JONATHAN LYONHART

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ACADEMIC HISTORY -

UNIVERSITY OF JAMESTOWN

Jamestown, USA

- Associate Professor of Christianity and Philosophy (2024-Present)
- Program Director for the BA in Religion and Philosophy (2024-Present)
- Fellow of the Unruh School of Character in Leadership (2024-Present)

LINCOLN CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY

Lincoln, USA

- Assistant Professor of Theology and Philosophy (2021-2024)
- Program Director for the BA in Philosophy (2022-2024)
- Program Director for the BA in Biblical and Theological Studies (2023-2024)

UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE

Cambridge, UK

• Fellow of the Cambridge Centre for the Study of Platonism (2021-Present)

MCGILL UNIVERSITY / UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE

 Postdoctoral Researcher with a SSHRC funded project between the University of Cambridge and McGill University, titled: The Reception of German Mysticism in Early Modern England. (2020-2021)

UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

Vancouver, Canada

• Inclusive Assessment Fellow at the University of British Columbia, helping re-evaluate MCQs to better incorporate EAL (English as an Additional Language) Students (2020-2021)

UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE

Cambridge, UK

- PhD Theology and Religious Studies (Viva Passed in Oct 2020) Cd.
 - o Burney Scholarship in Philosophy of Religion (£48,000)
 - o One of three Founders of the New Trinitarian Ontologies Conference, Cambridge
- MPhil Theology, Religion, and Philosophy of Religion, Distinction (2018)
 - o M.Phil. Prize for being top of the Graduate Class (2018)

REGENT COLLEGE

Vancouver, Canada

- MATS Christianity and Culture (2017)
- Graduate Diploma in Theological Studies (2017)

OZARK CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

Joplin, USA

• BTH New Testament Theology (2011)

PUBLICATIONS

BOOKS

- The Journey of God: Christianity in 6 Movements (IVP Academic, Accepted, 2025).
- John Milbank, Ryan Haecker, and Jonathan Lyonhart, New Trinitarian Ontologies (Cascade Books, Accepted, 2024).
- Zeus Was An Atheist: An Odd Retelling of the Moses Story (Cascade Books, Accepted, 2025).
- Space God: Rejudging a Debate Between More, Newton, and Einstein (Cascade Books, 2023).
- MonoThreeism: An Absurdly Arrogant Attempt to Answer All the Problems of the Last 2000 Years in One Night at a Pub (Cascade Books, 2021).

PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES

- 'Scotus, Aquinas, & Radical Orthodoxy: Using the Law of Non-Contradiction to Reframe the Univocalist Debate', *Religions* Vol 15, Iss. 8 (August 2024)
- 'Environmental Ethics and the Cambridge Platonist Henry More', *Religions* Vol. 15, Iss. 2 (January 2024).
- 'Peele's Black, Extraterrestrial, Naturalistic Critique of Religion', *Journal of Religion and Film* Vol. 27, Iss. 2 (October 2023).
- 'Wrangling about Innate Ideas? Reflections on Locke and Cudworth', *Religions* Vol. 14, Iss. 3 (March 2023).
- 'What if Descartes had been a Woman? An Epistemology of Empathic Partnership', Interdisciplinary Journal of Partnership Studies vol. 9.2 (October 2022). University of Minnesota.
- 'Gender, Race, and Religion in an African Enlightenment', *Journal of Religion and Film* Vol.26, Iss.1 (April 2022).
- 'The Monstrous Other and the Biblical Narrative of Ruth', *Journal of Religion and Film* Vol.24, No.2 (October 2020). Jonathan Lyonhart and Jennifer Matheny.
- 'Rethinking Truth: Assessing Heidegger's Critique of Aquinas in light of Vallicella's critique of Heidegger', New Blackfriars vol. 101 (May 2020).
- 'Being and Time-less Faith: Juxtaposing Heideggerian Anxiety and Religious Experience', *Open Theology* 6, no. 1 (January 2020): 15-26.
- 'Heidegger for the Perplexed: Some Possible Ways Forward After Being and Time', Crux: A Quarterly Journal of Christian Thought and Opinion, Vol. 56.4 (December 2020).

