

Andrew Thrasher, M.A.
Curriculum Vitae

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Education:

Post-Graduate Researcher in Theology and Religion, University of Birmingham, UK (ABD). (2019-2023).

Doctoral Thesis Topic: "Belief After Secular: Late Modern Imaginaries of Everyday Belief."

Birmingham, UK. (Distance Learner)

Defense is scheduled for Fall 2023

Master of Theology (ThM) with a concentration in Christian Theology. (2017).

January 2016-August 2017.

Master of Divinity track. (2015-2016)

Regent University, Virginia Beach, VA.

Cumulative GPA: 3.91

Coursework in Aristotle, Aquinas, Medieval Philosophy, and Philosophy of Religion

Masters of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies in Religion, Values, and Culture, with a Specialization in Religion and Philosophy. (2014)

August 2012-2014.

George Mason University, Fairfax, VA.

Cumulative GPA 3.61.

Graduate Coursework in Philosophy (18 credits)

George Mason University (15 credits) (2013-2014, 2021-2022)

Continental philosophy, Feminist and Black Philosophy, and Analytic Ethics

Old Dominion University (3 credits) (Fall 2018)

Buddhist philosophy, with emphasis on Nagarjuna

Bachelors of Arts in History, with a Minor in Religious Studies. (2012)

August 2010-May 2012.

George Mason University, Fairfax, VA.

Cumulative GPA: 3.29.

Associates of Arts in Liberal Arts. (2010).

August 2008-May 2010

Tidewater Community College, Virginia Beach, VA.

Cumulative GPA: 3.23.

Academic Experience:

Adjunct Instructor of Religious Studies, American University, Washington, D.C. (Fall 2021-Fall 2022)

Supervisor: Jin Park, Chair, Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies

Classes Taught:

RELG 145: Religion Without Borders (Fall 2021 and 2022)

RELG 185: The Religious Heritage of Asia (Fall 2021-Fall 2022)

Adjunct Instructor of Religious Studies. George Mason University. Fairfax, VA (Fall 2019-Present).

Supervisor: John Turner, Chair, Department of Religious Studies

Classes Taught:

RELI 100: Human Religious Experience (Fall 2020 and Fall 2021)

RELI 211: Religions of the West (Spring 2022)

RELI 212: Religions of Asia (2019-2023)

RELI 235: Religion and Literature (Spring-Fall 2021 and Spring 2023).

RELI 330: Religion, Fantasy, and the Imagination (Spring-Fall 2022)

Certifications with GMU: Online Teaching with Blackboard

Adjunct Professor of Religion, Tidewater Community College, Virginia Beach, VA. (Fall 2015-Present).

Fields of Study:

- Comparative Philosophy and Theology
- Philosophical Theology
- Postsecularism
- Inter-Religious Dialogue
- Charles Taylor
- Raimon Panikkar
- Theology, Religion, and Popular Culture
- Philosophical and Theological Anthropology

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Supervisor: Carolyn Philips, Dean of Arts and Humanities.

Classes Taught:

REL 200: Old Testament (Summer 2017)

REL 210: New Testament (Fall 2018/Fall 2019/ Fall 2020)

REL 216: Life and Teachings of Jesus (Fall 2015/2017)

REL 230: Religions of the World (2015-2023)

Certifications within VCCS: Online Teaching with Canvas; OER

Assistant Editor, *Popular Culture and Eschatology*, by Joshua Wise (Lanham, MY: Rowman and Littlefield, 2022)

Assistant Copy Editor, *Raimon Panikkar: A Companion to his Life and Thought*, ed. Peter Phan and Young-chan Ro (Cambridge, UK: James Clarke & Co., 2018).

Contributed: Glossary, Bibliography, Citations, and Index

Teacher Assistant, Department of Religious Studies, George Mason University. Spring 2014.

Supervisor: Dr. Cuong Tu Nguyen, Associate Professor of Religious Studies.

Reli 313: Hindu Philosophy and Religion— with a lecture on Vedanta Philosophy

Reli 212: Religions of Asia— with a lecture on Philosophical Daoism

Academic Work:

Publications

Post-Christian Religion in Popular Culture (Forthcoming with Rowman and Littlefield).

“Revelations from Rhuidean: Philosophy of History in *the Wheel of Time*” in *The Wheel of Time and Philosophy*, edited by Jacob Held (Forthcoming with Blackwell)

“Fantastic Inter-Religious Resourcement in Jordan and Eddings” in *Fantasy, Theology, and the Imagination*, eds. Andrew D. Thrasher, Austin Freeman, and Fotini Toso (Forthcoming with Rowman and Littlefield)

Fantasy, Theology, and the Imagination, Edited with Austin Freeman and Fotini Toso (Forthcoming with Rowman and Littlefield)

“Wakandan Imaginaries of Black Identity: Wakandan Politics of Identity” in *Theology and Black Panther*, Ed. Matthew William Brake and Kimberly Hampton (Forthcoming with Rowman and Littlefield).

