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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

University of South Florida, 2009–

James F. Strange Endowed Chair of Religious Studies, 2022–

Professor of Religious Studies, 2018–

Associate Professor of Religious Studies, 2013–18

Assistant Professor of Religious Studies, 2009–13

Administrative appointments

Department Chair, Religious Studies, 2017–

Director of Graduate Studies, Religious Studies, 2011–14

Visiting and affiliate positions

Bonhoeffer Chair Visiting Professor, Union Theological Seminary, New York, Spring 2017

Volkswagen/Mellon Fellow, Leibniz-Institut für Europäische Geschichte, 2014–15

EDUCATION

Emory University, Ph.D. in Religion (Historical Studies in Religion and Theology), 2009

Fulbright Scholar, Freie Universität Berlin, 2008–09

Doctoral Fellow, Berlin Program for Advanced German and European Studies, 2007–08

Research Fellow, Center for the Study of Law and Religion, Law School, 2006–07

Director, Writing Assistance Center, Candler School of Theology, 2004–06

Teaching Assistant and Associate, 2004–06

Western Theological Seminary, M.Div., 2003

Calvin College, BA, Philosophy and Greek (honors), 2000

PUBLICATIONS

BOOKS

1. *Bonhoeffer on Resistance: The Word against the Wheel*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2018.
Excerpted at [ABC Religion and Ethics](#) (2019) and *Christian History Magazine* (2021)
Reviews: [Reading Religion](#) 2019, *Dialog* 2019 (58.4):319–320; [Bonhoeffer Center](#) 2019; [Cont Church Hist Quart](#) 2019(25.4); *CHOICE* 2019(56.8): 1017; *J. Theol St* 2019(70.1):477–9; *Pol Theol* 2020 (21.8):753–4.
Portuguese and Russian translations in preparation.
2. *Bonhoeffer's Reception of Luther*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2017.
Reviews: [Reading Religion](#); *Sem Ridge Rev* 2017(20.1):107–9; *Political Theol* 2018(19.2):349–50; *Lutheran Forum* 2018(1):30–33; *Rel Stud Rev* 2018(44.2):211; *Word & World* 2018 (38.3):327–9; *Int J Syst Theol* 2018(20.3):437–40; *Logia* 2018(27.3): 51–2; *J Theol Stud* 2019(70.1):477–9; *J Contemp Rel* 2019(34.3): 610–11; *Cultural Encounters* 2021(16.1):95–8.
Review Symposium: *Mod Theol* 2019(35.2):352–81.
Portuguese and Japanese translations in preparation.
3. *Bonhoeffer's Theological Formation: Berlin, Barth, and Protestant Theology*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2012. Paperback 2018.
Reviews: *J Theol Stud* 2012(63.2):785–7; *Rel Stud Rev* 2012(38.3):144; *Rev Rel & Theol* 2013(20.2):196–8; *Stud Chr Ethics* 2013(26.2):232–5; *Lit & Theol* 2013(27.4):493–5; *Regent's Rev* 2013(4.2):16–18; *Calvin Theol J* 2013(48.2):345–8; *J Theol South Africa* 2013(147):127–8; *Theol Today* 2014(71.1):139–40; *J Eccl History* 2014(65.2):465–6; *Euro J Theol* 2014(23.1):89–91; *Luth Quart* 2014(28.1):336–8; *Logia* 2015(24.2):61; *Scot J of Theol* 2015(68.3):366–8; *Ang Theol Rev* 2015(97.4):671–84; *J Rel Hist* 2016(40.4):620–1

EDITED BOOKS

1. Under contract: *Oxford History of Modern German Theology*, vol. 3 (co-edited with Christiane Tietz). Oxford: Oxford University Press, anticipated 2024.
2. *History, Theology, and the Modern German University* (co-edited with Kevin M. Vander Schel). Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, 2021.
3. *Luther, Bonhoeffer, and Public Ethics: Re-Forming the Church of the Future* (co-edited with Clifford Green). Lanham, MD: Lexington Books/Fortress Academic, 2018.
4. *Translating Religion: What is Lost and Gained?* (co-edited with Christiane Tietz). New York: Routledge, 2015.
5. *The Bonhoeffer Reader* (co-edited with Clifford Green). Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 2013.
Reviews: *Theol Today* 2014 (71.1):147–149, editors' choice; *Christian Century* 2014(131.7):349–50
Publishers Weekly selection in religion 2013(Jul.1):30; *Restoration Quart* 2016(58.4):240–5; *Ref Theol Rev* 2016(75.3):214–15
Portuguese translation in preparation.

