

JACOB R. RANDOLPH

Curriculum Vitae

EDUCATION

- 2022 Ph.D., Baylor University, Department of Religion
History of Christianity, Reformation Studies
- 2017 M.A., Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary
Church History
- 2017 M.A., Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary
New Testament
- 2011 B.A., Oklahoma Baptist University
Religion

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- 2023 - present Assistant Professor of the History of Christianity
Saint Paul School of Theology at Oklahoma City University
- 2022 - 2023 Postdoctoral Research Fellow
Baylor University Department of Religion

PUBLICATIONS & PROJECTS

Books

Medieval Chivalry and the Making of Anabaptist Identity, 1525-1550 (under contract with Amsterdam University Press, anticipated 2025)

Refereed Journal Articles

“Playing for God: The American Play Movement and Missionary Education in the Early Twentieth Century.” *Fides et Historia* 55 (2024): 55-74.

“A Method to the Madness? Chivalry, Propaganda, and Cultural Memory in the Anabaptist Kingdom of Münster.” *Church History and Religious Culture* 103 (2023): 180-205.

“Gender, Knighthood, and Spiritual Imagination in Henry Suso’s *Life of the Servant*.” *Church History* 91 (2022): 1-19.

“Tough and Tender: Theology and Masculinity in the 1991 *Baptist Hymnal*.” *Baptist History & Heritage* 56.1 (2021): 39-59.*

*Winner, 2022 *Julian Gwyn Essay Prize in Baptist and Anabaptist History and Thought*, Acadia Centre for Baptist and Anabaptist Studies, Acadia University.

“‘Church Sweat’: Luther, Karlstadt, and the Reformation of Academic Masculinity.” *Church History and Religious Culture* 100.1-2 (2020): 319-341.

“Salvation and Speech Act: Reading Luther with the Aid of Searle’s Analysis of Declarations.” *Perichoresis* 15.1 (2017): 101-116.

Online Publications

“CRT is a useful tool in analyzing Baptist history on race.” *Baptist News Global*, January 19, 2024.

“SBC Dismissal of Critical Race Theory Strains Pastoral Competency.” *The Baptist Standard*, December 8, 2020.

Monthly columnist at The Anxious Bench (<https://www.patheos.com/blogs/anxiousbench/>)

- “What a Paint Color Reveals About Christian History.” *Anxious Bench*, January 19, 2024.
- “In Every Heart There Is A Womb: Mary’s Pregnancy and Ours.” *Anxious Bench*, December 22, 2023.
- “What About the Palestinians? Southern Baptists vs. Southern Baptist Missionaries, Parts 1 and 2.” *Anxious Bench*, October 20 and November 27, 2023.
- “Medieval Christians’ Most Burning Questions Answered: ‘Why Do We Say “Amen” to End a Prayer?’” *Anxious Bench*, August 18, 2023.
- “Who Can Be Called ‘Pastor’? On Southern Baptists, Ancient Bishops, and What Goes without Saying.” *Anxious Bench*, July 21, 2023.
- “Gender, The Great Tradition, and Evangelical Memory.” *Anxious Bench*, November 9, 2022.

Book Reviews

Hollerich, Michael, *Making Christian History: Eusebius of Caesarea and His Readers* (University of California Press, 2021), forthcoming in *Reading Religion*, an online publication of the American Academy of Religion.

Barrett, Matthew, *Reformation as Renewal* (Zondervan Academic, 2023), forthcoming in *Christian Scholars’ Review*.

Murray, Stuart, *The Legacy of Melchior Rinck, Anabaptist Pioneer in Hesse* (Herald Press, 2022), in *Mennonite Quarterly Review*.

Lull, Timothy F. and Derek R. Nelson, *Resilient Reformer: The Life and Thought of Martin Luther*, in *Reading Religion*, an online publication of the American Academy of Religion, February 2017.

O’Loughlin, Tom, *The Eucharist: Origins and Contemporary Understandings*, in *Reading Religion*, an online publication of the American Academy of Religion, June 2017.

Stackhouse, John G., *Partners in Christ: A Conservative Case for Egalitarianism*, in *Africanus* 9.2, (2017): 52-3.

PRESENTATIONS & PAPERS

Papers Presented

2024 “This worshipful knight is our Lord Jesus Christ’: Chivalry, Dissent, and Religious Imagination Among the Wycliffites,” *American Society of Church History*, San Francisco, CA, January 2024.

- 2023 “Preparing for the Non-R1 Job Market” Roundtable Panel Member, *Sixteenth Century Society Conference*, Baltimore, MD, October 2023.
- 2022 “The Catechesis of Contempt: The Function of Polemic in Early Protestant Religious Instruction,” *Sixteenth Century Society Conference*, Minneapolis, MN, October 2022.
- “Women Behaving Boldly: Chivalric Self-Fashioning in the Works of Late Medieval Women Religious,” *Conference on Faith and History*, Waco, TX, March 31, 2022.
- 2021 “Riding with a Certain Aplomb: Chivalry and Propaganda in the Kingdom of Münster,” *Sixteenth Century Society Conference*, Baltimore, MD, October 27-31, 2021.
- 2020 “God Give Us Christian Homes’: Theology and Gender in the Baptist Hymnal of 1991,” *American Society of Church History*, New York, NY, January 6, 2020.
- 2019 “Paternal Authority and Societal Kinship in Tyndale’s *Obedience of a Christian Man*,” *Sixteenth Century Society Conference*, St. Louis, MO, October 20, 2019.
- “Luther the Learned: University Education and Masculine Identity in the Reformation,” *American Society of Church History*, Chicago, IL, January 4, 2019.
- 2018 “Polemic as Catechesis: Instruction and Opposition in the First Anabaptist Catechism,” *Sixteenth Century Society Conference*, Albuquerque, NM, November 2, 2018.
- “Praying the ‘Amen’ with the Augustinians: Developments and Distinctions in Jordan of Quedlinburg and Martin Luther,” *American Society of Church History*, Washington, D.C., January 5, 2018.

As Panel Chair

- 2024 “Teufels, Tyrants, and Temptresses: Rhetoric and Polemic in Early Modern Texts,” *American Society of Church History*, San Francisco, CA, January 4-7, 2024.

Public Talks

- “The Gospel of Mark Through Medieval Eyes.” Holland Endowed Lecture Series, *Crown Heights United Methodist Church*, Oklahoma City, OK, February 4 and 11, 2024.