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Curriculum Vitae

Faculty of Theology and Religion
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Research Interests:

Primary: Metaphysics (esp. philosophy of religion)

Secondary: Kant, Post-Kantian Philosophy and Theology, Fyodor Dostoevsky, AI and Philosophy.

Education

MPhil University of Oxford, Oriel College, 2025–Current, Philosophical Theology

B.A. University of Oxford, Regents Park College, 2022–2025, Philosophy and Theology
(**First Class Honours**)

High School Harrow International School Hong Kong, 2017–2022

Primary School Diocesan Boys' School, 2010–2016

Scholarly Engagement:

Journal Articles (*Indicates Peer Review):

1. * “Kant-inspired Sceptical Theism and the Unconditionality of Morals: New Resources from Kantian Philosophy” *Faith and Philosophy* (**FORTHCOMING**)
2. * “On the Characterisation of Theoretical and Pastoral Problems of Evil: A Methodological Framework for Theodical Debate” *Agatheos: European Journal for Philosophy of Religion* (**FORTHCOMING**) (**BA Thesis**)
3. * “Dostoevsky within the Problem of Evil: Influences and Reception” *International Journal for Philosophy of Religion* 99, no. 10 (2026). <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11153-026-09990-8>.
4. * “[Perspectives on the Problem of Evil](#)” *The Evangelical Review of Theology* 48, no. 4 (2024): 362-375
5. * “[Fyodor Dostoevsky: The Genesis of Genius](#)” *The Evangelical Review of Theology and Politics* 12 (2024): 79-90.

Articles in Progress:

Under review:

1. Anti-Theodicy in the Anthropocene: Anthropogenic Evils and the Limits of Theodicy
2. Ivan's Protest Revisited: Three Anti-Theodicies in Dostoevsky's *The Brothers Karamazov*
3. LLM Simulated Oxford Philosophy Tutorials? Scaling Dialogical Pedagogy in Philosophy Education

In writing:

1. What is Post-Evangelicalism? (co-writing with Prof. David Gushee)

Book Reviews:

1. “ATHEISM AND THE PROBLEM OF EVIL. By Paul Draper. Oxford University Press, 2025. Pp. xxi + 176. \$100.” *Religious Studies Review* (2026) (**FORTHCOMING**)

2. “[Mark Edwards, *The Problem of Evil in the Ancient World: Homer to Dionysius the Areopagite*. Eugene, OR: Cascade Books, 2023. Pp. 364. £50 \(HB\) ISBN: 978-1-7252-7164-7.](#)” *The Evangelical Review of Theology and Politics* 12 (2024): 19-20.

Conference Presentations:

1. “Navigating the Moral Concerns of the Metaphysical Turn in the Problem of Evil: A Kantian Intervention”, *The Revival of Metaphysics in the Philosophy of Religion*, 25th Conference of the *European Society for Philosophy of Religion*, KU Leuven, Belgium (September 2026) (**UPCOMING**)
2. “Disrupting Philosophy Education with LLM Tutorials in a Multi-Setting Fashion”, *The Gadfly Symposium, Disruptive Pedagogies in Philosophy*, Eastern Washington University, United States (June 2026)
3. “LLM-Simulated Tutorials in Philosophy Education”, *AI and Philosophy*, University of New Orleans, United States. (April 2026)
4. “On the Theoretical and Pastoral Problems of Evil”, *Clareity Symposium*, Clare College, University of Cambridge, United Kingdom. (March 2026)
5. “Applying LLM-Simulated Oxford Tutorials for Critical Thinking and Assessment in the Humanities”, *OXAI Conference*, Oxford Artificial Intelligence Society, University of Oxford, United Kingdom. (March 2026)
6. “The Anthropocene and New Considerations for Anti-theodicy”, *Philosophy of Religion in the Anthropocene*, Munich Colloquium for Philosophy of Religion, Ludwig-Maximilians-University München, Germany. (March 2026)
7. “Dostoevsky’s Polyphony and Interfaith Dialogue: A Vision for the Academy”, William Kessler Essay Prize Competition, *Faith, Refugees and Migration: A Research Symposium*, Woolf Institute, Cambridge. (February 2026)
8. “Dostoevsky’s Problem of Evil: An East-West Engagement”, *Challenges to Religious Worldviews, East-West Dialogue*, Inaugural Conference of the Asian Society for Philosophy of Religion, Hong Kong Baptist University, Hong Kong. (August 2025)

