

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

Affiliate Assistant Professor of Old Testament, McMaster Divinity College
1280 Main Street West, Hamilton, ON L8S 4K1 Canada

EDUCATION

PhD, 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

MPhil 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.

MDiv 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).

BSc & BEd Trent University, Peterborough 1994-1998
In Mathematics and Physics. Concurrent B.Ed. from Queen's University, Kingston.

ACADEMIC TEACHING

PREACHING THE BOOK OF JONAH *Autumn 2026*
McMaster Divinity College

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

PhD, Secondary Reader, Wai Teng Cheng (OT, Holy One of Israel)

PhD, Secondary Reader, Jong eun Lee (Hermeneutics and Preaching)

PhD, Secondary Reader, Jaewon Min

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

PUBLICATIONS

Book Chapters

“Seeing, Taking, Eating: Bonhoeffer’s *Creation and Fall* and The Loss Of Creatureliness”
forthcoming with McMaster Divinity College Press, from 2026 Bonhoeffer Conference

Peer-reviewed
articles

“Scripture, Prayer and Formation in Evelyn Underhill: Abba (1934) and the Fruits of the
Spirit (1936)” forthcoming in *Journal of Anglican Studies* (Cambridge University Press)
2026

"Evelyn Underhill and Divine Initiative: From Voluntarist Mysticism to Christocentric
Participation." *Scottish Journal of Theology* (Cambridge University Press), vol 79:1,
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.

Articles Under review

“Verbal Primacy and Old Testament Theology”

“Bonhoeffer’s Theological Exposition of Genesis 3:6: Creatureliness and the Limits of Explanation” (book chapter)

“Invoking Gabler: Methodological Continuity in Biblical Theology”

“Because Christ is Seated: Ascension, Session and the formation of pastors and Christian leaders”

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

“Am I in the Place of God?": Providence, Vengeance and Moral Self-Authorization in Dumas’s *The Count Of Monte Cristo*”

Book in progress	<i>Naming YHWH in Isaiah 40-55: Divine Identity and Exilic Faith</i>
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	Forthcoming
	ETS 2026 Denver “Reading Isaiah 40 as Christian Scripture: Cyril of Alexandria’s Christological Reading”, in OT Prophetic and Apocalyptic Books
	IBR 2026 Denver “The Other Nations in Isaiah: Divine Self-Presentation and Relational Distinction”, Isaiah Section Unit, Friday, November 20, 2026
	“‘Scripture on Every Page’: Evelyn Underhill’s Biblical Interpretation of Worship in Worship (1936)”, History of Biblical Interpretation Unit, Friday, November 20, 2026
	“Resisting Change: Jonah and the Crisis of Divine Compassion in the Book of the Twelve”, Book of the Twelve Unit, Friday, November 20, 2026
	SBL 2026 Denver “Relational Naming and Covenant Belonging in Isaiah 40–55”, Book of Isaiah Section
	“Naming God in Exilic Poetry: Divine Titles and Theological Stabilization in Isaiah 40–55”, Biblical Hebrew Poetry Section

Given

- “Bonhoeffer and Genesis 3:6: Creatureliness and the Limits of Explanation” 2026
- “The Hermeneutic of Ecclesiastical and Theological Suspicion in Reformed Churches Today” 2026
National Pastors Symposium
- “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)” 2024
Society for Biblical Literature

TALKS

- Convocation Commissioning of Graduates, “Christ is seated” 2026
- The Temple and Ezra 4 for Student Life” – McMaster, Power to Change 2026
- “Biographical and Vocational Experiences from a Ph.D. in Old Testament” 2025
McMaster Divinity College Old Testament Guild

THESIS DEFENCES

- Moralism in Reformed, Korean Preaching”, M.Div. thesis, McMaster Defence Chair 2026

SESSIONS MODERATED

- Old Testament Section IV, at ETS Boston 2025
- ”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

