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# JORDAN WESSLING

## CURRICULUM VITAE

Fuller Theological Seminary  
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### EDUCATION

University of Bristol, Bristol, UK

*Ph.D., Theology and Religious Studies*

Completed: June 2012

Concentrations: Christian systematic and philosophical theology

Dissertation: *The Christian God of Love: The Nature of Divine Love and its Place in God's Psychology*

Supervisor: Oliver D. Crisp

Talbot School of Theology, Biola University, La Mirada, CA

*Master of Arts, Philosophy of Religion and Ethics*, May 2007

GPA: 3.88, *Magna Cum Laude*

Biola University, La Mirada, CA

*Bachelor of Arts, Biblical and Theological Studies*, May 2004

GPA: 3.87, *Magna Cum Laude*

Wycliffe Hall, Oxford University, Oxford, UK

Studied religion, philosophy, and literature. Summer 2003

#### *Postdoctoral Fellowships*

- Fuller Theological Seminary, Pasadena, CA  
Fellow, Analytic Theology for Theological Formation Project, 2015-Present
- University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, IN  
Frederick J. Crosson Fellow, Center for Philosophy of Religion, 2012-2013

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### AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

The Doctrine of God, Theology of Love, Theological Method, and Theistic Metaethics

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### EMPLOYMENT

2015-Present: Postdoctoral Research Fellow in the Analytic Theology for Theological Formation Project,  
Fuller Theological Seminary, Pasadena, CA

2014-2015: Assistant Professor and Coordinator of Christian Liberal Arts, Arizona Christian  
University, Phoenix, AZ

- o Responsibilities included: the development and implementation of ACU's new Christian Liberal Arts program; hiring, mentoring, and supervising faculty; teaching three classes a semester.

2013-2014: Adjunct Professor of Religion and Philosophy, Arizona State University, Phoenix, AZ

2013-2014: Adjunct Professor of Bible and Philosophy, Arizona Christian University, Phoenix, AZ

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2014 (Summer): Adjunct Professor of Philosophy, Grand Canyon University, Phoenix, AZ  
2014 (Winter and Spring): Adjunct Professor of Theology, Fuller Theological Seminary, Southwest, Phoenix, AZ  
2012-2013: Frederick J. Crosson Fellow, Center for Philosophy of Religion, University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, IN  
2012 (Spring): Adjunct Professor of Religion and Philosophy, Pima Community College, Tucson, AZ

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## COURSES TAUGHT

Fuller Theological Seminary, Pasadena, CA  
*An Invitation to Analytic Theology* (Spring 2018, online)  
Fuller Theological Seminary, Pasadena, CA  
*An Invitation to Analytic Theology* (Summer 2017, online)  
Arizona Christian University, Phoenix, AZ  
*Christian Thought & Culture* (Three sections, Spring 2015)  
*Covenant, Community, Commitments* (Introduction to Christian Liberal Arts, Fall 2014)  
*Liberal Arts Cohort* (Socratic Discussion Groups, Three sections, Fall 2014)  
*Contemporary Ethics* (Fall 2014 & 2013)  
*Philosophical Theology* (Spring 2014)  
*Introduction to Philosophy* (Fall 2013)  
*Genesis to Song of Solomon* (Fall 2013)  
Grand Canyon University, Phoenix, AZ  
*Ethical Thinking* (Summer 2014)  
Fuller Theological Seminary, Arizona Campus, Phoenix, AZ  
*Systematic Theology 3: Ecclesiology and Eschatology* (Spring 2014)  
*Systematic Theology 3: Ecclesiology and Eschatology* (Winter 2014, online)  
*Systematic Theology 2: Christology and Soteriology* (Winter 2014)  
Arizona State University, Phoenix, AZ  
*Religion and Popular Culture* (Summer 2014, online)  
*Moral Dilemmas* (Summer 2014, online)  
*Western Religious Traditions* (Spring 2014)  
*Religion in North America* (Spring 2014, online)  
*Introduction to Philosophy* (Fall 2013, online)  
Pima Community College, Tucson, AZ  
*Philosophy of Religion* (Spring 2012)  
*Religion in Popular Culture* (Spring 2012)