“Valar Morghulis: Late-Modern Imaginaries of Death and Nihilism in Game of Thrones” in *Theology and Game of Thrones*, ed. Matthew William Brake (Lanham, MY: Rowman and Littlefield, 2022).

“Modern Re-enchantment and Dr. Strange: Pentecostal Analogies, the Spirit of the Multiverse, and the Play on Time and Eternity” in *Theology and the Marvel Universe*, ed. Gregory Stevenson (Lanham, MY: Rowman and Littlefield, 2020).

“Glossary, Bibliography, and Index” in *Raimon Panikkar: A Companion to his Life and Thought*, ed. Peter Phan and Young-Chan Ro (Cambridge, UK: James Clarke & Co., 2018). Contributor.

Theses

“Trinitarian Hermeneutics and Cosmotheandric Theology: Critical Reconstructions of the Theology of Raimon Panikkar” (Thesis, Regent University, 2017).

“Relationality and Everyday Meaning: An Ontological Dialogue between Jean-Luc Nancy and Raimon Panikkar” (Thesis, George Mason University, 2014).

Blogs

“Shameless: The Poverty of Sin in the Absence of God” on *Pop Culture and Theology Blog* (2021).

“The Lion King, Re-Imagining Righteousness, and Religious Pluralism” on *Pop Culture and Theology Blog* (2019).

“Cloud Atlas, Religion, and Love: Wholism and Postmodern Belief” on *Pop Culture and Theology Blog* (2017).

“Fantasy and Pluralism: Unpacking the Religious Sources of the *Wheel of Time*” on *Pop Culture and Theology Blog* (2017).

“The Gospel and the Limits of Secular Belief: Reflections on Linkin Park,” on *Pop Culture and Theology Blog* (2017).

“A Haunted Immanence: Minus the Bear and Secular Re-enchantment,” on *Pop Culture and Theology Blog* (2017).

Presentations, Affiliations, and Awards:

Awards:

Honorable Mention for the manuscript, *An Advaitic Modernity?: Raimon Panikkar and Philosophical Theology* for the Panikkar Prize from Raimon Panikkar Vivarium Foundation, Oct 7th, 2022.

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J. Rodman Williams Award for Excellence in the Study of Theology, Graduating class of the School of Divinity, Regent University, May 4th, 2017.

Award of Excellence, Regent University, ThM Graduating Class, May 4th, 2017.

3rd Place “A Cosmotheandric Reconciliation between Science and Faith: An Apologetic for the Horizon of Faith in the Study of Science”- 2016 Paper submitted for the “Christian Faith and Contemporary Science: Problems and Possibilities of Renewal” essay contest at Regent University.

Presentations:

“Heidegger’s Silence, Panikkar’s Mystery: Apophatic Silence in Panikkar and Heidegger”—American Philosophical Association, Eastern Regional Meeting, Montreal, Canada, January 6th, 2023.

“I-Thou and Advaitic Love: Raimon Panikkar and Continental Thought”—10th annual Symposium for Raimon Panikkar, *American Academy of Religion*, Denver, CO, November 18th, 2022.

“Cosmotheandric Renewal and the Cultivation of Creation: Practical Implications of a Christian Cosmotheandric Theology of Creation for Climate Change”—Panel: Raimon Panikkar and Climate Change, *American Academy of Religion*, San Diego, CA, November 22nd, 2019.

“Re-Enchanting Secularism: Charles Taylor, Raimon Panikkar, and the Re-Enchantment of Secular Experience”—51st Annual Meeting of the *Society for Asian and Comparative Philosophy*, Bath Spa University, Bath, U. K. June 20, 2019.

“Reforming the Secular: Ecclesial Counter-formations and Ordinary Affirmations with James K. A. Smith and Charles Taylor”—Eastern Regional Conference of the *Evangelical Theological Society*, Lancaster, PA, April 6, 2018.

“Substantial Persons in Trinitarian Relationality: Trinitarian Theology, Imago Dei, and Personhood,” Eastern Regional Conference for Evangelical Theological Society, Lancaster, PA, March 31-April 1, 2017.

“Reconstructing Meaning in a Postmodern Age,” Varieties of Idealization Symposium at the 10th Annual Polish Philosophical Congress, Poznan, Poland, September 17th-18th, 2015.

Affiliations:

Student Member, Society for Asian and Comparative Philosophy, 2019-2023

Associate Member, Evangelical Theological Society, 2017-2018.

Attendee: Society for Pentecostal Studies, St. Louis, MO, March 2017

President, Ratio-Christi @ Regent University 2016-2017

Inaugural Fellow, C. S. Lewis Institute, Virginia Beach, VA Chapter, 2015-2016

Student Member, American Academy of Religion (AAR), 2013-2015, 2017, 2019-2022

Attendee: Denver, CO, 2022, San Antonio, TX, 2021, San Diego, CA 2019, Boston, MA 2017, Baltimore, MD 2013.