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**Academic Specialization:** Theology, Theological ethics, and Christian ethics

## Education:

University of Edinburgh	2008	Ph.D. Theology & Ethics
Trinity Evangelical Divinity School	2000	M.Div. <i>Summa cum Laude</i>
Iowa State University	1994	B.S. Electrical Engineering

## Work Experience:

Associate Professor of Theology & Ethics, Urbana Theological Seminary, Jan. 2006-present.

### Taught Courses:

- Systematic Theology
- Theology and Contemporary Culture
- The Doctrine Predestination/election
- The Doctrine of the Atonement
- The Doctrine of Justification
- Theology and Philosophy
- Christian Ethics
- Christian Bioethics
- Christianity and Politics
- Apologetics
- World Religions

Pulpit supply, 2003-present.

Preaching at Baptist, Evangelical Free, Christian, Reformed, and Plymouth Brethren churches in central Illinois. This also includes teaching several adult education seminars on topics in theology, culture, ethics, and medicine.

Inaugural Fellow, Paul Ramsey Institute, Center for Bioethics and Culture, 2012-2015.

Associate Fellow, Center for Bioethics and Human Dignity, Academy of Fellows, 2014-present.

Teaching Assistant, New College, School of Divinity, University of Edinburgh, 2002-2005

### Undergraduate Courses:

- Christian Ethics
- Christian Theology
- Systematic Theology

- Media Ethics
- Bioethics

Research Fellow, Center for Bioethics and Culture, 2003-2006.

Review and edit articles in contemporary bioethics and the relationship between science and theology. Writing book reviews and articles in bioethics.

Scottish Council on Human Bioethics—End of Life Working Group, 2004-2008.

Creation of consultative documents on current issues in biotechnology for Scottish and European parliamentary committees for amending and clarifying legislation.

## Research and Publications:

### Publications:

*Chasing Methuselah: A Theological Assessment of the Quest for Hyper-longevity*, 2017.

“A Christian Perspective on Gender Dysphoria,” *Intersections: A Forum for the Christian Life in our MedTech Age*, Center for Bioethics and Culture, <http://everydaybioethics.org/intersections/>, forthcoming.

“A Transhumanist Moral Bioenhancement Program: A Critique from Barth and Bonhoeffer,” in *Religion and Human Enhancement: Death, Values, and Morality*, ed. Calvin Mercer and Tracy J. Trothen (New York: Palgrave-MacMillan, 2017).

“Gender Dysphoria and the Ethics of Transsexual (i.e., Gender Reassignment) Surgery,” *Ethics & Medicine: An International Journal of Bioethics* 32, no. 1 (Spring 2016): 39-53.

“Diagnosing Death in the Christian and Transhumanism Traditions,” in *Religion and Transhumanism: The Unknown Future of Human Enhancement*, ed. Calvin Mercer and Tracy J. Trothen (Santa Barbara, CA: Praeger, 2014).

“Whose Dignity? Reflections on a Deceptively Difficult Term in Bioethical Debates,” *Ethics & Medicine: An International Journal of Bioethics* 29, no. 3 (Fall 2013).

“Chasing Methuselah: Transhumanism and Christian Theosis in Critical Perspective,” in *Transhumanism and Transcendence*, ed. Ronald Cole-Turner (Washington, D.C.: Georgetown University Press, 2011).

“Chasing Methuselah: Exercise, technology, and diet help us live longer than ever. Should those who look to eternal life care?” *Christianity Today*, January, 2011.

“Fast Long & Prosper: On Christian Asceticism & the Misguided Quest for Longevity,” in *Touchstone: A Magazine of Mere Christianity* 24, no. 2 (March/April, 2011).

“The ‘Octu-Mom’ Controversy: Why Nadya Suleman is not (Entirely) to Blame,” Center for Bioethics and Culture, [www.thecbc.org](http://www.thecbc.org), 2009.

“Life-Extension in Transhumanist and Christian Perspectives: Consonance and Conflict,” *The Journal of Evolution and Technology* 14 no. 2, August 2005.

“Therapy vs. Enhancement, Time for a New Paradigm?” Center for Bioethics and Culture, [www.thecbc.org](http://www.thecbc.org), 2005.

“A Long Life and A Quick Death,” Center for Bioethics and Culture, [www.thecbc.org](http://www.thecbc.org).  
Republished Oct. 10, 2004 in *Always On*, [www.alwayson-network.com](http://www.alwayson-network.com).

“‘To Live is Gain’—Life Extension in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century,” Center for Bioethics and Culture, [www.thecbc.org](http://www.thecbc.org).

“Life Extension: ‘From Legend to Laboratory,’” Parts 1-2, Center for Bioethics and Culture, [www.thecbc.org](http://www.thecbc.org).

#### **Book Reviews:**

Mark A. Yarhouse, *Understanding Gender Dysphoria: Navigating Transgender Issues in a Changing Culture*, in *Ethics & Medicine: An International Journal of Bioethics* (2017).

