

David P. Ross

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EDUCATION

- 2023 – Present** **PhD, Theological Studies**, Wycliffe College, University of Toronto
Discipline: New Testament
Dissertation Title: Awakened From Slumber: Biographical Reconstruction and Hypocrisy in John Calvin's Reception of Paul's Conversion
Supervisor: Prof. Stephen J. Chester
GPA after coursework phase: 3.91
- 2020 – 2022** **MA, Theological Studies**, Wycliffe College, University of Toronto
Thesis Title: A Pauline Cruciform Hermeneutic of Love: Interpreting the Bible's Troubling Texts and Themes
Supervisor: Prof. Stephen J. Chester
GPA: 3.84
- 2016 – 2020** **Bachelor of Theology**, Alberta Bible College (accredited with ABHE)
GPA: 3.86

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2026 – Present** **Nicene Classical Academy**, Calgary, Canada
Teacher
In the winter 2026 semester, taught basic Latin to one class of grade 3s and 4s and one class of grade 5s and 6s. In the 2026-27 academic year, I am teaching Latin to three classes with students ranging from grades 5 to 8.
- 2021 – Present** **Alberta Bible College**, Calgary, Canada
Adjunct Professor
- Scheduled to teach *Academic Research and Writing* (Modular), Spring 2027
 - Scheduled to teach *Academic Research and Writing* (Modular), Winter 2027
 - Scheduled to teach *New Testament Literature*, Winter 2027
 - *Academic Research and Writing* (Modular), Fall 2026

- *Academic Research and Writing*, Fall 2026
- *Life and Teachings of Jesus*, Fall 2026
- *Academic Research and Writing* (Modular), Winter 2026
- *Academic Research and Writing* (Modular), Fall 2025
- *Academic Research and Writing* (Modular), Spring 2025
- *Building Community*, Winter 2025
- *Old Testament Historical Books* (Modular), Fall 2024
- *Life and Teachings of Jesus*, Fall 2024
- *Old Testament Literature* (Modular), Summer 2024
- *Romans and Galatians* (Modular), Spring 2024
- *Grasping God's Word* (Modular), Winter 2024
- *Academic Research and Writing* (Modular), Fall 2023
- *Old Testament Literature* (Modular), Summer 2023
- *Building Community*, Winter 2023
- *Academic Research and Writing* (Modular), Winter 2023
- *Old Testament Literature*, Fall 2022
- *Old Testament Literature* (Modular), Summer 2022
- *Academic Research and Writing*, Winter 2022
- *Adaptive Leadership* (Co-taught), Fall 2021

2025

Tyndale Seminary, Toronto, Canada

Grading Assistant for *Encountering Jesus in the Gospels*

Graded and gave feedback on three rounds of 4–5-page papers for Master's-level students.

2025

Wycliffe College, Toronto, Canada

Teaching Assistant for *Reading Revelation: Exploring the Mystery of the Apocalypse*

Assisted with online classroom management for this summer intensive course. Graded and provided feedback on all the assignments for this course.

2019 – 2025

Alberta Bible College, Calgary, Canada

Academic Coach

Assisted a diverse range of students including English as a second language students, adult students and young adult students. Regularly ran academic referencing workshops.

2024

Tyndale Seminary, Toronto, Canada

Grading Assistant for *Matthew*

Graded and gave feedback on three rounds of 4–5-page papers for Master's-level students.

- 2023** **Tyndale Seminary, Toronto, Canada**
Teaching Assistant for *New Testament Theology & History*
 Graded and gave feedback on three rounds of 4–5-page papers for Master’s-level students
- 2022 – 2023** **Alberta Bible College, Calgary, Canada**
Curriculum Developer
 Created the 3-credit course *Academic Research and Writing* first in regular semester format then in 6-week modular format.
- 2019 – 2022** **Alberta Bible College, Calgary, Canada**
Teaching Assistant
- *History of Christianity I*, Spring 2022
 - *Introduction to Paul*, Fall 2021
 - *Old Testament Literature*, Summer 2020
 - *Introduction to Worldviews*, Winter 2020
 - *The Prison Epistles*, Fall 2019

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Chester, Stephen J., David P. Ross and Witthaya Phuttharaksa. “First Corinthians.” *Oxford Bibliographies* in “Biblical Studies”. Ed. Christopher R. Matthews. Oxford University Press, 2025.

