

## CURRICULUM VITAE

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### EDUCATION

*Calvin Theological Seminary, Grand Rapids, MI*  
PhD Candidate in Historical Theology and Systematic Theology  
Dissertation: "In Defense of Leibniz's Theodicy: Reassessing Leibniz on Free Choice and Providence in Light of the Augustinian Tradition"  
Readers: Richard Muller / Donald Rutherford

*Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, Deerfield, IL*  
MA in Christian Thought, Emphasis: Systematic Theology, Cognate: Church History (2003)  
Thesis Focus: St. Augustine of Hippo and the Problem of Evil  
Readers: Kevin Vanhoozer / Douglas Sweeney

*Trinity International University, Deerfield, IL*  
BA, Double Major in Philosophy and Humanities (2001)

*Maryland Institute College of Art, Baltimore, MD*  
Major in Fine Arts Painting, Minor in Fine Arts Drawing (1996-1998)

### TEACHING EXPERIENCE

*Trinity International University, Deerfield, IL*  
Assistant Professor of Theology: IDS 150, Foundations of Integrative Thought; BI 210, Biblical Interpretation; BRS 231, Christian Doctrine; BRS 350, Theology of C. S. Lewis; BRS 350, History of Free Choice and Providence; BRS 350, The Doctrine of the Trinity; BRS 350, Philosophy, Theology and Film (Fall 2009 to present)

*Carthage College, Kenosha, WI*  
Adjunct Professor: REL 2000, History of Christian Thought (January-term 2011, Summer 2011)

*Trinity Graduate School, Deerfield, IL*  
Adjunct Professor: ID 5001, Foundations of Integrative Thought (Fall 2009, Fall 2010)

*Calvin Theological Seminary, Grand Rapids, MI*

Adjunct Professor: SYTH 485, Research Methodology for Theology (Fall 2008)

*Calvin College, Grand Rapids, MI*

Adjunct Professor: IDIS 150, Christianity and Art; IDIS 150, Christian Ethics and Aesthetics; IDIS 150, Idols, Images, and Incarnation (January-term 2007, January-term 2008, January-term 2009)

*Kuyper College, Grand Rapids, MI*

Adjunct Professor: PH 231, Ancient Philosophy (Fall 2007)

*Trinity College, Deerfield, IL*

Co-Instructor with William Moulder: BRS 350, Christianity and Art (Fall 2005)

## **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

American Academy of Religion  
American Philosophical Association  
Society of Christian Philosophers  
Referee, *Modern Theology*  
Referee, *Faith and Philosophy*

## **PUBLICATIONS**

### *BOOKS*

*The Persistence of the Sacred in Modern Thought*, co-edited with Chris L. Firestone (Notre Dame, IN: University of Notre Dame Press, 2012 – forthcoming)

*In Defense of Kant's Religion*, co-author Chris L. Firestone (Bloomington, IN: Indiana University Press, 2008)

### *INTRODUCTIONS, ESSAYS, AND ARTICLES*

"A Summary of *In Defense of Kant's Religion*," *Faith and Philosophy* (forthcoming symposium on Chris L. Firestone / Nathan Jacobs, *In Defense of Kant's Religion* [Bloomington, IN: Indiana University Press, 2008])

"A Reply to Critics of *In Defense of Kant's Religion*," *Faith and Philosophy* (forthcoming symposium on Chris L. Firestone / Nathan Jacobs, *In Defense of Kant's Religion* [Bloomington, IN: Indiana University Press, 2008])

“Editors’ Introduction: The Persistence of the Sacred in Modern Thought,” co-authored with Chris L. Firestone, in *The Persistence of the Sacred in Modern Thought* (Notre Dame, IN: University of Notre Dame Press, 2012 – forthcoming)

“Leibniz and the Augustinian Tradition,” in *The Persistence of the Sacred in Modern Thought* (Notre Dame, IN: University of Notre Dame Press, 2012 – forthcoming)

“Protestant Scholasticism and the Philosophy of Gottfried Leibniz,” in *Reformierte Philosophie in der frühen Neuzeit*, eds. Günther Frank and Herman Selderhuis (Stuttgart: Frommann-Holzboog, forthcoming)

“How are Christians to be Stewards of Art?” *Journal of Markets and Morality* 12:2 (2009)

“In Answer to Calvin Seerveld on Christian Stewardship of Art,” *Journal of Markets and Morality* 12:2 (2009)

“Contra Clayton: Toward an Augustinian Philosophy of Organism,” *Faith and Philosophy* 25:4 (Oct., 2008)

“On ‘Not Three Gods’—Again: Can a Primary-Secondary Substance Reading of *Ousia* and *Hypostasis* Avoid Tritheism?” *Modern Theology* 24:3 (July, 2008)

“Kant’s *Apologia*: A Look at the Usefulness of Kantian Insights for Christian Thought,” *Philosophia Christi* 9:1 (2007)

“Kant on the Christian Religion,” co-authored with Chris L. Firestone, *Philosophia Christi* 9:1 (2007)

