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### EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Historical Theology, Saint Louis University, 2018

Major Area: Early Christianity

Minor Area: Modern Christianity

Dissertation: “*Magna Gratiae Commendatio*: Augustine’s Teaching on Grace in the Tractates on the Gospel of John”

Director: Dr. Kenneth B. Steinhauser

M.Div. at Southern Methodist University, Perkins School of Theology, 2010

B.A. in Theology & Ministry, Southern Nazarene University, 2005

### PUBLICATIONS

#### *Edited Volume*

Kenneth B. Steinhauser and Scott Dermer, eds. *The Use of Textual Criticism for the Interpretation of Patristic Texts*. Lewiston, NY: The Edwin Mellen Press, 2013.

#### *Articles and Book Chapters*

“The Sign of Jonah.” In *A Thrill of Hope: An Advent Devotional*. Edited by Audra Spiven, 21–24. Kansas City: The Foundry Publishing, 2018.

“Participating in Grace: Augustine and Wesley as Preachers of Sanctification.” In *Embodying Wesley’s Catholic Spirit*. Edited by Daniel Castelo, 87–99. Eugene: Pickwick, 2017.

“*Vellet* or *Vellent*? A Textual Variant in Augustine’s *Enchiridion*.” In *The Use of Textual Criticism for the Interpretation of Patristic Texts*. Edited by Kenneth B. Steinhauser and Scott Dermer, 479–512. Lewiston, NY: The Edwin Mellen Press, 2013.

“Interpreting Idolatry: Reading Scripture with the Fathers, Wesley, and Contemporary Exegesis.” Co-authored with Stephen Riley. *Wesleyan Theological Journal* 48 (2013): 149–161.

*Online Contributions*

- “The Lord’s Prayer and Desire.” The Foundry Community, The Foundry Publishing. March 11, 2021. <https://www.thefoundrycommunity.com/the-lords-prayer-and-desire/>.
- “The Gift of Gathering.” The Foundry Community, The Foundry Publishing. January 7, 2021. <https://www.thefoundrycommunity.com/the-gift-of-gathering/>.
- “The Sacrament of Unity.” The Foundry Community, The Foundry Publishing. August 10, 2020. <https://www.thefoundrycommunity.com/the-sacrament-of-unity/>.
- “The Case for Christian Classics.” The Foundry Community, The Foundry Publishing. May 12, 2020. <https://www.thefoundrycommunity.com/the-case-for-christian-classics/>.
- “Marked by the Cross.” The Foundry Community, The Foundry Publishing. February 26, 2020. <https://www.thefoundrycommunity.com/marked-by-the-cross/>.
- “Listening in Community.” The Foundry Community, The Foundry Publishing. January 15, 2020. <https://www.thefoundrycommunity.com/listening-in-community/>.
- “The Temptation of Vainglory in Pastoral Ministry.” The Foundry Community, The Foundry Publishing. October 28, 2019. <https://www.thefoundrycommunity.com/pastoral-ministry-and-the-temptation-of-vainglory/>.
- “Humility and the Lord’s Supper.” The Foundry Community, The Foundry Publishing. August 12, 2019. <https://www.thefoundrycommunity.com/humility-and-the-lords-supper/>.
- “Disconnecting from Our Devices to Connect with God.” The Foundry Community, The Foundry Publishing. July 2, 2019. <https://www.thefoundrycommunity.com/disconnecting-from-our-devices-to-connect-with-god/>.
- “4 Reasons to Use Questions While Preaching.” The Foundry Community, The Foundry Publishing. May 16, 2019. <http://www.thefoundrycommunity.com/4-reasons-to-use-questions-while-preaching/>.
- “The Practice of Conversation in Community.” The Foundry Community, The Foundry Publishing. February 5, 2019. <http://www.thefoundrycommunity.com/the-practice-of-conversation-in-community/>.
- “The Church as the Place of Healing.” The Foundry Community, The Foundry Publishing. October 29, 2018. <http://www.thefoundrycommunity.com/the-church-as-the-place-of-healing/>.

- “The Call to Friendship.” The Foundry Community, The Foundry Publishing. June 18, 2018. <http://www.thefoundrycommunity.com/the-call-to-friendship/>.
- “Three Reasons to Follow Ritual in Worship.” The Foundry Community, The Foundry Publishing. April 23, 2018. <http://www.thefoundrycommunity.com/3-reasons-to-follow-rituals-in-worship/>.
- “The Lord’s Supper and Sacrifice.” The Foundry Community, The Foundry Publishing. February 19, 2018. <http://www.thefoundrycommunity.com/the-lords-supper-and-sacrifice/>.
- “The Lost Practice of Obedience.” The Foundry Community, The Foundry Publishing. December 21, 2017. <https://www.thefoundrycommunity.com/the-lost-practice-of-obedience/>.
- “Holiness and Tragic Necessity.” The Foundry Community, The Foundry Publishing. November 6, 2017. <https://www.thefoundrycommunity.com/holiness-and-tragic-necessity/>.
- “Four Reasons Why Every Christian Should Visit the Poor.” The Foundry Community, The Foundry Publishing. July 17, 2017. <https://www.thefoundrycommunity.com/4-reasons-every-christian-should-visit-the-poor/>.
- “What Every Pastor Can Learn from Saint Augustine.” The Foundry Community, The Foundry Publishing. March 13, 2017. <https://www.thefoundrycommunity.com/what-every-pastor-can-learn-from-saint-augustine/>.
- “Community-Minded Ministry: Webster Groves Motel Ministry.” The Foundry Community, The Foundry Publishing. December 19, 2016. <https://www.thefoundrycommunity.com/community-minded-ministry-webster-groves-motel-ministry/>.

