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### ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Director, Samford Center for Science and Religion	2020-Present
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Administrative Faculty with secondary appointment in Biblical and Religious Studies Department, Samford University</li></ul>	
Assistant Professor in Science and Religion	2016-2020
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Biblical and Religious Studies Department, Samford University</li></ul>	
Grant Administrator, Samford Center for Science and Religion	2014-2016
Part-Time Faculty	2012- 2014
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Eastern Kentucky University, Department of Philosophy and Religion</li></ul>	
Postdoctoral Researcher	2009- 2012
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Radboud University Nijmegen, the Netherlands, Heyendaal Program on Theology and Science</li></ul>	
Further Study	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Four-month Research Fellowship, Vrije Universiteit, Amsterdam</li></ul>	2018-2019
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>SCIO Oxford Interdisciplinary Summer Seminars in Science and Religion</li></ul>	2018-2019

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### EDUCATION

Ph.D. Religious Studies, Boston University	2009
<b>Science &amp; Religion Track</b>	
M.Phil. Faculty of Divinity & St Edmund's College, University of Cambridge	2003
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>Thesis, with distinction:</b> Science and the Christian Tradition: A Critique of Nancey Murphy's Nonreductive Physicalism</li></ul>	
M.Div. Beeson Divinity School	2002
B.A. Samford University	1998
Psychology	

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### BOOKS

- “Redeeming Expertise: Scientific Trust and the Church’s Future” Baylor University Press, 2021.
  - “Readers will find razor-sharp analysis and astute insights, from start to finish. It’s a riveting read. Even when I disagreed with some of Reeves’s arguments, I was always grateful for his Solomonic expertise on the critical questions.”  
Hans Madueme, Associate Professor of Theological Studies, Covenant College
- “Against Methodology in Science and Religion: Recent Debates on Rationality and Theology” Routledge Science and Religion Series, Routledge, 2018.
  - “Reeves’ book is well-written and a good introduction to the debate on the relation between science and religion.” Benedikt Paul Göcke- University Professor Ruhr University Bochum

- “A Little Guide for New Scientists” with Steve Donaldson, InterVarsity Press, 2016.
  - “This book is essential reading for Christians contemplating a vocation in science.” Celia Deane-Drummond, professor of theology, University of Notre Dame

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## PUBLICATIONS

17. “Both God and Nature: Providential Naturalism as a Middle Way in Contemporary Divine Action Debates” with Peter Jordan (submitted)
16. “Divine Providence through Predictable Chance Events: A Problem for the Primary/Secondary Causation Distinction” (submitted)
15. “On the Place of Theology in Public Universities” (submitted)
14. “A Theological Engagement with the Science of Science Skepticism.” *TheoLogica: An International Journal for Philosophy of Religion and Philosophical Theology*, 6:1 (2022).
13. “Methodology in Science and Religion: Reply to Critics”- *Zygon* (September 2020).
  - Special Section with five responses to my book “Against Methodology”
12. “Why Christians Struggle to Think Theologically About Chance” *Sapientia* (2019)  
<https://henrycenter.tiu.edu/2019/09/why-christians-struggle-to-think-theologically-about-chance/>
11. “Christianity and Science: The Three Key Questions” *Journal of Biblical and Theological Studies* 2:2 (Journal Theme: Christianity and the Philosophy of Science) (Fall-2017).
10. “How Not to Link the Reformation and Science: Reflections on Brad Gregory’s The Unintended Reformation” *Religions* 8:5 (2017).
9. “Values and Science: An Argument For Why They Cannot be Separated” *Theology and Science* 14:2 (April-2016), 147-159.
8. “The Secularization of Chance: Towards Understanding the Impact of the Probability Revolution on Christian Belief in Divine Providence” *Zygon* (2015), September 50:3, 604-620.
7. “Response to “Turning a Critical Eye on Science and Religion”” with Richard A. Peters *Method and Theory in the Study of Religion* (2014), January 26:1, 75-86.
6. “On the Relation Between Science and the Scientific Worldview” *Heythrop Journal* (2013), July 54:4, 554-562.
5. “Problems for Postfoundationalists: Evaluating J. Wentzel van Huyssteen’s Theory of Rationality” *Journal of Religion* (2013), April 93:2, 131-150.
4. “Theology and the Problem of Expertise” *Theology Today* (2012), April 69:1, 34-42.
3. “What is Natural?: A Critical Analysis of Nonreductive Physicalism” *Studies in Science and Theology* (2012), 159-172.
2. “After Lakatos” *Theology and Science*, November 9:4 (2011), 395-409.
1. “The Field of Science and Religion as Natural Philosophy” *Theology and Science*, November 6:4 (2008), 403-419.

