
ANDREW ROBERT HURST THOMPSON

EDUCATION

- Ph.D., Religious Studies (Concentration in Ethics) May 2013
Yale University, New Haven, CT
- Dissertation title: *All My Holy Mountain: A Christian Ethical Approach to Mountaintop Removal Coal Mining* Advisor: Margaret A. Farley
 - This project proposes a theocentric ethical approach to the environmental and social problem of mountaintop removal coal mining, arguing that an appropriate response must attend to and transform the cultural narratives that come to define such an issue.
 - Research/teaching interests: Post-natural environmental ethics; environmental justice; environmental pragmatism; social ethics and community organizing; global ethics; phenomenology; H. Richard Niebuhr and theocentric ethics; political theology
 - Coursework/exams included: environmental theologies; ethics and the economy; political theology; Roman Catholic ethics; feminist and contextual theologies and ethics; Kant's philosophy of religion; global ethics; communicative ethics in multicultural democracy
- Master of Arts in Religion (Concentration in Ethics), *Summa cum Laude* 2006
Yale Divinity School, New Haven, CT
- Bachelor of Music, Music Performance, *Summa cum Laude* 2002
Duquesne University, Pittsburgh, PA

PUBLICATIONS

Book

Sacred Mountains: A Christian Ethical Approach to Mountaintop Removal. Lexington, KY: University Press of Kentucky, 2015

Book Chapters

"Climate Vulnerability as Theological Bridge Concept: Examples from Puerto Rico," in *Climate Politics and the Power of Religion*. Edited by Evan Berry (forthcoming from Indiana University Press).

"Loving the Mountains: Cultivating Compassion for Places," in *Ecotheology and Nonhuman Ethics in Society: A Community of Compassion*. Edited by Melissa Brotton. New York: Lexington Books, 2016.

"All My Holy Mountain: Imaginations of Appalachia in Christian Responses to Mountaintop Removal Mining", in *The Changing World Religion Map: Sacred Places, Identities, Practices, and Politics*. Edited by Stanley D. Brunn. Dordrecht: Springer, 2014.

"To Shape, Liberate, and Uphold...: Teaching, Baptizing, and Nurturing in the Missionary Community: The Second Mark of Mission," in *Life Widening Mission: Global Anglican Perspectives*. Edited by Cathy Ross; foreword by The Archbishop of Canterbury. Oxford: Regnum, 2012.

"Communities of the Spirit: The Missiology of Roland Allen in the Twenty-first Century," in *Edinburgh 2010: Mission Today and Tomorrow*. Edited by Kirsteen Kim and Andrew Anderson. Oxford: Regnum, 2011.

Articles (Peer Reviewed)

"Eco-Solidarity: Ecclesiology *en Conjunto* in the Anthropocene Epoch," *Anglican Theological Review*, 101, no. 4 (October 2019).

“Good Ecological Work: A Normative Account of Work for Novel Ecosystems,” *Environmental Ethics*, 39, no. 4 (Winter 2017).

“Managing for Virtue: The Moral Debate over Novel Ecosystems,” *Worldviews: Global Religions, Culture, and Ecology*, 21, no. 2 (June 2017).

Other Articles/Book Reviews/Other Writings

“Wherever the River Goes”: A Faith-based Reflection Guide to *Hidden Rivers of Southern Appalachia* (documentary produced by Tennessee Aquarium).

Carbon Offset Policy Proposal for Episcopal Church (with Andrea Vancil), 2019.

“Work and Our Common Life,” Episcopal Networks Collaborative Lectionary Project, Fall 2018.

Environmental resolutions and position papers for 79th General Convention of the Episcopal Church, July 2018.

Review of *Our Only World*, by Wendell Berry, *Sewanee Theological Review*, 2017.

Review of *The Future of Ethics*, by Willis Jenkins, *Sewanee Theological Review*, 2017.