CHAPTERS

- "Alternative History and Eschatological Justice," in Ethics and Religion in Contemporary Speculative Fiction. Ed. Sarah Gallant and Jennifer Matheny. (Fortress Press Academic/Lexington Books, 2024, Accepted).
- "The Modern Manichaeans: Binaries of Light and Dark in Contemporary Culture" In Theology and the Star Wars Universe. Ed. Ben Espinoza. (Fortress Press Academic/Lexington Books, June 2022)
- "The Defeat of Death: The Philosophy of Death in Mainstream Cinema." in *Popular Culture* and *Philosophy*, 131: The Avenger's Infinity Saga and Philosophy. Ed. Heather Rivera. (OpenCourt Pub., 2020)
- "Thanos is no Abraham: A Kierkegaardian Analysis of Ethics" in *Popular Culture and Philosophy*, 131: The Avenger's Infinity Saga and Philosophy. Ed. Heather Rivera. (OpenCourt Pub., 2020)

BOOK REVIEWS

- Alister McGrath, A Theory of Everything (That Matters): A Brief Guide to Einstein, Relativity, and His Surprising Thoughts on God (Illinois: Tyndale, 2019). Review in Science and Christian Belief Vol 33, 1 (2021).
- Brian Greene, Until the End of Time: Mind, Matter and Our Search for Meaning in an Evolving Universe (New York, Knopf, 2020). Review in Theology and Science Vol 20.1 (December 2021).
- Sean Carroll, Something Deeply Hidden: Quantum Worlds and the Emergence of Spacetime (Boston, MA: Dutton, 2019). Review in Public Understanding of Science Vol 29.7 (2020).
- Ron Cowen, Gravity's Century: From Einstein's Eclipse to Images of Black Holes (Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press, 2019). Review in Physics in Perspective Vol 22.4 (2020).
- Jim Al-Khalili, *The World According to Physics* (Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press, 2020). Review in *Perspectives on Science and Christian Faith* Vol 72.4 (2020).

POPULAR-LEVEL PUBLICATIONS

- 'White Evangelicalism, Gun Control, and Fall Narratives', *Genealogies of Modernity* (Collegium Institute for Catholic Thought & Culture, University of Pennsylvania), October 2023.
- 'Henry More on Divine Space', *Genealogies of Modernity* (Collegium Institute for Catholic Thought & Culture, University of Pennsylvania), November 2022.
- Noesis: Journal of Theology, Philosophy, and Poetics Vol 7 (Graduate Society for the Study of Philosophical Theology and Systematics, Cambridge, UK: October 2020). Editor.
- 'Jericho Beach', The Mirrored Hall (Burnaby, BC: ShatterBooks Pub., April 2017).
- 'Terminal', The Mirrored Hall (Burnaby, BC: ShatterBooks Pub., April 2017).
- 'Trump sparks War with CBS', *The Mirrored Hall* (Burnaby, BC: ShatterBooks Pub., April 2017).
- 'Wittgenstein on Divine Hiddenness', *Noesis Review* Vol 7 (Graduate Society for the Study of Philosophical Theology and Systematics, Cambridge, UK: October 2020).
- '3rd Corinthians', *Noesis Review Vol 5* (Graduate Society for the Study of Philosophical Theology and Systematics, Cambridge, UK: November 2018). Republished.
- '3rd Corinthians', Et Cetera Issue 9 (Regent College Student Association, BC: March 2017)
- Interview by Regent Web (June 2019) regarding the New Trinitarian Ontologies Conference I cofounded at Cambridge. Available here: https://www.regent-college.edu/about-us/news/2019/regent-alumni-start-new-trinitarian-ontologies-conference-at-cambridge

AWARDS, SCHOLARSHIPS AND GRANTS

- Writer's Fellowship (\$60,000) LightEn, 2024
- Light the Night Award for Faculty Excellence, University of Jamestown's Student Senate, 2024
- Outstanding Book Award (\$500) Lincoln Christian University, 2024
- Ralls Research Award (\$500) Lincoln Christian University, 2023
- Outstanding Journal Article Award (\$500) Lincoln Christian University, 2023
- Chitwood Research Award for Excellence in Scholarship (\$500) Lincoln Christian University, 2022
- American Academy of Religion Grant (\$500) AAR Denver, 2022
- Burney Scholarship in Philosophy of Religion (£48,000) University of Cambridge, 2018-21
- Bethune-Baker Fund (£1500) University of Cambridge, 2020