“Kant’s Prototypical Theology: Transcendental Incarnation as a Rational Foundation for God-Talk,” in *Kant and the New Philosophy of Religion*, eds. Chris L. Firestone and Stephen R. Palmquist (Bloomington, IN: Indiana University Press, 2006)

#### BOOK REVIEWS

David S. Pacini, *Through Narcissus’ Glass Darkly: The Modern Religion of Conscience* (New York: Fordham University Press, 2008), in *Kantian Review* (2010)

#### TRANSLATIONS

Paul Tillich, “The Category of the ‘Holy’ in Rudolf Otto,” co-translated with Chris L. Firestone, in Chris L. Firestone, *Kant and Theology at the Boundaries of Reason* (Aldershot: Ashgate Publishing, 2009)

Paul Tillich, “Rudolf Otto—Philosopher of Religion,” co-translated with Chris L. Firestone, in Chris L. Firestone, *Kant and Theology at the Boundaries of Reason* (Aldershot: Ashgate Publishing, 2009)

## CONFERENCE PAPERS

“On the Supposed Rationalism of G. W. Leibniz: A Look at the Medieval and Reformed Scholastic Roots of Leibniz’s Philosophy,” *Sixteenth Century Studies Conference: Princeton Theological Seminary Panel* (Fort Worth, TX: Oct 2011)

“What Hath Königsberg to Do with Byzantium? An Eastern Reply to the Problem of Post-Kantian Theology,” *International Congress of Medieval Studies* (Kalamazoo, MI: May 2010)

“A Summary of *In Defense of Kant’s Religion*,” *American Academy of Religion: Annual Meeting: Society of Christian Philosophers: Symposium on In Defense of Kant’s Religion* (Montreal: 2009)

“Reply to Critics of *In Defense of Kant’s Religion*,” *American Academy of Religion: Annual Meeting: Society of Christian Philosophers: Symposium on In Defense of Kant’s Religion* (Montreal: 2009)

“Leibniz and the Reformed Scholastics,” *Reformierte Philosophie in der Frühen Neuzeit* (Bretten/Germany: May 2009)

“A Response to Terry Muck,” *Trinity Consultation on Post-Christendom Spiritualities* (Deerfield, IL: Oct. 2008)

“Teaching Philosophy by Making One’s Classroom a Shared-Life Experience: An Interview with Nathan Jacobs,” co-author Chris L. Firestone, *Associated Colleges of the Chicago Area: Scholarship of Pedagogy Symposium* (Romeoville, IL: Oct. 2007)

“Contra Clayton: Toward an Augustinian Philosophy of Organism,” *American Academy of Religion: Midwest Regional Meeting* (River Forest, IL: 2007)

“Contesting Clayton: A Critique of Philip Clayton’s Emergent Panentheism,” *American Academy of Religion: Midwest Regional Meeting* (River Forest, IL: 2007)

“On the Only Possible Reading of Kant’s *Religion within the Boundaries of Mere Reason*: Books One and Two,” *Society of Christian Philosophers: Special Meeting* (Houghton, NY: 2006)

“On the Only Possible Reading of Kant’s *Religion within the Boundaries of Mere Reason*: Book Three,” co-author Chris L. Firestone, *Society of Christian Philosophers: Special Meeting* (Houghton, NY: 2006)

“Kant’s *Apologia*,” *American Academy of Religion: Annual Meeting* (Philadelphia, PA: 2005) “Augustine and Augustinianism,” *Evangelical Philosophical Society: Annual Meeting* (Denver, CO: 2001)

“Augustine and Augustinianism,” Evangelical Philosophical Society (Atlanta, GA: 2001)

“Meet Chauncey Gardner,” *American Academy of Religion: Midwest Regional Meeting* (Chicago, IL: 2000)

“A Theodicy,” *American Academy of Religion: Annual Meeting: Evangelical Theology Group* (Nashville, TN: 2000)

## **HONORS**

Kern fellowship from the Kern Foundation (May, 2010)

Young Scholars Book Prize Nominee by American Philosophical Association for *In Defense of Kant's Religion* (2009)

Textual Analysis Book Prize Nominee by American Academy of Religion for *In Defense of Kant's Religion* (2009)

Kern fellowship from the Kern Foundation (May, 2009)

Institutional Assistantship from Calvin Theological Seminary (Fall, 2007 to Spring, 2009)

Muller Fellowship from Calvin Theological Seminary (Fall, 2005 to Spring, 2007)

Dean's Scholarship from Trinity International University (Fall, 2001 to Spring, 2003)

Senior Philosophy Award from Trinity International University (May, 2001)

Dean's Scholarship from Trinity International University (Fall, 1999 to Spring, 2001)

## **REFERENCES**

Chris L. Firestone, Associate Professor of Philosophy  
*Trinity International University, Deerfield, IL*

Richard A. Muller, P.J. Zondervan Professor of Historical Theology  
*Calvin Theological Seminary, Grand Rapids, MI*

Nicholas Wolterstorff, Noah Porter Professor of Philosophical Theology  
*Yale Divinity School, New Haven, CN / Senior Fellow, University of Virginia,  
Charlottesville, VA*