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Education

Ph.D., University of St. Michael's College, Toronto School of Theology, 2013.
Dissertation: "A Theology of Ecclesial Charisms, with Special Reference to the Paulist Fathers and The Salvation Army." Director: Ephraim Radner.

M.Div. (Hons.), Wycliffe College / University of Toronto, 2005.

B.A. (Hons.), First Class, Queen's University, 2002. Major in Sociology.

Academic Appointments

Donald N. and Kathleen G. Bastian Chair of Wesley Studies, Tyndale University, 2018-present.

Professor of Theology, Tyndale University, 2024-present.

Fellow, Manchester Wesley Research Centre, 2019-present.

Associate Professor of Theology, Tyndale University, 2018-2024.

Assistant Professor of Wesley Studies and Theology, Tyndale Seminary, 2013-2018.

Instructor, Systematic Theology, Tyndale Seminary, 2012.

Instructor, Department of Religion, Booth University College, 2012.

Teaching Assistant, Tyndale Seminary and Wycliffe College, 2009-2011.

Academic Publications

Books

British Methodist Revivalism and the Eclipse of Ecclesiology. Methodist Studies Series.
Abingdon, UK: Routledge, 2024.

Division, Diversity and Unity: A Theology of Ecclesial Charisms. New York: Peter Lang, 2015.

Book Chapters

“Truth Versus Identity: Salvationist Sacramentology and the Prophetic Mantle after *Baptism, Eucharist, And Ministry*.” In *Seeking More Light: Essays in Honor of R. David Rightmire*, ed. Andy Miller III and Rob DeGeorge, 3-27. Jackson, MS: Teleios Press, 2025.

“The Natural and Supernatural Worlds,” In *The Routledge Companion to John Wesley*, ed. Clive M. Norris and Joseph W. Cunningham, 364-375. Abingdon, UK: Routledge, 2023.

“Charism, Vocation, and Work: Theological Reflections on Tentmaking.” In *Tentmakers: Multivocational Ministry in Western Society*, ed. James W. Watson and Narry Santos, 59-67. Eugene, OR: Pickwick, 2022.

“‘O Boundless Salvation’: Save Souls, Grow Saints, and Serve Suffering Humanity – The Army’s Holistic Vision.” In *Saved, Sanctified, and Serving - Perspectives on Salvation Army Theology and Practice*, ed. Denis Metrusters, 29-41. Paternoster Theological Monographs. Milton Keynes, UK: Paternoster, 2016.

Journal Articles

“The Catholicity of the Heart: Pathologies and Prospects.” *Wesleyan Theological Journal* 60/1 (Spring 2025): 7-28.

“Schism and the Spirit in Hugh Bourne’s Theology.” *Wesley and Methodist Studies* 10/2 (June 2018): 177-196.

“Separate but Non-Sectarian: The Salvation Army’s Place in the History of Wesleyan Ecclesial Division.” *Word & Deed: A Journal of Salvationist Theology and Ministry* 20/1 (November 2017): 25-40.

“Universal Atonement or Ongoing Incarnation? Comparing the Missional Theologies of William Booth and Isaac Hecker.” *Wesleyan Theological Journal* 50/1 (Spring 2015): 134-152.

“Ecclesial Institutions as Means of Grace: A Wesleyan View of the Holy Spirit and the Holy Church.” *Wesleyan Theological Journal* 49/1 (Spring 2014): 107-121.

“‘His Mercy is Over All His Works’: John Wesley’s Mature Vision of New Creation.” *Canadian Theological Review* 2/2 (2013): 45-56.

“Sensing the Spirit: Wesley’s Empiricism and his Use of the Language of Spiritual Sensation.” *Asbury Journal* 67/2 (Fall 2012): 85-104.

Co-author with Kester Trim. “Doctrine in The Salvation Army Tradition.” *Ecumenism* 179-180 (Fall/Winter 2010): 36-41.

“Episcopacy and the Sovereignty of the Spirit: ARCIC on Authority as a Response to Miroslav Volf.” *Ecumenical Trends* 38/11 (Dec. 2009): 6-9.