Additional conferences attended:

1. *Oxford Frontier AI Forum*, University of Oxford, Oxford (May 2026)
2. *AI and Deliberation*, Karlsruhe Institute of Technology, Berlin. (November 2025)

Public Philosophy:

Media:

1. Philosophy for All: [YouTube](#) and Podcast
 - a. Promotes philosophical and theological education through interviews, concept overviews, and introductions.
 - b. Regular dialogues with leading scholars like Prof. Graham Oppy, Prof. George Pattison, Prof. Aaron Simmons, and more.
 - c. Reaches over 8,000 people per month

Magazines:

1. “[How Then Shall We Pray?](#)” *Erasmus* 3 (2024)
2. “[Ascending the Sea of Fog: Meditations on Caspar David Friedrich’s ‘Wanderer’](#)” *Erasmus* 1 (2024)
3. “[The Foundations of Secularism: The Gifts of Modernity](#)” *An Unexpected Journal* Vol. 7, no. 1 (2024)
4. “[Interpreting Myshkin: The Idiot](#)” *An Unexpected Journal* Vol.6, no.4 (2023) 118-136.
5. “[Alienation and Affiliation: Two Sides of the Same Coin](#)” *XinSai Magazine* 3 (2023) 36-38.

6. "[The Problem of 'Equality'](#)" *The Humanities Harrovian* 2 (2021) 47-49
7. "[The Psychology of Human Perfection](#)" *The Psych Perspective* 1 (2021) 38-42
8. "[Cantor's Paradise: Infinity on Earth](#)" *Scientific Harrovian* 6 (2021) 150-165.
9. "[Science, Cosmology, and the Existence of God](#)" *Scientific Harrovian* 6, no.1 (2020) 10-21.
10. "[The Philosophical Groundings of Equality](#)" *The Humanities Harrovian* 1 (2020) 35-40.

Presentations:

2024:

1. "Christianity for All: Being in the World", 4 Talk Series, Union Church, Hong Kong, (August 2024)
2. Address to the Youth of St John's Church, Hong Kong (Sept 2024)

2023:

1. "Christianity and the Problem of Evil", The Vine Church, Hong Kong (July 2023)
2. "The Problem of Evil and Its Variations", The Resurrection Church, Hong Kong. (July 2023)
3. "Christianity for All: Being in the World", 4 Talk Series, Kowloon International Baptist Church, Hong Kong (November 2023)
4. "On The Incarnation" [The Vine Church](#), Hong Kong (December 2023)

2021:

1. "Cantor's Paradise: Infinity on Earth?", [TEDx](#) (February 2021)

Fiction and Poetry:

1. "[The Forester's Daughter](#)" *Erasmus* 7 (2024) [a short fiction]
2. "[Ecce Homo](#)" *Erasmus* 4 (2024) [a poem]

Awards and Scholarships:

1. William Kessler Essay Prize Award Finalist — Woolf Institute, Cambridge (2026)
2. Regent's Park College Academic Scholarship — University of Oxford (2023–2025)

Certificates:

1. Palgrave Presentations 1:1 Consultations with Commissioning Editors—University of Oxford (2026)
2. How to Organise a Conference—University of Oxford (2025)
3. Academic Writing with AI—University of Oxford (2025)
4. Research Integrity: Research Involving Human Participants—University of Oxford (2025)
5. Research Integrity: Introductory Core Course—University of Oxford (2025)
6. Paradox and Infinity—MITx Courses (2021)
7. Justice—Harvardx Courses (2020)

Members and Affiliations:

Society of Christian Philosophers

The British Society for Philosophers of Religion