

Jordan Rowan Fannin

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Education

Doctor of Philosophy, Theology, Baylor University, 2016.

Concentration: Theology

Internal minor: Church History

External minor: Literature

Dissertation: "Following Flannery, Locating Ourselves: The Theological Significance of Place in Flannery O'Connor." Ralph C. Wood, University Professor of Theology & Literature, Director.

Master of Arts, Theological Studies, University of Dayton, 2010.

Thesis: "Beyond 'Engaging' and 'Resisting': The Politics of the Local Church and Urban Poverty."

Committee: Kelly Johnson (chair), William Trollinger, Bro. Raymond Fitz, S.M.

Overall GPA: 3.95

Bachelor of Arts, *summa cum laude*, Baylor University, 2003.

Major: English

Minor: Religion and Politics

Overall GPA: 4.00

Employment

Assistant Professor of Christian Theology, Berry College, 2017-present.

Adjunct Faculty, Baylor University and George W. Truett Theological Seminary, 2016-2017.

Acquisitions Editor, Baylor University Press, 2016-2017.

Associate Editor, Graduate Assistantship, Baylor University Press, 2010-2016.

Graduate Assistant to Brother Raymond L. Fitz, Past University President and Fr. Ferree Professor of Social Justice, University of Dayton, 2006-09.

Research Assistant to Dr. Jill C. Havens, Baylor University, 2002-03.

Achievement

Honors

Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society, Baylor University, 2003.

Editor, *The Phoenix* Campus Literary Journal, 2002-2003.

Outstanding Graduating Student, Church-State Studies Department, Baylor University, 2003.

Sigma Tau Delta English Honor Society, Baylor University, 2001-03.

President, 2002-03.

National Convention Delegate, 2002.

Secretary, 2001-2002.

Financial Awards

Young Scholars in the Baptist Academy, 2018. (\$1,000 stipend)

International conference held at Regent's Park College, Oxford, England

Cohort of early career scholars invited to give papers and receive individual response from senior scholars and invited scholar in residence

- Summer International Programs Development Grant, 2018. (\$3,000 grant)
Funding provided to travel and plan a new study abroad program in the United Kingdom for the Department of Religion and Philosophy
Proposal accepted by International Experiences Committee at Berry College
- Young Scholars in the Baptist Academy, 2015. (\$1,000 stipend)
International conference held at Regent's Park College, Oxford, England
Cohort of graduate students invited to give papers and receive individual response from senior scholars and invited scholar in residence
- National Association of Baptist Professors of Religion Dissertation Scholarship, 2015.
(\$3,000 financial award and \$2,000 travel stipend)
Awarded to one student annually through a national application process
- Glenn O. and Martell B. Hilburn Endowed Graduate Research Scholarship, 2015. (\$1,600 financial award)
Awarded biannually by Graduate Committee for dissertation research support
- T.B. Maston Scholarship in the Study of Christian Ethics, 2014. (\$10,000 financial award)
Awarded to one student annually through a national application process
- Young Scholars in the Baptist Academy, 2011. (\$1,000 stipend)
International conference held at the International Baptist Seminary in Prague, Czech Republic
Cohort of graduate students invited to give papers and receive individual response from senior scholars and invited scholar in residence
- Presidential Scholar, Baylor University Graduate School, 2010-2015. (\$6,000 annual stipend enhancement and insurance)
Awarded to the top 2% of graduate students at Baylor University
Presidential Scholars receive the top 1% of financial support at Baylor University
- Baylor University Graduate Assistantship, 2010-2016. (Annual stipend and tuition remission)
Received additional travel support for regional, national, and international conference presentations
- Graduate Assistantship University of Dayton, 2006-09. (Annual stipend, tuition remission, and insurance)
- John K. Kerr Award, Outstanding English Major, Baylor University, 2003. (\$1,000 financial award)
Awarded to one student annually, recommended and voted on by department faculty
- Department of English Scholarship, Baylor University, 2001.
- President's Scholarship, Baylor University, 1999-2003.
- Baptist General Convention of Texas Ministerial Scholarship, 1999-2003.
- Elizabeth Bobo Scholarship, Baylor University, 1999-2001.
- Rotary Scholarship Award, 1999.
- Masonic Scholarship Award, 1999.

