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EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE

Cambridge, UK

- PhD Philosophy of Religion (2020, Candidate)
 - Burney Scholarship in Philosophy of Religion (£48,000)
 - One of three Co-Founders of the *New Trinitarian Ontologies Conference*, Cambridge
- MPhil Philosophy of Religion, Distinction (2018)
 - Awarded Graduate's Prize for Top of the 2018 Class

REGENT COLLEGE

Vancouver, BC

- MA Christianity and Culture (2017)
- Graduate Diploma in Christian Studies (2017)

OZARK CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

Joplin, MO

- BTH Bachelor of Theology (2011)

PUBLICATIONS

BOOKS

- *MonoTheism* (Cascade Books, Wipf & Stock, 2020, in press under contract). A dialogical monograph on the Trinity, metaphysics and gender.

ARTICLES

- 'Being and Time-less Faith: Juxtaposing Heideggerian Anxiety and Religious Experience', *Open Theology* 6, no. 1 (January 2020): 15-26.
- 'Rethinking Truth: Heidegger, Aquinas and Vallicella', *New Blackfriars* vol. 101 (Accepted: in press 2020).
- 'Heidegger for the Perplexed', *Cruce: A Quarterly Journal of Christian Thought and Opinion*, vol. 56 (Accepted: in press 2020).

CHAPTERS

- "The Biblical Narrative of Ruth and the Monstrous Other," In *Cinema Liberation Theology*. Ed. Anthony Ballas. (Routledge, 2021, Accepted: in press).
- "Alternative History and Eschatological Justice in Tarantino," in *Ethics and Religion in Contemporary Speculative Fiction*. Ed. Sarah Gallant and Jennifer Matheny. (Fortress Press Academic/Lexington Books, 2021, Accepted; In press).
- "The Defeat of Death: The Philosophy of Death in Mainstream Cinema." in *The Infinity Saga and Philosophy*. Ed. Heather Rivera. (OpenCourt Pub., 2020)
- "Thanos is no Abraham: A Kierkegaardian Analysis of Ethics" in *The Infinity Saga and Philosophy*. Ed. Heather Rivera. (OpenCourt Pub., 2020)

- “The Modern Manichaeans: Binaries of Light and Dark in Contemporary Culture” In *Theology and the Star Wars Universe*. Ed. Ben Espinoza. (Fortress Press Academic/Lexington Books, 2020, Accepted: In press)

EDITED WORKS

- *New Trinitarian Ontologies* (Forthcoming, Cambridge University Press, 2021).
- *Noesis: Journal of Theology, Philosophy, and Poetics* Vol 7 (Forthcoming, 2020).
- *The Mirrored Hall* (Burnaby, BC: ShatterBooks Pub., April 2017).

BOOK REVIEWS

- Sean Carroll, *Something Deeply Hidden: Quantum Worlds and the Emergence of Spacetime* (Boston, MA: Dutton, 2019). Review in *Public Understanding of Science* Vol 29 (Forthcoming 2020).
- Ron Cowen, *Gravity's Century: From Einstein's Eclipse to Images of Black Holes* (Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press, 2019). Review in *Physics in Perspective* Vol 22 (Forthcoming 2020).
- Brian Greene, *Until the End of Time: Mind, Matter and Our Search for Meaning in an Evolving Universe* (New York, Knopf, 2020). Review in *Theology and Science* Vol 18 (Forthcoming 2020).
- Jim Al-Khalili, *The World According to Physics* (Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press, 2020). Review in *Perspectives on Science and Christian Faith* Vol 69 (Forthcoming 2020).
- Alister McGrath, *A Theory of Everything (That Matters): A Brief Guide to Einstein, Relativity, and His Surprising Thoughts on God* (Illinois: Tyndale, 2019). Review in *Science and Christian Belief* Vol 32 (2) (Forthcoming October 2020).

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- ‘3rd Corinthians’, *Noesis Review* Vol 5 (Cambridge, UK: November 2018).
- ‘3rd Corinthians’, *Et Cetera Issue* 9 (Regent College, BC: March 2017)
- Interview by *Regent Web* (June 2019) regarding the *New Trinitarian Ontologies Conference* I co-founded at Cambridge. Available [Here](#).