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## PUBLICATIONS (\* by invitation)

### *Articles and Book Chapters*

1. "Loving Yourself as Your Neighbor: A Critique and Some Friendly Suggestions for Eleonore Stump's Neo-Thomistic Account of Love," *Sophia*, forthcoming.
2. "How Does a Loving God Punish? On the Unification of Divine Love & Wrath," *International Journal of Systematic Theology* 19:4 (2017): 421-443.  
- Funded by the John Templeton Foundation
3. "A Bloody Death that Saves the World?," in Joshua Rasmussen and Kevin Vallier (eds.) *The New Theists* (New York: Routledge, under contract).\*
4. "Analytic Theology as Sapiential Theology: Reflection upon a Concern Raised by Kevin J. Vanhoozer," *Open Theology* 3:1 (2017): 380-396.\*  
- Response from Professor Vanhoozer within the same issue of *Open Theology*

5. With Joshua Rasmussen, "A Randomness-Based Theodicy for Evolutionary Evils," *Zygon* 52:4 (2017): 984-1004.  
- Funded by the John Templeton Foundation
6. "The Medicine which Heals the World: Praying for Salvation with Catherine of Siena," *Irish Theological Quarterly* 82:4 (2017): 303-321.
7. "Benevolent Billy: A Thought Experiment to Show that Benevolence is Insufficient for Christian Love," *Philosophia Christi* 19:1 (2017): 181-191.
8. "Theology and Luck," *Routledge Handbook of Theories of Luck* (New York: Routledge, forthcoming).\*
9. "God Will Wipe Away Every Tear: Divine Passibility and the Prospects of Heavenly Blissfulness," *Neue Zeitschrift für Systematische Theologie und Religionsphilosophie* 58:4 (2016): 505-524.
10. With Joshua Rasmussen "Reasons for Randomness: A Solution to the Axiological Problem for Theists," *Theology and Science* 13:3 (2015): 288-304.  
- Funded by the John Templeton Foundation
11. "Idealistic Panentheism: Reflections on Jonathan Edwards's Account of the God-World Relation," in Joshua Farris, Mark Hamilton, and James Spiegel (eds.), *Idealism and Christian Theology* (New York: Bloomsbury Academic, 2016).\*
12. "A Dilemma for Wolterstorff's Theistic Grounding of Dignity and Human Rights," *International Journal for Philosophy of Religion* 76:3 (2014): 277-295.
13. "Christology and Conciliar Authority: On the Viability of Monothelitism for Protestant Theology," in Oliver D. Crisp and Fred Sanders (eds.), *Christology, Ancient and Modern: Explorations in Constructive Theology* (Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 2013).\*
14. "Colin Gunton, Divine Love, and Univocal Prediction," *Journal of Reformed Theology* 7:1 (2013): 91-107.
15. "The Scope of God's Supreme Love: A Defense of Talbott's Contention that God Truly Loves Us All," *Philosophia Christi* 14:2 (2012): 335-351.

#### Books

1. *Love Divine: A Systematic Account of God's Love for Humanity* (complete, under review)
2. With James Arcadi and Oliver Crisp, *Analytic Theology: Its Nature and Promise, Brill Research Perspectives in Theology* (under contract, due Summer of 2018).

#### Book Reviews

1. Review of *Remythologizing Theology: Divine Action, Passion, and Authorship*, by Kevin J. Vanhoozer, *Journal of Reformed Theology* 6 (2012): 81-82.
2. Review of *The Purpose of Life: A Theistic Perspective*, by Stewart Goetz, *The Journal of Religion* 96:1 (2016): 134-134.\*
3. Review of *The Uncontrolling Love of God: An Open and Relational Account of Providence*, by Thomas Jay Oord, *Journal of Reformed Theology* 11:11 (2017): 157-158.

