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EDUCATION

PhD in Practical Theology, University of Queensland, Australia
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Thesis Title: *Towards a Practical Theology of Friendship*

Supervisor: Dr. Neil Pembroke

Received: Australian Postgraduate Award / Research Training Program

My PhD research has focused on developing a practical theology of friendship. This research has led me to challenge contemporary perceptions of friendship as a private concern, disconnected from community. It has encouraged me to advocate for the fostering of authentic, holistic, private-public friendships, that overflow into civic friendship and reform.

Master of Arts in Theological Studies, Regent College, Vancouver, BC, Canada 2010

Comprehensive paper: *Becoming Who We Are: Ignatian Spirituality and its value for Christian Formation*

Graduate Diploma in Christian Studies, Regent College, Vancouver, BC, Canada 2004

Postgraduate Diploma in Education Studies, Victoria University of Wellington, NZ 2001

Bachelor of Arts, Victoria University of Wellington, NZ 2001

Diploma of Teaching, Auckland College of Education, NZ 1985

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

POST-GRADUATE

Sessional Instructor, Vancouver School of Theology 2019
Teaching Research Modules: Argumentation and Writing, Writing a Thesis

Research Affiliate, Vancouver School of Theology 2018-2019
Contributing to and sharing in the research activities of VST, including facilitating meetings, presentations and hosted dialogues, and co-planning a “community of scholars” conference.

Tutor, APPL 619: Preaching and Worship, Regent College 2015-2019
Providing support for professor and students through: lecturing, developing assessment templates, running workshops, evaluating student sermons, providing feedback and mentoring, liaising with TA and workshop facilitators, grading.

- Preaching Mentor, APPL 538B: Preaching the Parables, Regent College** 2016
 Provided personal mentoring, delivery feedback, and evaluated student assignments.
- Vocational Discernment Support, Regent College** 2003
 Coordinator for Vocational Discernment Retreat; co-facilitated Vocational Discernment Community Group, on behalf of the Dean of Students Office.
- Research Coordinator for Student Association, Regent College** 2003
 Developed student survey to obtain information and develop understanding of needs. Analysed and collated data into coherent whole; used technology to facilitate the effective presentation of data to Student Association and the Dean of Students.
- Teaching Assistant, INDS 500: The Christian Life, Regent College** 2003
 Facilitated discussion group, assisted with grading.

ELEMENTARY CONTEXTS

- Educational Consultant, Central Hutt Valley, NZ** 1999–2002
 Provided support, advice and professional development for teachers in managing and adapting learning environments in order to enhance outcomes for students.
- Teacher: Information Technology, Stokes Valley School, NZ** 1997–1999
 Established an IT centre: trained students and staff in the use of software.
- Teacher: Learning Support, Stokes Valley School, NZ** 1993–1999
 Provided support for students with specific learning needs through coordinating IEP's, facilitating meetings, promoting effective learning experiences for students, conducting regular assessment and reviews of environment and strategies.
- Elementary School Teacher** 1986–1993
 Variety of levels and locations within Upper Hutt, NZ.

PUBLICATIONS

“Reciprocity within Community: Ancient and Contemporary Challenges to and Opportunities for Civic Friendship.” *Anglican Theological Review*, (submitted for publication).

Laura Duhan Caplan, Harry Maier, and Anne-Marie Ellithorpe, eds., *Visions of the End Times*, (forthcoming).

“Friendship, Social Vocations, and Communities of Practice,” in Lisa Spriggins and Tim Meadowcroft, ed., *Whakawhiti Korero: Conversations between Theology and Social Vocation*, (forthcoming).

Review of *International Trends in Educational Assessment: Emerging Issues and Practices*, edited by Myint Swe Khine, *The Wabash Center Journal on Teaching*, (forthcoming).

Review of *Implementing Communities of Practice in Higher Education: Dreamers and Schemers*, edited by Jacquie McDonald and Aileen Cater-Steel, *The Wabash Center Journal on Teaching* 1, no. 1, (January, 2020).

"The Importance of Friendship." *Perspectives*, Issue 072 (Spring 2019): 19–20.

Review of "Preaching Jesus Christ Today: Six Questions for Moving from Scripture to Sermon" by Annette Brownlee, *The Christian Century*, (January 2, 2019): 31–32.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES: CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

FORTHCOMING ACADEMIC PRESENTATION

"Reciprocity Within Community: Biblical, Practical, and Theological Perspectives," Bible and Practical Theology Unit, Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, San Diego, USA, November 25, 2019.

PREVIOUS PRESENTATIONS

"Friendship, Aotearoa, and the Anglican Church," Te Korowai o Te Rangimarie – The Cloak of Peace, St John's Theological College, Auckland, New Zealand, October 2, 2019.

"Friendship and Non-Violent Resistance to Oppression," Religion and Violence Conference, Vancouver School of Theology, Canada, May 28, 2019.