AWARDS, SCHOLARSHIPS AND GRANTS

- *Burney Scholarship in Philosophy of Religion* (£48,000) University of Cambridge, 2018-21
- *Bethune-Baker Fund* (£1500) University of Cambridge, 2020
- *Divinity German Language Fund* (£1000) University of Cambridge, 2020
- *University of Fribourg* (£4000) Major Conference Grant, 2019
- *Cambridge Faculty of Divinity Trust Fund* (£2500) Major Conference Grant, 2019
- *Greta Burkill Fund* (£2000) Major Conference Grant, 2019
- *Pontifical University of the Holy Cross, Italy* (€4600) Major Conference Grant, 2019
- *Cambridge Colleges Grants* (£1100) Five Minor Conference Grants, 2019
- *Societies Syndicate Technical Committee Grant* (£350), Minor Conference Grant, 2019
- *MPhil Prize for Top of the 2018 Graduate Class* at the University of Cambridge
- *Economics and Morality Academic Colloquium Grant* (£300) Acton Institute, 2018
- *Williamson Man of the Year Award*, Ozark Christian College, 2011
- *Trustees Scholarship* (\$4000) Ozark Christian College, 2007-2011

TEACHING

Faraday Institute for Science and Religion, Cambridge, Adjunct Lecturer

- Courses: *Consciousness* (2020)
- Sample Feedback:
 - “Really enjoyed being taught by him... a testament to that is the fact that I still remember most of it.”
 - “Very engaging.”
 - “Great use of analogies. Succeeded in breaking complicated ideas down into their easily-digestible constituent parts. Loved the use of diagrams and visual tools as well.”
 - “Dr Lyonhart was very kind and created a friendly learning environment where I was not afraid to voice my opinion.”

University of Cambridge, Intermittent Lecturer in Philosophy of Religion (2017-2020)

- Sample Feedback:
 - “Many were quite simply stunned at the quality... [he left us] in stunned silence.”
 - “Absolutely brilliant speaker - knowledgeable (which one would expect) but also excellent delivery and very engaged with the audience - very impressed.”
 - “Jonathan was simply marvellous... I cannot speak highly enough of him. It was an utter privilege to have heard him speak.”

MBCCA Public Courses (Year-long Open Programs I designed and taught)

- Course: *History of Ancient Israel* (2016-2017)
- Course: *Religion and Film* (2016-2017)
- Course: *History of Western Thought* (2015-2016)
- Course: *Philosophy of Religion* (2016)
- Course: *The Book of James* (2016)
- Course: *World Religions* (2015)
- Course: *Theology of Gender and Sexuality* (2014)
- Course: *The Gospel of Luke* (2013-2014)
- Course: *Philippians* (2012-2013)
- Sample Feedback:
 - “The moment I heard him speak I knew I’d need to hear him speak again.”
 - “He’s the best teacher I’ve ever had.”
 - “Jonathan put a lot more effort into his job than the teachers I’ve had in the past and teachers I currently have. He went above and beyond what was required of him to make sure that his students grow as people.”
 - “I would say that he is by far the best teacher I’ve had so far. He is engaging, friendly, and very helpful... In fact, I still remember most of his teachings.”
 - “...he has a great control and understanding of his audience's attention span, and is able to recapture one's attention as he wishes.”
 - “I have never met a teacher that is as passionate and dedicated as Jonathan. He ensures he has a firm grasp on the material he delivers, and even adapts his lecture styles according to the content. Furthermore, the method of which he delivers the content is so creative that you cannot help but look forward to his next lecture.”
 - “...has the gift of communicating complex ideas in a simple and artistic way – a genius.”