JOURNAL ARTICLES

1. "Transcendence: A Defensible and Fruitful Concept for Religious Studies." *Method & Theory for the Study of Religion* (2023).

2. "What Are Bonhoeffer's Mandates?: A Socio-Structural Account." *Kerygma und Dogma* 68.3(2022): 250–62.
3. "People Doing Things: Residual Subject Realism in the Study of Religion." *Journal of the American Academy of Religion* 90.1 (2022): 26–51.
4. "Race is an Adiaphoron: The Place of Race in Bonhoeffer's 1933 Writings." *Evangelische Theologie*, 80.4 (2020): 267–77.
5. "Non-Lutheran Influences, Scholarly Impasses, and Spiritual Authority: A Response to Mawson, Harvey, and Plant." *Modern Theology*, no. 35.2(2019): 374–381.
6. "Bonhoeffer, *status confessionis*, and the Lutheran Tradition." *Stellenbosch Theological Journal*, 3.2 (2017): 41–60.
7. "The Ubiquity of Luther in Bonhoeffer, with a Glance at Ecumenical Implications." *Theologica Wratislaviensia* 11 (2016): 19–28.
8. "Bonhoeffer's Non-Commitment to Nonviolence: A Response to Stanley Hauerwas." *Journal of Religious Ethics* 44, no. 2 (2016): 378–94.
9. "How to Read Bonhoeffer's Peace Statements: Or, Bonhoeffer Was a Lutheran and Not an Anabaptist." *Theology* 118, no. 3 (2015): 162–71.
10. "God's Being Is in Time: Bonhoeffer's Theological Appropriation of Heidegger." *Dietrich Bonhoeffer Yearbook/Jahrbuch* 5 (2011/2012): 121–35.
11. "The Presence of Christ in Karl Barth, Franz Hildebrandt, and Dietrich Bonhoeffer." *Dietrich Bonhoeffer Jahrbuch/Yearbook* 4 (2009/2010): 96–115.

BOOK SECTIONS

1. Forthcoming: "The Crisis of World Religions and the Critique of Essentialism." In *Discourses of Crisis and the Study of Religion*, edited by Lauren Horn Griffin. Bristol, CT: Equinox.
2. Forthcoming: "Dietrich Bonhoeffer." In *T&T Clark Handbook on Suffering and the Problem of Evil*, edited by Matthias Grebe and Johannes Groessl. London: T&T Clark.
3. Forthcoming: "After the Crisis of Scientific Theology: Bonhoeffer and the Barth-Harnack Debate." In next volume of *International Bonhoeffer Interpretations*, edited by Christiane Tietz and Jens Zimmermann. Frankfurt: Peter Lang.
4. Forthcoming: "Once More, Barth and Bonhoeffer on whether the Finite is Capable of the Infinite." In a volume with Vandenhoeck & Ruprecht.
5. "Editors' Introduction" (with Kevin M. Vander Schel). In *History, Theology, and the Modern German University*, co-edited with Kevin M. Vander Schel, 1–10. Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, 2021.
6. "Bonhoeffer on Faith and History: The Past Made Future in the Present Christ." In *History, Theology, and the Modern German University*, co-edited with Kevin M. Vander Schel, 333–352. Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, 2021.
7. "The Church as an Agent of Resistance in Bonhoeffer's Political Theology." In *Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Theology, and Political Resistance*, edited by Lori Brandt Hale and W. David Hall, 9–26. Lanham, MD: Lexington Books/Fortress Academic, 2020.
8. "Bonhoeffer the Student." In *The Oxford Handbook of Dietrich Bonhoeffer*, edited by Mike Mawson and Philip K. Ziegler, 11–23. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2019.
9. "Reformation: Grappling with a Contested Legacy" (with Clifford Green). In *Luther, Bonhoeffer, and Public Ethics: Re-Forming the Church of the Future*, edited by DeJonge and Green, xi–xv. Lanham, MD: Lexington Books/Fortress Academic, 2018.

