

# E. Jerome Van Kuiken, PhD

## EDUCATION

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UNIVERSITY OF MANCHESTER (2010 – 2014)

**Ph.D. in Theology** – *A1 (highest award)*

Thesis: “The Relationship of the Fall to Christ’s Humanity: Patristic Theology as an Arbiter of the Modern Debate”

Student Lecturer, Modern Christology, 2013

WESLEY BIBLICAL SEMINARY (1996 – 2000)

**Master of Divinity** – *3.96 GPA*

Honors Thesis: “Fairer Worlds on High: A Christian Perspective on the Relationship between Hope and Beauty”

KENTUCKY MOUNTAIN BIBLE COLLEGE (1992 – 1996)

**B.A. in Religion** – *3.86 GPA (Magna cum Laude). 2021 Delta Epsilon Chi Awardee.*

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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OKLAHOMA WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY (2009 – present)

**Dean of the School of Ministry and Christian Thought** (2019 – 2022)

**Professor of Christian Thought** (2011 – present)

Teach theology, philosophy, Bible. *2018 Excellence in Teaching Awardee.*

**Graduate & Professional Studies and CROSS Training Instructor** (2009 – present)

Developed and taught online and onsite graduate courses in Christology; Doctrine of Scripture; Doctrine of Holiness. Teach online and onsite undergraduate theology and philosophy.

WESLEY SEMINARY AT INDIANA WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY (2021 – present)

**Adjunct Professor** - Teach online graduate course in Christian Theology.

KINGSWOOD UNIVERSITY (2020 – present)

**Adjunct Professor** – Developed and teach online graduate course in Theology of the Church.

WESLEY BIBLICAL SEMINARY (2018 – 2021)

**Adjunct Professor** – Developed and taught online course in History of Christian Thought.

WILLIAM PENN UNIVERSITY (2011)

**Adjunct Professor** - Taught onsite religion courses.

OHIO CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY (2009 – 2011)

**Adjunct Instructor** - Developed and taught online courses in philosophy, Bible.

FREE METHODIST CHURCH OF NORTH AMERICA (2009 – 2011)

**Adjunct Ministerial Educator** – Taught onsite and correspondence Bible courses.

WESLEY COLLEGE (2009 – 2010)

**Old Testament and Theology Professor**

*2009 HEADWAE Outstanding Faculty Honoree. 2010 Teacher of the Year Awardee.*

VENNARD COLLEGE (2000 – 2008)

**Assistant Professor of Bible, Theology, Philosophy and History**

## **PROFESSIONAL PUBLICATIONS AND INVITED PRESENTATIONS**

### **Books**

*The Judas We Never Knew: Learning from Jesus' Brother and His Letter* (Seedbed, forthcoming).

Co-editor with Jason Vickers of *Methodist Christology: From the Wesleys to the Twenty-first Century* (Wesley's Foundery Books, 2020).

*Christ's Humanity in Current and Ancient Controversy: Fallen or Not?* (T&T Clark, 2017).

### **Chapters in Edited Volumes**

“Torrance and Christ's Assumption of Fallen Human Nature: Toward Clarification and Closure,” in Myk Habets and R. Lucas Stamps, eds., *The Theology of T. F. Torrance: An Evangelical Evaluation* (Lexham Press, forthcoming).

“Transpositions: The Notes of the Church in Trinitarian and Wesleyan Keys” in Jacob Lett and Jonathan M. Platter, eds., *Sanctifying Theology: At the Intersections of Wesleyan Theology, Dogmatics, and Practice* (Pickwick, forthcoming).

“Reading Barth on Jackson's Set: Threefold Salvation in the *Lord of the Rings* Trilogy” in Douglas Estes, ed., *Theology and Tolkien* (Lexington Books/Fortress Academic, forthcoming).

“Holy Love and Church History: The Curious Case of Edward Irving,” in Diane Ury, ed., *Holy Love: Essays in Honor of Dr. M. William Ury* (Salvation Army Southern Territory, 2022).

“Sin and Sam Raimi's Spider-Man: A Spider-Hamartiology” in George Tsakiridis, ed., *Theology and Spider-Man* (Lexington Books/Fortress Academic, 2022).

“Who's on Third? (Re)locating the Spirit in the Triune *Taxis*,” co-authored with Joshua M. McNall in Oliver D. Crisp and Fred Sanders, eds., *The Third Person of the Trinity: Explorations in Constructive Dogmatics* (Zondervan, 2020).

“Christology ‘Human End Foremost’: Albert Outler and John Deschner” in Jason Vickers and Jerome Van Kuiken, eds., *Methodist Christology: From the Wesleys to the Twenty-first Century* (Wesley’s Foundery Books, 2020).

“‘Not I, but Christ’: Thomas F. Torrance on the Christian Life” in Paul D. Molnar and Myk Habets, eds., *T&T Clark Handbook of Thomas F. Torrance* (T&T Clark, 2020).

“Old Testament Models for Leading the Wesleyan Way,” in Aaron Perry and Bryan Easley, eds., *Leadership the Wesleyan Way: An Anthology for Forming Leaders in Wesleyan Thought and Practice* (Emeth, 2016).

“Convergence in the ‘Reformed’ Theologies of T. F. Torrance and Jacobus Arminius: A Preliminary Survey,” in Keith D. Stanglin, Mark G. Bilby, and Mark H. Mann, eds., *Reconsidering Arminius: Beyond the Reformed and Wesleyan Divide* (Abingdon, 2014).

