

curriculum vitae
J. Gregory Davidson, Ph.D. (Cantab.)

Affiliate Assistant Professor of Old Testament, McMaster Divinity College
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EDUCATION

- PH.D., Old Testament
University of Cambridge, U.K. 2007-2010
TITLE: "Exilic Expressions for God: divine substantives in Deutero-Isaiah". SUPERVISOR: G.I. Davies
EXAMINERS: John Barton, Philip Jensen
- M. PHIL. University of Cambridge, U.K. 2003
Coursework and dissertation focused on the prologue of Isaiah 40-55 (40:1-11) from the perspective of theology.
SUPERVISOR: Prof. David F. Ford.
- M. DIV. Knox College, University of Toronto 1998-2002
With a dissertation in Spiritual theology: Reformed Christological emphasis of divine initiative in the thought of Evelyn Underhill (1875-1941).
- B.SC. & B. ED. Trent University, Peterborough 1994-1998
In Mathematics and Physics. Concurrent B.Ed. from Queen's University, Kingston.

ACADEMIC TEACHING

- DIFFICULT TEXTS TO PREACH (OT & NT) *Winter 2026*
McMaster Divinity College
- THE BOOK OF JOSHUA *Autumn 2025*
McMaster Divinity College
- INTRODUCTION TO WISDOM LITERATURE *Autumn 2023*
Redeemer University
- INTRODUCTION TO THE OLD TESTAMENT *Autumn 2018*
The Montreal School of Theology, Presbyterian College
- THE BOOK OF AMOS *Winter 2017*
Knox College, Toronto School of Theology
- INTRODUCTION TO THE OLD TESTAMENT *Autumn 2012*
The Montreal School of Theology, Presbyterian College
- INTRODUCTION TO WISDOM LITERATURE

School of Religion, Queen's University

Spring 2012

EXPERIENCES AND RESPONSES TO SUFFERING IN THE
BOOK OF JOB

The Presbyterian College, McGill University (Lay Education Program)

May 2011

FAITH & EXILE: survey of exilic literature in the Hebrew Bible

The Presbyterian College, McGill University (Lay Education Program)

May 2010

PANEL ON PREACHING

The Presbyterian College, McGill University

February 2010

SUPERVISION
IN PROGRESS

Ph.D., Secondary Reader, Wai Teng Cheng (OT, Holy One of Israel)

DPT, Secondary Reader, Kent Carter. (Biblical theology & Christian recovery programs)

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-reviewed

"Evelyn Underhill and Divine Initiative: From Voluntarist Mysticism to Christocentric Participation." *Scottish Journal of Theology*, 2026, 1-11.
<https://doi.org/10.1017/S0036930625101543>

"Words of Life and the Word of Life: Proverbs 18:21, Christian Speech, and the Sinless Christ." *McMaster Journal of Theology and Ministry* 25 (2025): 97–108.

Under review

"Why Gen Z Needs Augustine More Than Therapy: a theology of the heart for a generation exhausted by self-invention"

"Biblical Language and Canonical Context in *The Count of Monte Cristo*"

"Verbal Primacy and Old Testament Theology"

"Bonhoeffer and Genesis 3:6"

"Gabler Misused: Biblical Theology's Founding Gesture"

"Evelyn Underhill (1875-1941) as a Theological Interpreter of Scripture: Canon, Christ and the Divine life"

Research in progress *Naming God: Divine Identity and Theological Grammar in Isaiah 40–55*

FULL OR MAJOR PORTIONS OF BOOKS PREACHED THROUGH	Gen., Exod., Deut. 1 & 2 Sam., Ruth, Neh., Job, Ps., Prov. Jon., Mic., Hag., Amos, Mt., Mark., Luke, John, Acts, Rom., 2 Cor., Gal., Eph., Phil., Col., 1 Thess., Heb., Rev.	
PAPERS GIVEN	Evelyn Underhill's Interpretation of Scripture: A Study on Underhill's Understanding of Lord's Prayer (Luke 11:1-4, Matthew 6:9-13) and the Fruits of the Holy Spirit (Galatians 5:22-23) <i>Society for Biblical Literature</i>	2025
	Biographical and Vocational Experiences from a Ph.D. in Old Testament <i>McMaster Divinity College Old Testament Guild</i>	2025
SESSIONS MODERATED	Old Testament Section IV, at ETS Boston "Trees and Covenants", Timothy Hare "Great Trees and Abraham's Promise", Joshua Caleb Hutchens "The temple of YHWH: invocation and evocation in Jeremiah 7:4" "YWHH and Babylon in the Book of Jeremiah", Moon Keon Chae	2025
ACADEMIC ADMINISTRATION	THE CAMERON DOCTORAL BURSARY FUND COMMITTEE <i>responsible for reviewing Ph.D applications</i>	2012-2021
	STUDENT SUPERVISOR <i>The McGill School of Theology, Presbyterian College</i>	2010-2011/2014
	GRADUATE REPRESENTATIVE <i>Divinity Faculty Board, University of Cambridge</i>	2003
	STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE <i>Board of Governors, Knox College</i>	2002
CONGREGATIONAL LEADERSHIP	PASTOR <i>Blessings Christian Church, Hamilton</i>	2021-present
	SENIOR MINISTER <i>Central Presbyterian Church, Hamilton</i>	2015-2021
	LEAD MINISTER <i>Briarwood Presbyterian Church, Montreal</i>	2008-2015

