

HOWARD PICKETT

EMPLOYMENT

Washington and Lee University, Lexington, Virginia

Assistant Professor of Ethics and Poverty Studies, and Director of the Shepherd Program for the Interdisciplinary Study of Poverty and Human Capability, 2013-present
Adjunct Professor of Law, 2013-present
Adjunct Professor in Poverty Studies, 2011-2013

University of Virginia, Charlottesville, Virginia

Adjunct Instructor of Religious Studies, 2009-2011
Graduate Teaching Assistant, 2006-2008

EDUCATION

University of Virginia, Charlottesville, Virginia

Ph.D., 2012; M.A., 2011 in Religious Studies

Millsaps College, Jackson, Mississippi

B.A., 1998
Phi Beta Kappa, *Summa cum laude* in Religious Studies and Classics

HONORS

ACS Blended Learning Grant, Teaching Poverty, 2013
Finalist, Charlotte W. Newcombe Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship, 2012
Junior Fellow, University of Virginia Society of Fellows, 2010-2011
Religious Studies Award for Excellence in Teaching, University of Virginia, 2010
Nominee for University-Wide Graduate Teaching Award, University of Virginia, 2010
BB&T Teaching Fellow: Business, Ethics and Society, 2009-2010
Assistant to the Editor, *Journal of the American Academy of Religion*, 2009-2011
Scholar-in-Residence: Newberry Library, Chicago, 2008-2009
Phi Beta Kappa, Millsaps College, 1998

RESEARCH

Publications

Rethinking Sincerity and Authenticity: The Ethics of Theatricality in Kant, Kierkegaard, and Levinas
(University of Virginia Press, 2017)

“Taking the Place of Another: The Ethics of Substitution in Bonhoeffer, Levinas, and Ricoeur” (a book manuscript in progress)

“Beyond the Mask: Kierkegaard’s *Postscript* as Anti-theatrical, Anti-Hegelian Drama,” *Kierkegaard, Literature, and the Arts*, ed. Eric Ziolkowski (Northwestern Press, 2018).

“How (Not) to Write a Kierkegaardian Political Theology: Between Niebuhr and Levinas on Anxiety, Faith, and Love,” *Kierkegaard and Political Theology*, eds. Roberto Sirvent and Silas Morgan (Pickwick Publications, 2018).

“‘It’s the Real Thing’: Identity and Sincerity in *Mad Men*,” *The Universe is Indifferent: Theology, Philosophy, and Mad Men*, eds. Ann Duncan and Jacob Goodson (Cascade Books, 2016).

“Theatrical Samaritans: Performing Others in Luke 10:25–37,” *The Journal of Scriptural Reasoning* 11.1 (August 2012).

“As You Would: Subjunctive Reciprocity and Welfare Work Requirements” (under revision).

Presentations

“Taking the Place of Another: Is Dietrich Bonhoeffer’s Ethics of Substitution Oppressive?”
Accepted for the Society of Christian Ethics, Annual Meeting, Louisville, KY, January 2019

“Troubling Reciprocity: Asymmetries of Power and Recognition in Paul Ricoeur, Delores Williams, and Iris Marion Young,” American Academy of Religion, Denver, CO, October 2018

“The Prison Gives Rise to Thought: Bonhoeffer and Ricoeur on Incarnation and Incarceration,”
American Academy of Religion, Boston, MA, October 2017

“The Beloved Community: Ends, Means, Justice, and Love,” Bonner Congress Annual Conference,
The Bonner Foundation, Lexington, Virginia, October 2016

“‘It’s the Real Thing’: Authenticity, Seriality, and the Religion of Advertising in *Mad Men*,” American
Academy of Religion, Southeastern Commission for the Study of Religion 2016 Annual
Conference, Atlanta, Georgia, March 2016

“As You Would: Subjunctive Reciprocity and Welfare Work Requirements,” Society of Christian
Ethics 2014 Annual Conference, Chicago, Illinois, January 2015

“How (Not) to Write a Kierkegaardian Political Theology: Heidegger, Niebuhr, and Levinas on
Anxiety and Non-reciprocal Neighbor-love,” Kierkegaard, Religion, and Culture Group and
Niebuhr Society, American Academy of Religion 2014 Conference, San Diego, California,
November 2014

“Against Authenticity: Emmanuel Levinas and a Problem with Self-Congruence,”
Culture and Society Colloquium, Washington and Lee University, February 2014