Encyclopedia Entries

“Methodism,” in *The Palgrave Encyclopedia of Romantic-Era Women’s Writing*, ed. Natasha Duquette. New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2021. https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-030-11945-4_58-1

“Sermons,” in *The Palgrave Encyclopedia of Romantic-Era Women’s Writing*, ed. Natasha Duquette. New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2021. https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-030-11945-4_137-1

“Holiness Family,” [on the Canadian Holiness tradition] in *Melton’s Encyclopedia of American Religions*, vol. 2. Ed. J. Gordon Melton, 1157-1167. Detroit: Gale Publishing, 2017.

“Americanist Debates,” in *The Encyclopedia of Christianity in the United States*, ed. George Thomas Kurian and Mark A. Lamport, 73-74. Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield, 2016.

“Hecker, Isaac Thomas,” in *The Encyclopedia of Christianity in the United States*, 1074-1075.

“Holiness Movement,” in *The Encyclopedia of Christianity in the United States*, 1112-1113.

“Holiness Tradition,” in *The Encyclopedia of Christianity in the United States*, 1113-1119.

“Original Church of God,” in *The Encyclopedia of Christianity in the United States*, 1693-1694.

“Restoration Movement,” in *The Encyclopedia of Christianity in the United States*, 1951-1952.

“*Testem Benevolentiae* and Pope Leo XIII,” in *The Encyclopedia of Christianity in the United States*, 2286-2287.

Book Reviews

William J. Abraham: A Theological Profile, edited by Michael J. Gehring and Andrew D. Kinsey. *Bulletin of the Irish Methodist Historical Society*, forthcoming.

Pulpit, Press, and Politics: Methodists and the Market for Books in Upper Canada, by Scott McLaren. *Wesley and Methodist Studies* 14/2 (2022): 221-223.

Thomas Wride and Wesley’s Methodist Connexion, by Clive Murray Norris. *Bulletin of the Irish Methodist Historical Society* 25 (2020): 129-132.

From Nature to Creation: A Christian Vision for Understanding and Loving Our World, by Norman Wirzba. *Wesleyan Theological Journal* 54/2 (2019): 236-238.

Mission as Globalization: Methodists in Southeast Asia at the Turn of the Twentieth Century, by David W. Scott. *Journal of World History* 30/1-2 (2019): 328-331.

The Origins of Primitive Methodism, by Sandy Calder. *Journal for Eighteenth-Century Studies* 41/1 (2018): 135-137.

Methodism and the Miraculous: John Wesley's Idea of the Supernatural and the Identification of Methodists in the Eighteenth Century, by Robert Webster. *PNEUMA: The Journal of the Society of Pentecostal Studies* 38/3 (2016): 364-365.

The Radical Wesley: The Patterns and Practices of a Movement Maker, by Howard A. Snyder. *Wesley and Methodist Studies* 8/1 (2016): 91-93.

Lift Up a Standard: The Life and Legacy of Ralph C. Horner, by Laurence Croswell and Mark Croswell, in *The Free Methodist Historical Society Newsletter* 14/1 (Summer/Fall 2013).

Agreeable Agreement: An Examination of the Quest for Consensus in Ecumenical Dialogue, by Minna Hietamäki. *Toronto Journal of Theology* 28/2 (Fall 2012): 339-340.

Jesus in Disneyland, by David Lyon. *Word & Deed: A Salvationist Journal of Theology and Ministry* 4/2 (May 2002): 75-78.

In Preparation

Co-editor, with Kimberly Ervin Alexander and Glen O'Brien, *Spirited Sisters: Women in the Holiness and Pentecostal Traditions*. Proposed for Studies in the Holiness and Pentecostal Movements. University Park, PA: Penn State University Press.

Editorial Responsibility

Co-Editor, *Wesley and Methodist Studies*, 2024-present.

Assistant Editor, *Wesley and Methodist Studies*, 2020-2024.

Academic Presentations

“The Perfections of Grace and Christian Perfection: Wesley Among the Protestants.” Wycliffe Scripture and Theology Colloquium, Wycliffe College, Toronto, October 24, 2025.

“John Scott Lidgett and Samuel Chadwick on Holiness and Social Mission.” Wesleyan Theological Society, Waco, TX, March 15, 2024.

“Revival, Regeneration and Reform: Samuel Chadwick on Social Mission.” Oxford Institute of Methodist Theological Studies, August 7, 2024, Keble College, Oxford.