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### WORKS IN PROCESS

1. With James Arcadi and Oliver Crisp, *Reaching for God: New Theological Essays on Prayer* (edited book, under review)
2. With James Arcadi and Oliver Crisp, *Love, Divine and Human: Contemporary Theological Essays* (edited book, under review)
3. "Interceding for Thy Neighbor's Soul? On the Practice of Petitioning God for Another's Salvation," to be included in *Reaching for God: New Theological Essays on Prayer* (complete)
4. "A Love that Speaks in Harsh Tones: On the Superiority of Divine Communicative Punishment," to be included in *Love, Divine and Human: Contemporary Theological Essays* (complete)

5. "Perfect Goodness," *T&T Clark Companion to the Doctrine of Creation* (London, T&T Clark, forthcoming) (under contract).\*
6. "St. Isaac the Syrian's Argument against Divine Retribution" (under construction)
7. "Metaphysics and Moral Responsibility," in Jason Goroncy *T&T Clark Companion to the Doctrine of Creation* (London, T&T Clark, forthcoming).\*

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## ACADEMIC INVITATIONS AND GRANTS

1. With James Arcadi, awarded a \$18,000 teaching grant by the John Templeton Foundation funded, *Analytic Theology for Theological Formation*, Fuller Theological Seminary, Summer 2017 – Winter 2018.
2. With Joshua Rasmussen awarded a \$47,000 grant by the John Templeton Foundation funded, *Randomness & Divine Providence Project*, Calvin College, July 2013 – June 2015
3. Awarded \$5,000 by the *Analytic Theology Summer Stipend Program*, sponsored by the John Templeton Foundation and the Center for Philosophy of Religion at the University of Notre Dame.
4. Invited to John Templeton Foundation funded, *The 2011 St. Thomas Summer Seminar in Philosophy of Religion and Philosophical Theology*, June 13 - July 1, 2011, (John Hawthorne, Peter van Inwagen, John Greco, Paul Draper, Eleonore Stump, et al.) \$2,900, University of St. Thomas
5. Invited to attend, and expenses covered for, John Templeton Foundation funded, *Logos 2011*, University of Notre Dame
6. Invited to speak at the John Templeton Foundation funded, and Center for Philosophy of Religion at the University of Notre Dame sponsored, *Phoenix Area Analytic Theology Cluster Group*, April 8, 2013 (travel and food paid for)
7. Receipt of extraordinary bursary from the Dean of the Graduate School for Arts and Humanities, University of Bristol, 2010 – 2012

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## ACADEMIC SERVICE

Book Reviews Editor, *Journal of Analytic Theology*  
Reviewer, *Zygon: Journal of Religion and Science*  
Reviewer, *TheoLogica*

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## PAPER PRESENTATIONS (\* by invitation)

1. "A Love that Speaks in Harsh Tones: On the Superiority of the Divine Communicative Punishment." Presented at the *Analytic Theology for Theological Formation Seminar Series*, Fuller Theological Seminary, Spring 2017.
2. "A Bloody Death that Saves the World?" Presented at *The New Theists Conference*, Wake Forest University, Summer 2016.
3. "Analytic Theology & Prayer: A Survey of Recent Themes." Presented at *Analytic Theology Colloquium*, Fuller Theological Seminary, Spring 2016.
4. "Christian Love: A Defense of a Value Account." Presented at *The Meaning of Love*, Center for Christian Thought, Biola University, Spring 2016.
5. "A Modified Governmental Theory of the Atonement." Presented at the *Evangelical Theological Society*, Annual Meeting, Atlanta, Winter 2015.
6. "The Unified Character of God and the Purpose of Hell." Presented at the *Rethinking Hell Conference*, Fuller Theological Seminary, Summer 2015.
7. "Does God Value Randomness?" Presented to the *Randomness and Divine Providence Workshop*, Fuller Theological Seminary, Summer 2015.