- Divinity German Language Fund (£1000) University of Cambridge, 2020
- University of Fribourg (£4000) Major Conference Grant, 2019
- Cambridge Faculty of Divinity Trust Fund (£2500) Major Conference Grant, 2019
- Greta Burkill Fund (£2000) Major Conference Grant, 2019
- Pontifical University of the Holy Cross, Italy (€4600) Major Conference Grant, 2019
- Societies Syndicate Technical Committee Grant (£350), Minor Conference Grant, 2019
- Emmanuel College Grant (£300) Minor Conference Grant, University of Cambridge, 2019
- St. John's College Grant (£400) Minor Conference Grant, University of Cambridge, 2019
- St. Edmund's College Grant (£200) Minor Conference Grant, University of Cambridge, 2019
- Magdalene College Grant (£150) Minor Conference Grant, University of Cambridge, 2019
- MPhil Prize for being Top of the 2018 Graduate Class at the University of Cambridge
- Economics and Morality Academic Colloquium Grant (£300) Acton Institute, 2018
- Williamson Man of the Year Award, Ozark Christian College, 2011
- Trustees Scholarship (\$4000) Ozark Christian College, 2007-2011

TEACHING -

University of Jamestown, Associate Professor of Christianity and Philosophy

- Courses Taught:
 - o REL 211 Old Testament (2024, In-Person)
 - o REL 224 Life and Teachings of Jesus (2024, In-Person)
 - o REL 290 History of Christianity (2024, Online Asynchronous)
 - o REL 360 Christian Beliefs (2024, In-Person)

Lincoln Christian University, Assistant Professor of Theology and Philosophy

- Courses Taught:
 - O TH 160 Basic Christian Beliefs (2021-2023, In-Person + Online Asynchronous)
 - o TH 160 Introduction to Christian Theology (2023, In-Person + Online Asynchronous)
 - IDP 210 History of Western Thought (2021-2023, In-Person + Online Asynchronous)
 - o IDP 345 God and the Holocaust (2022, 2024, In-Person + Online Synchronous)
 - o IDP 336 History of Gender and Christianity (2022)
 - O IDP 311 Non-Western Philosophy (2023, In-Person + Online Synchronous + Online Asynchronous)
 - IS PH 305 Modern Philosophy (2022)
 - o IS PH 306 Contemporary Philosophy (2023)
 - IS PH 314 Metaphysics and Epistemology (2023)
 - O ID 341/ID 641 History of Christian Thought & Culture: Greek Philosophy to the Reformation (2023, In-Person + Online Synchronous + Online Asynchronous)
 - ID 342/ID 642 History of Christian Thought & Culture II: Restoration and Modernity (2024, In-Person + Online Synchronous + Online Asynchronous)
 - o TH 437/ID 637 Race, Gender, and Evangelicalism (2023, In-Person + Online Synchronous)
 - o IS PH 482 Ethics (2023)
 - o IS PH 487 Philosophy of Religion (2023)
 - IS PH 499 Readings in Philosophy (2023)