- “He made history really fun.”
- “He is intellectual without showing up as obnoxious or unapproachable.”
- “...he has the professionalism of a university professor, with the passion of an elementary school teacher.”
- “Jonathan was always really encouraging of different opinions. He was extremely patient and caring, which made everyone feel safe to express their beliefs or their concerns.”
- “He makes all other teachers seem so bad that it’s hard to go back to more orthodox teaching methods and be okay with it.”
- “11/10.”

Regent College

- Course: *Augustine* (2013). Supervisor.

Regent College

- Oversaw the graduate writing program, teaching and equipping masters students (2011-2012)

Ozark Christian College

- Course: *Religion and Science* (2009-2010). Supervisor and Guest Lecturer.
- Sample Feedback:
 - “I was most impressed with his preparation and content. Mr. Lyonhart was a tremendous benefit [to us].”

Select Conference Lectures:

- “*Hemsterhuis on Space: A response to Adrian Mihai.*” (The D Society, November 15, 2019, University of Cambridge)
- “*God is Dead? An introduction to Philosophy of Religion.*” (Cambridge Festival of Ideas, Oct 17, 2019)
- “*Heidegger and Aquinas on the location of Truth.*” (AHRC ‘Trust and Truth’ International Interdisciplinary Conference, Peterhouse College, Cambridge, September 18-20, 2019)
- “*The On-going Necessity of Trinitarian Ontology.*” (New Trinitarian Ontologies Conference, University of Cambridge, September 13-15, 2019)
- Panel Chair for “*Evolution and Pan(en)theism*” discussion, feat. Celia Deane-Drummond and Johannes Hoff. *New Trinitarian Ontologies Conference*, University of Cambridge, September 13-15, 2019.
- “*Nietzsche, Cosmos and Morality.*” (Sutton Trust, University of Cambridge, August 23, 2018)
- “*John Locke and Ralph Cudworth on the source of Reason and Morality.*” (Lehrstuhl für Religionsphilosophie und Wissenschaftstheorie, Ruhr-Universität Bochum, Germany, May 11, 2019)
- “*Wrangling about Innate Ideas? Reflections upon Locke and Cudworth.*” (British Society for the History of Philosophy Annual Conference, King’s College London, April 24, 2019)
- Response to Christian Hengstmann’s “*Holiness and Love – Divine Sensation and Agency in Ralph Cudworth’s Early Sermons,*” (‘Ralph Cudworth at the Crossroads of Modernity’, conference co-sponsored by the British Academy, Emmanuel College, Cambridge, March 11, 2019)
- “*Arguments for and against the Existence of God.*” (University of Cambridge, Outreach at Mill Hill, November 9, 2018)

- “*Cudworth on Atoms, Motion and Nothingness.*” (Beierwaltes Seminar, Claire College, Cambridge, October 20, 2018)
- “*What is Philosophy of Religion?*” (Sutton Trust, University of Cambridge, August 15, 2018)
- “*Re-evaluating the Cosmological Argument.*” (July 26, 2018, University of Cambridge, UK)
- “*God is dead? Surveying the Status of God in Recent Philosophy.*” (Hewett Academy, Norwich, March 29th 2018)
- Response to Gavin Hyman’s “*Between Hegel and Wittgenstein: Reflections in the Wake of Gillian Rose and Rowan Williams,*” (The D Society, University of Cambridge, February 2, 2018)
- “*Is Duns Scotus responsible for Onto-Theology, Immanence and Nihilism?*” (Academic Symposium, Regent College, Canada, March 2017)

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

CO-FOUNDER OF THE NEW TRINITARIAN ONTOLOGIES CONFERENCE

University of Cambridge, 2019

- One of three co-founders of the New Trinitarian Ontologies Conference, featuring Rowan Williams, David Bentley Hart, Graham Ward, John Milbank, Catherine Pickstock, Judith Wolfe, Emmanuel Falque, Andrew Louth, Thomas Joseph White, John Betz, Adrian Pabst, Johannes Hoff, Vittorio Hösle, Jessica Frazier, Oliver Boulnois, Mark Edwards, Michael Northcott, Celia Deane-Drummond, Piero Coda, Guilio Maspero, et al.
- Liaisoned with speakers to coordinate lectures, arrange panels and prepare materials
- Handled over £30,000 in ticket sales and grants, acquiring proficiency in online ticketing and responsible event management
- Worked with marketing to help promote the conference worldwide, resulting in over 350 attendees from over 20 nations
- Acquired skills arranging travel, catering and accommodations for hundreds of incoming guests