BOOK REVIEWS

Cubitt, Catherine, Charlotte Methuen, and Andrew Spicer, eds. *The Church, Hypocrisy and Dissimulation*. Studies in Church History 60. Cambridge University Press, 2024. Reviewed for Toronto Journal of Theology (published 2026).

Thielman, Frank. *Paul, Apostle of Grace*. Eerdmans, 2025. Reviewed for Restoration Quarterly (submitted, awaiting publication 2026).

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- 2024 – 2025** **Wycliffe College, Toronto, Canada**
Research Assistant to Professor Stephen J. Chester
 Proof read and built the indices for *Paul Through the Eyes of the Reformers* published by Eerdmans in April 2025. Built the indices for *Dead to Sin, Alive to God in Christ* published by Baker Academic in July 2026.

PAST CONFERENCE PAPER PRESENTATIONS

“Hypocrisy as Self-Confidence: John Calvin’s Understanding of the Law and the Nature of Paul’s Conversion in Romans 7.” Invited speaker for the Theology and Philosophy of Religion session, American Academy of Religion Pacific Northwest Region Annual Meeting, May 22-23, 2026, Newberg, OR.

“Hypocrisy as Self-Confidence: John Calvin’s Understanding of the Law and the Nature of Paul’s Conversion in Romans 7.” Invited speaker for the Graduate Student Panel, Calvin Studies Society Colloquium, March 19-21, 2026, Birmingham, AL.

“Hypocrisy as Self-Confidence: John Calvin’s Understanding of the Law and the Nature of Paul’s Conversion in Romans 7.” Invited speaker for the Historical session, Toronto School of Theology Conference, November 14, 2025, Toronto, ON.

“Awakened From Slumber: Biographical Reconstruction and Hypocrisy in John Calvin’s Reception of Paul’s Conversion.” Invited speaker for the Historical & Systematic Theology & Interpretation session, Canadian-American Theological Association Annual Meeting, June 7, 2025, Hamilton, ON.

“Awakened From Slumber: Biographical Reconstruction and Hypocrisy in John Calvin’s Reception of Paul’s Conversion.” Invited speaker for the New Testament and the World of Christianity session, American Academy of Religion Pacific Northwest Region Annual Meeting, May 23-24, 2025, Spokane, WA.

“Pregnant with Action: Re-examining the Nature of Saving Faith (Gal. 2:19-20 and 5:6)” Invited speaker for the Scripture session, Evangelical Theological Society Ontario and Quebec Region Annual Meeting 2024, October 12, 2024, Toronto, ON.

“Good Boasting: Conversion and Boasting in Suffering in Epictetus and Paul” Invited speaker for the Pauline Studies/Early Christianity session, Canadian Society of Biblical Studies Annual Meeting 2024, June 17-20, 2024, Montreal, QC.

“Pregnant with Action: Re-examining the Nature of Saving Faith (Gal. 2:19-20 and 5:6)” Invited speaker for the Pauline Studies II session, Canadian Society of Biblical Studies Annual Meeting 2024, June 17-20, 2024, Montreal, QC.

FUTURE CONFERENCE PAPER PRESENTATIONS

“John Calvin’s Reformed Understanding of Self-Confidence as Hypocrisy.” Invited speaker for the Sixteenth Century Society Annual Meeting, October 29-31, 2026, Chicago, IL.

