

LIST OF PUBLICATIONS AND OTHER OUTPUT

David Brandon Smith
(as of January 2025)

SPECIAL ISSUES OF PEER-REVIEWED JOURNALS EDITED:

Journal of World Christianity, Special “Roundtable” on “World Christianity and Asymmetrical Dependency,” co-organized with Matthew R. Robinson, Julia Winnebeck, and Raimundo Barreto. Volume 15. Issue 1. Forthcoming in March 2025.

PEER-REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES:

“Did you Ever See an Abolitionist Without Prayer?” The Resonance of the Question and Prosopopoeia in Theodore Sedgwick Wright’s Public Addresses from 1834-1837 in *International Journal of Homiletics*, Special Issue: ‘Preaching that Resonates.’ Under review as of January 2025.

Conceptualizing New Horizons Between World Christianity and Asymmetrical Dependency Research, co-authored with Stephen R. Di Trolio and Julia Winnebeck, in *Journal of World Christianity* Volume 15, Issue 1. Forthcoming in March 2025.

Ecumenical Formation Programs and a Liberative Linguistic on Gender & Sexuality in *International Journal for the Study of the Christian Church*, Special Issue: ‘Ecumenical Futures.’ Forthcoming in 2025.

“An Open Wound in the Body...” A “Dependency Turn” in Ecumenical Discourse on Human Trafficking and Modern Slavery in *The Ecumenical Review* Volume 75, Issue 5, May 2024, 54-76. Read it [here](#).

Calling the Question: The Role of Ministries of Presence and Polity Principles in the Struggle for LGBTQIA+ Inclusion, Ordination, and Marriage in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and its Predecessor Denominations in *Religions*, Volume 13: Special Issue: Religion & Change, MDPI, November 2022. Read it [here](#).

The Deceitful Savior and the Emasculated King: Heterosexist Violence in Judges 3:12-30 in *Princeton Theological Review*, Volume 19, Issue 1, 39-50, Spring 2016. Read it [here](#).

PEER-REVIEWED AND OTHER ACADEMIC BOOK CHAPTERS:

“Approved by the Ancient Authors:” The Reception of Patristic Sources and the Regulation of Sex in the Early Medieval Penitentials, in *Studia Patristica* (Peeters: Leuven). Under review as of January 2025. Anticipated in 2026.

“Dwelling with Sinful Brethren:” Revisiting Alterity and Gender in the Canons Attributed to Patrick of Ireland, in *Revisiting Women and Gender in World Christianity* (PTS/OMSC Annual Conference Volume). Forthcoming in 2025.

More-Than-Human Creation and Ecological (Inter)Dependencies in the Early Medieval Irish and Anglo-Saxon Penitentials in *Ecological Inter/Dependencies: Strong Asymmetrical Relations and More-Than-Human Worlds*, Jennifer Leetsch and Zynep Y. Gökçe, eds. (DE Gruyter: Berlin). Forthcoming in 2025. Awaiting final proofs as of January 2025.

Home Away from Home: Bonn’s Stimson Memorial Chapel and its History as a Case Study in Glocalization in *What Does Theology Do, Actually, Vol. III.- Church History*. Matthew Ryan Robinson, Maria Munkohlt & Julia Winnebeck, eds. (Evangelische Verlag: Leipzig). Forthcoming in 2025.

“This is my Story, this is my Song:” Queer Presbyterians, Provocative Questions, Practical Politics, and a Case for Church History in the Development of Theologies of Justice in *Awake, Emerging and Connected: Meditations on Justice the Missing Generation*, Victoria Turner, ed., (SCM Press: London, 2024). Get access [here](#).

BOOK REVIEWS:

Demonic Bodies and the Dark Ecologies of Early Christian Culture, Travis W. Proctor, Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2022 (ISBN: 9780197581162) in *Modern Believing*, forthcoming. Awaiting final proofs as of January 2025.