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## OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- “The Moral Dilemmas of Technology” [Preface] in *Christian Perspectives on Transhumanism and the Church*, edited by Steve Donaldson and Ronald Cole-Turner (Palgrave MacMillan, 2018).
- “Randomness in Theological Perspective “ on the BioLogos Blog (900 words), August 17, 2016. Site: <http://biologos.org/blogs/kathryn-applegate-endless-forms-most-beautiful/randomness-in-theological-perspective>
- “Should Christians Trust Scientific Experts?” on the BioLogos Blog (3500 words), December 16, 2014. Site: <http://biologos.org/blog/should-christians-trust-scientific-experts>.

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## BOOK REVIEWS

10. "Science and the Doctrine of Creation: The Approaches of Ten Modern Theologians," Edited by Geoffrey Fulkerson and Joel Chopp. Christian Scholars Review, 2022.
9. "Science and Faith: Student Questions Explored," edited by Hannah Eagleson. Perspectives on Science and Christian Faith, 2021.
8. "T&T Clark Handbook of Christian Theology and the Modern Sciences" edited by John Slattery, Reading Religion <https://readingreligion.org/books/tt-clark-handbook-christian-theology-and-modern-sciences>
7. "Science Without God?: Rethinking the History of Scientific Naturalism", Journal of Reformed Theology, December 2019.
6. "Paranoid Science: The Christian Right's War on Reality" Reading Religion, September 2017, [www.readingreligion.org/books/paranoid-science](http://www.readingreligion.org/books/paranoid-science) (828 words)
5. "Scientists as Prophets: A Rhetorical Genealogy" ESSSAT News, September 2014 (970 words).
4. Why Beliefs Matter: Reflections on the Nature of Science" ESSSAT News, June 2011 (1139 words).
3. "Science and Religion: New Historical Perspectives" ESSSAT News (September 2010) (659 words).
2. "Emergent Freedom: Naturalizing Free Will" Theology and Science, August 8:3, (2010), 345-347 (1277 words).
1. "God in the Machine: What Robots Teach Us About Humanity and God" Theology and Science, November 5:3 (2007), 328-330 (1304 words)

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## GRANTS AND AWARDS

- Elected to the International Society for Science and Religion (2020)
- \$250,000- "God and the Book of Nature" Research Fellowship. Senior mentor for three-year science and theology postdoc position hosted at Samford.
- \$2,000- The William E. and Wylodine H. Hull Fund for Christian Scholarship- Faculty Short Course
- \$4,000- Selected participant in Building Foundations in Science-Engaged Theology: Insights from Philosophy of Science Seminar. funded by the John Templeton Foundation and hosted by Loyola University Maryland
- Creation Project- Regional Group Book Discussion Leader, Beeson Divinity School
- \$6,000-Blueprint 1543 grant- "Interdisciplinary Conversations on Christianity and Psychology"
- \$6,500- TheoPsych: Bringing Theology to Mind Seminar Grant.
- \$4,000- The William E. and Wylodine H. Hull Fund for Christian Scholarship- Course Development Grant "Science and Christianity in England."
- \$116,000 from the Templeton World Charity Foundation for the project: "Why Trust Scientific Experts? Addressing Science Skepticism Among Christians."
- \$25,000 from *The Steam Project* (<http://thesteamproject.org>) to conduct a series of science and faith discussions in the Young Adult ministry at Dawson Family of Faith church in Birmingham, Alabama.
- \$3,000 for Alvin Plantinga Reading Group, from the *Society of Christian Philosophers*.
- \$170,000 "Who Pulls the Random Strings in Neural Evolution?" with Steve Donaldson and Tom Woolley, Samford University. 2013-2015. From the Randomness & Divine Providence Project, funded by the John Templeton Foundation.

