

Hannah Black, Ph.D.

Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION

Ph.D. Divinity, Clare College, University of Cambridge, 2023
Dissertation: *Gregory of Nyssa's Soteriological Imaginary as a Resource for Nonviolent Soteriology*
Supervisor: Simeon Zahl; Examiners: Gabrielle Thomas and Mark Smith

M.Phil. Divinity, Clare College, University of Cambridge, 2019

B.A. Biblical and Theological Studies, Torrey Honors College, Biola University, La Mirada, CA, 2017

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2025–2027 Visiting Professor of History and Theology, Virginia Theological Seminary

2024 Lecturer in Early Christianity, Yale Divinity School

2024 Lecturer in Systematic Theology, Yale Divinity School

2022–2025 Research Fellow, Jonathan Edwards Center, Yale Divinity School

PUBLICATIONS

Peer Review

2020 “St. Anselm’s Glimpse,” *Noesis*, no. VII

Book Reviews

2021 Review of *The Image of God in the Theology of Gregory of Nazianzus*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2019, xiv + 208 pp. *Modern Theology*.

2018 Review of Lynn H. Cohick and Amy Brown Hughes. *Christian Women in the Patristic World: Their Influence, Authority, and Legacy in the Second through Fifth Centuries*. Grand Rapids, Michigan: Baker Academic, 2017, xxxvii + 292 pp. *Cultural Encounters*.

2018 Review of David A. Lambert. *How Repentance Became Biblical: Judaism, Christianity, and the Interpretation of Scripture*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2016, xiii + 266 pp. *Cultural Encounters*.

Public Scholarship

2026 “The Story of Nicaea,” *Earth & Altar* magazine, January 5
2025 “What is the Creed? PART 01 with Hannah Black, PhD,” guest on *And Also With You* podcast, November 3
2025 “Wonder and Salvation with Hannah Black,” guest on *The Leader’s Way* podcast, ep #56, June 2
2023–2025 *The Leader’s Way*: Yale’s podcast on spirituality, leadership, and theology, podcast host and producer, episodes 7–55
2024 “What is Hope?,” guest on *And Also With You* podcast, April 1
2022 *The Book of Job*, director of live performance, Clare College Chapel, Marcy 19
2021 “Though Once We Walked in Darkness,” Advent carol text for Clare College Choir, arrangement by Robert Jones debuted November 28
2021 “Who is God?,” in *Christianity 101*, *Earth & Altar* magazine, April 12
2021 “Finite Words: A Reflection on T.S. Eliot’s ‘Four Quartets,’” in *Macrina Magazine*, no. VII

Under Contract

Gregory of Nyssa On the Life of Virtue. Translated by **Hannah Black**. Popular Patristics Series. Crestwood, NY: St. Vladimir’s Seminary Press, expected 2028.

In Submission

“The Kingdom of God Has Come Near to You,” in *Have Mervy: Faith and Politics in Perilous Times*, ed. Ruthanna Hooke, Kyle Lambelet, and Altagracia Pérez-Bullard, New York, NY: Church Publishing, expected 2026.

Re-Imagining Salvation: Retrieving Gregory of Nyssa’s Biblical Imaginary for a Constructive Soteriology. Waco, TX: Baylor University Press, expected 2026. (under revision)

“Sea Monsters in Soteriology: The Misconception of Gregory of Nyssa as a Ransom Theorist.” *International Journal of Systematic Theology*. (first round review)

In Preparation

Women’s Writings in the Edwards Family, 1703-1806. Edited by Kenneth Minkema and **Hannah Black**, for Yale University Press.

RESEARCH GRANTS

2025 Lilly Foundation Endowment Grant for Virtual Curacy, Berkeley Divinity School at Yale \$1 million

2025 Lilly Foundation Assessment and Planning Grant for Virtual Curacy, Berkeley Divinity School at Yale, \$50,000

FELLOWSHIPS & AWARDS

2025 Postdoctoral Fellowship, Louisville Institute
2025 Award of Excellence, Polly Bond Awards, Episcopal Communicators
2023–2025 Fellow, Morse College, Yale University
2024 Dean's Scholar, Virginia Theological Seminary, Alexandria, VA
2020–2022 Decani Scholarship, Clare College, University of Cambridge
2022 Don Stebbings Prize, Faculty of Divinity, University of Cambridge
2021 Short-Term Predoctoral Fellowship in Byzantine Studies, Dumbarton Oaks, Washington, DC
2021 Clare–Yale Mellon Fellowship, Clare College, University of Cambridge
2021 New Visions in Theological Anthropology PhD Student Participation Grant, University of St Andrews
2019–2021 Liddon Fund, doctoral research
2019–2021 St. Matthias Fund, doctoral research
2016 Scholars' Semester in Oxford, Wycliffe Hall, University of Oxford

INVITED TALKS

2025 “Celebrating the 1700th Anniversary of the Council of Nicaea,” Horne Dyer Lecture, St. Paul’s Alexandria, Alexandria, VA, October 12.
2022 “The Soteriological Image of Healing in Gregory of Nyssa’s *Oratio Catechetica*,” Yale Institute of Sacred Music, New Haven, CT, March 31.
2018 “Bonhoeffer’s Life Together,” Guest Seminar Teacher, Torrey Honors College, Biola University, La Mirada, CA, August 23.