Bad Faith: Race and the Rise of the Religious Right, Randall H. Balmer, Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans, 2021 (ISBN 978-0-8028-7934-9), in *Modern Believing*, Vol. 65, Is. 1, 2024. Get access [here](#).

PUBLIC SCHOLARSHIP (SELECTED PUBLICATIONS):

Intersectionality and Historically Informed Dependency Studies: Notes from the 2024 Research Area E Thematic Year Concluding Workshop, *Dependency Blog*, February 2025. Read it [here](#).

Marking International Women’s Day at the BCDSS: A Collaborative Two-Day Event Series Providing New Perspectives on Gender and Asymmetrical Dependencies, co-authored with Dima Al Munajed, *The Dependent*, Volume 9, 2024, 35-37. Read it [here](#).

Religious Actors, Solidarity, and the Dignity of Labour: Reflections on the 2023 NIFEA Consultation on Labour and the GEM School in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, *The Dependent*, Volume 9, 2024, 18-23. Read it [here](#).

“Whose Prayers Did God Hear?” Echoes of Questions from Cape Coast Castle and the 2024 World Christianity Conference in Ghana, *Dependency Blog*, July 2024. Read it [here](#).

Enduring Dependencies and Relational Hermeneutics: Reflections on the 2023 Global Institute of Theology at the Pacific Theological College in Suva, Fiji, *The Dependent*, Volume 8, 2023, 40-43. Read it [here](#).

Writing Studies of Slavery, Servitude and Dependency in Community: Reflections on the 2023 Bonn/Leiden/Hull PhD Seminar, co-authored with Laura Hartmann and Ayesha Hussain, *Dependency Blog*, November 2023. Read it [here](#).

Labour Dependency and the Christian Tradition: On Contestability, Authority, and the “Social Factor of Salvation,” *The Dependent*, Volume 7, 2023, 12-15. Read it [here](#).

PhD Research, Interdisciplinary Collaboration, and Sparks, co-authored with Lena Müders and Ayesha Hussain, Inaugural Post, *Dependency Blog*, May 2023. Read it [here](#).

In the Grip of the Supernatural: Dependencies Above, Within, and Before Us – An International Conference Report, co-authored with Henriette von Harnier, *The Dependent*, Volume 5, 2022, 2022, 55-58. Read it [here](#).

Following Jesus into Ministry in *Gospel and the City: Sermons from the 2013 National Festival of Young Preachers*. Dwight A. Moody, Ed. Chalice Press; Saint Louis, MO. 2014, 11-15. Read it [here](#).

Christian Righteousness in *Uncommon Sense: Jesus and the Renewal of the World*. Dwight A. Moody, Ed. Chalice Press; Saint Louis, MO. 2013. Access it [here](#).

ADDITIONAL EDITORIAL COLLABORATION:

Founding Member of the Dependency Blog Editorial Team, Center for Dependency and Slavery Studies, University of Bonn (April 2023 to February 2025). Find out more [here](#).

Editorial Consultant for Religious & Gender Studies, *Social Sciences & Development Review*, Research Institute for Human Social Development (RIHSD) of the Polytechnic University of the Philippines (since February 2021)

(Selected) Paid Editorial, Proof-Reading, and Translation Work:

- **Language editing for a forthcoming volume on German Roman Catholic systematic and fundamental theology** by Prof. Dr. Thomas Remenyi (University of Würzburg). Language editing contract fulfilled in December 2024. Contract paid by the University of Würzburg.
- **In the Grip of the Supernatural: Dependencies Above, Within, and Before Us** Winnebeck, Munkholt, eds., DeGruyter; Forthcoming in 2024.
- **Control, Coercion and Constraint: The Role of Religion in Overcoming and Creating Structures of Dependency**, Kinzig, Winnebeck, Munkholt-Christensen, eds. DeGruyter: Forthcoming in 2024. Read it [here](#).
- **Concerning the Defamation and Execution of the “Radical” Ludwig Hätzer (1500-1529): An Attempt at Using Social Network Analysis on Small Samples** by Aneke Dornbusch, in *Journal of Early Modern Christianity*, volume 11, issue 1 (DE Gruyter), 2024.
- **Moving Late Antique and Early Medieval Penance (c.550-800) into the Purview of Slavery and Dependency Studies** by Julia Winnebeck, *Journal of Global Slavery*, volume 9, issue 1-2 (Brill), 2024.
- **The Analytical Concept of Asymmetrical Dependency** by Winnebeck et al., in *Journal of Global Slavery*, volume 8. (Brill), 2023.
- **The Correspondence Between Adolf Harnack and Friedrich Althoff – Under Special Consideration of His Baltic Heritage** by Claudia Kampmann (Book Chapter for edited volume), 2022.