#### INVITED PAPERS AND PRESENTATIONS

- “Right Praise, Right Belief: How Worship Shapes Us,” co-presented in the worship section at the Values Conference of the Missouri District Church of the Nazarene, St. Louis, MO, May 2019.
- “‘They Shall See God:’ Augustine, Wesley, and the Vision of God,” presented in the Historical Studies section at the annual meeting of the Wesleyan Theological Society, Washington, DC, March 2019.
- “You Can’t Go It Alone: Wesleyan Accountability in the Church Today,” presented in the discipleship section at the Values Conference of the Missouri District Church of the Nazarene, St. Louis, MO, May 2016.

“Participating in Grace: Augustine and Wesley as Preachers of Sanctification,” presented in the Ecumenical Studies section at the annual meeting of the Wesleyan Theological Society, Seattle, WA, March 2013.

“The Latin Fathers on Song of Songs 1:4–5,” presented at the annual meeting of the North American Patristics Society, Chicago, IL, May 2012.

“Interpreting Idolatry: Reading Scripture with the Fathers, Wesley, and Contemporary Exegesis,” presented with Stephen Riley in the Biblical Studies section at the annual meeting of the Wesleyan Theological Society, Nashville, TN, March 2012.

“Augustine and the Virtue of *Studiositas*,” presented in the Church History section at the annual meeting of the Wesleyan Theological Society, Anderson, IN, March 2009.

## TEACHING

MidAmerica Nazarene University, 2021-present: Assistant Professor of Church History

Southern Nazarene University, guest lectures, 2020: “The Gospel of John.”

Missouri District Church of the Nazarene Pastors’ Advance, lecture, 2018: “Worship.”

Missouri District Church of the Nazarene Prayer Retreat, lectures, 2018: “Communion with God.”

Missouri District Church of the Nazarene Prayer Retreat, lectures, 2016: “Discerning the Voice of God.”

Villa Duchesne School, guest lectures, 2016: “Protestantism.”

Missouri District Church of the Nazarene Family Camp, lectures, 2013: “Reading the Psalms with the Early Church.”

Oklahoma Wesleyan University, 2013, online course: “Worship.”

Saint Louis University, 2012-2013, substitute teaching for advisor: “Early Christianity.”

Regular teaching of scripture and theology in the local church.

## PEDAGOGICAL TRAINING

*Saint Louis University*

Effective Teaching Seminars, Reinert Center for Transformative Teaching & Learning (participant).

## ACADEMIC ASSISTANTSHIPS

Research assistant to Kenneth B. Steinhauser, Dr. Theol., Saint Louis University, (area: Early Christianity), 2010-2013.

Research assistant to Valerie A. Karras, Th.D., Ph.D., Southern Methodist University, Perkins School of Theology, (area: Greek Patristics), 2009-2010.

Teaching and research assistant to Robin W. Lovin, Ph.D., Southern Methodist University, (area: Christian Ethics), 2008-2009.

Research assistant to Patrick Provost-Smith, Ph.D., Southern Methodist University, Perkins School of Theology, (area: History of Christianity), 2007-2008.

## SERVICE TO THE ACADEMY

*MidAmerica Nazarene University*

Board of Trustees, 2018-2019.

*Saint Louis University*

Member of the Department of Theological Studies Student Action Committee, 2011-2013.

*Perkins School of Theology*

Academic Programs Committee, student representative, 2007-2008.

Perkins Student Journal, reader, 2006-2008.

Perkins Student Association, first year representative, 2006-2007.

*Southern Nazarene University*

President's Ambassador, 2003-2005.

Student Judicial Council, 2004-2005.

Student Board of Review, 2004-2005.

Resident Advisor, 2002-2004.

*Professional Memberships*

North American Patristics Society, 2011-present

Wesleyan Theological Society, 2009-present

*Research and Teaching Interests*

Historical Theology/History of Christianity

Early Church Fathers and Augustine of Hippo

Theology of John Wesley

Christian Worship and Preaching

## SERVICE TO THE CHURCH

*Pastoral Ministry*

Ordained Elder in the Church of the Nazarene, 2010-present.

Lead Pastor of Tulsa Central Church of the Nazarene, Tulsa, OK, 2019-2021.

Lead Pastor of Webster Groves Church of the Nazarene, Webster Groves, MO, 2013-2019.

Lead Pastor of Nexus Community, Richardson Church of the Nazarene, Dallas, TX, 2009-2010.

Ministerial Intern, Perkins School of Theology, Richardson Church of the Nazarene, Dallas, TX, 2008-2009.

Pastor of Compassion and Care, Lake Overholser Church of the Nazarene, Oklahoma City, OK, 2005-2006.

Ministerial Intern, Southern Nazarene University, Lake Overholser Church of the Nazarene, Oklahoma City, OK, 2001-2005.

*Denominational Contributions*

Northeast Oklahoma District Church of the Nazarene Board of Ministry, 2019-2021.

Missouri District Church of the Nazarene Advisory Board, 2017-2019.

Featured Contributor, The Foundry Community, The Foundry Publishing, 2016-present.

Missouri District Church of the Nazarene Board of Ministry, 2015-2019.

Missouri District Church of the Nazarene Values Team, 2015-2019.

## HONORS AND AWARDS

SMU Summa cum laude, 2010

SMU Philip Schaff Prize in Church History, 2010

SMU W. B. J. Martin Award in Homiletics, 2010

SMU Bishop John Wesley Hardt Award, 2009

SMU Bert Affleck Award for Creative Ministry during Internship, 2009

SMU Perkins School of Theology First Year Student Book Award, 2006

SNU Summa cum laude, 2005

SNU President's Award, 2005

SNU National Dean's List, 2004

SNU Phi Delta Lambda National Honor Society, 2003

SNU President's Honor Roll, 2001-2005

SNU Freshman Achievement Award, 2001