“The Catholicity of the Heart: Pathologies and Prospects.” The Presidential Address, Wesleyan Theological Society, Nashville, TN, March 2, 2024.

“Spirit and Structure.” Sangjoon Forum, Korean Evangelical Holiness Church, Toronto, October 17, 2023.

“The Holy Spirit, Christian Unity, and Church Union: A Challenge from Samuel Chadwick.” The Annual Samuel Chadwick Lecture, Cliff College (via zoom), October 17, 2022.

“A Division of Heart: The Pitfalls and Potential in John Wesley’s Understanding of Schism,” Nazarene Theological College Research Seminar (via zoom), March 10, 2021.

“Reflections on Pope Francis’s Encyclical, *Laudato Si.*” Canadian Roman Catholic – Evangelical Dialogue, online meeting, December 15, 2020.

“Reflections on Pope Benedict XVI’s Encyclical on Hope, *Spe Salvi.*” Canadian Roman Catholic – Evangelical Dialogue, online meeting, May 8, 2020.

“A Sign of the ‘Latter Day Glory’: Hugh Bourne on Women Preachers.” American Academy of Religion, Manchester Wesley Research Centre session, November 19, 2018.

“The Triumphs of His Grace.” Inaugural address prepared for my installation as Donald N. and Kathleen G. Bastian Chair of Wesley Studies at Tyndale Seminary, October 16, 2018.

“Revival and the Reformers: James Caughey’s British Intinerancy and the Tensions in 1840s Wesleyan Methodism.” The Oxford Institute of Methodist Theological Studies, August 15, 2018, Pembroke College, Oxford.

“Reflections on Part II of “Scripture and Tradition” and “the Church in Salvation”: Catholics and Evangelicals Explore Challenges and Opportunities.” Canadian Roman Catholic – Evangelical Dialogue, Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre, Mississauga, May 8, 2018.

“The Later Wesley on Schism and Legitimate Diversity in the Church.” Wesleyan Theological Society, Cleveland, TN, March 9, 2018.

“Vocation as a Sacramental Practice: An Addendum from the Pietistic Side of Evangelicalism.” Canadian Roman Catholic – Evangelical Dialogue, Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre, Mississauga, December 13, 2017.

“Schism and the Spirit in Hugh Bourne’s Theology.” Manchester Wesley Research Centre Seminar, March 24, 2017.

“A Wheel Within a Wheel? Hugh Bourne’s Defense Against the Charge of Schism.” Wesleyan Theological Society, Wilmore, KY, March 3, 2017.

“Separate but Non-Sectarian: The Salvation Army’s Place in the History of Wesleyan Ecclesial Division.” Salvation Army Scholars and Friends Annual Meeting, San Antonio, Texas, November 17, 2016.

“Is There An Evangelical Ecclesiology?” Canadian Roman Catholic – Evangelical Dialogue, Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre, Mississauga, May 12, 2016.

“Experiential Christianity in Canada at the Turn of the Twenty-First Century: Some Wesleyan Examples.” Tyndale Wesley Studies Symposium, March 22, 2016.

Panel Chair, discussing *Grace First: Prevenient Grace and Christian Mission in John Wesley*, by Christopher Payk. Wesleyan Theological Society, Point Loma, CA, March 12, 2016.

“Why Should Evangelicals Care for the Globe?” Co-presented with Doug Hayhoe. Global Evangelical Theology (Regional Fall Conference of the Canadian Evangelical Theological Association), Tyndale Seminary, Toronto, October 3, 2015.

“The ‘Spiritual Senses’ and John Wesley’s Response to Empiricism.” Scientiae 2015: Disciplines of Knowing in the Early Modern World. Victoria College, University of Toronto, May 27, 2015.

“The Salvation of Non-Christians: Evangelical and Catholic Perspectives.” Canadian Roman Catholic – Evangelical Dialogue, Villa Saint-Martin, Montreal, April 23, 2015.

“Is there a Wesleyan Charism? Another Approach to the Question of Ecclesial Identity.” Wesleyan Theological Society, Mount Vernon, OH, March 6-7, 2015.

“Pentecost and Perfection: Theological Roots of Phoebe Palmer’s Evangelical Feminism.” Toward an Evangelical Feminism: Scripture, Theology, Gender (Regional Fall Conference of the Canadian Evangelical Theological Association), Wycliffe College Toronto, October 18, 2014.

