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EDUCATIONAL HISTORY

Doctor of Theology in New Testament May 2025

Duke Divinity School, Durham, NC

Dissertation Title: *Age to Age: The Intergenerational Vision of Luke's Gospel and Acts*

Advisor: Brittany E. Wilson

Secondary area: Hebrew Bible/Old Testament

Master of Divinity May 2019

Princeton Theological Seminary, Princeton, NJ

Bachelor of Arts in Political Science May 2015

Whitworth University, Spokane, WA

summa cum laude

Minor: Theology

Associate of Arts May 2012

Spokane Falls Community College, Newport, WA

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Assistant Professor of New Testament July 2026–present

Union Presbyterian Seminary, Richmond, VA

Adjunct Professor Fall 2025–Spring 2026

Whitworth University, Spokane, WA

Instructor of Record Fall 2023–Spring 2025

Duke Divinity School, Durham, NC

Teaching Assistant & Preceptor Fall 2021–Summer 2024

Duke Divinity School, Durham, NC

Preceptor Fall 2018–Spring 2019

Princeton Theological Seminary, Princeton, NJ

Discussion Group Leader

Whitworth University, Spokane, WA

Spring 2016

ACADEMIC LECTURES

“James in Liberation Theology,” Guest lecture in “English Exegesis of James,” taught by Dr. Katherine Burgett at Duke Divinity School (Durham, NC; April 14, 2023)

“The Parable of the Dishonest Manager (Luke 16:1–13),” Guest lecture in “Exegesis of Luke,” taught by Dr. Brittany Wilson at Duke Divinity School (Durham, NC; March 1, 2023)

“Acts 20,” Guest lecture in “Exegesis of Acts,” taught by Dr. Ross Wagner at Duke Divinity School (Durham, NC; October 28, 2021)

PEDAGOGICAL TRAINING

Certificate of Accomplishment in Teaching Writing in the Disciplines

Duke University Thompson Writing Program, Durham, NC (completed July 2024)

Certificate in Reflective and Faithful Teaching

Duke Divinity School, Durham, NC (completed February 2024)

Course in Writing Center Theory and Practice

Whitworth University, Spokane, WA (completed December 2013)

PUBLICATIONS

Book

Young, Old, and In-Between in Luke’s Gospel and Acts: Aging and the Lukan Intergenerational Vision, SNTSMS (Cambridge University Press, under contract, forthcoming).

Articles and Essays

“Women in Luke-Acts,” in *The Oxford Handbook on Luke-Acts*, ed. Gregory Sterling and Michal Beth Dinkler (New York: Oxford University Press, forthcoming).

“Age before Beauty? Luke’s Transposition of ‘Young Men’ and ‘Old Men’ in Acts 2.17,” *NTS* (accepted for publication, forthcoming).

“Partners in Crime: Reading Ananias and Sapphira (Acts 5.1–11) alongside Adam and Eve,” *JSNT* 47 (2024): 619–41. <https://doi.org/10.1177/0142064X241281702>.

“Just a Number? Anna’s Age as a Component of Her Characterization,” *CBQ* 85 (2023): 704–21. <https://doi.org/10.1353/cbq.2023.a908820>.

Book Reviews

Review of *Parenting Beyond Boundaries in Mark’s Gospel*, by Sung Uk Lim and Amy Lindeman Allen, *RevExp*, forthcoming.

Review of *The Earth is the Lord’s: Land Justice in Luke-Acts*, by João Paulo Thomaz de Aquino, *RBL* (2026). <https://www.sblcentral.org/home/bookDetails/1003544>.

Review of *Honouring Age: The Social Dynamics of Age Structure in 1 Timothy*, by Mona Tokarek LaFosse, *Studies in Religion / Sciences Religieuses* 53 (2024): 633–35. <https://doi.org/10.1177/00084298241252901>.

SCHOLARLY PRESENTATIONS

“Beyond Barrenness: Zechariah and Elizabeth’s Old Age, Joy, and Sexuality in Luke’s Gospel” (Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, Denver, CO; November 2026, forthcoming)

“Old Age and Disability in Luke’s Gospel: A Study of Simeon (Luke 2:25–35)” (Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, Boston, MA; November 2025)

“Age before Beauty? Luke’s Transposition of ‘Young Men’ and ‘Old Men’ in Acts 2:17” (Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA; November 2024)

“Contemporary Children Meeting Biblical Children: Biblical Reception in ‘Superbook’” (Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA; November 2024)

“‘The Promise Is for You and Your Children’ (Acts 2:39): The Reception of Acts in Children’s Television” (Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, San Antonio, TX; November 2023)

“Partners in Crime: Reading Ananias and Sapphira (Acts 5:1–11) alongside Adam and Eve” (Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, Denver, CO; November 2022)

“Lessons Learned from Siblings: Martha and Mary (Luke 10:38–42) and the Parable of the Prodigal Son (Luke 15:11–32) as a Lukan Doublet” (Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, Denver, CO; November 2022)

“Religious Texts and Immigration” (co-presenter, International Network for Interreligious Research and Education Meeting, Bar-Ilan University, Ramat Gan, Israel; June 2022)

“Just a Number? Anna’s Age as a Component of Her Characterization” (Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, San Antonio, TX; November 2021)

