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## Academic Positions

LEWIS HOUSE 2021-Present

- Scholar-in-Residence

UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY 2023-Present

- Part-time Instructor in Philosophy
- Courses taught | Introduction to Philosophy (PH 100); Introduction to Ethics (PH 130)

ASBURY UNIVERSITY & LEWIS HOUSE 2023-Present

- Adjunct Instructor of Theology
- Courses taught | Basic Christian Theology (TH 250); Philosophy of C. S. Lewis (PH 251); History of Christianity (HIS 321)

HOUSTON CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY 2021-2023

- Adjunct Instructor of Theology (Online format)
- Undergraduate Courses taught | Introduction to the Bible (CHRI 1301); Theology & the Tradition (CHRI 2373); Systematic Theology (CHRI 4335); Trinitarianism (CHRI 4355);
- Graduate Courses taught | History of Christianity (CHRI 5330); Historical and Moral Theology (CHRI 6330)

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## Education

UNIVERSITY OF ST ANDREWS 2018-2021

- Ph.D. in Analytic and Exegetical Theology
- Supervised by Thomas McCall and Andrew Torrance
- Examined by Oliver Crisp and Tom Greggs (Passed without corrections)

UNIVERSITY OF ST ANDREWS 2017-2018

- Postgraduate Diploma with distinction in Analytic and Exegetical Theology
- Completed coursework for Masters of Letters; upgraded to Ph.D.
- Studied under Professors Alan Torrance and N. T. Wright

ASBURY THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY 2013-2017

- Masters of Divinity; J. Ellsworth Kalas Scholar
- Focus in Christian Philosophy

UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY 2008-2011

- BA in Political Science, Minor in History

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## Academic Service

- Book Reviewer. Cambridge University Press. 2024.
- Book Reviews Editor (Philosophy of Religion and Analytic Theology), *Journal of Biblical and Theological Studies*. 2023 - Present.
- Founder and Convener, The Kentucky Analytic Theology Seminar (KATS). 2023 - Present.

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## Publications

### *Books*

- (Under Contract) *Theological Attention*. Oxford University Press. Oxford Series of Analytic Theology.
- *Faith Without Belief: A Guide for Doubters*. Eugene, OR: Wipf & Stock. 2024.
- *The Church and the Problem of Divine Hiddenness: Mirrors of God*. London: Routledge. 2023.

### Articles

- “Hypostatic Attention: How Jesus Attends” in the *Journal of Analytic Theology*.
- “Can Modern Psychology shed light on how we might best Give our Attention to Both God and Others?” *Theological Puzzles*, Issue 8. New Visions in Theological Anthropology at The University of St Andrews, 2022.
- “To Whom can God Speak? Trinitarian Persons in Gregory of Nyssa and William Hasker.” *TheoLogica: An International Journal for Philosophy of Religion and Philosophical Theology*. Volume 6, No. 2 (2022).
- “A Theology of Divine Hiddenness.” *Roczniki filozoficzne* (Annals of Philosophy), Volume 69, No. 3 (2021). Co-authored with Marek Dobrzeniecki.
- “Love that takes time: Pursuing Relationship in the Context of Hiddenness.” *European Journal for Philosophy of Religion*. Volume 13, No 2 (2021).
- “Seeing the Face of Christ.” *TheoLogica: An International Journal for Philosophy of Religion and Philosophical Theology*, Volume 4, No 1 (2020).
- “Meeting Face to Face: C. S. Lewis’s *Till We Have Faces* and the Problem of Divine Hiddenness.” *The Journal of Inklings Studies*, Volume 10, Issue 2 (2020).
- “How to Tell Jerusalem From Athens: How a Faith-Methodology Distinguishes Theology from Philosophy.” *Theology in Scotland*, Volume 27, No. 1 (2020).

### Book Reviews

- Book Review. *Perceiving Things Divine: Towards a Constructive Account of Spiritual Formation*. Ed. Frederick Aquino and Paul Gavrilyuk (Oxford: Oxford, 2022) in *Faith & Philosophy*.
- Book Review. Emily Cain. *Mirrors of the Divine: Late Ancient Christianity and the Vision of God* (Oxford: Oxford, 2023) in the *Journal of Early Christian Studies*. Volume 31, Number 4 (2023).
- Book Review. Ed. Oliver Crisp, James Arcadi, and Jordan Wessling. *Analyzing Prayer* (Oxford: Oxford, 2022) in the *International Journal of Systemic Theology*.
- Book Review. Ed. James M. Arcadi and James T. Turner. *T & T Clark Handbook of Analytic Theology* (London: T & T Clark, 2021) in *Reading Religion*.
- Book Review. Simon Cuff. *Love in Action: Catholic Social Teaching for Every Church* (London: SCM Press, 2019) in the *Journal of Anglican Studies* with Cambridge University Press.
- Book Review. Thomas H. McCall. *Analytic Christology and the Theological Interpretation of the New Testament* (Oxford: Oxford, 2021) in the *International Journal of Systemic Theology*, Volume 24, Issue 1 (2022).

- Book Review. Khaled Anatolios, *Deification Through the Cross* (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2020) in the *Journal for Analytic Theology*, Volume 9 (2021).
- Book Review. David Bentley Hart, *That All Shall Be Saved: Heaven, Hell, and Universal Salvation* (New Haven and London: Yale University Press, 2019) in *Religious Studies* 57 (2010).