Panelist, reviewing *Lift Up a Standard: The Life and Legacy of Ralph C. Horner*, by Laurence and Mark Croswell. Tyndale Wesley Studies Symposium, March 25, 2014.

“Universal Atonement or Ongoing Incarnation? Comparing the Missional Theologies of William Booth and Isaac Hecker.” Wesleyan Theological Society, Nampa ID, March 7, 2014.

“His Mercy is Over All His Works”: John Wesley’s Mature View of New Creation.” New Creation: Scripture, Theology, Praxis, Northeastern Seminary (Regional Fall Conference of the Canadian Evangelical Theological Association), Rochester, NY, October 19, 2013.

“Ecclesial Institutions as Means of Grace: A Wesleyan Proposal for Conceptualizing the Relationship between the Institutional and the Charismatic.” Wesleyan Theological Society, Seattle, March 23, 2013.

Panelist, “Theology for the Digital Age.” Professional Development Seminar on Blogging, Advanced Degree Student Association, Toronto School of Theology, November 4, 2011.

Panelist, “From Dialogue to Common Mission.” Summer Ecumenical Institute, Prairie Centre for Ecumenism, Saskatoon, July 9, 2011.

“Sensing the Spirit: Wesley’s Empiricism and his Use of the Language of Spiritual Sensation.” Wesley Studies Symposium, Tyndale University College and Seminary, March 3, 2009.

“Youth and Power in The Salvation Army.” Toronto, February 2005 at the Symposium on Power, sponsored by The Salvation Army Ethics Centre.

Academic Service

Tyndale University Board of Governors, 2025-present.

Historical Studies Section Chair, Wesleyan Theological Society, 2025-present.

President, Wesleyan Theological Society, 2023-24

Member, Review Board, Wesley Works Digitization Project, 2023-present.

Member, Faculty Research Committee, 2023-present.

Director, MA in Historical and Theological Studies, Tyndale University, 2023-present.

Director, ThM Program, Tyndale University, 2022-present.

Member, Enrollment Committee, Tyndale University, 2022-present.

Member, Study Commission on Doctrine, Free Methodist Church in Canada, 2021-present.

Chair, History and Theology Department, Tyndale Seminary, 2019-present.

First Vice-President, Wesleyan Theological Society, 2022-23.

Second Vice-President, Wesleyan Theological Society, 2020-22.

Member, Committee on Free Methodist History and Archives, 2019-present.

Faculty Advisor, MDiv Theological Studies Major, 2022-present.

Faculty Advisor, MTS in Salvation Army Studies, 2016-present.

Faculty Advisor, MDiv Interdisciplinary Studies, Tyndale Seminary, 2014-2023.

Convenor, Tyndale Wesley Studies Symposium, 2013-present.

Wesley Studies Committee (ex officio), Tyndale Seminary, 2013-present.

Organizing Committee, Wesleyan Liturgical Society, 2016-2020.

Academic Planning Committee, Tyndale Seminary, 2014-2019.

Academic Council, Tyndale University College and Seminary, 2013-2017.

Chapel Committee, Tyndale University College and Seminary, 2016-2019.

Memberships

Fellow, Manchester Wesley Research Centre, 2019-present.

Canadian American Theological Association, 2008-present.

Wesleyan Theological Society, 2008-present.

Wesleyan Liturgical Society, 2016-2020.

Canadian Roman Catholic – Evangelical Dialogue, 2014-2022.

Courses Taught

“Systematic Theology: Faith Seeking Understanding.” Tyndale Seminary, 2019-present.

“Systematic Theology I” (online and in-class), Tyndale Seminary, 2012-2019.

“Systematic Theology II” (online and in-class), Tyndale Seminary, 2012-2019.

“Advanced Research Methods”, Tyndale Seminary, 2022-present

“Theology of John Wesley: Renewing the Heart, Renewing the Church,” Tyndale Seminary, 2013, 2015, 2018, 2019, 2021, 2023, 2025.

“Ecclesiology: The Mission of God and the People of God,” Tyndale Seminary, 2014, 2016, 2018, 2022, 2023.

“Theology of Church Renewal: Movements of the Spirit,” Tyndale Seminary, 2014, 2017, 2019, 2022.