- O CH 600 Christianity through the Ages (2023, In-Person + Online Synchronous + Online Asynchronous)
- o IS PH 610 Kierkegaard (2024)
- O TH 701 Modern Theology I (2022, In-Person + Online Synchronous + Online Asynchronous)
- Sample Feedback (Official Assessments Available Upon Request):
 - o "This was probably the best class I've had at Lincoln. The instructor is engaging and hilarious. Mr Lyonheart is approachable, he just gets it. Great class."
 - "I enjoyed this class so much. He made learning interesting and fun to learn about biblical topics I hadn't thought of before."
 - o "This has without question been the best class I have ever taken for school."
 - o "This class was so amazing. It opened up many alternative views that I had never heard of before. The professor was very skilled at representing each view point. Each was treated with respect and assessed without bias."
 - o "Professor Lynon (sic) taught me so much in these few months that I could not believe how much information I grasped. Loved it."
 - o "Dr. Lyonhart was extremely knowledgeable and engaging. Very well done!"
 - o "Professor Lyonhart is an amazing professor. He makes clear what he expects and if you need help he is always more than willing to help."
 - "This instructor truly seemed to care about the class and worked hard to present the material in a way that was engaging."
 - o "Lyonhart is an engaging teacher! Loved listening to dramatized lectures that kept my attention and anticipation for what was being taught."
 - o "Professor Lyonhart is a great professor, and I truly believe that he will going (sic) to change the trajectory of every student he comes in contact with for the betterment of their life."
 - o "It was a wonderful class that I think everyone should be required to take!"
 - o "This class has been my favorite I have taken within my 4 years here."
 - o "This was perhaps the best class I have ever taken, and Lyon-heart was a Phenomenal professor. He kept the class engaged, allowed great discussion, and encouraged questions. He genuinely showed he cared for the class and for the material and taught it extremely well."
 - o "This was one of my most favorite classes! The professor was amazing and did an amazing job at teaching and communicating the topics. He was funny and made the class a Joy to be in."
 - o "This (sic) hands down the best Professor on campus no questions asked. Very helpful and always knows how to make the class interesting and fun."
 - o "Lyonhart is my favorite teacher i (sic) love his teaching style and he was amazing at keeping everyone engaged."
 - o "My favorite class this year. Professor was fantastic and material and class set up was incredibly engaging due to the professor's attitude and teaching style."
 - o "Dr. Lyonhart is a very engaging professor! He seemed to know how to connect with students well, to keep them interested, and to make class entertaining as we learned."
 - o "He is a professor that I will never forget throughout the years."
 - o "I really enjoyed your class and loved the content..."

o "Awesome (sic) Class I Ever Took!!!!"

Faraday Institute for Science and Religion, University of Cambridge, Intensive Week Adjunct

- Course: History of Early Modern Science (2020. Online)
- Course: Religion, Science, and Contemporary Culture (2020. Online)
- Course: Mind and Matter (2020)

University of Cambridge, Department of Philosophy, Supervisor

- Course: Metaphysics (2020-2021. Online)
- Course: Early Modern Philosophy (2020-2021. Online)
- Course: Philosophy of Science II (2020-2021. Online)

University of Cambridge, Regular Guest Lecturer in Philosophy of Religion (2017-2020)

- Sample Feedback:
 - o "Many were quite simply stunned at the quality... [he left us] in stunned silence."
 - o "Absolutely brilliant speaker knowledgeable (which one would expect) but also excellent delivery and very engaged with the audience very impressed."
 - o "Jonathan was simply marvellous... I cannot speak highly enough of him. It was an utter privilege to have heard him speak."

Select Teaching Certificates and Pedagogical Courses/Seminars Attended:

- Building Resilience to Trauma into Theological Education with Narrative Process Peer Groups Association of Theological Schools in the US and Canada – 2023
- Certificate in Inclusive Pedagogy: Universal Design for Learning in Theological Education American Academy of Religion 2022
- Sexual Harassment Seminar Lincoln Christian University 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024
- Accessibility in the Classroom McGill University 2021
- Engaging Students Online with Zoom McGill University 2021
- Microaggressions in the Classroom McGill University 2021
- Teaching Strategies for Engaging Students in Remote Learning McGill University 2020
- Supervisor Training University of Cambridge Department of Philosophy 2019
- Leadership and Sexual Ethics Mennonite Brethren of British Columbia 2016
- Annual Leadership Seminar Mennonite Brethren Chinese Churches Assoc. 2013-2016
- Curriculum Planning Ozark Christian College 2011
- Leadership, Team Building, & People Development Ozark Christian College 2011
- Advanced Biblical Communication Ozark Christian College 2011
- Strategies for Teaching Ozark Christian College 2010
- Self-Disclosure in Teaching and Preaching Ozark Christian College 2009

Select Conference Lectures:

- "Henri Bergson versus the Cambridge Platonists: Bergsonian Durée and Morean Divine Space." (AAR, San Diego, November 2024)
- "New Trinitarian Ontologies: An Introduction." (The D Society, University of Cambridge, January 19, 2024)