RECENT CONFERENCE PAPERS, PRESENTATIONS, AND PANEL MODERATION:

World Christianity Conference (Princeton Theological Seminary and the Overseas Ministries Study Center – OMSC)

- **Sixth Annual WC Conference**. Hosted by Princeton Theological Seminary, USA (scheduled for March 10th to 14th, 2025)
 - **Slavery, Migration, Diaspora, and Asymmetrical Dependencies in World Christianity**, Panel (organized and moderated)

- **Sinners on the Move: Normative Knowledge Transfer, Forced Migration and Exile in the Early Medieval Penitentials** (paper presented as part of the above-cited panel)
- **Fifth Annual WC Conference.** Hosted by the University of Ghana, Legon (March 11th to 15th, 2024)
 - **“Nothing Manly in Him...” Hegemonic Masculinities, Asymmetrical Dependencies, and the Early Penitentials.** Paper presentation
 - **Engendering Pentecostalism II: Violence and Entrepreneurship.** Panel Chair.
- **Fourth Annual WC Conference.** Hosted by Princeton Theological Seminary, USA (March 14th to 17th, 2023)
 - **Is it Possible to Read Early Medieval Penitential Literature in Light of World Christianities?** Paper presentation in panel, ‘Dialogues in World Christianity in an Era of Global Crises and Challenges: Ecumenical, Interreligious and Transcultural Encounters’
 - **Church and War in Contemporary Europe – Focus on the War in Ukraine.** Panel Chair.
 - **The Future of World Christianity Scholarship: Perspectives from Graduate Researchers.** Presenter in panel organized by Afia Sun Kim

Society for the Study of Theology (SST)

- **“The Slave Has a Friend in Heaven ...” Theodore Sedgwick Wright on Consistency and Circumstance.** Annual Conference, University of Warwick, (April 17th to 19th, 2023).
- **Liberative Intercultural Linguistics: Young Theologians, Ecumenical Exposure Programs, & Human Sexuality.** SST Post-Graduate Conference, Newnham College, University of Cambridge, United Kingdom (September 13th, 2021)

American Academy of Religion (AAR)

- **Beyond the Vigil: Ecumenical & Interfaith Youth Work as a Catalyst for Public Theology.** Religion & Leadership Section, Annual Meeting of the Mid-Atlantic Region– MAR-AAR (February 28th, 2018)
- **Beyond the Closet: Reinhold Niebuhr and the Queer Ethic of Pride.** Co-Authored with Robert T. Drake, The Women’s Caucus & Feminist Liberation Theologians Network (FLTNT) at the Annual Meeting of the AAR, Boston, MA (November 20th, 2017)
- **Intergenerational Reflections on Identity.** Panel. Women’s Caucus. Annual Meeting of the AAR, Boston, MA (November 20th, 2017)

Recent Papers, Presentations and Collaboration at other Conferences and Venues:

- **Writers Workshop on Human Sexuality,** member of the writing team for communion resources, World Communion of Reformed Churches, Bangkok, Thailand (November 9th to 14th, 2024)
- **“De fornicatione non naturali:” Paul’s Patristic Reception and its Influence on the Bigotian Penitential’s Use of Theodorian Materials Related to Male-**

Male Sexual Activity. XIX International Conference on Patristic Studies, University of Oxford, UK (August 5th to 9th, 2024)