CONFERENCE LEADERSHIP

Chair for Theological Anthropology session, Evangelical Theological Society Ontario and Quebec Region, October 12, 2024, Toronto, ON.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2024 – Present** **Wycliffe College, Toronto, Canada**
Coordinator of Scripture and Theology Colloquia
Performing comprehensive administrative and logistical preparation for Wycliffe's Scripture and Theology Colloquia, which happen every May and every October.
- 2025** **Alberta Bible College, Calgary, Canada**
Student Development Coordinator
After having served for six months as the Student Development Dean at 20-hours per week, we refocused my role to 10-hours per week specifically towards the spiritual formation side of Student Development, including planning our weekly chapel service, prayer retreats and other spiritually formative events.
- 2025** **Alberta Bible College, Calgary, Canada**
Student Development Dean
Hired 20-hour per week to nurture a holistic educational environment that encourages students to grow spiritually, physically, intellectually, emotionally, and socially. Responsible for the weekly chapel service, community lunch, the guiding of the student leadership team and organizing spiritually formative events such as prayer retreats.
- 2023 – 2025** **Alberta Bible College, Calgary, Canada**
Rentals Coordinator
Coordinated all College building rentals, which included sales and customer service. Secured several large, multi-year rental contracts. In 2023 and 2024 the College's rental revenue was higher than ever before. I passed the role on to another staff member in February of 2025.
- 2021 – 2023** **Alberta Bible College, Calgary, Canada**
Operations Assistant
Coordinated all College building rentals, which included sales and customer service. Increased rental revenue substantially. Also performed basic bookkeeping and general administration.

- 2020 – 2022** **Alberta Bible College, Calgary, Canada**
Field Experience Coordinator
 Designed, planned and coordinated the practical ministry training for all students in the day program. Navigated the complexities of hands-on ministry training during COVID19.
- 2020 – 2022** **The Mustard Seed, Calgary, Canada**
Resident Engagement Worker (Relief)
 Built supportive relationships with residents and worked the front desk.
- 2019 – 2020** **Epic Vineyard Church, Calgary, Canada**
Youth Pastor
 Pioneered a small (5-10 person) youth group from scratch. The group has since grown and is still going strong.
- 2018** **The Mustard Seed, Calgary, Canada**
Spiritual Care Intern
 Worked with the Chaplain to care for guests and residents spiritually through preaching, relationship building, events and prayer ministry.
- 2017 – 2019** **The Mustard Seed, Calgary, Canada**
Street Level Worker (Relief)
 First point of contact for guests seeking to access services and members of the public providing clothing and monetary donations.
- 2017** **Hope Christian Community Church, Calgary, Canada**
Youth Ministry Speaker (13 Sundays)
 Prepared and delivered the Sunday morning youth program for 13 weeks.
- 2015 – 2017** **Catch the Fire Calgary, Calgary, Canada**
Youth Pastor & Administrator
 Pioneered a small (10-15 person) youth group from scratch for this new church plant.
- 2012 – 2013** **Catch the Fire Newmarket, Newmarket, Canada**
Youth Pastor & Administrator
 Led a medium sized (25-30 person) youth group. Scheduled and coordinated all church volunteers. General church administration, including Plan To Protect.®
- 2010 – 2011** **Catch the Fire Toronto, Toronto, Canada**
Youth Pastoral Intern
 Assisted the Youth Pastor in all aspects of running a large (150-175 person) youth ministry across several church campuses. Played a significant role in the planning, execution and leadership of many youth events, including three overseas youth mission trips to Ukraine, an annual youth conference

attended by over two thousand youth and an annual youth camp. I was made supervisor of the three new interns in the second year of my internship.

NON-VOCATIONAL CHURCH ENGAGEMENT

2026 – Present **Epic Vineyard Church**, Calgary, Canada
Elder

2024 – Present **RenewingRenewal.com**
I began a blog in January 2024, Renewing Renewal, which is focused on leveraging my academic study for the benefit of the Church, especially the charismatic/Pentecostal stream of the Church. The blog has two specific goals related to the charismatic/Pentecostal stream of the Church: 1. Helping us overcome our tendencies toward anti-intellectualism (a distrust of higher learning in general and academic theology in particular), and 2. Helping us overcome our tendencies toward anti-traditionalism (a general distrust of the traditional, historic teachings of the Christian Church). The blog has gained significant traction among charismatic Millennials, especially those who feel disillusioned with Christianity and the Church. It has also been officially endorsed by my denomination, Vineyard Canada.

2020 – Present **Epic Vineyard Church**, Calgary, Canada
Leadership and Preaching Teams

2025 **Vineyard Canada**, Calgary, Canada
Invited Speaker for Denomination's Regional Event
On October 17th and 18th 2025 Vineyard Canada hosted the 2025 regional gathering for Alberta and the Northwest Territories in Calgary. I was invited to be one of the main speakers.

