

**Curriculum Vitae**

**TRAVIS O'BRIAN**

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**EDUCATION**

- Sept 2002-May 2005    Anglican Studies  
Vancouver School of Theology
- Dec. 2002             Doctor of Philosophy  
Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, Belgium
- Dissertation:  
*Eros and Agape in the Authorship of Søren Kierkegaard.*
- Sept. 1997-  
June 1998             Visiting Scholar,  
Wycliffe Hall, Oxford University
- July 1996             M.A.  
Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, Belgium
- Dissertation:  
*Spem in Alium: On Response and Responsibility*  
(a study of Kierkegaard, Hans-Georg Gadamer, and Max Scheler)
- May 1993             B.A. in Philosophy & English Literature  
University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Canada.

**MINISTRY**

- Jan. 2012             Appointed as a Canon of the Chapter of the Cathedral Church by  
Bishop James Cowen
- 2012-2014             Regional Dean for the Tolmie Region, Diocese of B.C.
- Sept 2007-Present    Rector, St Barnabas Anglican Church, Victoria
- 2006-2012             Diocesan Ministry and Resource Implementation Team (DMRIT),  
committee member. This committee was charged with the re-

organization of the parishes of the Diocese of B.C., including amalgamating and closing parishes.

- 2006-2008                      Victoria Downtown Churches Association, vice-chair.
- Sept. 2005-Aug. 2007      Assistant Curate, Christ Church Anglican Cathedral, Victoria
- Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup> 2006                Ordained to the Holy Order of Priests (Christ Church Cathedral, Victoria, B.C.)
- April 15, 2005                Ordained to the Holy Order of Deacons, (St. Hilda, Sechelt, B.C.)
- 2000-2002                      Lay Supply, The Anglican Church of Freiburg, Germany (at the time, a lay-lead community without ordained leadership).

### **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

- Ongoing                        Adult and youth confirmation and baptism preparation classes
- Occasional                      Fill-in for the Philosophy 12 class at Shawnigan Lake School
- Sept. 2005-June 2007        Teacher of Religious Education, grades 3, 4, & 5 at Christ Church Cathedral School, Victoria.
- Sept.-Dec., 2002              Teaching Assistant, for classes in 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> Century Theology, and Church History, Vancouver School of Theology

### **WORKSHOPS, RETREATS, & SEMINARS CREATED & TAUGHT**

- 2015                              **At the Foot of the Cross** (A series focusing on an Anglo-Catholic theology of the Cross and the liturgies of the Triduum of Holy Week)
- 2014                              **The Bodies of Christ** (A study through the history of art of the incarnate body, the crucified body, the resurrection body, the Eucharistic body, and the ecclesiastical body of Christ)
- 2013                              **Horizons on the Nicene Creed** (A four-part series on the history, theology, and practise of the Nicene Creed)
- 2012                              **The Upper Room** (A Lenten Retreat centring on the connection between Passover and Easter)
- 2011                              **Ways to Pray** (a five-part workshop on different traditions of Christian prayer, including Ignatian Prayer, Contemplative Prayer, Intercensory Prayer, Indigenous Prayer, the Anglican Rosary).
- 2010                              **Seeing Jesus** (a study of visual representations of Jesus Christ throughout the ages)

## **PUBLICATIONS**

*Raven with Robin's Egg* (a poetry manuscript) currently in review

"Tabernacle of the Sun" a monthly editorial on matters of faith and contemporary culture in *The Moss Rock Review: Fairfield's Community Magazine*, 2009-2012

O'Brian, Travis. "Faith and Authenticity: Kierkegaard and Heidegger on Existing in 'Closest Closeness' to the Nothing" (*Faith and Philosophy*, 20:1 (Jan.2003)), 72-84.

O'Brian, Travis. "Geoffrey A. Hale, Kierkegaard and the Ends of Language" (*Tijdschrift voor Filosofie*, April 2004).

O'Brian, Travis. "Being and Givenness in Kierkegaard's Pseudonymous Authorship" (*Philosophy Today*, Jan. 2006).

## **CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

Feb. 7, 2012                      *Between Tradition and Innovation: A forum on a new kind of conservatism.* A Conference hosted by The Trudeau Foundation, Victoria, B.C.  
Paper Presented: "Being Remembered: Secularism and the Culture of Forgetting"

Oct. 10-12, 2001              *International Kierkegaard Conference on Immediacy and Reflection*, Leuven, Belgium.  
Paper presented: "Responsibility and Immediacy, Virtue and Freedom: The Ethics of Sin."

Nov. 27, 1999                 *International Graduate Studies Conference on 'Mediation'* Leuven, Belgium.  
Paper presented: "Being Mediated: Kierkegaard and the Downfall of Eros."

Feb. 27, 1999                 *International Graduate Studies Conference on 'Faith and Philosophy'*, Essex, England.  
Paper Presented: "Faith and Authenticity: Kierkegaard and Heidegger on Existing in 'Closest Closeness' to the Nothing."

Sept. 2, 1998                 "What is Vision? Phenomenology and Art," a paper requested by and presented before the staff of the Vancouver Art Gallery

## **RELATED INFORMATION**

- Friend of the Centre for Studies in Religion and Society, the University of Victoria.
- Copy-editor, *Framing a Vision of the World: Essays in Philosophy, Science, and Religion*, ed. A. Cloots (Leuven, Leuven Univ. Press, 1999).
- Researcher for Vancouver Art Gallery project to integrate their J.W. Morrice and Emily Carr collections, 1998.
- Languages: English, German; reading French

*family:*

married to Jasmin, with 4 children: Tristan (15), Fiona (13), Kamilla (8), Matthias (6)

## **REFERENCES**

- Rt. Rev. Logan McMenamie, Bishop of British Columbia
  - bishop@bc.anglican.ca
- Rev. Dr. Martin Brokenleg, VST alumni; honorary assistant at St Barnabas Victoria
  - martinbrokenleg@gmail.com
- Ms Jessica Cooke, mother; art student; parishioner at St Barnabas, Victoria
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- Most Rev. John Privett, Bishop of Kootenay; Metropolitan of the Ecclesiastical Province of British Columbia and the Yukon
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- Rev. Anne Privett, Rector, St Andrew Okanagan Mission, Diocese of Kootenay
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- Ven. Christopher Page, Rector St Phillip Victoria; Archdeacon of the Tolmie Region, Diocese of British Columbia
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- Rev. Heather Lindstedt, retired United Church of Canada minister
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- Rt. Rev. Barry Jenks, retired Bishop of British Columbia; honorary assistant, St Barnabas, Victoria
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