	ASSOCIATE MINISTER FOR CHRISTIAN DEVELOPMENT <i>St. Andrew's Church, Ottawa</i>	2005-2009
	LAY PREACHER Urc churches, Cambridge, UK	2002-2004
	CHURCH PLANTER INTERN Ottawa, ON	1998-1999
AWARDS & PRIZES	THE CAMERON DOCTORAL AWARD (\$10,000) <i>The Presbyterian Church in Canada</i>	2006-2009
	THE GIBSON SCHOLARSHIP <i>Fitzwilliam College, University of Cambridge (\$1,900)</i>	2003
	THE LEWIS AND GIBSON SCHOLAR <i>Westminster College, University of Cambridge (\$41,800)</i>	2002-2004
	KNOX COLLEGE TRAVELING SCHOLARSHIP <i>Knox College, University of Toronto (\$10,000)</i>	2002
CURRENT PROJECTS	Exilic Expressions for God in Isaiah Use of Scripture and Spiritual theology of Evelyn Underhill (1875-1941)	
FULL OR MAJOR PORTIONS OF BOOKS PREACHED THROUGH	Gen., Ex., Deut. 1 & 2 Sam., Ruth, Neh., Job, Ps., Prov. Mic., Hag., Amos, Mt., Mark., Luke John, Acts, Rom., 2 Cor., Gal., Eph., Phil., Col., 1 Thess., Heb., Rev.	
DEVOTIONAL WRITING	HAMILTON SUMMER FELLOWSHIP LECTURE	2025
	VARIOUS HYMNS https://gregorydavidson.wordpress.com/category/hymn-writing/	2018
	STARTING A SECOND WORSHIP SERVICE AT YOUR CHURCH <i>The Presbyterian Record</i>	2015
	THESE DAYS, Devotional literature, The Presbyterian Church U.S.A.	2013
	STRATEGIC PLAN - PRESBYTERY OF OTTAWA, Principal Author	2009

VIABILITY STUDY ON GRACEFIELD CAMP, Secondary Author 2008

SEMINARS
& CONFERENCES

CANADIAN-AMERICAN THEOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION 2025
Spring Conference

SOCIETY OF BIBLICAL LITERATURE, 2002-2024 various years
INSTITUTE FOR BIBLICAL RESEARCH
EVANGELICAL THEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

THE GOSPEL COALITION CONFERENCE 2022
Finding Rest, Oakville

THE WILLIAM WILLIMON CONFERENCE 2016
On fostering vital congregations

THE EMMAUS PROJECT CONFERENCE 2010
On the missional church, sponsored by the Presbyterian Church in Canada

OLD TESTAMENT OXBRIDGE 2008
Comedy as Genre in the Hebrew Bible and The Place of 'El' in literature
ANE

CLINICAL PASTORAL EDUCATION (1 unit) 2005
Saint Paul's University, Ottawa & The Ottawa Hospital

GRADUATE OLD TESTAMENT SEMINARS
University of Cambridge, weekly; including leading scholars
2003-2005; 2008-2010

SCRIPTURAL REASONING:
Contributing participant: Atlanta, GA & Cambridge, UK

2003-2004

WIRKUNGSGESCHICHTE SEMINAR 2002
University of Basel, Switzerland; with Ulrich Luz

LANGUAGES ENGLISH, FRENCH, GERMAN, ANCIENT HEBREW,
BIBLICAL GREEK

LEADERSHIP MINISTRY OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE, The Presbytery of Hamilton 2016-2020

INTERIM MODERATOR, Erskine Presbyterian, culminating in National grant of \$250,000 for specialized ministry.	<i>2016-2019</i>
THE ASSEMBLY COUNCIL, The General Assembly of the P.C.C.	<i>2012-2018</i>
THE MODERATOR OF THE PRESBYTERY OF MONTREAL	<i>2012-2013</i>
DIRECTOR FOR SPIRITUAL HEALTH, Gracefield Camp	<i>2009-2011</i>
INTERIM MODERATOR, CHAMBIT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH	<i>2010-2011</i>
INTERIM MODERATOR, ST. ANDREW'S, ALYMER, QUEBEC	<i>2007-2009</i>
VISITATION COMMITTEE CONVENER, KNOX, OTTAWA	<i>2008</i>
CONVENER, Committee on Mission, Presbytery of Ottawa	<i>2006-2009</i>
WORSHIP ADVISORY GROUP, The Life and Mission Agency	<i>1998-2002</i>

AWARDS & PRIZES (CONTINUED)

AT KNOX COLLEGE, TORONTO *1998-2002*

BONAR-BURNS PRIZE, first overall in final year of M.Div.

DR. DONALD CORBETT MEMORIAL PRIZE, first in class, Reformed Theology

GORDON MORTIMER CLARK PRIZE, first in class, Christian Ethics

THE D.K. ANDREWS MEMORIAL PRIZE, second in class, Hosea & Amos

R.M. BOSWELL PRIZE, second in class, Homiletics

KNOX COLLEGE POST-GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP

JANE MORTIMER PRIZE, second overall in second year of M.Div.

BARBARA OGILVIE GRAY PRIZE, first in class, Old Testament exegesis

EASTMAN PRIZE, first overall in first year of M.Div.

THE KNOX GUELPH-R.J. BERLIE PRIZE, first in class, Reformed Worship

WILLIAM AND ADA MAJOY PRIZE, first in class, New Testament Introduction

JOHN WATSON PRIZE, first in class, Philosophy for Students of Theology

AT TRENT UNIVERSITY, PETERBOROUGH

1994-1997

THE TRENT UNIVERSITY ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP

THE CANADA SCHOLARSHIP

THE CANADA SCHOLARSHIP

THE ONTARIO SCHOLARSHIP

THE TRENT UNIVERSITY ENTRANCE SCHOLARSHIP