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CASEY SPINKS CURRICULUM VITAE

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EDUCATION

2019-Present	Ph.D., Theology & Ethics Advisor: Paul Martens Dissertation: "The Faith To Be"	Baylor University
2017-2019	Extended Graduate Study	Beeson Divinity School, Samford University George W. Truett Theology Seminary
2016-2017	M.A., Philosophy Advisor: Gregory Schufreider; Thesis: "The Ontological Nature of Theology: On Heidegger's 'Phenomenology and Theology'"	Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge
2012-2016	B.A. (<i>magna cum laude</i>) Double-Major in Philosophy & Religious Studies, with a Minor in German	Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge

SCHOLARSHIPS, FELLOWSHIPS, & HONORS

Hong Kierkegaard Library Summer Research Fellow, St. Olaf College (2023)—for summer research at the Hong Kierkegaard Library

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Excellence in Student Leadership Award, Baylor University (2022)

Conyers Graduate Scholar (2021-2022)—scholar in an intensive program sponsored by the Graduate School at Baylor University that convenes dinners and seminars in an effort to foster intellectually rich discussions about faith and scholarly inquiry as students are introduced to the writings of Christian scholars.

Baptist College & University Scholar, Baylor University (2020-current) —scholar representing Baylor University for the International Association of Baptist Colleges and Universities (IABCU)

Graduate Fellowship, Baylor University (2019-2024)

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Hong Kierkegaard Library Summer Research Fellow, St. Olaf College (2018)—for summer research at the Hong Kierkegaard Library

Dean's Scholarship, Beeson Divinity School, Samford University (2017)— highest tuition scholarship

LSU Master's Tuition Fellowship (2017)— full tuition coverage and stipend for master's study in philosophy

Hong Kierkegaard Library Young Scholar Fellowship, St. Olaf College (2016)— for summer research at the Hong Kierkegaard Library

Graduation with *Magna Cum Laude*, Louisiana State University (2016)

3x President's Honor Roll (4.0 with at least 15 hours), 1x Dean's List (3.5-3.9 with at least 15 hours), Louisiana State University (2012-2016)

T.O.P.S. Scholarship, Louisiana State University (2012-2016)— full tuition scholarship for undergraduate study

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Fundamental/Systematic Theology; Ontology in Christian Theology & Western Philosophy

Christology

Søren Kierkegaard

The Relation between Faith & Reason in Christian & Western Thought

AREAS OF INTEREST & COMPETENCE

Christian Ethics—especially ecology and technology

Political Theology

Theology in Film & Literature

RESEARCH LANGUAGES

German

French

Danish

Attic & Koine Greek

Latin

PROFESSIONAL ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

2023-2024	Part-Time Lecturer	<i>REL 1310 Intro to Christian Scriptures</i> <i>REL 1350 Intro to Christian Heritage</i> <i>PHIL 1301 Intro to Writing Philosophy</i> <i>(Faith & Reason)</i>
2022-2023	G.R.A.	Dr. Blake Burleson <i>REL 3345 World Religions</i> <i>REL 4239 Christ Among World</i> <i>Religions</i>

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		<i>REL 1310 SPOC (Online)</i> Dr. Lynn Tatum <i>REL 1310 Intro to Christian Scriptures</i>
2021-2022	G.R.A.	Dr. Chris Van Gorder <i>REL 3345 World Religions</i> <i>REL 4343 Topics in Islam</i> <i>REL 4349 World Religions & Violence</i>
2020-Present	Lecturer	Baylor Honors Residential College <i>HON 3200/3201 Colloquium:</i> <i>“Waiting for God with Martin Heidegger”</i> <i>“Towards a Theology of Wilderness”</i> <i>“What is Theology? What is Philosophy? What is Thinking?”</i>
2019-2020	G.R.A.	Dr. Elise Edwards <i>REL 3397 Gender, Feminism & Theology</i> <i>REL 3390 Christian Ethics</i> <i>REL 1350 Intro to Christian Heritage</i>
2016-2017	G.A.	Dr. Gregory Schufreider <i>PHIL 3000 German Existentialism</i> Dr. Jeffrey Roland <i>PHIL 2010 Symbolic Logic</i> Dr. Marco Altamirano <i>PHIL 1000 Introduction to Philosophy</i> Dr. Neal Hebert <i>PHIL 1000 Introduction to Philosophy</i>