- **“nihil in se habuit uirile:” Shifting Masculinities and Asymmetrical Dependencies in the Early Medieval Penitentials.** International Medieval Conference (IMC), the University of Leeds, UK, in the panel ‘Dependency and Religious Ethics at Times of Crisis in the Medieval World’ with James M. Harland, Chair (July 1st to 4th, 2024)
- **“Did you ever see an abolitionist without prayer?” The Resonance of the Question in Theodore Sedgwick Wright’s Public Addresses from 1834-1837.** (Sixteenth Bi-Annual) Societas Homiletica Conference, Protestant Theological University of the Netherlands, Groningen (June 7th to 12th, 2024)
- **Queer Presbyterians, Provocative Questions, and Solidarity with the Past.** New Theologies of Justice Conference and Workshop, SCM Press, Westminster College Cambridge (August 28th to 30th, 2023; attended online due to schedule conflict)
- **Home, but Always Away: An Illustrative Case Study of Bonn’s Stimson Memorial Chapel and its History.** What Does Theology Do, Actually? - Third Annual Conference in Celebration of the Fifteenth Anniversary of the MEST Program, University of Bonn, Germany (July 8th, 2022).
- **Yet More Light... From an Apologetics of Queerness to Re-De-Normalization in the Intra-Religious Protest Movement for Inclusion in the Presbyterian Church (USA).** European Society of Intercultural Theology & Inter-Religious Studies, Biennial Conference, University of Bonn, Germany (March 25th, 2022).
- **Sodomites, Effeminate, and other Fornicators: Masculinities, Homoeroticism and Dependencies in the Early Medieval Penitentials & Ecclesial Law – Doctoral Project Poster Presentation.** Patristische Arbeitsgemeinschaft, Biennial Conference, Faculty of Protestant Theology, University of Mainz, Germany (January 2nd to 5th, 2022).
- **Woven Confessions: Religious Symbology & the Intra-Ecclesial Struggle for LGBTQ+ Inclusion in the PCUSA.** Prophets, Prognosticators and the Theo-logics of Protest Panel, Annual Meeting of the European Academy of Religion, Münster, Germany (September 1st, 2021)
- **“Is Anyone Else Out There Gay?” Liberative New Testament Exegesis and the Formation of the Presbyterian Gay Caucus.** Second Annual New Testament Scholars Conference, Theme: Human Sexuality in God’s Canvas of Creation Conference hosted by Ekklesia Center for Biblical Studies & Pastoral Accompaniment, India [via JioMeet due to COVID-19], (October 19th to 20th, 2020)

RECENT COLLOQUIA PARTICIPATION (related to the University of Bonn):

“Making Men in the Early Medieval Penitentials (600-900 C.E.)” Invited presentation in the Theological Gender Research Colloquium (part of the Arbeitsstelle

für Theologische Genderforschung) of the Faculty of Catholic Theology at the University of Bonn (scheduled for May 12th, 2025)

Presentations at the Annual Public Doctoral Colloquium of the Bonn Center for Dependency and Slavery Studies

- **“With A Man as with a Woman:” Regulating Homoerotic Interaction in the Early Medieval Penitentials (600-900 C.E.).** (December 11th, 2024).
- **“Mulle Sicut Adultera:’ Male Sexuality, Gender Slippage, and Dependencies in the Early Penitentials** (September 13th, 2023)

Biennial Bonn/Oxford Colloquium in Theology and Religion

- **“On Boy’s Games:” The Early Penitentials and the Sexual Expression of Biological Males Throughout the Life Course.** University of Oxford, UK (September 15th to 20th 2024)
- **Formal Response to Tim Middleton’s “Christology and the Temporal Trauma of the Anthropocene.”** University of Bonn, Germany (September 8th, 2022)

Colloquia and Workshop Presentations at the Faculty of Protestant Theology, University of Bonn