“Creation, New Creation, and Creation Stewardship,” Tyndale Seminary, 2015, 2017, 2021. 2022, 2024.

“Holiness: The Life of God in the People of God, Tyndale Seminary, 2021, 2024, 2025.

“Topics in Salvation Army Theology – The Church,” Booth University College, 2017, 2021.

“The People of God and the Mission of God: An Introduction to the Theology of the Church,” Booth University College, 2012.

Supervision

PhD thesis, Co-Supervisor (secondary), “‘More or Less’ a Church: The Ecclesiology of General William Booth.” Andy Miller, Nazarene Theological College, University of Manchester, 2020-present.

PhD thesis, Co-Supervisor (secondary), “Raising a Holy People: The Theology of Christian Perfection in the Ecclesiology of John Wesley.” Stephen Oliver, Nazarene Theological College, University of Manchester, 2019-present.

DMin Project Content Reader, “The Theology and Practice of Spiritual Renewal: A Training Curriculum for Pastors at the Free Methodist Church in Canada.” Jervis Djokoto, Fuller Seminary, 2023-present.

ThM Thesis, “The Church as an Eschatological Community: The Kingdom as Embodied Ecclesiology in John Wesley and Karl Barth.” Russell Clarke, 2025-present.

MTS Thesis, “An application of John Henry Newman’s Theology of Tradition to the Contemporary Congolese Pentecostal Church Practice of ‘Building Altars.’” Ariane Kisanga, 2025-present.

MTS Thesis, “Vegetarianism in The Salvation Army.” Beverly Burton. 2025-present.

MTS Thesis, “Forgiveness as Unconditional Rejection of Vengeance.” Andries Joubert, 2024-25.

MTS Thesis, “The Theodicy of John Wesley.” Wing Wong, Tyndale Seminary, 2023-24.

MDiv Thesis, “John Wycliffe’s Challenge to the Late Medieval Understanding of the Eucharist,” Martin Mack, 2021-22.

MDiv Thesis, “True Self is No Self? A kenotic reading Thich Nhat Hanh’s ‘Please Call Me by My True Names’ through Thomas Merton’s Understanding of Zen.” Ching Sum Leung, 2020-21.

Directed Reading Course, “Theological Perspectives on Land Ownership.” Jinwoo Lee, fall 2024.

Directed Reading Course, “Ecclesiology,” Jinwoo Lee, summer 2024.

Directed Reading Course, “John Wesley and Predestination,” Angela Li, winter 2024.

Directed Reading Course, “John Wesley’s Theology,” Lisa Fanelli-Greer and Elizabeth Coleman, winter 2024.

Directed Reading Course, “Prevenient Grace in John Wesley’s Theology,” Bonifacio Tagadtad, 2023.

Directed Reading Course, “Christology,” Angela Anping Li, 2023.

Directed Reading Course, “The Stone-Campbell Movement as a Renewal Movement,” Scott Warlow, 2021.

Directed Reading Course, “Systematic Theology II,” Adam Kubias, 2021.

Directed Reading Course, “Globalization, Creation Care, and Ecotheology,” Paul Standing, 2021.

Directed Reading Course, “Suffering in Korean Buddhism and John Wesley,” Iris Youngsun, 2019.

Directed Reading Course, “Human Sexuality,” Ryan Farrell, 2019.

Directed Reading Course, “Ecclesiology,” Denise Mokma, 2019.

Directed Reading Course, “Wesley’s theology and role of women in Korean Christianity,” Iris Youngsun, 2019.

Directed Reading Course, “Ecclesiology of Miroslav Volf,” Ashley Medendorp, 2018.

Directed Reading Course, “Wesleyan Renewal in Context,” Martin Misener, 2017.

Second Reader, “Kingdom Now: A Pentecostal Paradigm of Mission,” MTS Thesis, David Daniel Kente, 2016.

Directed Reading Course, “Theology of Pastoral Leadership,” Daniel Mack, 2016.

External examiner, “Literal vs. Metaphor: A Description and Critique of Classical and Open Theism Methodologies.” Ph.D. Diss., Jason White, McMaster Divinity College, 2016.

Second reader, “An Analysis of Clark Pinnock’s Open Theism as a Potential Solution to Theodicy,” MTS Thesis, Janelle Zeeb, 2015.