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## INVITED LECTURES

- “Understanding Science”- Faith and Science Conference Keynote- Bethel College Minnesota, April 2022.
- Two Keynote lectures for Faith and Science conference, Providence Theological Seminary, March 2022.
- “Towards Understanding the Modern Conflict Between Science and Christianity,” Texas A&M- Texarkana, September 2017.
- “Understanding Christian Mistrust of Scientific Experts”, Samford University Science and Religion lecture series, March 2017.

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## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- “Methodological Reflections on Science-Engaged Theology”, Ålesund, Norway, May 2022.
- “Christianity and Conspiracy Theories.” 2021 AAR San Antonio, Science, Religion, and Technology Group.
- “Taste and See that the Lord is Good: Decentering Vision in the Beatific Vision”, Evangelical Philosophy Society, November 2020.
- Respondent to Book Panel on “Against Methodology”, Presented at the American Academy of Religion Meeting (Science, Technology, and Religion section), November 2019.
- “Summary of “Against Methodology”, Presented at International Society for Science and Religion session, San Diego, November 2019.
- “Reflections on Peter Harrison’s *Territories of Science and Religion*” Presented at American Academy of Religion Conference, San Antonio, November 2016
- “Critical Reflections on Brad Gregory's *The Unintended Reformation*” Presented to the “Teaching the Reformations” conference, Samford University, October 2016.
- “Kathryn Tanner on Divine Action: An Evaluation.” Presented to the Science and Personal Action: Human and Divine Conference, Boston, July 2015.
- “Reconciling Chance and Providence: Three Options.” Presented to the BioLogos 2015 Conference, Grand Rapids, Michigan, July 2015.
- “A Critique of the Idea of ‘Augustinian Science’” Presented to the Teaching The Christian Intellectual Tradition: Augustine Across the Curriculum, Samford University, Birmingham, October 2014.
- “The Virtues of a Scientific Education” Presented to the Virtues, Vices, and Teaching Conference, Calvin College, Grand Rapids Michigan, October 2013.
- “The Role of Community in Scriptural Authority” Presented to the Society for the Study of Theology Conference, York, England, April 2011
- “The Scientific Worldview, Reconsidered” Presented to the European Society for the Study of Science and Theology Conference, Edinburgh, April 2010
- “Towards a Philosophy of Liturgy” Presented to the Philosophy of Religion Group, American Academy of Religion Conference, Montreal, November 2009
- “Trusting in the Worldly Wisdom of Science” Presented to the American Academy of Religion- Southeast Regional Conference, Chapel Hill, North Carolina, March 2009

- “Embodied Knowledge: Some Reflections From Recent Philosophy of Science” Presented to the Philosophy and Liturgy: Ritual, Practice and Embodied Wisdom Conference, Calvin College, Grand Rapids, Michigan, May 2008
- “The Science and Religion Dialogue as Natural Philosophy” Presented to the Metanexus Conference, Philadelphia. Theme: Transdisciplinarity and the Unity of Knowledge, June 2007
- “Evangelicals, Francis Bacon, and God’s Two Books” Presented to the Evangelical Theology Group (Theme: Evangelicals and Science), American Academy of Religion Conference, Washington, D.C., November 2006
- “Finding a Nature Adequate to Human Nature” Presented at Putting Science and Religion in its Place: New Visions of Nature Conference, Ian Ramsey Centre, Oxford, England, July 2006

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## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor, Samford University

- Science and Religion in London (May 2022)
- UCCP 101- Cultural Perspectives: Ancient Greece to the Renaissance (Fall 2015, Fall 2016, Fall 2018, Fall 2019, Fall 2020, Fall 2021)
- UCCP 102- Cultural Perspectives: Protestant Reformation to the 20<sup>th</sup> Century (Spring 2018, Spring 2020, Spring 2021, Spring 2022)
- UFSI 201- Scientific Inquiry: Theories and Practices (Fall 2018, Fall 2021)
- SCRL 410- Can Christians Trust Science? (Fall 2016)
- PHIL 210- Introduction to Science and Religion (Spring 2015, Spring 2016, Spring 2017)
- SCRL410- Science and Divine Action (Fall 2014)
- PHIL 200- Introduction to Christian Ethics (Spring 2007)
- PHIL 241- Introduction to Philosophy (Spring 2007, Spring 2017, Spring 2019)