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-Reviewed Articles:

“God and Being at an Impasse: The Case of John Duns Scotus and Jean-Luc Marion” in *Scottish Journal of Theology* (available open-access as first view, July 31, 2023)

“The Ontology of the Offense: Johannes Climacus and Rowan Williams on the Incarnation” in *International Journal for Philosophy of Religion*, Vol. 90.1, 19-41 (January 2021).

“Thinking Through the Cross: on Luther’s Heidelberg Disputation and its Contributions to Philosophy” in *Philosophy & Theology*, Vol. 31.1/2, 21-37 (January 2020).

“Faith in the Commonplace: the Knight of Faith in Local Community” in *Perspectives in Religious Studies*, Vol. 46.1, 29-37 (Spring 2019).

Book Chapters:

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“The Everydayness of Faith” in *Taking Kierkegaard Personally: First Person Perspectives*, ed. Gordon Marino and Jamie Lorentzen, (Macon, GA: Mercer University Press, 2020).

Translations:

“The Machine and the Human,” by Romano Guardini, translated for use by the *Center for the Study of Digital Life* (July 2022).

Peer-Review Articles in Preparation:

“Kierkegaard and Natural Law” (under review in *Pro Ecclesia*)

“Are We in a Spiritual Alternative to War?” (under review in *Telos*)

“Kierkegaard and the Baptists: A Historical and Theological Assessment” (in preparation)

“John Webster and Martin Heidegger: Past Influences for the Future of Theology” (in preparation)

“Heidegger’s Word: Only a God can Save Us” (in preparation)

Master’s Thesis:

“The Ontological Nature of Theology: on Heidegger’s ‘Phenomenology and Theology’” published by Louisiana State University (May 2017).

Select Articles for General Audiences:

“We *Were* a Peculiar People Once” (book review of *We Were a Peculiar People Once* by David Jeffrey) in *Front Porch Republic* (August 2023).

“Vaya Con Dios: Cormac McCarthy (1933-2023)” (obituary for Cormac McCarthy) in *Front Porch Republic* (June 2023).

“It’s All True and Good and Beautiful Enough” (sermon for FBC Waco *en Español*) published in *The Baptist Standard* (May 2023).

“Cormac McCarthy’s Sorrow of Creatures” (book review of *The Passenger* and *Stella Maris* by Cormac McCarthy) in *Front Porch Republic* (December 2022).

“Die to the World and Bear Fruit” in *Christian Scholars Review Blog* (May 2022).

“A Real American Philosopher” (book review of *Wilderness in America* by Henry Bugbee) in *Front Porch Republic* (August 2021).

“Watching Movies and Wondering about Metaphysics in an Anxious Age” (book review of *Age of Anxiety* by Wachs and Schaff) in *Front Porch Republic* (June 2021).

“Weird Christianity’s Aesthetic and the Tyranny of Values” in *Front Porch Republic* (May 2020).

“The Knight of Faith: Franz Jägerstätter’s Hidden Life” in *Front Porch Republic* (January 2020).

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“Why Heidegger Stayed in the Provinces” in *Front Porch Republic* (April 2019).

“The Local Bonhoeffer” in *Front Porch Republic* (October 2018).

“Sufjan Stevens’ ‘Planetarium’ Charts a God-Sustained Cosmos” in *Christianity Today* (August 2017).

“And Who is My Neighbor? Heidegger and Bonhoeffer in Conversation” in *VoegelinView* (April 2017).

Poetry:

“Carter’s Walk,” in *Mid/South Anthology*, ed. Casie Dodd (Fort Smith, AR: Belle Point Press, 2022).

