



NAME Jon Coutts

COMPLETED ACADEMIC DEGREES

Degree Name	Subject Area	Where Completed	Date of Completion
BTh (honours)	Theology	Canadian Bible College	2001
MA Th	Theological Studies	Briercrest Seminary	2008
PhD	Systematic Theology	University of Aberdeen	2013

ADVANCED STUDIES IN PROGRESS

Degree Name	Subject Area	Where Enrolled	Est. Completion Date
n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Appointment Level	Institution	Dates (Yr to Yr)	Subject Area
Associate Professor	Ambrose University	2022-	Christian Theology
Assistant Professor	Ambrose University	2019-22	Christian Theology
Tutor (≈ Assistant Prof for 2 years + Associate Prof (supervising PhDs) for 3 years)	Trinity College Bristol	2014-19	Theology and Ethics

ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS

Appointment Level	Institution	Dates (Yr to Yr)
General Faculties Council	Ambrose University	2019-21, 2022-
Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Committee (as interim chair in Winter)	Ambrose University	2023-
Professional Employment Issues Committee	Ambrose University	2023-
Research Committee	Ambrose University	2021-23
Search Committees (New Testament, Chinese Seminary, Pastoral Theology)	Ambrose University	2021-23
Academic Policy/Procedure Committee	Ambrose University	2019-22
Faculty Sponsor: Social Justice Club	Ambrose University Student Exec	2020-21
Curriculum Committee	Ambrose University	2019-20
Co-editor and Committee Secretary	Grove Books Pastoral Series	2016-19
Faculty Disability Advisor	Trinity College Bristol	2016-19
Undergraduate Course Leader	Trinity College Bristol	2015-19

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Institution	Dates	Courses Taught (Course # and Name)
Ambrose University	2019-24	REL 161 The Christian Faith / Introduction to Christian Theology
Ambrose University	2019-24	REL 261 Theology II: Spirit and Church / Issues in Systematic Theology
Ambrose University	2019-24	PST 302 Practical Theology / PST 212 Pastoral Theology
Ambrose University	2020-24	TH 501 The Christian Confession
Ambrose University	2021-22, 2023-24	REL 367 Theologies from the Margins
Ambrose University	2020-21, 2023-24	REL 363 The Theology of Dietrich Bonhoeffer
Ambrose University	2022-24	HUM 485 Capstone Project Supervisions (2022 Bonhoeffer and Race, 2023 Non-violence in Bible, 2024 Richard Twiss)
Ambrose University	2020-23	TH 611 The Church and its Witness
Ambrose University	2022-23	REL 460/TH 745 Seminar: Augustine's <i>The City of God</i>
Ambrose University	Winter '23	REL 490 Independent Research: Disability Theology
Ambrose University	Winter '23	TH 675 Theology Research Seminar
Beulah/Ambrose	Winter '23	FMC Introduction to Theology: Christology
Ambrose University	2021-22	REL 380 Political Theology
Ambrose University	2021-22	REL 490 Independent Research: Søren Kierkegaard
Ambrose University	Spring '22	PS 430 Human Sexuality (guest taught theological sessions)
Ambrose University	2020-21	PST 304 Advanced Homiletics (co-taught with 3 others)
Ambrose University	2019-20	REL 260 Theology I: God and Word
Trinity College Bristol	2014-19	TMM 3101 Christian Doctrine in Focus: The Saving God
Trinity College Bristol	2014-19	TMM 1167 Introduction to Christian Ethics
Trinity College Bristol	2014-19	TMM 1417 Introduction to Aspects of Pastoral Care (guest taught on reconciliation and on gender)
Trinity College Bristol	2015-19	TMM 41420 Themes in Moral Theology: Reconciliation
Trinity College Bristol	2017-19	TMM 41220 Advanced Study of a Christian Figure: Dietrich Bonhoeffer
Trinity College Bristol	2014-18	TMM 2227 Exploring Leadership and Theology for Ministry and Mission
Trinity College Bristol	2014-18	TMM 2707 Integrated Learning for Collaborative Practice: Gender and Sexuality
Trinity College Bristol	2017-18	TMM 2702 Integrated Learning for Collaborative Practice: Diversity
Trinity College Bristol	2015-16	Taught doctrines of Scripture and Salvation, and part of Barth course, for colleague on sabbatical
Diocese of Bath & Wells	2016-18	IME 5-16: Ethics (weekend course)
Diocese of Bath & Wells	2017-18	IME 4-14: Preaching Revisited (weekend course)
Briercrest Distance Learning	2007-12	IDS 250 Studies in Christian Worldview
Briercrest D.L.	2007-12	BT 114 Theology I
Nipawin Bible College	2009	BT 214 Humanity, Sin, and Salvation
Briercrest College	2007	ENG 100 Literature and Composition I (as T.A.)
Canadian Bible College	2001-03	Peer Counseling (contributed one lecture)