- "Environmental Ethics and Henry More." (AAR, San Antonio, November, 2023)
- "Response to the History of American Gun Violence." (Genealogies of Modernity Conference, Pittsburgh, August 2023)
- Co-Chair and Opening Speaker, New Trinitarian Ontologies Panel (European Academy of Religion, St Andrews, Scotland, June 2023)
- "The Trinity and Cosmology." (European Academy of Religion, St Andrews, Scotland, June 2023)
- "In Nature but not of Nature: Henry More on Divine Space." (AAR, Denver, November, 2022)
- "Locke and Cudworth on Innate Ideas." (John Locke Conference, Naples, June 9, 2021)
- "Divine Space: Odd, Interesting, or Heretical?" (Cambridge Festival, Cambridge, March 28, 2021)
- "Introduction to Philosophy of Religion." (Divinity Online, University of Cambridge, June 17, 2020)
- "Hemsterhuis on Space: A response to Adrian Mihai." (The D Society, University of Cambridge, November 15, 2019)
- "God is Dead? An introduction to Philosophy of Religion." (Cambridge Festival of Ideas, Oct 17, 2019)
- "Heidegger and Aquinas on the location of Truth." (AHRC 'Trust and Truth' International Interdisciplinary Conference, Peterhouse College, Cambridge, September 18-20, 2019)
- "The On-going Necessity of Trinitarian Ontology." (New Trinitarian Ontologies Conference, University of Cambridge, September 13-15, 2019)
- Panel Chair for "Evolution and Pan(en)theism" discussion, feat. Celia Deane-Drummond and Johannes Hoff. (New Trinitarian Ontologies Conference, University of Cambridge, September 13-15, 2019)
- "Nietzsche, Cosmos and Morality." (Sutton Trust, University of Cambridge, August 23, 2018)
- "John Locke and Ralph Cudworth on the source of Reason and Morality." (Lehrstuhl für Religionsphilosophie und Wissenschaftstheorie, Ruhr-Universität Bochum, Germany, May 11, 2019)
- "Wrangling about Innate Ideas? Reflections upon Locke and Cudworth." (British Society for the History of Philosophy Annual Conference, King's College London, April 24, 2019)
- Response to Christian Hengstermann's "Holiness and Love Divine Sensation and Agency in Ralph Cudworth's Early Sermons," ('Ralph Cudworth at the Crossroads of Modernity', conference cosponsored by the British Academy, Emmanuel College, Cambridge, March 11, 2019)
- "Arguments for and against the Existence of God." (University of Cambridge, Outreach at Mill Hill, November 9, 2018)
- "Cudworth on Atoms, Motion and Nothingness." (Beierwaltes Seminar, Clare College, University of Cambridge, October 20, 2018)
- "What is Philosophy of Religion?" (Sutton Trust, University of Cambridge, August 15, 2018)
- "Re-evaluating the Cosmological Argument." (July 26, 2018, University of Cambridge, UK)
- Response to Gavin Hyman's "Between Hegel and Wittgenstein: Reflections in the Wake of Gillian Rose and Rowan Williams," (The D Society, University of Cambridge, February 2, 2018)

ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE

FOUNDER

The NumiNous Institute for Faith & Neurodiversity (numinousinstitute.org)

- The NumiNous Institute promotes the broadening of theology and religious institutions to incorporate the unique insights, gifts, and struggles of the neurodiverse community, including those with Autism, Learning Disabilities, and ADHD (et al).
- We seek to (1) **Invest** through providing scholarships/grants for research into rethinking theology and religious spaces in light of the neurodiverse experience, (2) **Inform** our broader culture and religious institutions about the dual blessing & burden of neurodiversity, and the ways in which they can partner with and learn from our community, and (3) **Inspire** the neurodiverse to embrace their unique perspectives as equally valid and worthy of theological discussion & institutional embodiment.