Instructor, Beeson Divinity School

- DVPM 721: Science in Theological and Pastoral Perspective (Fall 2016, Summer 2017)

Part-time Faculty, Eastern Kentucky University

- REL 306- Survey of the New Testament (Spring 2013)
- REL 305- World Religions (Fall 2013)
- REL 315- History of Christian Thought (Fall 2013)
- REL 320- Judaism (Spring 2013)
- GSD 101- Foundations of Learning (Fall 2012, Fall 2013)- *Nominated for Instructor Award*

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## OTHER PRESENTATIONS

- Two-week Teaching series St Stephen’s Episcopal Church, February 2022
- Two-week Teaching series All Saints Episcopal Church Senior High Youth Group “Science and Faith” December 2021
- High School Sunday School Teacher, All Saints Episcopal Church, (2019-present)
- Two-week Teaching series at All Saints Episcopal Church on “Science and Miracles”, Spring 2019.

- Four-week Teaching series at All Saints Episcopal Church on “Portraits of Jesus in the Gospels”, Fall 2018.
- Two-week Teaching series at All Saints Episcopal Church on “Theology and Chance.”, Spring 2018.
- Six-week Teaching Series on Science and Christianity- Dawson Memorial Church, Spring 2018
- “Christianity and Science: The Three Big Questions”- Presented to the University of Alabama at Birmingham Honors College, October, 2017.
- “Debating Methodological Naturalism: Towards a Middle Ground”- Presented at Samford University, September, 2017.
- Four Guest Lectures on “A Theology of Love” for PSYC 411, Samford University, Spring 2017.
- Three-week Teaching Series on Science and Christianity- Baptist Church of the Covenant, Spring 2017
- Six-week Teaching Series on Science and Christianity- Dawson Memorial Church, Spring 2017
- Two-week Teaching Series on Christianity and Technology, Shades Mountain Baptist Church, Spring 2017
- “Christianity and Science: The Key Issues”, Vestavia Hills Baptist Church Wednesday Night Fellowship, March 16, 2016.
- “Christianity and Science: The Key Issues”, Clergy Workshop on Science and Faith, Montgomery AL, January 19, 2016.
- “Ten Theses on Theology and Faith”, Sunday School Presentation, All Saints Episcopal Church, October 18, 2015.
- “Towards a Theology of Science”, Clergy Workshop on Science and Faith, Samford University, May 19, 2015.
- “What Science and Faith Can Learn from Each Other” Good Shepard Episcopal Church Rector’s Forum, September 22, 2013.
- “Towards a Theology of Chance” Good Shepard Episcopal Rector’s Forum, September 15, 2013.

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### **SERVICE TO PROFESSION**

- Steering Committee Member (2016) and Co-Chair (2017-) American Academy of Religion’s Science, Technology, and Religion Group
- External Grant Reviewer for the Templeton World Charity Foundation
- Book Reviews for Baker Academic Publishing, Routledge
- External Consultant for Museum of the Bible “Science and the Bible” exhibit
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Dissertation Reader, Vrije Universiteit, Amsterdam, The Netherlands
- Journal Reviewer: Theology and Science, Zygon

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### **SERVICE TO SAMFORD**

- Samford Faculty Senate Representative Howard College (2019-2021)
- Member, search committee for Associate Professor in BREL (2021-2022)
- Faith and Learning Howard College Faculty Cadre Leader (2020-Present)
- Student Spiritual Life Small Group Leader (2018, 2022)
- Science and Religion club faculty advisor (2018-Present)
- Conference Organizer for “Transhumanism and the Church” (2016) and “Human Uniqueness in Scientific and Theological Perspectives” (2022)

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**OTHER**

- Howard College Faith and Learning Faculty Cadre Leader- 2020, 2021
- Equipped with Chris Brooks- Moody Radio, January 2020
- KTXK NPR Public Radio Interview, Texarkana, AR, September 2017.
- “In All Things”, “Beeson Divinity”, “Ridley Institute” and “Thinking Faith!” podcasts (2021-2022).