SCHOLARLY PARTICIPATION

Books Authored or Edited

Dates	Activity (Name of book, publisher etc)
2024	<i>Looking Back, Leaning Forward: Wrestling with a Church's Story</i> , co-edited with Heather Morgan, New Leaf Press
2019	<i>Church Leadership</i> , SCM Press
2018	<i>The Marks of a Church: Shaped by the Main Things</i> [booklet], Grove Books
2016	<i>A Shared Mercy: Karl Barth on Forgiveness and the Church</i> , IVP Academic

Refereed Publications

Dates	Activity (Name of article and journal)
2023	Book review: "Koert Verhagen, <i>Being and Action Coram Deo: Bonhoeffer and the Retrieval of Justification's Social Import</i> ," <i>International Journal of Systematic Theology</i> , July 2023.
2023	"Jesus as a Teacher of Forgiveness," in <i>Jesus as Teacher in the Gospel of Matthew</i> , edited by Charles Quarles and Charles Nathan Riddlehoover, Bloomsbury, forthcoming in August.
2021	"Arrival and Annihilation: Cinematic Reimaginings of the Resurrection of the Body," in <i>The Other Journal</i> (online)
2020	"The Prince of Peace Smokes a Peace Pipe: A Church Response to the Challenge of Canada's Truth and Reconciliation Commission," in <i>Theology and the Political: Theo-political Reflections on Contemporary Politics in Ecumenical Conversation</i> , edited by Alexei Bodrov and Stephen M. Garrett, Brill
2020	"Hail, Caesar! A Jesus Film in Search of a Christ Figure," in <i>Journal of Religion and Film</i> 24.1
2014	"No Country for Old Man: Barth calls the Coen Brothers," in <i>Karl Barth in Conversation</i> , edited by W. Travis McMaken and David W. Congdon, Pickwick
2013	"Relative Grit: Masculinity in Flux on Film," in <i>Cultural Encounters</i> 9.1
2013	"Karl Barth, G.K. Chesterton, and the Basis of Christian Knowledge," in <i>The Chesterton Review</i> 39.1-2
2011	This Side of Sunday: Theological Fiction in Light of G.K. Chesterton's <i>The Man Who Was Thursday</i> ," in <i>Scottish Bulletin of Evangelical Theology</i> 29.2

Non-Refereed Publications

Dates	Activity (Name of article and journal)
2020	"Biblical Humanhood," for <i>New Leaf Advent Reader</i> , Dec. 19
2020	"Adam Neder's <i>Theology as a Way of Life</i> ," in <i>International Journal for Christianity and Education</i> , May.
2018	"James Calvin Davis, <i>Forbearance</i> ," <i>International Journal of Public Theology</i> 12.1
2016	"To learn to love your neighbour must you learn to love yourself?" in <i>Reader</i>
2015	"On Jargon," in <i>New Wine Magazine</i>
2015	"Christena Cleveland, <i>Disunity in Christ</i> ," for <i>Reformation 21</i> online
2015	"James W. Skillen, <i>The Good of Politics</i> ," for <i>Reformation 21</i> online
2014	"John G. Flett, <i>The Witness of God</i> ," for <i>Ecclesiology</i> 10.1
2010	"Alister McGrath, <i>The Open Secret</i> ," for <i>Canadian Evangelical Review</i> , Spring
2009	"How to Be Sliced by a Sword: G.K. Chesterton's Apologetic," in <i>St. Austin's Review</i>
2008	"A Theological Approach to Pastoral Leadership Today," in <i>Ministry Magazine</i> , November

2006	"George Barna, <i>Revolution</i> ," for <i>Relevant Magazine</i> online
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Conference Presentations