PRESENTATIONS

“God and Being at an Impasse: The Case of John Duns Scotus and Jean-Luc Marion” —presenting for the Theology and Continental Philosophy Unit at the AAR 2023 Annual Meeting in San Antonio, TX (November 2023)

“Kierkegaard’s Ontological Spirituality” —presenting for the Kierkegaard, Religion, and Culture Unit at the AAR 2023 Annual Meeting in San Antonio, TX (November 2023).

“Silence as a Criterion for a Phenomenology of Revelation” —presented at the 2023 Phenomenology & Revelation Conference in Long Island, NY (August 2023).

“My Life in Baptist Education”—presented at the 2023 International Association of Baptist Colleges and Universities Annual Meeting hosted by Bluefield University in Bluefield, VA (June 2023).

“Are We in the Spiritual Alternative to War?” —presented at the 2023 Telos-Paul Piccone Institute Conference in New York, NY (March 2023).

“A Christian Reflection on *The Republic’s* Cephalus” —presented at the 2023 Ciceronian Society Conference at Belmont Abbey College in Belmont, NC (March 2023).

“John Webster and Martin Heidegger: Past Influences for the Future of Theology” —presented at the AAR Southwest Conference for Religious Studies in Fort Worth, TX (March 2023).

“Only God can Save Us from the Tyranny of Values” —presented at the 2022 Telos-Paul Piccone Institute Conference in New York, NY (April 2022).

“Nostalgia or Accountability? Lasch, Bonhoeffer, and the State of Theological Retrieval”—presented at the Baylor IFL Symposium in Waco, TX (October 2021).

“On Beauty and the Self”—presented at the AAR Southwest Conference for Religious Studies in Fort Worth, TX (March 2020).

“The Faith of Everydayness”—presented at the Eighth International Kierkegaard Conference at St. Olaf College in Northfield, MN (June 2018).

“Theology as Counter-Philosophy: on Heidegger’s ‘Phenomenology and Theology’”—presented at the Louisiana State University Philosophy Conference in Baton Rouge, LA (April 2016).

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“The Riss of the Eucharist: on Heidegger’s Philosophical Relationship to Christian Experience in *The Origin of the Work of Art*”—presented at the San Diego State University Student Philosophy Conference in San Diego, CA (September 2015).

ORGANIZATION MEMBERSHIPS

Baylor Graduate Religion Fellowship (Governing Committee Member)

American Academy of Religion

Friends of the Kierkegaard Library

The Heidegger Circle

TELOS-Paul Piccone Institute

MINISTERIAL EXPERIENCE

Furnishings at First Director, First Baptist Church of Waco, TX (summer 2023)

Farm Partner, World Hunger Relief Farm Institute, Waco, TX (2022-current)

At-large Member of the Church Council, First Baptist Church of Waco, TX (2022-current)

Teaching and Preaching Engagements for First Baptist Church of Waco, TX (2020-current)—Sunday school teacher for the Graduate Student & Young Adult Class; bilingual Bible study leader and preacher for FBC *en Español*; Undergraduate Students mentor; College Retreat leader

Teaching and Preaching Engagements for Mountain Brook Baptist Church (2019)— senior men’s Sunday school class, College & Career monthly worship

Supply Preacher in Alabama (2018-2019)— Coral Ridge Baptist Church, Spring Hill Baptist Church

Teaching Engagements for First Baptist Church of Waco, TX (Fall 2017)— graduate student Sunday school, Wednesday night church bible study, fall college retreat

Supply Preacher in Waco, TX (Fall 2017)— First Baptist Church of Golinda, Lacy-Lakeview Baptist Church, Westwood Baptist Church

Interim College Minister (Fall 2016-Summer 2017)— University Baptist Church of Baton Rouge, LA

Volunteer Disaster Relief Chaplain (August 2016)— Celtic Studios Red Cross Shelter, Baton Rouge, LA

Volunteer Hospital Chaplain (Spring-Summer 2016)— Baton Rouge General Hospital, Bluebonnet Location, Baton Rouge, LA