- **Penancing Fornication: Men, Sex and Ecclesiastical Rank in the Praefatio Gildae.** Kirchengeschichtliches Kolloquium, Evangelisch-Theologische Fakultät in dem Diözesanen und Dombibliothek, Köln (January 16th, 2024)
- **Perspektiven auf Methoden der Kirchengeschichte aus den USA,** Kolloquium Methodenbücher in der Kirchengeschichte, Kirchengeschichte Kolloquium, Evangelisch-Theologische Fakultät (January 16th, 2023)
- **Our Own Most Vexing Problem: LGBTQ+ Experience, Sin Talk & the Ecumenical Movement.** Systematische Theologie Doktoranden-Kolloquium with Prof. Dr. Richter, Evangelisch-Theologische Fakultät (March 6th, 2020)

SELECTED INVITED LECTURES, EXHIBITS & OTHER PUBLIC SCHOLARSHIP:

Fabrics of Dependency, Prayers for Inclusion, Digital “Exhibit” on the use of stoles as symbols for LGBTQ+ Inclusion in mainline American Protestant Churches, part of the digital exhibit “Enmeshed and Intertwined: Fabrics of Dependency” of the Bonn Center for Dependency and Slavery Studies (forthcoming in March 2025). View it [here](#).

Invited (Public) Lectures Given in Connection with Bonn International Model United Nations, e.V. and the Studium Universale of the University of Bonn

- **“Westchester on the Rhine:” U.S. Presidential Visits to Bonn-Plittersdorf (1949-1999).** (December 18th, 2024)
- **“From Caterpillars to Butterflies:” Multilateralism and Bonn’s “American Settlement” in a Past Age of Geopolitical Conflict.** (July 5th, 2023)
- **Faith for Rights: The Beirut Declaration and Religious Actors on the World Stage.** (November 2nd, 2022)
- **The “Third Rome” and the “Russian Peace:” Religious Dimensions of Putin’s**

War on Ukraine - Dies Academicus Lecture. (May 18th, 2022)

Public Panels Marking “Dies Academicus” Organized and Moderated on Behalf of the Bonn Center for Dependency and Slavery Studies

- **Slavery and Abolition in Global Perspective.** Public panel featuring Prof. Dr. Sean Kelley, Dr. Henriette Røland, and Bahar Bayraktarğlu (December 4th, 2024). Find out more [here](#).
- **Case Studies in the History of Slavery and Abolition.** Public panel featuring Prof. Dr. Sarah Zimmerman, Prof. Dr. Natalie Joy, and Sara Eriksson (May 15th, 2024). Find out more [here](#).

Eine einzigartige Kirche und Denkmal in Deutschland: Die Geschichte die Stimson Memorial Chapel und ihre Bedeutung für die Amerikanisch-Deutsche Freundschaft. Annual RASP Lecture and public town hall. Rettet die amerikanische Siedlung Plittersdorf, e.V. (November 29th, 2024).

Intersectionality and Asymmetrical Dependencies: Theoretical Explorations and Case Studies in Religion. Invited lecture. Gender Group Colloquium of the Center for Development Research (ZEF), University of Bonn (August 29th, 2024). Find out more [here](#).

Das Schweigen der Geschichte durchbrech: Die Stimme von Büßern im Mittelalter/ Breaking Historical Silences: The Voices of Medieval Penitents. (Event Co-Organizer and Exhibit Creator) Wissenschaftsrallye Exhibit and Interactive Gallery, University of Bonn (April 27th, 2024). Find out more [here](#).

Making Your Mark, Plenary address for iStart Alumni/ae Day, International Office, University of Bonn. (November 18th, 2022)

Gefestselt: Lesung & Diskussion mit Natassa Sideri. Bonn Center for Dependency and Slavery Studies (November 7th, 2022). Find out more [here](#).