Dates	Activity (Name of article and journal)
Jan 2024	"Bonhoeffer's Mandates and the Re-Imagination of the Family," XIV International Bonhoeffer Congress on "Crisis and Hope: Reading Bonhoeffer for Today", Sydney, AUS
Nov 2023	"The Hills are Alive: What's Hidden in <i>A Hidden Life</i> ," Evangelical Philosophical Society session on Terrence Malick, American Academy of Religion conference, San Antonio, TX
Mar 2023	"Will and Love in Darren Dyck's <i>Will & Love: Shakespeare and the Motion of the Soul</i> ", for the Author Meets Critics session of Ambrose Research Conference, 2023.
July 2022	"Agreement on the Essentials: What might it mean to be 'big tent'?", a Crucial Conversation for Alliance Canada's General Assembly.
June 2021	" <i>Apokatastasis</i> as a Framework for Decolonizing the Motive of Missions," for the Canadian Theological Society annual conference
Mar 2021	"Theological Questions More Interesting Than the Age of Earth," Ambrose Research Conference on the theme of Faith and Science
Nov 2019	" <i>Arrival and Annihilation: Cinematic Re-imaginings of the Eschatological Transformation of the Body</i> ," American Academy of Religion, San Diego
Apr 2018	<i>Hail, Caesar! A Jesus Film for Cultured Disbelievers</i> ," Society for the Study of Theology plenary, Nottingham
Nov 2015	"The Prince of Peace Smokes a Peace Pipe: A Church Response to the Challenge of the Truth and Reconciliation in Canada," International Conference, Belgrade, Serbia
Apr 2015	"Who is our Church's Neighbour? Barth, Žižek and Theology for Strategic or Proximal Neighbour-love," Society for the Study of Theology, Nottingham
Nov 2011	"Relative Grit: Masculinity in Flux on Film," American Academy of Religion, Men and Masculinities session, San Francisco
Oct 2010	"Once for All and New Every Morning: Forgiveness in the Theology of Miroslav Volf and Karl Barth," Postgraduate Conference, Oxford
Sep 2010	"This Side of Sunday: Theological Fiction in Light of GK Chesterton's <i>The Man Who Was Thursday</i> ," Conference on Theology, Aesthetics and Culture, St. Andrews
June 2010	"Binding or Loosing: Forgiveness and Truth-Seeking in Karl Barth's <i>Doctrine of Reconciliation</i> ," Scottish Postgraduate Conference, Aberdeen
Apr 2010	"Winsome Witness: GK Chesterton's Narrative Apologia," Society for the Study of Theology, Manchester
Nov 2008	"The Philosophical Pilgrimage of G.K. Chesterton's <i>The Man Who Was Thursday</i> ," Mid-Atlantic Popular/American Culture Association, Niagara Falls

Research Supervision

PhD (cand.) on the Johannine shepherd, Trinity College Bristol, 2021-present (secondary supervisor)
PhD on Augustine and sexbots, Trinity College Bristol, 2018-23
MTS on John Webster's way of theology, Ambrose University, 2021-22
PhD on parish in Willie Jennings, Trinity College Bristol (Aberdeen University), 2016-21
PhD on lament in Bonhoeffer, Trinity College Bristol (Aberdeen University), 2017-21
PhD on Cormac McCarthy and Job, Trinity College Bristol (Aberdeen University), 2016-19
MTh on <i>apokatastasis</i> in Gregory, Trinity College Bristol (Aberdeen University), 2018

MPhil on Lesslie Newbigin's ecclesiology, Trinity College Bristol (Bristol University), 2016
MA theses (on vulnerability in Bonhoeffer, on praying "Come, Holy Spirit", on forgiveness in <i>Paul and the Gift</i> , on atonement in Pannenberg, on Marian iconography, etc), Trinity College Bristol, 2014-19

Research Grants

Dates	Activity (Name of grant and research)
2023	Ambrose University Research Grant
2010	School of Divinity, History and Philosophy Bursary, Aberdeen University
2010	College of Arts and Social Sciences Award, Aberdeen University
2010	Scottish Overseas Research Scholarship Award, Aberdeen University
2007	Dean's Scholarship, Briercrest Seminary
2006	President's Scholarship, Briercrest Seminary
2000	Stan and Vi Johnston Bursary, Canadian Bible College
2000	VV Ninan Memorial Evangelism Award, Canadian Bible College

ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

Dates	Name of Presentation to Name of Organization
Feb 2024	"A Shared Mercy: Forgiveness and the Church," CBWC winter retreat
Feb 2024	"Gender Roles in the Church", for the First Alliance Church young adults group
Oct 2023	"What is the Role of a Statement of Faith?" a paper for New Leaf's Table Conference and
Nov 2023	then with Sherri Guenther Trautwein for Ambrose University's Simpson Symposium
Mar. 2023	"Formative Feasting: How Biblical Meals Shape Moral Communities," an interview of Michael Rhodes for Ambrose University's Simpson Symposium
Feb 2023	The Biblical Argument for Women in Leadership (preparing for a congregational vote on
Oct 2021	women as elders), Okotoks Alliance Church and Ritson Road Alliance Church.
Oct 2022	Host and Organizer of the Downey Lectures with Willie Jennings, "Reframing Salvation"
Mar-Apr 2022	"What is Political Theology in Canada?": Series for New Leaf Learning Centre, interviewing Jane Barter, Ryan Turnbull, Niigaan Sinclair, Monetta Bailey, and Timothy Harvie
Feb 2022	"What is Political Theology?": An Interview on the True North Theology Podcast
Sept 2021	"A Shared Mercy": An Interview on Karl Barth on Forgiveness, The Karl Barth Podcast
Apr 2021	"The Debate on Women in Leadership in the C&MA: A Retrospective," Ambrose Seminary Symposium with Rev. Alexandra Meek
Feb 2021	"A History of Race and the Bible," a public lecture with Colin Toffelmire for Ambrose University students and alumni
June 2020	"Channels of Blessing: The Communal Shape of Healing in the Legacy of A.B. Simpson," for the Ambrose Seminary Symposium on the centenary of Simpson's death
Mar 2019	"Race and the Church," panel discussion with Robert Beckford for the Bristol University Student Union and Just Love UK, at Alma Church, Bristol, UK
Jan 2018	"Being Christian at Work" panel discussion at Westbury Methodist Church, UK
Apr 2017	"Which is my Neighbour? Bonhoeffer and the Tension of Mandates," Theological Ethics seminar, University of Aberdeen, UK
Nov 2016	"Preaching Matthew" seminar for Gloucester Diocese, UK
Aug 2016	"Words Made Flesh: Signing up for an ancient conversation", for the "Signs of God" British Sign Language Summer School, Telford, UK

Oct 2015	"Who is my Neighbour? Questions of Proximity, Awareness, and Responsibility," Bristol Theological Colleges' symposium on the refugee crisis, Bristol, UK
Nov 2014	"Preaching Mark" seminar for Bristol Diocese, UK
May 2014	"Forgiveness and reconciliation", alongside Steve Bell, at the Educational Leadership Conference of the Christian Principals Association of BC
Feb 2013	"Genesis and the Genome" with John Walton & Dennis Venema, Richmond, BC

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS, QUALIFICATIONS and EXPERIENCE

Professional Memberships
American Academy of Religion, 2011-present
International Bonhoeffer Society, 2015-16, 2022-present
Christian and Missionary Alliance in Canada, 2001-14, 2019-present Denominational Structure Committee, 2021-22 Committee on Transgender Identity, 2021-22 Legislative Committee, General Assembly, 2012 Finance Committee, Canadian Midwest District Conference, 2005
Canadian Theological Society, 2021-2023
Society for the Study of Theology, UK, 2010-2019
Grove Books Pastoral Series Editors, 2016-19
Deanery Synod and Parochial Church Committee, St Mary Magdalene Church, 2017-19
Bristol Theological Society, 2014-16
Evangelical Theological Society, 2011-12
Froghall Community Council, Aberdeen, UK, 2011
Richmond Ministerial Committee, 2012-14
American Chesterton Society, 2009
Selkirk Youth for Christ Board, 2004-06
Selkirk Ministerial Committee, 2003-06
Canadian Association of Christians in Student Development, 2001-03

Professional Qualifications
English Football Association, Coaching Level 1, 2017
Ordained, Christian and Missionary Alliance in Canada, 2006
Licensed, Christian and Missionary Alliance in Canada, 2001

Professional Experience
Peer Reviewer, Baylor University Press, April 2024
Peer Reviewer, <i>Journal of Religion and Film</i> , 2021-present
Preacher, 15 churches, 2 college chapels, 2 camps (locations available upon request), 1999-present
Lead Pastor, Richmond Alliance Church, BC, 2012-14
Interim Pastor, Beverly Alliance Church, AB, 2009
Lead Pastor, Selkirk Alliance Church, MB, 2003-06
Residence Director, Canadian Bible College, SK, 2001-03
Special Needs Assistant, Summer in the City Day Camps, Spruce Grove, AB, 1999
Youth Intern, Southview Alliance Church, AB, 1998-99