Teaching

Courses: Berry College

- Instructor, REL 103: Introduction to Christian Theology
- Instructor, REL 325: Refugees, Exiles, and Pilgrims: Displacement in the Christian Tradition
- Instructor, REL 325: Modern Theology

Instructor, REL 331: Christian Faith and Feminist Critique

Courses: George W. Truett Theological Seminary

Instructor, THEO 7345: Introduction to Christian Theology

Courses: Baylor University

Instructor, REL 1310: Introduction to Christian Scriptures

Graduate Teaching Assistant, REL 1310: Introduction to Christian Scriptures

Graduate Teaching Assistant, REL 1350: Introduction to Christian Heritage

Courses: University of Dayton

Graduate Teaching Assistant, MPA 526: Leadership in Building Community

Research

Publications

Review of *Creating Flannery O'Connor: Her Critics, Her Publishers, Her Readers*, by Daniel Moran, *The Catholic Historical Review* 103, no. 2 (Spring 2017).

Review of *Attending the Wounds on Christ's Body: Teresa's Scriptural Vision*, by Elizabeth Newman, *Perspectives in Religious Studies* 42, no. 4 (Winter 2015).

"The Promise and Temptation of Allegory: Reading the Possibility of Pilgrimage in (Baptist) Bunyan and (Catholic) O'Connor," *American Baptist Quarterly* 33, nos. 3-4 (Fall-Winter 2014).

Review of *The Problem with Grace: Reconfiguring Political Theology*, by Vincent W. Lloyd, *Political Theology* 14, no. 2 (April 2013).

Presentations

"Lawn Jockeys, Martyrs, and Confederate Generals: Flannery O'Connor and the Transformation of Monuments Unto Death," American Academy of Religion, Denver, Colorado. *Accepted for 2018*.

"The Difficulty of Wonder and the Possibility of Companionship: Karl Barth's Evangelical Vision for Baptist Higher Education," 2018 Yearly Meeting, Young Scholars in the Baptist Academy, Regents Park College, Oxford, United Kingdom. 12 July 2018.

"The Anonymity of Death at the Margins: Remembrance and Resolution in the South Texas Dying Fields," American Academy of Religion, Boston, Massachusetts. November 20, 2017.

"Getting Hold of the Wrong Horror: Misperceptions of Violence in the Plight of Refugees Past and Present," American Academy of Religion, San Antonio, Texas. November 20, 2016.

"Misunderstanding Monsters: Confusing Violence's Victims and Perpetrators in Flannery O'Connor's 'The Displaced Person,'" South Central Modern Language Association, Dallas, Texas. November 4, 2016.

"Writing in Community: How a Writing Group Can Enhance Your Thesis or Dissertation," American Academy of Religion, Atlanta, Georgia. November 22, 2015.

"The Promise and Temptation of Allegory: Reading the Possibility of Pilgrimage in (Baptist) Bunyan and (Catholic) O'Connor," 2015 Yearly Meeting, Young Scholars in the Baptist Academy, Regents Park College, Oxford, United Kingdom. 15 July 2015.

“Rooting Oneself at the Theatre: Cinema as Antidote to the Ills of Humanity in Walker Percy’s *The Moviegoer*,” Baylor Symposium on Faith and Culture, Baylor University, Waco, Texas. October 23-25, 2014.

“‘I ain’t got any place to be’: Displacement and its Signs in Flannery O’Connor’s *Wise Blood*,” Flannery O’Connor & the Mystery of Place Conference, All Hallows College, Dublin, Ireland. July 24-26, 2014.

“Theological Context as a Question ‘On the Move’ in Coakley and Augustine: Or, why Baptists Need a Better Theology of *Theosis*,” 2104 Annual Meeting, College Theology Society and the National Association of Baptist Professors of Religion, Region-at-Large, Saint Vincent College, Latrobe, Pennsylvania. May 29-June 1, 2014.

“Writing Vision and Reading Ourselves: What Flannery O’Connor’s Theory of Fiction Can Teach us About the Christian Moral Imagination,” National Association of the Baptists Professors of Religion Annual Meeting, Baylor University, Waco, Texas. May 20-23, 2013.

“The Other on the Page: Stanley Cavell, the Skeptical Threat, and Reading as an Act of Acknowledgment,” 2013 Annual Meeting, Southwest Commission on Religious Studies, Irving, Texas. March 8-10, 2013.

“The Grammar of God: Divine and Human Act in Barth’s Metaphor of Grammar in *Church Dogmatics*,” 2011 Annual Philosophy and Religion Conference, Houston Baptist University, Houston, Texas. 30 March 2012.