“The Ethics of Imitation and Incarnation: Kant Reads John 1:1–14,” Scriptural Reasoning Group,
American Academy of Religion, Mid-Atlantic Regional Meeting, New Brunswick, New Jersey,
March 2012

“The End is Preexistent in the Means: Martin Luther King’s Rationale for Nonviolent Resistance,”
Theology of Martin Luther King, Jr. Group, American Academy of Religion 2011
Conference, San Francisco, California, November 2011

“Virtuous Hypocrisy: Kant and the Imitation of Moral Perfection,” Culture and Society Colloquium,
Washington and Lee University, November 2011

“Theatrical Samaritans: Performing Others in Luke 10:25–37,” Scriptural Reasoning Group,
American Academy of Religion, Mid-Atlantic Regional Meeting, New Brunswick, New Jersey,
March 2011

- “The Torso and the Hypocrite: Polyphonic Integrity in Bonhoeffer’s *Letters and Papers from Prison*,”
The Bonhoeffer Theology and Social Analysis Group, American Academy of Religion 2010
Conference, Atlanta, Georgia, November 2010
- “Beyond the Mask: Kierkegaard’s *Postscript* as Anti-theatrical Drama,” Kierkegaard, Religion, and
Culture Group, American Academy of Religion 2008 Conference, Chicago, Illinois,
November 2008
- “‘Something more than fantasy’: Metatheater as Religious Discourse in *Hamlet*,” Religion and Theatre
Panel, Association for Theatre in Higher Education 2006 Conference, Chicago, Illinois,
August 2006

TEACHING

Washington and Lee University, Lexington, Virginia

- Poverty & Human Capability 423/Law 391: A Research Seminar
 Poverty & Human Capability 296: MLK: Justice, Love & Forgiveness (Augusta Correctional Center)
 Poverty & Human Capability/Philosophy 245: Poverty, Dignity, and Human Rights
 Poverty & Human Capability/Philosophy 243: Martin Luther King, Jr.: Poverty, Justice & Love
 Poverty & Human Capability/Philosophy 241: Poverty, Ethics & Religion
 Poverty & Human Capability 103: An Interdisciplinary Introduction & Fieldwork Course
 Poverty & Human Capability 102: A Fieldwork Course in Community Development
 Poverty & Human Capability 101: An Interdisciplinary Introduction

University of Virginia, Charlottesville, Virginia

- Faith & Doubt in the Modern Age (Instructor of Record)
 Business, Ethics & Society (Instructor of Record)
 Theology, Ethics, and Healthcare (Teaching Assistant)
 Religion and Modern Fiction (Teaching Assistant)

ADMINISTRATION AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Academic

- Director, Shepherd Program, 2013-present
 Oversight of the following campus-community initiatives within the Shepherd Program:
 Alternative Break Service Trip
 Advisory Board Member, Americorps VISTA Project, Lexington, VA, 2013-present
 Bonner Leader Program
 Campus Kitchen at Washington and Lee University
 Community Financial Freedom
 Community-Academic Research Alliance
 Elrod Fellowship
 Nabors Service League
 Shepherd Summer Internship Program
 Volunteer Venture Pre-orientation Program
 Peer Reviewer, *The Journal of Religious Ethics*
 Peer Reviewer, *The Journal of the Society of Christian Ethics*

Governing Board Member, Shepherd Higher Education Consortium on Poverty, 2015-present
Internship Committee Chair, Shepherd Higher Education Consortium on Poverty, 2017-present
Nominating Committee Chair, Shepherd Higher Education Consortium on Poverty, 2015-2017
Council Member, Shepherd Higher Education Consortium on Poverty, 2014-present
Editorial Board Member, *VA Engage Journal: An Engaged Scholarship Project of the VA Engage Network*
Organizer, Engaged W&L Strategic Planning Pitch
Faculty-elected Member, Faculty Executive Committee, 2016-present
Member, Community Engagement/Service-learning Committee, 2014-present
Advisory Board Member, Roger Mudd Center for Ethics, 2013-present
Member, Diversity and Inclusion Working Group, W&L, 2017-present
Member, Dean of College Interview Committee, W&L, 2018
University Sustainability Committee, 2014-2015
Associated Colleges of the South, Community Engagement Leaders Planning Team, 2013-present
Member, Society of Christian Ethics, 2013-present
Member, American Academy of Religion, 2008-present
Organizer, *The Poverty Lessons*, Washington and Lee University, Fall 2012-present
Assistant to the Editor, *Journal of the American Academy of Religion*, 2009-2011

REFERENCES

Available upon request