### **Professional Journal Articles (selected)**

“Wrestling with an Angel: T. F. Torrance’s Reception of Edward Irving Reappraised,” *Participatio* (forthcoming).

“Sinless Savior in Fallen Flesh? Toward Clarifying and Closing the Debate,” *Journal of the Evangelical Theological Society* 64.2 (2021): 327–40.

“Pope on Progress: A Constructive Conversation with W. B. Pope’s *Compendium* Vol. 1,” *Wesleyan Theological Journal* 55.2 (2020): 59–68.

“Introduction to Theology: Using the Duck Test to Teach New Concepts,” *Didaktikos* 3.5 (2019): 32.

“Deschner’s Wesley and the Monophysite Meme,” *Wesleyan Theological Journal* 54.2 (2019): 37–55.

“All of Him for All of Us: Christ’s Person and Offices in John Wesley and T. F. Torrance,” *Participatio* 4 (2018): 11–38.

“Pelagian or Procrustean? Weighing Hugh Rock’s Reading of George Fox and James Arminius,” *Quaker Studies* 23.2 (2018): 179–90.

“‘Ye Worship Ye Know Not What’? The Apophatic Turn and the Trinity,” *International Journal of Systematic Theology* 19.4 (2017): 401–420. Awarded “Top Downloaded Article 2017-2018.”

“Why Protestant Christians Should Not Believe in Mary’s Immaculate Conception: A Response to Mulder,” *Christian Scholars Review* 46.3 (2017): 233–47.

“John Walton’s *Lost Worlds* and God’s Loosed Word: Implications for Inerrancy, Canon, and Creation,” *Journal of the Evangelical Theological Society* 58.4 (2015): 679–91.

“For Clarity and Charity: A Wesleyan Response to the Scripture Study Committee’s Report on Article IV (The Holy Scriptures),” *Didache: Faithful Teaching* 15.1 (2015).

Book reviews for the *Wesleyan Theological Journal*, *Trinity Journal*, and *Participatio*.

### **Presentations and popular-level pieces (selected)**

“The One for the Many: Reality and Personal Experience.” Fimbush Virtual Retreat (2022).

“Theology and Spider-Man.” Wesley Seminary Webinar (2022).

“Discipling Spider-Man: No Way Home and Youth Ministry.” *Firebrand* (2022).

Panelist for a review of Jason Vickers’ and my co-edited volume *Methodist Christology* at joint Wesleyan Historical Society-Wesleyan Dogmatics Working Group session (online, 2022).

Invited response to Axel Kazadi, “The Kenosis of Christ in Balthasar’s Thought: The Objective Ground of Human Obedience.” Free Methodist-Wesleyan Graduate Student Theological Seminar (Fishers, IN, 2022).

“Scorsese’s Christmas Story.” *Christian Scholar’s Review* Blog (2021).

“The Disorder of Salvation? The Place of the *Ordo Salutis* in Wesleyan Theology and Practice.” Wesleyan Studies section of Evangelical Theological Society (Ft. Worth, 2021).

“Wesleyans and the *Filioque*: A Constructive Account.” Models of God section of Evangelical Theological Society (Ft. Worth, 2021).

“Seeking and Saving Aliens? SETI and Soteriology.” OKWU Science/Math Capstone class (2021).

“Conflict, Culture, and Christ’s Command: Interpreting Matthew 18:15–17 for Indirect-Conflict Settings.” The Facilitator M Blog (2020).

“Is Christ a *Fallen* Hero?” OKWU Lewis Fellowship (2018, 2020).

“Wesley on Education.” OKWU faculty workshop (2015, 2020, 2021, 2022).

Panelist and commentator for Torrance Theological Fellowship Virtual Workshop-Retreats (2020, 2021).

“Acts 17v22-31 With Jerome Van Kuiken (Sixth Sunday of Easter).” Fresh Text Podcast Ep. 72 (2020).

“When the Acolyte Fell: Wesleyan Hermeneutics and the Eucharist.” Anglican Studies section of Evangelical Theological Society (San Diego, 2019).

“Challenges to Biblical Authority.” Plenary address, Josh McDowell Institute at OKWU (2019).

Panelist for a review of Michael Allen, *Sanctification*, at Wesleyan Studies section of Evangelical Theological Society (Denver, 2018).

“Superheroes And The Human Nature Of Christ.” Wesley Seminary Podcast Episode 48 (2018).

“Did Jesus Have a Human Nature?”; “Was Jesus More Than Just a Man?”; and “Errors to Avoid When Talking About the Trinity.” Seven Minute Seminary; [www.seedbed.com](http://www.seedbed.com) (2017).

## **SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION**

Preach and lead Bible studies multiple times a year at churches, OKWU and Christian school chapel services, and occasionally at camp meetings, youth camp, and a local rescue mission.

Volunteer children’s worker and frequent Local Board of Administration member, Sooner Park Wesleyan Church, Bartlesville, OK (2012 – present)

Board member, *Firebrand* e-magazine. <https://firebrandmag.com/board> (2022 – present).

Associate editor, *Participatio* e-journal. <https://tftorrance.org/index.php/journal-board> (2021 – present).

Regular contributor to daily devotional *Light from the Word* (Wesleyan Publishing House).

Manuscript Reviewer for Oxford University Press (2014, 2015) and the *International Journal of Systematic Theology* (2017).

Associate Pastor, Pennsylvania Ave. Free Methodist Church, Ottumwa, IA (2001 – 2008).

## **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

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The Wesleyan Church (ordained); Wesleyan Theological Society; Evangelical Theological Society (Wesleyan Studies section steering committee member); Torrance Theological Fellowship (executive committee member).