“Reclaiming the Moral Truth of Nature,” *Education for Ministry* Volume D, Sewanee, TN: The University of the South, 2016.

Review of *Place, Ecology and the Sacred: The Moral Geography of Sustainable Communities*, by Michael S. Northcott, *Theology*, July/August 2016; Vol. 119, No. 4.

Review of *Power and Purpose: Paul Ramsey and Contemporary Christian Political Theology*, by Adam Edward Hollowell, *The Living Church*, June 2016.

“Stewardship in a Changing Climate: Fossil Fuel Divestment and Reinvestment,” *From the Mountain* (School of Theology magazine), Fall 2015.

Review of *Mountain Man* (short film) by Man Bites Dog films, *Journal of Appalachian Studies*, April 01, 2013; Vol. 19, No. 1.

“Proclaiming the Good News: The Goodness and Newness of the Gospel,” *Let’s Talk: Living Theology in the Metropolitan Chicago Synod*, Issue 16.3, Should We Evangelize?, Advent 2011. (<http://mcsletstalk.org/16.3/thompson/>).

“Edinburgh 2010: How Far Have We Come?” *Episcopal Life Online*, June 14, 2010 (http://archive.episcopalchurch.org/80050_122874_ENG_HTML.htm).

PRESENTATIONS

Conference Presentations

“Environmental Theology as Public Theology.” American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, November 2019

“Eco-Solidarity: Ecclesiology *En Conjunto* in the Anthropocene Epoch.” Latinx Studies for a 21st Century Church Conference, 2018.

“Novel Ecosystems and Dark Ecotheology,” Society of Christian Ethics Annual Meeting, 2018.

“Vulnerability, Adaptation, and Agency: Climate Vulnerability as Hybrid Concept and as Tactic,” American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, 2017.

“Emotion and Ethics in Novel Ecosystems: An Environmental Pragmatist Approach,” American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, 2015.

Conference organizer and panel moderator, Faith, Food, and Farming Conference, The School of Theology, The University of the South, 2014.

“Loving the Mountains: An Ethic of Cultivation in Appalachia,” Southeastern Commission for the Study of Religion Regional Meeting, 2014.

“Mining Appalachia: Mountaintop Removal, Appalachianism, and Responsibility,” American Academy of Religion, New England-Maritimes Regional Conference, 2011.

“Communities of the Spirit: The Missiology of Roland Allen in the Twenty-First Century,” Boston 2010 World Mission Conference parallel session.

“Ethical Foundations for Mission,” Edinburgh 2010 World Mission Conference, Foundations for Mission parallel session.

“Meaning Community: Christian Imagination of Community,” Northeast Ethics Colloquium, Brown University, 2009.

Select Invited Presentations/Homilies

“Cosmic Christ and Polluting Powers,” St. Gregory’s Episcopal Church/University of Georgia Catholic Center Climate Change Series, October 2019.

“Forming Eco-Publics: Environmental Justice as Public Theology,” University of Georgia, October 2019.

“Faith in Public Life: Stories and Ethics,” St. Paul’s Episcopal Church, Chattanooga, TN, 2016.

“Una Vida Digna de Sostenibilidad,” Seminario Evangelico de Teología, Matanzas, Cuba, 2016.

“A Climate of Vulnerability: Climate Change, Politics, and Justice,” St. John’s Episcopal Church, Johnson City, TN, 2015.

“We Belong to God: Ethics and Theology at the End of Life,” Dean’s Forum, Christ Church Cathedral, Hartford CT, 2010.