OTHER ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

Library Student Worker, Summer 2021–Summer 2024

Duke Divinity School Library, Durham, NC

Writing Tutor, Fall 2021–Summer 2025

Duke Divinity School, Durham, NC

New Testament Subject Area Tutor, Spring 2023–Summer 2025

Duke Divinity School, Durham, NC

Research Assistant for Brittany Wilson, Aug. 2020–May 2021

Duke Divinity School, Durham, NC

Research Assistant for Jerusha Matsen Neal, Aug. 2020–May 2021

Duke Divinity School, Durham, NC

Editorial Assistant for Princeton Dead Sea Scrolls Project, Sept. 2016–Nov. 2017

Princeton Theological Seminary, Princeton, NJ

Co-Executive Editor, May 2018–May 2019

Production Editor, May 2017–May 2018

Associate Editor, Sept. 2016–May 2017

Princeton Theological Review, Princeton Theological Seminary, Princeton, NJ

Writing Tutor, Oct. 2015–Aug. 2016

Spokane Community College, Spokane, WA

Writing Consultant, Feb. 2014–May 2015

Whitworth University, Spokane, WA

GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, & SCHOLARSHIPS

Shore Research Prize in Jewish Studies

Duke University, June 2022

E. L. Wailes Memorial Award in New Testament

Princeton Theological Seminary, May 2018

Merit-based Seminary Fellowship

Princeton Theological Seminary, 2016–2019

RESEARCH LANGUAGES

Koine Greek

Biblical Hebrew

Latin

Spanish

German

ACADEMIC ORGANIZATIONS

Society of Biblical Literature, 2017–present

ACADEMIC SERVICE

Consultant, “Formed in Faith” (program funded by a Lilly Endowment grant)

Office of Church Engagement, Whitworth University, Spokane, WA, Spring 2026–present

Advisory Group Member, “Let the Children Come: Growing in Faith through Congregational Worship” (program funded by a Lilly Endowment grant)

Duke Divinity School, Durham, NC, Fall 2024–present

Coordinator for New Testament Colloquia

Duke University, Durham, NC, Fall 2024–Spring 2025

Coordinator for Teaching and Learning Lunches for Doctoral Students

Duke University, Durham, NC, Fall 2022–Spring 2024

Panelist for ThD New Student Orientation

Duke Divinity School, Durham, NC, Fall 2021, Fall 2024

Writing Assessor for First-Year Master's Students

Duke Divinity School, Durham, NC, Fall 2023, Fall 2024

Head Preceptor for New Testament Interpretation

Duke Divinity School, Durham, NC, Spring 2022

Editor for Brittany Wilson, *The Embodied God: Seeing the Divine in Luke-Acts and the Early Church* (New York: Oxford University Press, 2021) (as Dr. Wilson's Research Assistant; see "Other Academic Experience" above)

Duke Divinity School, Durham, NC, Fall 2020

Copy-Editor for Alicia D. Myers and Lindsey S. Jodrey, eds., *Come and Read: Interpretive Approaches to the Gospel of John* (Lanham, MD: Fortress Academic, 2019)
Princeton Theological Seminary, Princeton, NJ, Spring 2019

MINISTRY EXPERIENCE

West Central Community Connector, Sept. 2025–June 2026

Presbytery of the Inland Northwest, Spokane, WA

Bridge Youth Minister, April–May 2025

First Presbyterian Church, Durham, NC

Pastor for Community Teaching, April 2024–July 2025

Presbytery of New Hope, NC

Assistant Minister, Sept. 2019–July 2020

Groomsport Presbyterian Church, Groomsport, Northern Ireland, UK

Chaplain Intern, Summer 2019

Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital, New Brunswick, NJ

Teaching Ministry Seminary Intern, Sept. 2017–May 2018

Thompson Memorial Presbyterian Church, New Hope, PA

Seminary Intern in Christian Discipleship, Summer 2017

Covenant Presbyterian Church, Charlotte, NC

History and Ministry Intern, Summer 2015

First Presbyterian Church, Missoula, MT

SELECTED SERMONS AND COMMUNITY TEACHING

“Intergenerational Communities in Luke’s Gospel and Acts,” Four-week adult education class at Hamblen Park Presbyterian Church (Spokane, WA; March 1–22, 2026)

“Intergenerational Communities in the Bible,” Presentation for Formed in Faith Residency Retreat at Whitworth University (Spokane, WA; October 6, 2025)

“The Joys and Challenges of Intergenerational Community,” Keynote for Women’s Conference at First Presbyterian Church (Coeur d’Alene, ID; October 4, 2025)

“Acts 7:17–38: A Faithful Life,” Sermon at Wake Forest Presbyterian Church (Wake Forest, NC; September 29, 2024)

“Acts 1:1–11: Ascension People,” Sermon at First Presbyterian Church (Durham, NC; May 12, 2024)

“Luke 2:21–40: An Age-Old Story,” Sermon at Community United Church of Christ (Raleigh, NC; July 2, 2023)

“Older Adults in Luke’s Gospel,” Lecture for the Faith & Community adult faith formation class at First Presbyterian Church (Durham, NC; April 23, 2023)

“Presbyterian Theology, Polity, and Our Connectional System,” Class for potential new members at First Presbyterian Church (co-leader; Durham, NC; December 11, 2022; May 14, 2023)

ECCLESIAL SERVICE

Committee Member, McPherson Lectureship Series

First Presbyterian Church, Durham, NC, Fall 2024–Spring 2025

High School Faith Formation Leader

First Presbyterian Church, Durham, NC, Fall 2024–Spring 2025

Confirmation Co-Leader

First Presbyterian Church, Durham, NC, Fall 2023–Spring 2024

Middle School Faith Formation Leader

First Presbyterian Church, Durham, NC, Fall 2022–Spring 2023

Regular Pulpit Supply Preacher (~10 times/year)

New Hope Presbytery, NC, Fall 2021–Spring 2025

ECCLESIAL AFFILIATION

Minister of the Word and Sacrament in the Presbyterian Church (USA)

Presbytery of membership: Presbytery of the Inland Northwest

Ordained April 2024