“We Need to Talk” Constructing an Ecclesial Ethics of the Body of Christ in Response to Urban Poverty and Decline,” 2012 Annual Meeting, Southwest Commission on Religious Studies, Irving, Texas. 11 March 2012.

“From Paradox to Prototype: Christology as Belief and Imitation in Kierkegaard’s Non-Pseudonymous Writings,” 2011 Annual Meeting, American Academy of Religion, San Francisco, California. 19 November 2011.

“Historiography as Healing: Reassembling a Narrative of Clarissa H. Danforth, Freewill Baptist Female Preacher, 1815-1822,” 2011 Yearly Meeting, Young Scholars in the Baptist Academy, Baptist Theological Seminary, Prague, Czech Republic. 27 July 2011.

“‘The Body of Christ in this place’: The Economics of Urban Decay and the Theological Identity of the Local Congregation,” National Association of Baptist Professors of Religion Region-at-Large, University of Portland, Portland, Oregon. 3 June 2010.

Invited presentations, Lectures, and Service

Seminar Leader and Member, Text Selection Committee, Fellowship for Protestant Ethics, Baylor University, June 2018.

Panelist, *Look and See: A Portrait of Wendell Berry* (film screening), Berry College, November 2017.

Address, “Monuments, Memorials, and Pilgrimage,” at *God, Country, and Taking the Knee: Monuments and Meaning in America Today*, Berry College, October 2017.

Invited participant, Fellowship for Protestant Ethics Annual Symposium, June 2016-June 2017.

Faculty, Plenary address, “Incarnation,” Texas Youth Academy, July 2015.

Invited contributor, Advent Devotions for Calvary Baptist Church, December 2014, 2015.

Invited contributor, Lenten Devotions for Calvary Baptist Church, March 2015.
Moderator, Baylor Symposium on Faith and Culture, Baylor University, October 2014.
Invited student presenter, Baylor University Graduate School orientation, August 2013.
Invited student presenter, Introductory Panel for prospective Ph.D. students in Theology, Baylor University, February 2013.
Faculty Partner, Brooks Residential College and Living & Learning Community, Baylor University, 2011-2013.
Student Representative, Graduate Theological Fellowship, Baylor University, 2010-2013.
Invited student presenter, Introductory Panel for prospective Ph.D. students in Theology, Baylor University, February 2012.
Bread for the World, Young Leader Planning Team, 2006.
“What Role Service?: The Biblical Witness and the Christian Response to Suffering,”
Women’s Ministry Conference Speaker, Columbia Baptist Church, Falls Church, VA,
September 2005.
“‘With All Your Strength’: Deuteronomy 6:5 and the Call to Silence, Study, Transformation,
and Action,” Women’s Ministry Retreat Speaker, Columbia Baptist Church, Falls Church,
VA, April 2005.

Foreign Languages

German (6 hours of graduate coursework)
French (6 hours of graduate coursework)
Hebrew (6 hours of graduate coursework)
Greek (6 hours of undergraduate coursework)

Professional Memberships

Fellowship for Protestant Ethics 2016-present
Seminar Texts Committee Member, 2018
National Association of Baptist Professors of Religion, 2010-present
American Academy of Religion, 2011-present
College Theology Society, *Graduate Student member*, 2009-2011

Ministry

Coordinator, Zumba ministry (bilingual), Calvary Baptist Church, Waco, TX, 2011-2016.
Chair, Chair-elect, Adult Education, Calvary Baptist Church, Waco, TX, 2012-2014.
Worship, Music, and Arts Board, First Baptist Church, Dayton, OH, 2007.
Volunteer Coordinator, Rebuilding Day, Rebuilding Together Dayton, Dayton, OH, 2007-09.
Co-Teacher, Young Adult Sunday School Class, First Baptist Church, Dayton, OH, 2006-07.

Chair, Mercy and Justice Disaster Response Committee, Columbia Baptist Church, Falls Church, VA, 2004-05.

Board Member, Missions Funding Board, Columbia Baptist Church, Falls Church, VA, 2004-05.

Sunday School Lead Teacher, Columbia Baptist Church, Falls Church, VA, 2004-05.

Columbia Café Homeless Ministry, Columbia Baptist Church, Falls Church, VA, 2004.

Ministry Intern, Highland Baptist Church, Waco, TX, 2000-01.