10. "Between Compromise and Radicalism: Luther's Legacy in Bonhoeffer's Political Thought." In *Luther, Bonhoeffer, and Public Ethics: Re-Forming the Church of the Future*, edited by DeJonge and Green, 125–36. Lanham, MD: Lexington Books/Fortress Academic, 2018.
11. "Bonhoeffer, Luther, and Political Theologies." In *The Oxford Encyclopedia of Martin Luther*, edited by Derek Nelson and Paul Hinlicky. New York: Oxford University Press, 2017. Published online as: "Martin Luther, Dietrich Bonhoeffer, and Political Theologies." In *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Religion*. Article published August 2016. Oxford University Press, 2014–. doi: 10.1093/acrefore/9780199340378.013.307
12. "A Martyr for What Cause? Reconsidering 'Bonhoeffer and the Jews.'" In *Martyrdom and the Suffering of the Righteous*, edited by Paul R. Hinlicky and R. David Nelson, 55–85. Dehli, NY: ALPB, 2016.
13. "Bonhoeffer's Two-Kingdoms Thinking in 'The Church and the Jewish Question.'" In *Christ, Church and World: New Studies in Bonhoeffer's Theology and Ethics*, edited by Mike Mawson and Philip K. Ziegler, 141–60. London: T&T Clark, 2016.
14. "Historical Translation: Pseudo-Dionysius, Thomas Aquinas, and the Unknown God." In *Translating Religion*, edited by Michael P. DeJonge and Christiane Tietz, 29–44. New York: Routledge, 2015.
15. "Introduction: Translating Religion" (co-authored with Christiane Tietz). In *Translating Religion*, edited by DeJonge and Tietz, 1–12. New York: Routledge, 2015.
16. "Conclusion: What Is Lost and Gained?" (co-authored with Christiane Tietz). In *Translating Religion*, edited by DeJonge and Tietz, 169–173. New York: Routledge, 2015.
17. "Bonhoeffer from the Perspective of Intellectual History" In *Interpreting Bonhoeffer: Historical Perspectives, Emerging Issues*, edited by Guy C. Carter and Clifford Green, 197–204. Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 2013.
18. "Bonhoeffer's Concept of the West." In *Bonhoeffer, Religion and Politics*, edited by Christiane Tietz and Jens Zimmermann, 37–52. Frankfurt: Peter Lang, 2012.
19. "Respecting Rights and Fulfilling Duties: Bonhoeffer's 'Formed Life' in Bioethical Perspective." In *Bonhoeffer and the Biosciences: An Initial Exploration*, edited by Ralf K. Wüstenberg, Stefan Heuser, and Esther Hornung, 109–22. Frankfurt: Peter Lang, 2010.
20. "Between Fundamentalism and Secularism: Bonhoeffer's Negotiation of Oppositional Pairs in *Ethics* and its Precedent in *Act and Being*." In *Dietrich Bonhoeffer's Theology Today: A Way between Fundamentalism and Secularism?*, edited by John W. de Gruchy, Stephen Plant, and Christiane Tietz, 75–89. Gütersloh: Gütersloher Verlagshaus, 2009.

BOOK REVIEWS

1. *What Do We Do When Nobody Is Listening? Leading the Church in a Polarized Society*, by Robin Lovin. [Reading Religion](#), 2023.
2. *Barth, Bonhoeffer, and Modern Politics*, by Joshua Mauldin. *Modern Believing* 64, no. 2 (2023): 212–14.
3. *The Faithful Spy: Dietrich Bonhoeffer and the Plot to Kill Hitler*, by John Hendrix. [Reformed Journal](#) July/August 2019.
4. *The Myth of Normative Secularism: Religion and Politics in the Democratic Homeworld*, by Daniel D. Miller. *Political Theology* 20, no. 6 (2019): 537–538.
5. *Theologian of Resistance: The Life and Thought of Dietrich Bonhoeffer*, by Christiane Tietz. Website of the International Bonhoeffer Society: <http://thebonhoeffercenter.org/>, March 2017.