PODCAST HOST

The Spiritually Incorrect Podcast (spirituallyincorrectpodcast.com)

- Release bi-weekly episodes in both audio and video formats, on a wide range of culturally pressing and interdisciplinary subjects
- Host discussions with global thought leaders, such as Cambridge astrobiologist Dr Andrew
 Davison, Old Testament scholar Dr. Matthew Lynch (Regent College), Oxford philosopher Dr
 Calum Miller, Dr. Sarah Lane Ritchie (John Templeton Foundation), Dr Andrew Loke (Hong
 Kong Baptist University), or Father Vincent Lampert (the official exorcist for the archdiocese
 of Indianapolis)
- Promote and advertise our content through regular social media engagement and daily reel releases
- Run fundraising campaigns and facilitate donor relations through Patreon and other avenues

CO-FOUNDER OF THE NEW TRINITARIAN ONTOLOGIES CONFERENCE University of Cambridge, 2019

- Served as one of the three founders of the New Trinitarian Ontologies Conference, featuring Rowan Williams, David Bentley Hart, Graham Ward, John Milbank, Catherine Pickstock, Judith Wolfe, Emmanuel Falque, Andrew Louth, Thomas Joseph White, et al.
- Liaised with speakers to coordinate lectures, arrange panels, and live-stream the proceedings
- Promoted the conference worldwide, while arranging travel, catering and accommodations for hundreds of incoming guests
- Handled over £30,000 in grants and ticket sales, acquiring proficiency in event management

EDITOR OF NOESIS

University of Cambridge, 2019-Present

• Worked as one of the lead editors of *Noesis*, Cambridge Divinity's annual *Journal of Theology*, *Philosophy*, *and Poetics*.

PHILOSOPHY OF RELIGION SUBJECT COMMITTEE

University of Cambridge, 2019-2021

• Organized programming, collected student response data, helped construct course curriculum and syllabi, raised concerns in committee, and coordinated with faculty and staff

ENGLISH PASTOR

Vancouver Christian Logos Church, 2012-2017

- Served as the full-time English pastor over a Chinese congregation in Vancouver, Canada
- Acquired essential skills in cross-generational and intercultural communication as the youngest and only Caucasian pastor in our denomination.
- Gained valuable communication experience, averaging 46 Sundays preaching a year for five years in a row.
- Garnered useful counseling, pastoring, teaching and interpersonal skills.
- Oversaw numerous teams, as well as hiring ministry staff, delegating responsibilities, and equipping leaders.

WRITING CONSULTANT

ShatterBooks Publishing, 2015-2017

• Functioned as a consultant for a local publishing house, participating in the ongoing effort to publish anthologies and novels

CAMPUS MINISTRY INTERNSHIP

College Heights Christian Church/Missouri Southern State University, 2009-2011

- Fostered administrative abilities through organizing programs for nearly 300 young adults.
- Created and ran my own volunteer staff teams, including organizing a weekly homeless ministry involving over 20 students.
- Refined public speaking and interpersonal abilities through consistent weekly teaching and regular preaching

NON-FOR-PROFIT WORK

- Helped equip a local homeless and drug-rehabilitation ministry in downtown Vancouver (2015, 2017)
- Served at a Native Reservation in the mountains of Phoenix, Arizona, running free programs for youth, building homes, and volunteering at a Sex-Slave rehabilitation home while receiving special training in the subject. (2011)
- Supported a struggling community during the failed 2010 revolution in Bangkok, Thailand, ministering in the slums and protest zones. (2010)
- Rebuilt homes in Galveston, Texas, in the wake of Hurricane Ike. (2009)
- Served with Living Waters, a Non-for-Profit in Manhattan, New York, working to provide clean water around the globe. Simultaneously, assisted small groups for recovering drug addicts. (2008, 2010, 2011)
- Helped a local ministry serve the poor and disenfranchised in Matamoros, Mexico, particularly through construction projects and running community programs for local youth. (2007)
- Gained experience working with youth (grades 3-11) through counselling, teaching, running programs, and leading discussions at Camp Artaban (2005-2008, 2011, 2016, 2017)
- Acquired experience with youth as a volunteer leader for both the grade 6-8 and 8-12 groups at Holy Trinity Church, Vancouver, Canada (2005-2007, 2011-2012)

REFERENCES -

Professional, Personal, or Pastoral references are available upon request.