Geistige Heimat: Eine Zusammenfassung der Forschung zu internationalen protestantischen anglophonen Gemeinden - Hochschulepreis Acceptance Speech. Evangelischer Bund Rheinland, Evangelischer Bund Westfalen und Lippe, Melancton Akademie Köln (November 4th, 2022)

Visiting Wounds. Plenary Address and Panel Discussion, Ecumenical Youth Pre-Assembly Gathering, 11th General Assembly of the World Council of Churches (August 28th, 2022)

Spiritual Care & LGBTQIA+ Identities: An Introduction to the Discourse in U.S. Health Care Chaplaincy. DFG-FOR 2685- Resilienz in Religion und Spiritualität, University of Bonn, Germany (May 21st, 2022)

Human Rights and Beyond: Liberative Linguistics for Intercultural Religious Discourse on Gender & Sexuality. Institute of Human and Social Development (IHSD) Forum, Polytechnic University of the Philippines, Manila, Philippines (via Zoom due to COVID, July 21st, 2021)

When Calling Meets Identity: A Queer Pastor's Journey into Ordained Ministry. TheVillage: Hope in Action, Rosemont, PA, USA (May 9th, 2019)

Faith and Identity: Finding Safety, Risking Responsibility. Compass Gathering, The Agnes Irwin School, Bryn Mawr, PA, USA (April 6th, 2019)

Annual (Public) Lenten Lecture Series (Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church, Bryn Mawr, PA, USA)

- **Bonhoeffer: An Ecumenical Youth Worker.** (March 24th, 2019)
- **Niebuhr had a Point.** Part of Series: "Three Weeks with Reinhold Niebuhr." (February 18th, 2018)

Childhood Suicide in the LGBT Community from a Social, Economic, and Religious Perspective. Lecture & Panel Discussion, Raices Cultural Center, New Brunswick, NJ, USA (November 12th, 2016)

Christians: Who are we, and What do we Believe? The Jewish Center, Princeton, NJ, USA (March 22nd, 2015)

GA 221: A YAAD's Perspective. Black Mountain Presbyterian Church USA and Montreat Presbyterian Church USA (June 24th, 2014)

The Religious and Cultural Dynamics of the Millennial Generation and the Future of the PCUSA. Montreat Presbyterian Church (January 15th, 2013), First Presbyterian Church Asheville, NC, USA (February 15th, 2013)

A Progressive Perspective on Amendment One. Lecture & Panel, Fairview Presbyterian Church USA, Lenoir, NC, USA (May 3rd, 2012)

SELECTED CONSULTATIONS, INTERVIEWS AND MEDIA APPEARANCES:

Interview with Byung Ho Choi for "The Roundtable," Overseas Ministries Study Center (OMSC) and Princeton Theological Seminary at the University of Ghana, Legon (March 14th, 2024; published on December 6th, 2024). Watch it [here](#) and [here](#).

Interview with WCRC News, World Communion of Reformed Churches (WCRC) News (October 30th, 2024). Read the resultant article, titled “How a Summer at the GIT Redefined David Brandon Smith’s Ministry and Academic Career,” [here](#).

Co-Host, (il) Intentionally International Podcast: English-speaking Congregations in non-English Speaking Countries (June 2020 to January 2024). Find out more [here](#).

5½ Questions “Portrait,” Bonn Doctoral Bulletin (Spring 2023 Issue)

Interview about Pam Byers Memorial Initiative. Philadelphia Gay News, Philadelphia, PA (June 4th, 2019)

Pam Byers Memorial Initiative: Living History Interview. Presbyterian Historical Society, Philadelphia, PA (April 2nd, 2019)

Facilitating Conversations on Identity and Meaning in Church and Community. Panel. Ministry Incubators & Presbytery of Philadelphia (December 5th, 2018)

Perspectives on Peace and Discernment. Video interview with Patrick Heery, Unbound: An Interactive Journal of Christian Social Justice, Montreat, NC (January 2013)

Faith for the 21st Century Dialogue Interview. Atlanta Interfaith Broadcasting Network, Atlanta, GA (January 2013)

Interview with Peter Wallace at the National Festival of Young Preachers. www.day1.org, Atlanta, GA (January 2013)