8. "What Natural Selection Likes: A Computer Science Investigation," with Joshua Rasmussen. Presented at the *Randomness and Foreknowledge Conference*, Dallas, Fall 2014.
9. "Perfect Divine Benevolence: Why All Divine Action Ad Extra is Not for God's Glory." Presented at the *Evangelical Theological Society*, Annual Meeting, Baltimore, November 2013.
10. "Theological Values of Randomness." Presented at the *Randomness and Divine Providence Workshop*, Calvin College, Summer 2013.
11. "A Sketch of a Moral Government Theory of the Atonement." Presented at the *Phoenix Area Analytic Theology Cluster Group*, Spring 2013\*
12. "Wolterstorff's Theistic Grounding of Dignity and Human Rights." Presented at the *Center for Philosophy of Religion*, University of Notre Dame, Spring 2013
13. "Is Monothelism a Viable Option for Orthodox Protestant Theology?" Presented at the first annual *Los Angeles Theology Conference*, hosted by Biola University, Winter 2013
14. "How Does a Loving God Punish? On the Unification of Divine Love & Wrath." Presented at the *Center for Philosophy of Religion*, University of Notre Dame, Fall 2012
15. "God's Loving Wrath." Presented to the faculty of Theology and Philosophy at VU University of Amsterdam, Summer 2012\*
16. "Divine Commiseration: Why a Loving God Must Know What it's Like to Suffer as We Do." Presented at *The Sixteenth Joint Postgraduate Conference*, University of Bristol, Spring 2011
17. "God Loves the Lovable: An Argument against Anders Nygren." Presented at *The Fifteenth Joint Postgraduate Conference*, University of Bristol, Spring 2010

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### ACADEMIC AWARDS

*Robert N. Oliver Award for Excellence in Systematic Theology* (2004-2005), Talbot School Theology

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### MINISTRY AND VOLUNTEER TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Usher, Christ Church Anglican, Phoenix, AZ, Spring and Summer 2015  
 Adult Sunday School Leader, "The Nature and Relevance of Heaven," Christ Church Anglican, Phoenix, AZ, July 2014  
 Small Group Bible Study Leader, Christ Church Clifton, Bristol, UK, Fall 2010 – Spring 2011  
 Speaker, "What if God is three-in-one?" Dame Monica Wills Chapel, Bristol, UK, March 2011  
 Small Group Leader, *Christianity Explored*, Christ Church Clifton, Bristol, UK, Spring 2010  
 Speaker, "God and Suffering." Peninsula Bible Church's high school group, Cupertino, CA, June 2009  
 Speaker, "How Apologetics Can Strengthen Our Love for God." Grace Evangelical Free Church's high school group, La Mirada, CA, March 2006  
 Speaker, "Christian Unity." Grace Evangelical Free Church's high school group, La Mirada, CA, December 2005  
 Junior High and High School Sunday School Teacher, Christ the King Anglican Church, Campbell, CA, Summer 2003  
 Small Group Bible Study Leader, Crystal Creek Regional Boys' Camp, Shasta, CA, Fall 2001 – Spring 2002

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### ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCES WITH UNIVERSITY STUDENTS

Faculty Sponsor, *Theology and Philosophy Club*, Arizona Christian University, September 2014 – June 2015

- Responsibilities: oversee and participate in the student-ran club, which meets twice a month to discuss a book that each of the participants have read

Student Mentor, Arizona Christian University, September 2013 – August 2015

- Responsibilities: meet with a student weekly to discuss the Christian life  
Project Supervisor, Barrett, The Honors College, Arizona State University, Spring 2014
- Responsibilities: oversee and grade the projects of three students to earn honors credit for a course  
Senior Resident, Churchill Hall, Bristol, UK, September 2010 – June 2011
- Responsibilities: pastoral and disciplinary oversight of first-year university students

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## EDUCATIONAL TRAINING

Course Completion, *Teaching Online*, Fuller Theology Seminary, April 2013  
Course Completion, *Educational Psychology*, Cal State Fullerton, Fullerton, CA, May 2006  
Student Teacher, Valley Christian High School, San Jose, CA, Spring 2007.

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## INSTITUTIONAL EXPERIENCE

Arizona Christian University  
Coordinator of Christian Liberal Arts, Fall 2014 – Summer 2015  
Library Committee, Fall 2014 – Summer 2015  
Liberal Arts Steering Committee, Fall 2014 – Summer 2015  
ACU and ASU Joint-Degree Committee, Fall 2014 – Spring 2015  
Honors College Committee, Fall 2014  
*Ad Hoc* Event Planning Committee, Fall 2014 – Spring 2015

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## PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Academy of Religion  
The Society of Christian Philosophers  
Wesleyan Theological Society

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## REFERENCES

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