CO-EDITOR OF NOESIS

University of Cambridge, 2019-Present

- Worked as one of three editors of *Noesis*, Cambridge Divinity’s annual *Journal of Theology, Philosophy, and Poetics*, with notable articles by Eleonore Stump, John Milbank, Rowan Williams, Jeffrey Bishop, Catherine Pickstock, and Andrew Davison, et al.

PHILOSOPHY OF RELIGION SUBJECT COMMITTEE

University of Cambridge, 2019-Present

- Served as the graduate representative to the Philosophy of Religion Subject Committee
- Organized programming, collected student response data, helped construct course curriculum and syllabi, raised student concerns in committee, and coordinated with department professors and staff

WRITING CONSULTANT

ShatterBooks Publishing, 2015-2017

- Functioned as a consultant for a local publishing house, participating in the ongoing effort to publish anthologies and novels
- Worked with editors, artists and advertisers to help coordinate unified products

MEDIA AND PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

- Designed and hosted a personal website (jdlyonhart.com) enabling the public to engage with my on-going content (2018-Present)
- Published an on-going YouTube channel ([JD Lyonhart](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC0u12pgB4)), featuring over 60 of my lectures, dramatizations, public debates and sermons (2014-Present). Sample Content:
 - God is Dead? (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=je9ExtCS11s>)
 - My Opening Talk at the *New Trinitarian Ontologies* Conference (<https://youtu.be/s0ulsBsH7kY?t=116>)
 - A Recreation of Cudworth's 1647 *Sermon to the House of Commons* (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-U-oU12pgB4>)

ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE

PASTOR

Vancouver Christian Logos Church, 2012-2017

- Served as the full-time pastor over a Chinese Mennonite congregation of inner-city immigrants.
- Acquired essential skills in cross-generational and intercultural communication as the youngest and only Caucasian pastor in our denomination.
- Gained valuable communication experience, averaging 46 Sundays preaching a year for five years in a row.
- Garnered useful counselling, pastoring, teaching and interpersonal skills.
- Oversaw numerous teams, as well as hiring ministry staff, delegating responsibilities, and equipping leaders.

CAMPUS MINISTRY

College Heights Church/Missouri Southern State University, 2009-2011

- Fostered administrative abilities through organizing programs for nearly 300 young adults.
- Created and ran my own staff teams, including organizing a weekly homeless ministry involving over 20 students.
- Refined public speaking and interpersonal abilities through consistent weekly teaching and regular preaching, engaging students on a spiritual yet intellectual level

YOUTH MINISTRY

Camp Artaban, 2005-2008, 2011, 2016

- Gained experience working with youth (grades 3-11) through counselling, running programs, leading discussions, and preaching.

NON-FOR-PROFIT WORK

- Served on an impoverished Native Reservation in the mountains of Phoenix, Arizona, running free programs for youth, building homes, volunteering at a Sex-Slave rehabilitation home and receiving special training in the subject. (2011)
- Spent months supporting a struggling community during the failed 2010 revolution in Bangkok, Thailand, ministering in the slums and protest zones. (2010)
- Rebuilt homes in Galveston, Texas, in the wake of Hurricane Ike. (2009)
- Served with Living Waters, a Non-for-Profit in Manhattan, New York, working to provide clean water around the globe. Simultaneously, assisted in small groups for recovering drug

addicts, and participated in a series of interreligious seminars held in a local Jewish community. (2008, 2010, 2011)

- Helped a local ministry serve the poor and disenfranchised in Matamoros, Mexico, particularly through construction projects and running community programs for local youth. (2007)

REFERENCES

ACADEMIC

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- Dr. Craig Gay, Professor of Modern Philosophy and Economics, Regent College
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PROFESSIONAL

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