"Spirit-shaped Friendships and the Planting of New Worshipping Communities," Christian Witness in Cascadian Soil, Centre for Missional Leadership Conference, St Andrews Hall, Vancouver, Canada, May 11, 2019.

"Friendship and the Fostering of a Liberating Social Imagination within Aotearoa," International Academy of Practical Theology Conference, São Leopoldo, Brazil, April 7, 2019.

"Living Out a Practical Theology of Friendship within Various Vocations and Communities," Whakawhiti Korero: Conversations between Theology and Social Vocation, Laidlaw College, New Zealand, October 2, 2018.

"Living Out a Practical Theology of Friendship," Vancouver School of Theology Research Associates Conference, April 26, 2018.

"Can We Say: 'The Gospel is Friendship?'" Regional (PNW) American Academy of Religion / Society of Biblical Literature Conference, (Tacoma, WA, USA), joint session entitled *What is Actually The Gospel?* hosted by New Testament and the World of Early Christianity (SBL) along with Theology and Philosophy of Religion (AAR), May 12, 2018.

"Friendship as a School of Hospitality: Philosophical, Theological and Practical Perspectives," Regional (PNW) American Academy of Religion Conference, Tacoma, WA, USA, Theology and Philosophy Unit, May 11, 2018.

“Is Friendship Integral to Being Human? A Practical Theological Exploration,” Regional (PNW) American Academy of Religion Conference, Calgary, AB, Canada, Theology and Philosophy Unit, May 5, 2017.

“The Iconic and the Sacramental in Friendship,” Regional (PNW) American Academy of Religion Conference, Portland, OR, Theology and Philosophy Unit: March 28, 2015.

“Teresa of Avila and Authentic Friendship,” Regional (PNW) American Academy of Religion Conference, Portland, OR, Women and Religion Unit, March 28, 2015.

“In Search of a Christian Spirituality of Friendship,” International Academy of Practical Theology Conference, Toronto, ON, April 12, 2013.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES: GUEST LECTURES

“Fostering Friendships for the Wider Good,” at *Our Lady’s Home of Compassion*, Island Bay, Wellington, New Zealand, July 28, 2019.

“Friendship, Social Vocations, and Communities of Practice,” “Imaging a God of Love through Friendship,” and “Friendship and Non-Violent Resistance to Oppression,” Guest lectures for TH710 A Theology of Subversive Friendship, at *Vancouver School of Theology*, July 11-12, 2019.

“Preaching as a Practice,” Lecture for APPL 619: Introduction to Preaching and Worship course, at *Regent College*, April 18, 2019

“Friendship and Discernment,” Lecture for Cyclical Cascadia Church Starters Discernment Dinner, Bothell, WA, December 17, 2018.

“Is Friendship Integral to the Life of The Preacher?” Lecture for DMPM 960 “The Life of the Preacher” Doctor of Ministry course at *Carey Theological College*, February 14, 2017.

“What Shape Does Friendship Take When We Image a God of Radical Friendship?” Lecture for DMPM 960 “The Life of the Preacher” Doctor of Ministry course at *Carey Theological College*, February 15, 2017.

“The Formation of a Sermon,” “Basic Forms for Expository Sermons,” Lectures for APPL 619: Introduction to Preaching and Worship course, at *Regent College*, January 20, 2016.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

International Academy of Practical Theology (Associate)	2019
Society of Biblical Literature	2018-2019
American Academy of Religion	2014-2019
Society for the Study of Christian Spirituality	2014

RESEARCH INTERESTS

My research is focused on themes of friendship (including civic friendship, broadly conceived) and community. I intertwine my interest in friendship and community with various biblical, systematic, and pastoral theology themes. I draw on classical, biblical, and subsequent historical and theological writings, in considering issues of relationality, compassion, justice, and the sharing of power relevant to contemporary Western societies.

Other research interests include ethics, education, homiletics, mentoring, indigenous studies, peace studies, discernment, vocation, and spiritual direction.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO CHURCH AND COMMUNITY

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| Sanctuary Mental Health Ministries | 2019 |
| Board member of this ecumenical ministry seeking to equip the Church to be a sanctuary for all people. | |
| Preaching Community | 2018–2019 |
| Co-pioneer and facilitator of a monthly preaching community to provide a context for emerging preachers to further develop skills within a supportive context. | |
| Leadership Team Consultant, Community Presbyterian Church (CPC) | 2009–2011 |
| Served as consultant to “Mothers Together” leadership team at CPC, in Danville, CA, USA. Other roles included teaching, writing weekly reflection sheets, writing and teaching small group study material, and facilitating small groups. | |
| Speaker Series Coordinator, Iron Horse Mothers Club | 2008–2009 |
| Event planner for a club in the San Ramon Valley, CA, USA, formed to provide support and nurture community for mothers of young children. | |