Directed Reading Course, “John Wesley and the Church,” Mike Wong, 2015.

Directed Reading Course, “John Wesley’s Standard Sermons as Discipleship Material,” Rob Sellitto, 2014.

Honours, Awards and Grants Received

Visiting Research Fellow, Manchester Wesley Research Centre, summer 2022.

Internal Research Grant, Tyndale Seminary: Registration for the Oxford Institute of Methodist Theological Studies, summer 2018.

Honorary Fellow, Manchester Wesley Research Centre, 2017-2019.

Internal Research Grant, Tyndale Seminary: research in Manchester, summer 2016.

Visiting Research Fellow, Manchester Wesley Research Centre, summer 2016.

Centre for Mentorship and Theological Reflection Bursary (for dissertation publication), 2015.

Publication Grant, Tyndale Wesley Studies Committee, winter 2015.

Internal Research Grant, Tyndale Seminary: book project (*Division, Diversity and Unity*), 2014.

Weston Scholarship, Doctoral program entrance scholarship, Wycliffe College, 2007-2009.

The McElerhan Memorial Prize in Homiletics, Wycliffe College, 2005.

Highest Standing in Theology after 2 Years, Wycliffe College, 2004.

Highest Standing in Theology after 1 Year, Wycliffe College, 2003.

The Medal in Sociology, Queen’s University (highest standing at graduation), 2002.

Cramm and Blythe Scholarships, Queen’s University (highest standing in sociology after three years), 2001.

Dean’s Honour List, Faculty of Arts and Science, Queen’s University, 2001 and 2002.

Principal’s Entrance Scholarship, Queen’s University, 1998. Renewed 1999.

Church Leadership Experience

Ordained Minister, the Free Methodist Church in Canada, September 2019-present.

Ministerial Candidate, the Free Methodist Church in Canada, November 2014-Sepember 2019.

Assistant Pastor, Wesley Chapel Free Methodist Church, November 2014-present.

Worship Leader, Wesley Chapel Free Methodist Church, 2009-2013.

Licensed Lay Minister, Wesley Chapel Free Methodist Church, 2012-2014.

Director, Salvation Army Young Adult Research Project, 2007-2009.

Community Ministries Director, The Salvation Army Quinte Region, 2005-2007.

Selected Church-Related Publications and Media Appearances

“Tyndale to Host Free Methodist Collection.” *Mosaic* (Fall 2025), 7.

“Free Methodist Conversations: Baptism.” Video discussion. September 15, 2025.
<https://vimeo.com/1118745918>

“Creation Care as Mission: Our Part in the Song of Creation.” *Live: A Baptist Resource for Women on a Mission* (January / February 2023), 18.

“A Godly Grocery List? Stewarding Our Food.” *Live: A Baptist Resource for Women on a Mission* (November / December 2022), 10-11.

More to the Story Podcast: When does a Mission Become a Church? Interview with Dr. Andy Miller III. July 22, 2021. <https://youtu.be/O-3pVDNXVt0>

Salvationist Podcast: Wesley Studies Symposium. With Dr. Joel Thiessen. April 9, 2021.
<https://salvationist.buzzsprout.com/1089779/8303242-wesley-studies-symposium>

“Rooted in Faith: Dr. James Pedlar explains how the Army’s Wesleyan heritage can inspire Salvationists today.” (Interview). *Salvationist* (April 2017): 16-17.
<http://salvationist.ca/2017/04/rooted-in-faith/>

“Predestination and God’s Sovereignty” *Seedbed* (Asbury Theological Seminary). May 21, 2013.
<https://seedbed.com/predestination-and-gods-sovereignty/>

“What is God’s plan for Ecumenism?” Television interview with Dr. Mary Marrocco and Rev. Dr. Gilles Mongeau, SJ, on *Perspectives: The Weekly Edition*, Salt + Light TV. Aired January 21, 2011. <http://saltandlighttv.org/perspectives/ecumenism-gods-plan.php>

Selected Board Membership

Tyndale University Board of Governors, 2025-present.

Committee on Free Methodist History and Archives, 2019-present.

Wesleyan Theological Society Executive Committee, 2020-2024.

Manchester Wesley Research Centre Board, 2017-present.