6. *Bonhoeffer the Assassin? Challenging the Myth, Recovering His Call to Peacemaking*, by Mark Theissen Nation, Anthony G. Siegrist, Daniel P. Umbel. *The Christian Century*, October 30, 2013, 37–39.
7. *Humanism and Religion: A Call for the Renewal of Western Culture*, by Jens Zimmermann. *Theology* 116, no. 2 (2013):152-153.
8. *Bonhoeffer’s Intellectual Formation: Theology and Philosophy in His Thought*, ed. Peter Frick. *International Bonhoeffer Society Newsletter: English Language Section* 97, no. 2 (2009): 4.
9. *Dietrich Bonhoeffer: An Introduction to His Thought*, by Sabine Dramm. *Reformed Review* 62, no. 1 (2009): 44.
10. *Saving Power: Theories of Atonement and Forms of the Church*, by Peter Schmiechen. *Reformed Review* 61, no. 1 (2007-2008): 35.
11. *Radical Orthodoxy and the Reformed Tradition: Creation, Covenant and Participation*, eds. J.K.A. Smith and James Olthuis. *Reformed Review* 60, no. 3 (2007): 160-1.
12. *Christianity and the Postmodern Turn: Six Views*, ed. Myron B. Penner. *Reformed Review* 60, no. 3 (2007): 152-3.
13. *Introducing Radical Orthodoxy: Mapping a Post-Secular Theology*, by James K.A. Smith. *Reformed Review* 59, no. 3 (2006): n.p.
14. *Nothing Greater, Nothing Better: Theological Essays on the Love of God*, ed. Kevin J. Vanhoozer. *Reformed Review* 59, no. 1 (2005): 158.
15. *The Many Faces of Evil: Theological Systems and the Problems of Evil*, by John S. Feinberg. *Reformed Review* 59, no. 1 (2005): 154–5.
16. *Act and Being: Toward a Theology of the Divine Attributes*, by Colin E. Gunton. *Reformed Review* 58, no. 1 (2004): 64.

EDITORIAL RESPONSIBILITIES

Dietrich Bonhoeffer Jahrbuch

Co-editor, 2015–

Advisory Board, 2012–14

Kerygma und Dogma

Editorial Board, 2015–

SCHOLARLY PRESENTATIONS

1. “Differentiating Religion and Medicine.” 12-14 March 2023, Columbus, OH. Conference on Medicine and Religion.
2. “Toward a Thoroughgoing Constructionism in the Study of Religion.” 18 November 2022, Denver. Annual Meeting of the North American Association for the Study of Religion.
3. “What are the Mandates? A Socio-Structural Account.” 21 May 2022, Dallas. Invited plenary lecture, Dietrich Bonhoeffer Lectures in Public Ethics.
4. “Dietrich Bonhoeffer and the Plot to Kill Hitler: Contested Legacy of a Protestant Saint.” 15 January 2022, St. Petersburg, FL. Workshop on “Scripture and the Aesthetics of Violence.”
5. “The Crisis of World Religions and the Critique of Essentialism.” 14 November 2021. Annual Meeting of the North American Association for the Study of Religion.