2021 – 2023 **Epic Vineyard Church**, Calgary, Canada
Elder

VOLUNTEER ROLES

- 2026 – Present** **TST Graduate Student Association (TGSA), Toronto, Canada**
President
Ran for election to become the new TGSA President for a two-year term in May of 2026. Won the election with 78.8% of the votes compared to 21.3% of the votes cast in favour of the other candidate. The President of the TGSA is a critical leadership role within the Toronto School of Theology academic community who spearheads all student leadership initiatives across the seven member colleges and also all of the advocacy on behalf of TST advanced degree students within TST and the wider University of Toronto.
- 2023 – 2026** **TST Graduate Student Association (TGSA), Toronto, Canada**
Treasurer & Student Rep. for TST Graduate Student Funding Committee
- 2017 – 2019** **Alberta Bible College, Calgary, Canada**
Student Leadership – Prayer Point Person

AWARDS AND HONOURS

- 2026** **Ontario Graduate Scholarship**
The University of Toronto
A merit-based scholarship awarded to the best graduate students studying at Ontario institutions across all disciplines of study. \$15,000 CAD total value. \$10,000 received from the government of Ontario and \$5,000 from Wycliffe College which will be put towards my tuition should I require a fifth year to complete the PhD.
- 2026** **Reid Trust Doctoral Scholarship**
The Reid Trust
The Reid Trust supports Reformed and Presbyterian theological education in Canada. This was a merit-based scholarship of \$2,500 CAD.
- 2026** **2026 Student Fellow**
Wittenberg Center for Reformation Studies
I was one of ten PhD students worldwide selected to be a 2026 Student Fellow. This means that I participated, all expenses paid, in the Center's 2026 Summer Course from July 13 - August 8, 2026 in Germany. These four weeks included teaching from leading international experts in the study of the Reformation (including Jennifer Powell McNutt, Bruce Gordon, Jonathan Linebaugh and Dorothea Wendebourg) as well as opportunities to present my own research and visit historical Reformation sites. The theme for the 2026 Summer Course was 'The Bible in the Sister Reformations of the Sixteenth Century.'

- 2026 Student Paper Financial Support**
Calvin Studies Society
 I was one of three PhD students awarded financial support to assist my paper presentation at the 2026 Calvin Studies Society Colloquium at Beeson Divinity School in Birmingham, Alabama, March 19-21. The award consisted of two nights in a hotel, membership in the Society, my ticket for the 2026 Colloquium and \$200 USD. The title of the paper was “Hypocrisy as Self-Confidence: John Calvin’s Understanding of the Law and the Nature of Paul’s Conversion in Romans 7.”
- 2025 Ontario Graduate Scholarship**
The University of Toronto
 A merit-based scholarship awarded to the best graduate students studying at Ontario institutions across all disciplines of study. \$15,000 CAD total value. \$10,000 received from the government of Ontario and \$5,000 from Wycliffe College which will be put towards my tuition should I require a fifth year to complete the PhD.
- 2025 Reid Trust Doctoral Scholarship**
The Reid Trust
 The Reid Trust supports Reformed and Presbyterian theological education in Canada. This was a merit-based scholarship of \$2,500 CAD.
- 2023 William & Virginia Leach Full Tuition Scholarship**
Wycliffe College
 Full tuition scholarship for four years.
- 2020 ABHE Delta Epsilon Chi Award**
Alberta Bible College
 Awarded to one graduating student for academic achievement, leadership ability and Christian character.
- 2019 Outstanding Student Award**
Alberta Bible College
- 2018 Outstanding Student Award**
Alberta Bible College
- 2018 Zondervan Biblical Greek Award**
Alberta Bible College
 For achieving the highest grade across two semesters of introductory Koine Greek.

LANGUAGES

Koine Greek – Advanced Reading
 Ecclesiastical Latin – Reading Proficiency
 Biblical Hebrew – Reading Competency

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Active Member of:

- Society of Biblical Literature
- Institute for Biblical Research
- Canadian Society of Biblical Studies
- Canadian-American Theological Association
- American Academy of Religion Pacific Northwest Region
- Calvin Studies Society
- Sixteenth Century Society

REFERENCES

Stephen J. Chester

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