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#### Grants and Awards

- Science-Engaged Theology Grant with New Visions in Theological Anthropology at the University of St Andrews through the Templeton Foundation. Project Title: *Attending to God: A Science-Engaged Account of Attention for Spiritual Formation* (2022-2023)
- Summer Fellowship in Science-Engaged Theology with New Visions in Theological Anthropology at the University of St Andrews (2022).
- First Prize in 2019 Fraser Prize contest. *How to Tell Jerusalem From Athens: How a Faith-Methodology Distinguishes Theology from Philosophy.*
- 2nd Prize in the 2019 Center for Pastor Theologians Paper Contest. *The Sacrament of the Screen: Possibilities for Church in a Digital Age.*

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#### Academic Presentations

- “Dionysius, Maximus, and Divine Hiddenness: A Response to Travis Dumsday.” Dionysius Circle Symposium III. October 2024.
- “Hypostatic Attention.” Pusey House. Oxford, UK. March 2024.
- “Virtuous Attention.” Evangelical Philosophical Society Regional Meeting. Toccoa Falls, GA. February 2024.
- “Can Modern Psychology shed light on how we might best Give our Attention to Both God and Others?” NViTA Science-Engaged Theology Conference. University of St Andrews. June 2022.
- “Attending to God: Gregory of Nyssa, Spiritual Formation, and the Psychology of Attention.” Carolina Analytic Theology Workshop. Anderson University (South Carolina). May 2022.
- “Knowing the Father in the Church: Jesus Christ as πρόσωπον in Gregory of Nyssa.” North American Patristics Society Conference. Online presentation. May 2021.

- “What is an Image For?: The Functionality of the Divine Image in Gregory of Nyssa.” XVIII International Conference on Patristic Studies. Oxford University. August 2019.
- “Image of the Invisible God: Classical Theism and Divine Hiddenness.” Helsinki Analytic Theology Conference. University of Helsinki. February 2019.
- “To Whom Does God Speak? Gregory of Nyssa and William Hasker on Divine Persons.” Analytic Theology and the Tri-Personal God: The Trinitarian Renewal in Analytic Theology. UC Lovain at Louvain-la-Neuve, Belgium. September 2018.

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### Popular Publications and Presentations

- *Rescuing the Abandoned: On Embryo Adoption*, article at Mere Orthodoxy
- *Reading as Moral Formation: C. S. Lewis and Iris Murdoch on Attentional Humility*, online feature at *The Hedgehog Review*
- *Joseph was Jesus’ ‘Real Dad’*, article in December ‘23 Print Issue of *Christianity Today*
- *What is Anglicanism?*, article at Mere Orthodoxy
- *Free Speech When No One is Listening*, article at Mere Orthodoxy
- *Heaven Without God? How a Fourth Century Theologian Solves the Dilemma of NBC’s ‘The Good Place,’* article at Transpositions
- *An Anglican Theology for the Streets: Justice and Mercy Contending for Shalom*, article for the Matthew 25 Initiative
- *Why Isn’t God More Obvious?*, a booklet in the Logos Questions series
- *Theology in the Church*, a post for *Blogos*: the official blog of the Logos Institute for Analytic and Exegetical Theology at the University of St Andrews
- *Divine Hiddenness in C. S. Lewis’s ‘Till We Have Faces,’* article for the Edinburgh University Press Blog
- *The Absolute Basics of the Christian Faith* college leaders guide (co-author)
- Meeting Face-to-Face: C. S. Lewis and the Problem of Divine Hiddenness, at *Verum Fabula* Fellowship (presenter)

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### Work Experience

LEWIS HOUSE 2021-present

*Scholar-in-Residence* — [www.lewishouse.org](http://www.lewishouse.org)

- A Christian studies center that focuses on the life of the mind
- Engaging students and community in groups, lectures, and courses

CHRISTIAN STUDENT FELLOWSHIP 2011-2021

*Lead Staff* — [www.ukcsf.org](http://www.ukcsf.org)

- One of the largest campus ministries in the United States
- Lead in a variety of groups and projects; regularly teach and preach

- Write curriculum for over 500 college students each semester

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#### Research Interests

- Theology
- Philosophy
- Patristic Theology
- Analytic or Philosophical Theology
- Exegetical Theology
- Science-Engaged Theology
- Divine Hiddenness
- Gregory of Nyssa
- Attention and Spiritual Formation

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#### Languages

- English: native language
- Koine Greek: Limited Working Proficiency (ILR Level 2)
- French: Limited Working Proficiency (ILR Level 2)
- Latin: Elementary Proficiency (ILR Level 1)
- Hebrew: Elementary Proficiency (ILR Level 1)

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#### References

- Dr. Thomas McCall – Supervisor – [tmccall@tiu.edu](mailto:tmccall@tiu.edu)
- Dr. Andrew Torrance – Supervisor – [abt3@st-andrews.ac.uk](mailto:abt3@st-andrews.ac.uk)
- Dr. Alan Torrance – Former Professor – [torrance@st-andrews.ac.uk](mailto:torrance@st-andrews.ac.uk)
- Dr. Kevin Kinghorn – Former Professor – [kevinkinghorn@asburyseminary.edu](mailto:kevinkinghorn@asburyseminary.edu)
- Brian Marshall – Employer – [brian@ukcsf.org](mailto:brian@ukcsf.org)