-world-turnedupside-down-luke-617-26/>

“The White Rabbit of Quaker Theology”, *Friends Journal*, December 1, 2018, <https://www.friendsjournal.org/white-rabbit-quaker-theology/>

### **Awards and Honors**

2011	Trinity College: Received With Distinction on dissertation.
2010	Trinity College: Received the Columbanus Scholarship
2010	St. Mary's Seminary and University: Dean's Award for Outstanding Achievement
2008-2010	St. Mary's Seminary and University: Dean's List Scholarship
1998	The University of Texas at Austin: Graduated With Honors

### **Grants**

2020	<i>Center for the Study of Religion and the City Summer Research Grant (\$3,000)</i> “Rooting in ‘Place’: Exploring the Theology and Methods of Religious Reconciliation Efforts in Baltimore City”
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### **Academic Conference and Panel Leadership**

2022-	Board Member: <i>Friends Historical Association</i>
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- 2014- Co-Chair: *Quaker Theological Discussion Group*  
Craft the theme for the Call for Papers, and shepherd proposals. Oversee the development of session activities, and moderate conference sessions.
- 2017- 2020 Women's Caucus, *American Academy of Religion (AAR), Mid-Atlantic Region*
- 2014- 2021 Chair: *Religion, Conflict, and Peace Section, AAR, Mid-Atlantic Region*  
Craft the theme for the Call for Papers, and shepherd proposals. Oversee the development of session activities, and moderate conference sessions.
- 2014-2017 Student Director: *AAR, Mid-Atlantic Region*  
Served on the Graduate Student Committee for the national AAR.  
Represented the needs/concerns of graduate students in the Mid-Atlantic region.

### **Quaker Leadership and Committee Membership**

- 2021- *American Friends Service Committee*  
Corporation Member:  
Member: *Friends Relations Committee*
- 2021-2022 Philadelphia Yearly Meeting Representative: *Friends World Committee for Consultation*
- 2018-2021 Member: *Worship and Ministry Committee, Haddonfield Monthly Meeting (RSOF), Haddonfield, NJ*
- 2017-2020 Member: *Haddonfield Quarterly Meeting Worship and Ministry Committee, Philadelphia Yearly Meeting*
- 2014-2016 Member: *Baltimore-Area Working Group on Racism, Stony Run – Baltimore Monthly Meeting of Friends, Baltimore, MD*

### **Invited Talks**

- 2023 *Friendly Witness: The Spiritual Ground of Quaker Social Action, **Plenary Speaker*** (co-sponsored by Boston University and Beacon Hill Friends House)  
“An Ever-Branching River: The Beautiful Watersheds of Quaker Theology”
- 2023 *TheOh – Theologians of Ohio Conference – **Plenary Speaker***  
“ ‘The Divine Light of Creation’: Metaphors of Divine/Creation Interdependence”
- 2022 *Friends Association for Higher Education – Quaker Leadings in Higher Education Series*  
“Rethinking the Holy Experiment: Decolonizing Quakerism” (May 24, 2022)

- 2021 North Park Theo. Sem. Symposium on Theological Interpretation of Scripture  
Invited Panel Respondent
- 2021 First Monday Lecture: Pendle Hill Quaker Studies Center (August 2, 2021)  
"A Quaker Theological Ecosystem"
- 2015 Keynote Speaker: Multicultural Training Conference, Lutheran Synod of Delaware/Maryland, Baltimore, MD (October 29)  
"Hospitality: Becoming Aware of the Unknown"
- 2013 Keynote Speaker: Province III (Episcopal Church) Anti-Racism Conference, Martinsburg, WV, (November 10-11)  
"Viewing White Privilege through the Lens of Resource Stewardship"

### **Papers Delivered**

\* *Conference canceled*

- 2022 Quaker Theological Discussion Group Annual Meeting, Denver, CO  
"Quaker Theology of the City: A Proposal"
- 2021 American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, San Antonio, TX  
"The Divine Light(s) of God's Presence: Theologies of Light in Quakerism and Gregory of Palamas"  
  
"A Quaker Theology of the City: Quaker Testimony, Ecotheology, and 'Place' In Conversation"
- 2020 American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Boston, MA  
"The Role of Place in Urban Religious Reconciliation Communities"  
  
American Academy of Religion Mid-Atlantic Region Conference, Princeton, NJ\*  
"Liberal Quaker Pneumatology: Divine Interdependence and Human Flourishing"  
  
