curriculum vitae

Ambrose Thomson

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Jesus is Lord! He has called me to teach his word to his people and to contend for the faith that was entrusted once for all to the saints by promoting biblical and theological literacy in the Church. I am prepared to offer teaching experiences both at a popular level and in academic contexts in both Old Testament and New Testament, including biblical interpretation, theology, and the role of scripture in the spiritual formation of believers in the body of Christ. I also seek to contribute to the intellectual life of the Church through both scholarly publications and popular level offerings in various formats.

EDUCATION

2023 — MCMASTER DIVINITY COLLEGE, HAMILTON, ON

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY (CHRISTIAN STUDIES)

DISSERTATION: PEOPLE OF THE PRESENCE: YAHWEH'S PRESENCE, ISRAEL'S EXISTENCE, AND PAUL'S SPIRIT-FILLED BODY OF CHRIST
SUPERVISORS: DR. MARK J. BODA; DR. CHRISTOPHER D. LAND
EXTERNAL EXAMINER: J. GORDON MCCONVILLE

2017 — MCMASTER DIVINITY COLLEGE, HAMILTON, ON

MASTER OF THEOLOGICAL STUDIES

THESIS: NEGOTIATING THE PROBLEMATIC PROMISE OF PRESENCE: A DISCOURSE ANALYSIS OF EXODUS 3:1—4:17 AND 33:1–23
SUPERVISORS: DR. AUGUST H. KONKEL; DR. MARK J. BODA

2014 — AMBROSE UNIVERSITY, CALGARY, AB

BACHELOR OF THEOLOGY

SUMA CUM LAUDE

ACADEMIC & TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2024–PRESENT	Assistant Professor of Old Testament. McMaster Divinity College. Hamilton, ON.
2024–PRESENT	Registrar & Director of Student Services. McMaster Divinity College. Hamilton, ON.
2023–PRESENT	Adjunct Faculty (Biblical Studies). Horizon College & Seminary. Saskatoon, SK.
2023–24	Research Fellow. McMaster Divinity College. Hamilton, ON

ACADEMIC SUPERVISION AND EVALUATION

DPT (IN COURSE)

Aaron Dyck (Preaching)

PUBLICATIONS

2020 "Voiceless Idols, Speaking People: 1 Corinthians 12–14 and the Accessibility of Divine Presence." *Journal for the Study of Paul and His Letters* 10, 72–90.

2017 Review of *Rethinking Holiness: A Theological Introduction*, by Bernie A. Van De Walle. *Canadian-American Theological Review* 6 (2017) 130–33.

ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS

2026 "From Geography to Genealogy: The Deliberately Disrupted Structure of the Book of Numbers," Paper: Canadian American Theological Society (Rochester, NY).

2025 "Like Father, Like Son: The Significance of Egypt's Hamite Lineage in the Theology of Israel's Enslavement and Deliverance," Paper: Evangelical Theological Society, Eastern Regional Conference (Lancaster, PA).

2023 "'I Will Make Your Name Great': The Name of Humanity and the Better Name of Israel," Paper: Evangelical Theologica Society (San Antonio, TX).

2023 "A Predictable Promise: The Call of Abraham and the Primordial Problem of Presence," Paper: Evangelical Theological Society, North East Regional Conference (South Hamilton, MA).

2019 "Presenting God: Ecclesiology and Corporate Identity in the Old Testament," Paper: Evangelical Theological Society (San Diego, CA).

2018 "Voiceless Idols, Speaking People: 1 Corinthians 12–14 and the Accessibility of Divine Presence," Paper: Institute for Biblical Research (Denver, CO).

2017 "Righteousness, Repentance, and the Recovery of Divine Wealth: A Discourse Analytic Approach to Luke 15:11–32," Paper: Canadian Society of Biblical Studies (Toronto, ON).

2016 "Dwelling Among Them: The Tabernacle as a Confession of the Redemptive Presence of Yahweh," Paper: Canadian Society of Biblical Studies, General Session (Calgary, AB).

2015 "Covenant of Presence: The Provenance of Biblical Covenants and the God-Israel Relationship in Exodus," Paper: Canadian Evangelical Theological Association, Fall Conference (Toronto, ON).

2015 "The Priority of Divine Presence in Exodus," Paper: Canadian Evangelical Theological Association, General Session (Ottawa, ON).

ONLINE CONTENT

2025– "Popular Theology." Re-presenting academic scholarship for popular audiences. https://www.youtube.com/@PopularTheology

2025– "What It All Comes Down To." Substack with reflections on biblical, theological, and cultural issues. https://ambrosethomson.substack.com/

2020–21 "Readings in Theological German." Translating and explaining the lexical and syntactical features of theological and biblical scholarship in German. https://www.youtube.com/@readingsintheologicalgerma9390

2020 "Bible College for Kids." Facebook Live Stream walking through the theology of the Bible with and for Kids. https://www.facebook.com/BCForK

WORK AND MINISTRY EXPERIENCE

2024–	Assistant Professor of Old Testament, Registrar, and Director of Student Services. McMaster Divinity College. Hamilton, ON.
2023–24	Advanced Degrees Recruiter. McMaster Divinity College. Hamilton, ON.
2017–23	Board Member (Elder). Paramount Drive Alliance Church. Hamilton, ON.
2014–23	Preaching, Biblical Seminars, Worship Leading. Paramount Drive Alliance Church. Hamilton, ON.
2014–15	Young Adult Ministry Assistant. Paramount Drive Alliance Church. Hamilton, ON.
2013–14	Intern Pastor of Young Adults. Harvest Hills Alliance Church. Calgary, AB.
2011– 14	Residential Property Management and Maintenance. Aristo Resources.
2011– 13	Staff Worship Leader (included preaching ministry). Rosscarrock Church of Christ. Calgary, AB.
2007–10	Manager, Customer Service. Sun Life Financial. Lethbridge, AB.
2005–10	Young Adult Ministry Lead (included preaching ministry). University Drive Alliance Church.
2004–07	Manager, Operations. Convergys Customer Management. Lethbridge, AB.

REEFERENCES

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SOCIETY MEMBERSHIPS

Canadian Society of Biblical Studies

Canadian American Theological Association

Society of Biblical Literature

Institute for Biblical Research

Evangelical Theological Society

ACADEMIC AWARDS

2023	Canadian Bible Society Award, MDC, Hamilton, ON
2016	Founders Prize, CSBS Student Essay Competition
2014	Delta Epsilon Chi Honour Society, ABHE Award of Excellence