6. "Bonhoeffer and Resistance." 16 June 2021, remote. Brazilian Section of the International Bonhoeffer Society.
7. "A Sketch of a Theory of World Religions." New Haven Theological Discussion Group. 31 October 2020.
8. "Before Resistance: Bonhoeffer and the Cultivation of Ordinary Life." Invited plenary lecture, conference on "In the Face of Barbarism": Dietrich Bonhoeffer on Culture, Humanity, and the Importance of Ordinary Life," Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University. 14 February 2020.
9. "The Place of Race in Bonhoeffer's Resistance Reasoning." Invited lecture. The Dietrich Bonhoeffer Lectures in Public Ethics, McCormick Theological Seminary, Chicago. 1 June 2019.
10. "Bonhoeffer, the Tasks of Theology, and the University." AAR Annual Meeting, Denver. November 16, 2018.
11. "Martin Luther and Dietrich Bonhoeffer." Invited public lecture, Roanoke College. 12 October 2017.
12. "Bonhoeffer's Reception of Luther." University of Virginia, 20 September 2017.
13. "Bonhoeffer, *status confessionis*, and the Lutheran Tradition." Invited lecture, Beyers Naudé Centre for Public Theology, University of Stellenbosch, South Africa. 30 August 2017.
14. "Luther's Legacy in Bonhoeffer's Political Theology." Invited lecture, the Dietrich Bonhoeffer Lectures in Public Ethics, Union Theological Seminary in the City of New York. 7 April 2017.
15. "Once More, Bonhoeffer and Barth on whether the Finite Can Bear the Infinite." Invited plenary lecture, 12th International Bonhoeffer Congress, Basel. 7 July 2016.
16. "Bonhoeffer's Luther versus Niebuhr and Barth: Conflict over Lutheran Ethics." Invited public lecture, Union Theological Seminary in the City of New York. 4 April 2016.
17. "A Martyr for What Cause? Reconsidering 'Bonhoeffer and the Jews.'" Invited lecture, the Carl E. Braaten-Robert D. Benne Lectures in Theology, Dallas. 12 August 2015.
18. "The Ubiquity of Luther in Bonhoeffer, with a Glance at Ecumenical Implications." Invited lecture, Festival of Protestant Culture, Wroclaw, Poland. 8 April 2015.
19. "Bonhoeffer's Two-Kingdoms Thinking in 'The Church and the Jewish Question.'" Invited lecture, conference on The Challenge of Bonhoeffer's Theology for Contemporary Ethics and Public Life, University of Aberdeen, Scotland. 29 January 2015.
20. "After the Crisis of Scientific Theology: Bonhoeffer and the Barth-Harnack Debate." Invited lecture, the 6th International Bonhoeffer Colloquium, University of Zurich, Switzerland. 30 October 2014.
21. "How to Read Bonhoeffer's Peace Statements: Or, Bonhoeffer was a Lutheran and Not an Anabaptist." AAR Annual Meeting (Dietrich Bonhoeffer: Theology and Social Analysis Group), San Diego. November 2014.
22. "Translating Religion from Past to Present." Translating Religion: An Interdisciplinary Conference, Leibniz-Institute of European History in Mainz, Germany. 22 June 2012.
23. "Bonhoeffer in Intellectual Historical Perspective." Invited lecture delivered at conference celebrating completion of *Dietrich Bonhoeffer Works*, Union Theological Seminary in the City of New York. 15 November 2011.
24. Respondent, "Dietrich Bonhoeffer's Biblical Hermeneutics," 5th International Bonhoeffer Colloquium, University of Flensburg, Germany. 23 July 2011.

25. "Can the Finite Bear the Infinite? A Christian Debate in the Sixteenth Century and Beyond." *Imagining God: A Symposium on Complexity and Controversy in Religious Representation*, University of South Florida. 19 November 2010.
26. "Bonhoeffer's Concept of the West." Invited lecture, the 4th International Bonhoeffer Colloquium in Mainz, Germany. 30 May 2010.
27. "The Presence of Christ in Bonhoeffer, von Hase, and Hildebrandt." AAR Annual Meeting (Dietrich Bonhoeffer: Theology and Social Analysis Group), Montreal. 9 November 2009.
28. "Respecting Rights and Fulfilling Duties: Bonhoeffer's 'Formed Life' in Bioethical Perspective." Invited lecture, the 3rd International Bonhoeffer Colloquium in Berlin, Germany. 9 January 2009.
29. "Pope Benedict XVI and Jürgen Habermas: Allies for a 'Post-Secular' Europe?" AAR Annual Meeting (Religion in Europe Consultation), Chicago. 2 November, 2008.
30. "A Lutheran Concept of Revelation as the Ground for Concrete Ethics: *Act and Being* in Bonhoeffer's Later Thought." 10th International Bonhoeffer Congress in Prague, the Czech Republic. 26 July, 2008.
31. "Act or Person? Barth's and Bonhoeffer's Concepts of Revelation." King's College Philosophical Theology Seminar in London, UK. 29 April 2008.
32. "Christianity as an Ellipse with Two Foci: The Kantian Shape of Ritschl's Theology." SECSOR/AAR-SE Annual Meeting, Atlanta. 10 March 2006.
33. "Religionless Christianity: Bonhoeffer's Interpretation of European History." The 27th Annual European Studies Conference, University of Nebraska at Omaha. 16 October 2004.
34. "Critical Spinozism in Schleiermacher's Second Speech on Religion." *Philosophy and Literature after Kant: Re-evaluating Early German Romanticism*, George Mason University, Fairfax, VA. 12 June 2004.