"The Divine Light of Creation': Metaphors of Divine/Creation Interdependence"
- Center for the Study of Religion & the City Annual Conference, Baltimore, MD\*  
"The 'Place of Reconciliation' in Divided Cities: A Theological and Practical Framework for Reconciliation in Baltimore"
- 2019 Friends Association of Higher Education Annual Conference, Swarthmore, PA  
"The Place of Testimony: John Paul Lederach through a Quaker Lens"
- 2018 Quaker Theological Discussion Group Annual Meeting, Denver, CO  
"Affirmation Mysticism: The Activist Theology of Rufus Jones"

- 2017 *Quaker Theological Discussion Group Annual Meeting, Boston, MA*  
 “The Swarthmore Lectures as Resources for Liberal Quaker Theology”
- Friends Association of Higher Education Annual Conference, Greensboro, NC*  
 “A Quaker Non-Theism A/Theology: A Modest Proposal”
- 2016 *Quaker Theological Discussion Group Annual Meeting, San Antonio, TX*  
 "The Complexities of Religious Identity: Hybridity Amongst Convinced Friends"
- 2014 *American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA*  
 "A Quaker Way of Reconciliation: Liberal Quaker Testimony as a Virtue Ethic for Reconciliation Theology"
- "Andalusian Mysticism and Liberal Quakerism? Bringing Hayy Ibn Yaqzan and Rufus Jones into Dialogue"
- 2014 *American Academy of Religion Mid-Atlantic Region Conference. Newburgh, NY*  
 "The Lived Theology of Reconciliation Communities"

### **Selected Student Development and Mentoring**

- 2019 - 2020 **Youth Coordinator:** *Haddonfield Quarter, Philadelphia Yearly Meeting*  
 Establish a brand new youth program across a wide geographical area, managing the cultural and structural diversity of meetings in rural, suburban, and urban areas which constitute the Quarter. Develop community across the region, including offering pastoral care, mentorship, and counseling to youth and families
- 2009-2010 **Chaplain's Assistant:** *University of Ulster-Chaplaincy Dept., Jordanstown, UK*  
 Developed expertise in the needs of students living in the context of a religiously divided society. Taught conflict transformation practice to students.
- 2006-2009 **Director of Youth Ministry:** *St. Anne's Episcopal Parish, Annapolis, Maryland*  
 Established a brand new, and autonomous, program within an established, and successful non-profit. Designed curriculum for, and taught, weekly classes on religion and history to students aged 10-20. Trained, and managed, a large staff of employees and volunteers that included both youth and adults.
- 2004-2006 **Youth Minister/Education Coordinator:** *St. John's Episcopal, Wilmington, NC*  
 Developed an integrated educational program combining multiple disparate programmatic elements. Designed curriculum for, and taught, weekly classes on religion and history to students aged 10-20. Developed, and trained, a team of ministry leaders that included both youth and adults.
- 2002- 2004 **Academic Advisor I:** *University of Texas, Austin, Texas*  
 Advised a case load of over 500 students on academic, personal, and social aspects of campus life. Created and presented informational programs, using



research on current trends in education. Maintained a database for students, including information on careers and graduate programs.

### **Selected Presentations to Religious Groups**

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| 2019      | Adult Education Lecturer: Haddonfield Friends Meeting, Haddonfield, NJ<br>Delivered training on spiritual growth and Quaker theology (March)   |
| 2014-2016 | Adult Education Lecturer: Christ Lutheran Church, Baltimore, MD<br>Reconciliation theology, ethics, & practice; reconciliation and peace as themes in Scripture & Christian theology; intersections between political, Mennonite, & Lutheran theology; the challenge of race within congregational structures. |
| 2016      | Adult Education Lecturer: Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Bel Air, MD<br>Delivered training on the intersections of race, poverty, & the Gospels. (January)   |
| 2013      | Adult Education Lecturer: Memorial Episcopal Church, Baltimore, MD<br>Delivered lectures on reconciliation theology, ethics, and practice. (Spring)  |
| 2010      | Community Relations Trainer: Youth Link Northern Ireland, Belfast, UK<br>Taught seminars on cross-community reconciliation work in a divided society to a culturally diverse cohort of students. (Spring)  |

### **Professional Memberships**

American Academy of Religion  
Friends Historical Association  
Friends Association of Higher Education  
Peace and Justice Studies Association