ARTICLES REVIEWED

- For McMaster Journal of Ministry and Theology 2026

ACADEMIC

- ADMINISTRATION THE CAMERON DOCTORAL BURSARY FUND COMMITTEE 2012-2021
responsible for reviewing Ph.D applications

- STUDENT SUPERVISOR 2010-2011/2014

The McGill School of Theology, Presbyterian College

GRADUATE REPRESENTATIVE
Divinity Faculty Board, University of Cambridge 2003

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE
Board of Governors, Knox College 2002

CONGREGATIONAL
 LEADERSHIP

PASTOR 2021-present
Blessings Christian Church, Hamilton

SENIOR MINISTER 2015-2021
Central Presbyterian Church, Hamilton

LEAD MINISTER 2008-2015
Briarwood Presbyterian Church, Montreal

ASSOCIATE MINISTER FOR CHRISTIAN DEVELOPMENT
St. Andrew's Church, Ottawa 2005-2009

LAY PREACHER 2002-2004
 Urc churches, Cambridge, UK

CHURCH PLANTER INTERN 1998-1999
 Ottawa, ON

AWARDS
 & PRIZES

THE CAMERON DOCTORAL AWARD (\$10,000)
The Presbyterian Church in Canada 2006-2009

THE GIBSON SCHOLARSHIP 2003
Fitzwilliam College, University of Cambridge (\$1,900)

THE LEWIS AND GIBSON SCHOLAR 2002-2004
Westminster College, University of Cambridge (\$41,800)

KNOX COLLEGE TRAVELING SCHOLARSHIP 2002
Knox College, University of Toronto (\$10,000)

FULL OR MAJOR
 PORTIONS OF
 BOOKS

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.

PREACHED
THROUGH

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 The Presbyterian Record	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

SCRIPTURE AND THEOLOGY COLLUQUIUM, WYCLIFFE COLLEGE	2026
BONHOEFFER CONFERENCE, MCMASTER DIVINITY	2026
CANADIAN-AMERICAN THEOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION Spring Conference	2025
SOCIETY OF BIBLICAL LITERATURE, INSTITUTE FOR BIBLICAL RESEARCH EVANGELICAL THEOLOGICAL SOCEITY	2002-2025 various years
THE GOSPEL COALITION CONFERENCE Finding Rest, Oakville	2022
THE WILLIAM WILLIMON CONFERENCE On fostering vital congregations	2016
THE EMMAUS PROJECT CONFERENCE On the missional church, sponsored by the Presbyterian Church in Canada	2010
OLD TESTAMENT OXBRIDGE <i>Comedy as Genre in the Hebrew Bible and The Place of 'El 'in literature</i> ANE	2008

	CLINICAL PASTORAL EDUCATION (1 unit) <i>Saint Paul's University, Ottawa & The Ottawa Hospital</i>	2005
	GRADUATE OLD TESTAMENT SEMINARS <i>University of Cambridge, weekly; including leading scholars</i>	2003-2005; 2008-2010
2003-2004	SCRIPTURAL REASONING: Contributing participant: Atlanta, GA & Cambridge, UK	
	WIRKUNGSGESCHICHTE SEMINAR <i>University of Basel, Switzerland; with Ulrich Luz</i>	2002
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.	2016-2019
	THE ASSEMBLY COUNCIL, The General Assembly of the P.C.C.	2012-2018
	THE MODERATOR OF THE PRESBYTERY OF MONTREAL	2012-2013
	DIRECTOR FOR SPIRITUAL HEALTH, Gracefield Camp	2009-2011
	INTERIM MODERATOR, CHAMBIT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH	2010-2011
	INTERIM MODERATOR, ST. ANDREW'S, ALYMER, QUEBEC	2007-2009
	VISITATION COMMITTEE CONVENER, KNOX, OTTAWA	2008
	CONVENER, Committee on Mission, Presbytery of Ottawa	2006-2009
	WORSHIP ADVISORY GROUP, The Life and Mission Agency	1998-2002
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