EXPERIENCE

Assistant Professor of Theological Ethics

2017-present

Director, Sewanee Ministry Collaborative

Director, Non-Degree Theological Studies Program

School of Theology, The University of the South, Sewanee, TN

- Design and teach courses for graduate and undergraduate students in environmental and social ethics and theology; direct doctoral and masters’ thesis research; serve on faculty committees.
- Direct grant-funded five-year program to establish mentoring cohorts among clergy in black ministries, Latino/Hispanic ministries, rural ministries, and clergy trained in non-traditional programs; hire and supervise staff; oversee budget of approximately \$1 million; plan and lead annual gathering of up to 80 people.
- Oversee all aspects of hybrid residential/online program for non-stipendiary or bi-vocational priests

- Assistant Director, Center for Religion and Environment (CRE)** 2015-2019
The University of the South, Sewanee, TN
- Assist in coordinating programs and events for University-wide interdisciplinary center.
 - Maintain CRE website and social media presence; supervise work of CRE Fellows; build relationships with other programs and centers.
- Visiting Assistant Professor, Systematic Theology** 2016-2017
School of Theology, The University of the South, Sewanee, TN
- Postdoctoral Fellow in Environmental Ethics** 2014-2016
School of Theology, The University of the South, Sewanee, TN
- Religion/Philosophy Teacher** 2012-2014
St. Catherine's School/St. Christopher's School, Richmond, VA
- Teaching Assistant, "Leadership in Public Ministry" (graduate)** 2010 -2011
Yale Divinity School, New Haven, CT
- Collaborated with teaching team to redesign field-education organizing/advocacy course, with greater focus on academic content and reflection.
- Teaching Fellow, Ethics** 2009-2011
Yale Divinity School, New Haven, CT
- "African American Moral and Social Thought" (Professor Emilie Townes): Co-facilitated discussions, delivered lectures, consulted with students and graded assignments for graduate seminar.
 - "Introduction to Christian Ethics 1& 2" (Professor Frederick Simmons): Planned and facilitated discussion, graded papers and exams, held office hours and consulted with graduate and undergraduate students.
- Community Development Worker** 2007-2008
Anglican Episcopal Church of El Salvador
- Re-established community center in impoverished rural community with community education programs.
 - Co-founded primary school San Miguel Arcángel, including securing funding and necessary permissions, making curriculum decisions, and hiring director/teacher.

AWARDS & GRANTS

- Lilly Foundation Thriving in Ministry grant for Sewanee Ministry Collaborative (as member of grant-writing team) 2018
- Sewanee Community Engagement Fellowship 2018
- Sewanee Collaborative for Southern Appalachian and Place-based Studies Grant (for "Finding Common Ground" Workshop) 2016
- Sewanee Collaborative for Southern Appalachian and Place-based Studies Grant (for "Christian Social Ethics in Local Context") 2015
- Episcopal Church Foundation Fellowship 2011-2014
- Graduate Student Award for Excellence (Honorable Mention) 2011
American Academy of Religion, New England-Maritimes/Mid-Atlantic Regional Meeting

(for “Mining Appalachia,”)

Best Youth Essay 2010
Edinburgh 2010 World Mission Conference
(for “Communities of the Spirit”)

Seminary Consultation on Mission/Episcopal Evangelical Education Society grants 2006

SERVICE

Academic Service

Question Writing Team (Moral Theology/Contemporary Society) 2017-present
Episcopal General Ordination Examination

Member, Gessell Fellowship for Social Ethics selection Committee 2017-present
University of the South

Member, School of Theology Curriculum and Program Committee 2015-present
University of the South

Member, Sustainability Steering Committee 2015-2016
University of the South

Member, Advanced Degree Program Committee 2016-2017
University of the South

Member, Working Group on University Diversity Statement 2015
University of the South

Other Service

Vice-President, Housing Sewanee, Inc., Board of Directors 2017-present

Member, Episcopal Church Advisory Council on Stewardship of Creation 2016-present

Music leader, School of Theology Spanish-Language Eucharist 2014-present

Interpreter/leader, mission trips to Cuba, Colombia, Dominican Republic, El Salvador 2010-present

LANGUAGES

Spanish (fluent)
German (reading)
French (reading)

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Academy of Religion
Society of Christian Ethics