CONFERENCE ACTIVITY

Panels Chaired

2025 Cultivating a Feminist Preaching Imagination in Difficult Times, Feminist Theology Network, Online, September 15.
2024 Why Feminist Theology Needs Art, Feminist Theology Network, Online, October 21.
2024 Let’s Bury Atonement Theology for Good, Feminist Theology Network, Online, March 25.
2023 On Trans Identity and the Place of Transgender People in the Church, Berkeley Divinity School at Yale, New Haven, November 10.
2021 Religious Dialogues II, Society for the Study of Theology conference: Reconciliation, Cambridge, England, September 13–15.

Papers

2026 Directing Desire in the Pursuit of Perfection in Gregory of Nyssa's *De vita Moysis*, The North American Patristics Society (NAPS), Chicago, May 21-23.

2025 Sea Monsters in Soteriology: The Misconception of Gregory of Nyssa as a Ransom Theorist, The North American Patristics Society (NAPS), Chicago, May 22-24.

2025 Be Still & Know: Preventing Burnout & Rediscovering Joy in Ministry, Forma Conference Workshop, Online, January 27-30.

2022 Imagery for Soteriological Transformation in *De Anima et Resurreccione*, Gregory of Nyssa: 15th International Colloquium, Exeter/Online, September 6-9.

2021 The Soteriological Image of Healing in Gregory of Nyssa's *Oratio Catechetica*, Systematic Theology Unit, American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, San Antonio, TX, November 20-23.

2021 "The *Kῆτος* in the Imagination of the Early Greek Church," Byzantine Society of North America conference: Aquatic Animals in the Global Middle Ages, Katowice, Poland/Online, September 27-28.

2021 Must Reconciliation Be Violent? Feminist Critiques of Violent Atonement Theories and What is Next, Society for the Study of Theology conference: Reconciliation, Cambridge, England, September 13-15.

CAMPUS TALKS

2022 The Question of the Greedy Fish in Gregory of Nyssa's *Oratio Catechetica*, Cambridge University Faculty of Divinity Religions of Late Antiquity Seminar, Cambridge, February 14.

2021 Looking for Sea Monsters: The *Kῆτος*, Dumbarton Oaks, Washington, DC/Online, November 12.

2021 Early Byzantine Portrayals of Crucifixion...or Not?, Dumbarton Oaks, Washington, DC/Online, September 24.

2021 The Doctrine of the Atonement, Clare-ity Research Symposium, Clare College, Cambridge, October 14.

2019 Gregory of Nyssa's Use of Metaphor to Elucidate the Concept of Spiritual Transformation, Clare-ity Research Symposium, Clare College, Cambridge, March 14.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Virginia Theological Seminary, Visiting Professor of History and Theology

The Doctrine of Salvation (spring 2025)

The Historical Witness of the Church, w/ Katherine Sonderegger (fall 2025)

The History of The Episcopal Church (fall 2025)

Yale University, Lecturer

The Anglican Way I, w/ Justin Crisp (spring 2025)
Ideas of Salvation in Early Christianity, w/ Teresa Morgan (fall 2024)

Yale University, Teaching Fellow

Systematic Theology, w/Willie Jennings (spring 2024)

University of Cambridge

Lecturer

Beginning Biblical Greek (summer 2021)

Course Supervisor

Theology and Literature (spring 2021)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Peer Review

Editor, *Noesis* graduate divinity journal, Faculty of Divinity, University of Cambridge, 2021–2022

To Field

Leadership team, *Theologia*, 2024–present

Leadership collective, Feminist Theology Network, 2023–present

Facilitator, Ecumenical dialogues in preparation for Lambeth Conference, Westminster Abbey, 2020

To University

Committee Member, Center for Anglican Communion Studies, Virginia Theological Seminary, 2025–2026

Faculty Advisor, Anglican Fellowship Club, Yale Divinity School, 2023–2025

Chapel Warden, Clare College Chapel, University of Cambridge, 2018–2020

Chapel Representative, Clare College Masters' Common Room, University of Cambridge, 2019–2020

First-Year Officer, Clare College Masters' Common Room, University of Cambridge, 2018–2019

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Aspirant in The Episcopal Church Diocese of Virginia, ordination anticipated 2026

Parish Internship, St. Paul's Alexandria, summer 2025

Assistant Director, Leadership and Communications, Berkeley Divinity School, the Episcopal Seminary at Yale, 2023-2025

Program Coordinator, Principal Gifts, Alumni Affairs and Development, Yale University, 2022-2023

Undergraduate admissions interviewer, Clare College, University of Cambridge, 2020–2023

High School English Literature and Composition Teacher, Capistrano Valley Christian Schools,
2017-2018

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

American Academy of Religion (AAR), 2019–present
The North American Patristics Society (NAPS), 2019–2022, 2024–present
Society for the Study of Theology (SST), 2021–present
Feminist Theology Network, 2023–present
International Catacomb Society, 2024–present
Historical Society of The Episcopal Church, 2025

LANGUAGES

Koine Greek: Advanced reading and writing
French: intermediate reading and writing, beginner speaking

REFERENCES

Willie Jennings
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