Gilbert Meilaender, *Should We Live Forever? The Ethical Ambiguities of Aging*, in *Ethics & Medicine: An International Journal of Bioethics* 32, no. 2 (Spring 2016).

Jeffrey P. Bishop, *The Anticipatory Corpse: Medicine, Power, and the Care of the Dying*, in *Ethics & Medicine: An International Journal of Bioethics* 29, no. 3 (Fall 2013).

James K. Beilby, *Thinking About Christian Apologetics*, in *Ethics & Medicine: An International Journal of Bioethics* 29 no. 2 (Summer 2013).

C. Ben Mitchell et al. ed., *Aging, Death, and the Quest for Immortality*, in *Studies in Christian Ethics* 18 no. 2, August 2005.

Alister E. McGrath, *A Scientific Theology*, vol. 1, *Nature*, September 2004, [www.thecbc.org/](http://www.thecbc.org/)

Robert Song, *Human Genetics: Fabricating the Future*, Center for Bioethics and Culture, July 2004, [www.thecbc.org/](http://www.thecbc.org/)

Susan Brooks Thistlethwaite, ed., *Adam, Eve, and the Human Genome*, May 2004, [www.thecbc.org/](http://www.thecbc.org/)

## **Papers Presented**

Family Life Conference, Windsor Road Christian Church, “Love, Liturgy, and Moral Formation,” November 2016.

Academy of Fellows, Center for Bioethics and Human Dignity, “The Hope for Youth and the Youth of Hope,” February 2016.

Carle Hospital Bioethics Seminar Series, “The Ethics of Gender-Reassignment Surgery,” September 2015.

Center for Bioethics and Human Dignity, “Gender Dysphoria and the Ethics of Transsexual Surgery,” June 2015.

Iowa State University, “A Christian Perspective on the Environment,” November 2014.

Theology Summit, Cornerstone School of Theology, “Creation *Ex Nihilo*,” November 2014.

Center for Bioethics and Human Dignity, “‘To Relieve Man's Estate:’ The Theological Origins of the Modern Biomedical Project, and Its Remedy,” July 2014.

Center for Bioethics and Human Dignity, “Whose Dignity? Theological Reflections on a Deceptively Difficult Term in Bioethical Debates,” July 2012.

Carle Hospital Bioethics Seminar Series, “Human Hyper-longevity: A Not Entirely Satisfying Christian Response,” December 2011.

Anti-Aging Science in an Aging Culture Conference, “Chasing Methuselah,” December 2011.

Immanuel Bible Foundation Public Lecture Series, “Abiding in Christ: Combating Hyper-connectivity through Authentic Isolation,” October 2011.

Center for Bioethics and Human Dignity, “Why Bioethics Can’t Be Christian: Theology and ‘Special Ethics’ in Karl Barth and Stanley Hauerwas,” July 2011.

Carle Hospital Bioethics Seminar Series, “Mission Impossible: The Case of Margaret McBride and Roman Catholic Health Care Ethics,” January 2011.

Center for Bioethics and Human Dignity, “Transhumanism and *Theosis* and Radical Life Extension,” July 2010.

American Academy of Religion, “Returning to Eden: Reflections on the Transhumanist Vision of Extended Life with Respect to the Ascetic Tradition in the Desert Fathers,” 2008.

University of Illinois Stewardship Workshop, “An Incarnational View of Nature,” 2008.

Carle Hospital Bioethics Seminar Series, “Methuselah Pills, Frozen Fruit Flies, and the p53 Gene: Aims and Ethics of Anti-Aging Science,” 2007.

Urbana Theological Seminary Fall Lecture Series, “Chasing Methuselah: A Theological Response to Anti-Aging Science,” 2006.

Graduate InterVarsity, University of Illinois, “Bodily Obsession, Ambivalence, and Abstinence: Theological Reflections on the Disappearing Body,” 2006.

Building a Culture of Life: What Can Evangelicals and Catholics Do? Institute of Catholic Thought, St. John’s Catholic Newman Center, “Carrying the Death of Jesus in Our Bodies, Phenomenological and Christological Aspects,” 2006.

Scottish Theological Postgraduate Conference, University of Glasgow; Theology and Ethics Research Seminar, School of Divinity, University of Edinburgh, “Toward a Theological Response to Life Extension via Genetic Manipulation of the Human Aging Process,” 2004.

Society for the Study of Christian Ethics, Wycliff Hall, Oxford University, “A Survey of Attitudes on Longevity and Extending the Human Lifespan within the Christian Tradition,” 2004.

Research Interests: The ethics of human enhancement. Theological ethics, theological anthropology, the relationship between theology, science and culture, Radical Orthodoxy, the ontology of Scripture, and the use of Scripture in Christian ethics.

### **Committee Assignments**

- Bioethics Series Seminar, Urbana Theological Seminary
- Steering Committee, Transhumanism and Religion Group, American Academy of Religion
- Carle Foundation Hospital Ethics Committee

### **Organizational Memberships:**

- Evangelical Theological Society
- American Academy of Religion
- Society for the Study of Christian Ethics (UK)
- Society of Christian Ethics
- Religious Workers Association, University of Illinois