

BRIAN LEE

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EDUCATION

Princeton University | Princeton, New Jersey 2014 – Present

Doctor of Philosophy (Religion)

Subfield: Religion, Ethics and Politics

My dissertation is about how Black and White abolitionists negotiated authority and responsibility within the antebellum movement to abolish slavery in the U.S. I am a moral philosopher and historian focused on race and religion in the Americas.

Fuller Theological Seminary | Pasadena, California 2008 – 2013

Master of Divinity

University of Botswana | Gaborone, Botswana 2008

Semester Abroad

Samford University | Birmingham, Alabama 2004 – 2008

Bachelor of Arts (Classics)

PRESENTATIONS

“Abolishing Slavery, Abolishing ICE: A Model from the Nineteenth Century for Religious Abolitionists Today.” American Academy of Religion (Annual Meeting), San Diego, CA | November 25, 2019.

“Is Harpers Ferry an American Mount Moriah? Ethics at the Limits of Law and Order.” American Academy of Religion (Annual Meeting), Boston, MA | November 21, 2017.

“What is the Atonement?” “What is...?” Lecture Series, Princeton University Department of Religion | March 8, 2017.

“On the Weirdness of John Brown, the Vigilante Abolitionist.” Princeton Theological Seminary Graduate Student Conference, Princeton Theological Seminary | February 18, 2017.

“Christian Pacifism.” Lecture presented to “Christian Ethics and Modern Society” course (Dr. Eric Gregory), Princeton University | October 22, 2015.

“Martin Luther and John Calvin on Law.” Lecture presented to “Religion and Law” course (Dr. Leora Batnitzky), Princeton University | March 25, 2015.

“The God of Israel, Messiah and the Canaanites.” Lecture presented to “Jesus, the Church and Violence” course (Dr. Tommy Givens), Fuller Theological Seminary | April 30, 2014.

“Do You Know What I Have Done For You? The Footwashing in John 13 as Hospitality.” Society of Biblical Literature (Pacific Coast Regional Meeting), Fullerton, CA | March 30, 2014.

“Al-Ghazali’s Synthesis of a Sufi Epistemology and Sunni Jurisprudence.” American Academy of Religion (Western Regional Meeting), Los Angeles, CA | March 9, 2014.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor, Azusa Pacific University

Theology and the Christian Life | THEO303 | (Fall 2018)

Preceptor, Princeton University

Christian Ethics and Modern Society | REL261 | Dr. Eric Gregory (Fall, 2015)

Religion and Film | REL222 / HUM222 / VIS224 | Dr. Jeffrey Stout (Spring 2015)

Teaching Assistant, Fuller Theological Seminary

Jesus, the Church and Violence | NT556 | Dr. Tommy Givens (Spring 2014)

The Gospels and Acts | NS500 | Dr. Tommy Givens (Spring 2014)

Exegetical Method and Practice | NE502 | Dr. Marianne Meye Thompson (Winter 2014)

Medieval and Reformation Theology | CH503 | Dr. John L. Thompson (Winter 2014)

Presbyterian Creeds | CH549 | Dr. John L. Thompson (Fall 2013)

The Gospels and Acts | NS500 | Dr. Marianne Meye Thompson (Fall 2013)

The Gospels and Acts | NS500 | Dr. Tommy Givens (Winter 2013)

Medieval and Reformation Theology | CH503 | Dr. John L. Thompson (Winter 2013)

Patristic Theology | CH501 | Dr. John L. Thompson (Fall 2012)

ACADEMIC HONORS AND AWARDS

Political Philosophy Research and Travel Grant | Princeton University Spring 2016

The University Center for Human Values funded my travel to/from Columbia University for a weekly seminar.

Department of Religion Teaching Award | Princeton University 2015 – 2016

The Department of Religion honors two of its graduate students for excellence in undergraduate teaching each year.

Graduate Fellowship | Princeton University 2014 – 2019

Most Outstanding Greek Student | Samford Classics Department 2006 / 2007 / 2008

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Member of the Graduate Student Committee

Department of Religion | Princeton University (2015–2016)

Research Assistant, Dr. Oliver D. Crisp

Jonathan Edwards on God and Creation (New York: Oxford University Press, 2012)

Convener, with Dr. Oliver D. Crisp

Karl Barth Reading Group | Fuller Theological Seminary (2012)

Research Assistant, Dr. Pamela E. King

‘Spiritual Thriving in Adolescence: A Qualitative Study’ | John Templeton Foundation (2010)

OTHER SERVICE

Moderator of the Immigration Team, Knox Presbyterian Church, Pasadena, CA | March 2019 – March 2020.

LANGUAGES

English (Fluent)

Spanish (Intermediate)

COMPUTER SKILLS

Web Design (Beginner)

I know the basics of CSS, HTML, and JavaScript.

Shell Scripting (Advanced)

I know how to write complex scripts to automate file management.

Microsoft Office (Advanced)

Adobe Acrobat (Advanced)

Local & Remote Collaboration (Advanced)

I am proficient in the use of software for meeting and collaborating:
e.g., Dropbox, Google, Canvas, Slack, Todoist, Zoom, and Zotero.