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EDUCATION

M.S. in TESOL, 2020

Biola University

Th.M. Systematic Theology, 2017

Westminster Theological Seminary

Thesis title: “The Trinity, Language, and Human Behavior: A Reformed Exposition of the Language Theory of Kenneth L. Pike”

Advisor: Dr. Lane G. Tipton

M.A.R. Theological Studies, 2011

Westminster Theological Seminary

B.A. English (Professional Writing), 2007

Elizabethtown College

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Associate Director and Curriculum Developer for Theological English, 2015–Present

Westminster Theological Seminary

Lecturer in Mastering Theological English I & II, 2013–Present

Westminster Theological Seminary

Assistant Director of the Center for Theological Writing (CTW), 2011–2015

Westminster Theological Seminary

Tutor for the Center for Theological Writing (CTW), 2009–2011

Westminster Theological Seminary

SELECTED PRINT PUBLICATIONS

Textbooks

- *Theological English: An Advanced ESL Text for Students of Theology*. Phillipsburg, NJ: P&R Publishing, 2018. Finalist for the 2019 ECPA Christian Book Awards.
- *Advanced Theological Writing: A Rhetoric and Grammar Workbook for ESL Students of Theology*. Unpublished manuscript.
- *Wordsmiths for the Word: Writing Clearly, Cogently, and Profoundly for Christ and His Global Church*. Unpublished manuscript.

Other Print Publications

- *The Book of Giving: How the God Who Gives Can Make Us Givers*. Independently published. 2021.
- *Finding Hope in Hard Things: A Positive Take on Suffering*. Independently published. 2020.
- *Still, Silent, and Strong: Meditations for the Anxious Heart, V.1*. Independently published. 2020.
- *Struck Down but Not Destroyed: Living Faithfully with Anxiety*. Independently published. 2020. Medalist for the 2021 Illumination Book Awards.
- *The Speaking Trinity & His Worded World: Why Language Is at the Center of Everything*. Eugene, OR: Wipf & Stock, 2018.

- *Finding God in the Ordinary*. Eugene, OR: Wipf & Stock, 2018.
- *The Trinity, Language, and Human Behavior: A Reformed Exposition of the Language Theory of Kenneth L. Pike*, Reformed Academic Dissertations. Phillipsburg, NJ: P&R Publishing, 2018.
- “Language and the Trinity.” In *Redeeming the Life of the Mind: Essays in Honor of Vern Poythress*, edited by John M. Frame, Wayne Grudem, and John J. Hughes, 181–97. Wheaton, IL: Crossway, 2017.
- “World through Word: Towards a Linguistic Ontology.” *Westminster Theological Journal* 79, no. 2 (Fall 2017): 345–64.
- “A Theological Critique of Learner Autonomy.” *IJC&ELT* 4 (2017): 47–65.
- “Do You See How I See? The Trinitarian Roots of Human Perception.” *Westminster Theological Journal* 79, no. 1 (Spring 2017): 59–76.
- “Death, Dogma, and Discourse.” *Modern Reformation* 26, no. 2 (March/April 2017): 5–8.
- “Words for Communion.” *Modern Reformation* 25, no. 4 (July/August 2016): 5–8.
- “Closing the Gaps: Perichoresis and the Nature of Language.” *Westminster Theological Journal* 78, no. 2 (Fall 2016): 299–322.
- “We Who Work with Words: Towards a Theology of Writing.” *Themelios* 41.3 (2016): 447–63.
- “Where Person Meets Word: Part 2—The Convergence of Personalism and Scripture in the Language Theory of Kenneth L. Pike.” *Westminster Theological Journal* 78, no. 1 (Spring 2016): 117–34.
- “Where Person Meets Word: Part 1—Personalism in the Language Theory of Kenneth L. Pike.” *Westminster Theological Journal* 77, no. 2 (Fall 2015): 355–377.
- “Imaging Communion: An Argument for God’s Existence based on Speech.” *Westminster Theological Journal* 77, no. 1 (Spring 2015): 35–51.
- “Words of Counsel – Part 1: A Biblical-Theological Foundation.” *Journal of Biblical Counseling* 27, no. 2 (2013): 51–64.
- “Words of Counsel – Part 2: Letting Words Work.” *Journal of Biblical Counseling* 27, no. 3 (2013): 27–36.

SELECTED ONLINE PUBLICATIONS

- [“Why Language Is Everything.”](#) *Modern Reformation*, January 21, 2019.
- [“Writing to Strangers for the Savior.”](#) *Christward Collective*, February 6, 2018.
- [“A Trellis for Trinitarian Theology.”](#) *Reformed Forum*, February 6, 2018.
- [“A Reflection on Anthropomorphic Language.”](#) *Reformed Forum*, December 23, 2017.
- [“Scripture: The Speech of God.”](#) *Reformed Forum*, July 26, 2017.
- [“Truth as a Person.”](#) *Place for Truth*, April 6, 2017.
- [“The Heart of Trinitarian Heresy.”](#) *Reformed Forum*, March 11, 2017.
- [“Beauty Embodied.”](#) *Reformation 21*, February 2016.
- [“Poor Prose Is Poor Theology.”](#) *Reformation 21*, October 3, 2015.
- [“Literal, Metaphorical, or Neither?”](#) *Reformed Forum*, September 28, 2015.
- [“A Note on Trinitarian Analogies.”](#) *Place for Truth*, January 5, 2015.
- [“Finding Truth in the Top 40: Pop Lyrics Aren’t as Bad as You Think.”](#) *First Things*, March 19, 2014.

LANGUAGES

Greek (Koine and Classical) – advanced reading proficiency
 Biblical Hebrew – advanced reading proficiency
 Theological French – reading proficiency
 Modern Standard Arabic – limited reading proficiency