Curriculum Vitae
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Higher Education

September 2017 – June 2020
The University of Edinburgh
PhD in systematic theology
Thesis: "*Ex Humano Templo Loquitur*: The Eloquent God and Holy Scripture in the Theology of John Webster," supervised by Dr James Eglinton

March 2014 – May 2017
Westminster Theological Seminary, Philadelphia, USA (London campus)
ThM in historical theology
Thesis: "The Reformed Doctrine of the Providential Preservation of Scripture, 1588-1687," supervised by Dr Carl Trueman

April 2008 – March 2012
Japan Bible Seminary, Tokyo
MDiv (equivalent qualification awarded by a religious incorporated body in Japan)
Thesis: "The Text and Translation of Isaiah 63:9a," supervised by Dr David T. Tsumura

September 2004 – June 2006
International Christian College, Glasgow (Award accredited by the Open University)
BA Theology, with double specialism in New Testament and Mission Studies

October 1998 – June 2001
University of Cambridge, Downing College
BA History
MA

Employment

April 2025 – present
Christ Bible Institute, Nagoya
Professor of Systematic Theology, Christ Bible Seminary

April 2012 – present
Japan Christian Link
Mission Partner

July 2020 – March 2025
Christ Bible Institute, Nagoya
Assistant Professor of Theology, Christ Bible Seminary

September – December 2019
Faith Mission Bible College, Edinburgh
Visiting Lecturer in Theology

April 2012 – July 2017

St Ebbe's Church, Oxford
Associate Minister for Japanese Outreach (April 2012 – July 2017)
Associate Minister for Graduate Students (September 2014 – July 2017)

July 2006 – March 2008
Deloitte, London
Senior Associate, Expatriate Tax (qualified tax technician)

July 2001 – July 2004
Japanese Ministry of Education, Yokohama, Japan
JET Programme (assistant English teacher in High School)

Publications

Books

- *A Christian's Pocket Guide to How God Preserved the Bible* (Fearn: Christian Focus, 2019).

- *Knowing Me, Knowing God: Six Theological Keys to Scripture* (London: IVP, 2021).
  (translated into Japanese and published by Word of Life Press and CBI Press, 2022).

Book Chapters

- "Anthropology," in Nathaniel Gray Sutanto and Cory Brock (eds.), *T&T Clark Handbook of Neo-Calvinism* (London: T&T Clark, 2024).

Academic Journal Articles (in English)

- "The Unbroken Circle: Exploring Van Til's Analogy between God and Scripture," *The Reformed Theological Review* 84, no. 1 (2025): 20-40.

- "Must Presuppositionalists be KJV Only? A Re-examination of Van Til's Presuppositions in Respect to Providential Preservation," *The Westminster Theological Journal* 84, no. 2 (2022): 225-44.

- "John Webster: A Reformed Theologian on Revelation," *Calvin Theological Journal*, 55, no. 1 (2020): 11-40.

- "*Ad Fontes!* — The Concept of the "Originals" of Scripture in Seventeenth-Century Reformed Orthodoxy," *The Westminster Theological Journal* 81, no. 1 (2019): 123-39.

- "Making Space for Politics: The Gift of Public Theology in the Work of John Webster," *International Journal of Public Theology* 13, no. 3 (2019): 301-20.

Online Articles

- "Providence and Preservation," Text & Canon Institute, Phoenix Seminary, 2022 (https://textandcanon.org/providence-and-preservation/).

Book Reviews Published in Academic Journals

- Book Review: Allen, Michael, and R. David Nelson (eds.), *A Companion to the Theology of John Webster* (Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans, 2022) in *Journal of Biblical and Theological Studies* (2022: online open access).

- Book Review: Kelly M. Kapic and Hans Madueme (eds.), *Reading Christian Theology in the Protestant Tradition* (London: Bloomsbury T&T Clark, 2018) in *The Expository Times* 130.5 (2019), 214.

- Book Review: Darren Sarisky, *Reading the Bible Theologically* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2019) in *The Westminster Theological Journal* 81 no. 2 (2019): 357-360

- Book Review: John S. Feinberg, *Light in a Dark Place: The Doctrine of Scripture* (Wheaton: Crossway, 2018) in *Journal of Biblical and Theological Studies* (2018: online open access).

- Book Review: Michael Allen and Scott R. Swain (eds.), *Christian Dogmatics: Reformed Theology for the Church Catholic* (Grand Rapids: Baker Academic, 2016) in *Scottish Bulletin of Evangelical Theology* 35.1 (2017): 108.

- Book Review: J.V. Fesko, *Death in Adam, Life in Christ: The Doctrine of Imputation*, Reformed, Exegetical and Doctrinal Studies (Fearn: Christian Focus, 2016) in *Scottish Bulletin of Evangelical Theology* 35.2 (2017): 229.

Church Membership and Involvement

1998-2001	St Andrew the Great, Cambridge (Church of England)
1998-2001	Davidson's Mains Parish Church, Edinburgh (Church of Scotland [Presbyterian])
2001-2004	Oppama Bible Church, Nihon Dōmei Kirisuto Kyōdan
2004-2006	Partick Trinity Parish Church, Glasgow (Church of Scotland [Presbyterian])
2006-2008	Abbey Road Baptist Church, London
2008-2011	Oppama Bible Church, Nihon Dōmei Kirisuto Kyōdan
2011-2012	Nakanoshima Christ Church, JECA
2012-2017	St Ebbe's Church, Oxford (Church of England)
2017-2020	Chalmers Church, Edinburgh (Independent, WCF committed)
2020-2021	Jiyūgaoka Christ Church, JECA
2021-2024	Nagoya Central Church, Presbyterian Church of Japan
2024-present	Aichi Izumi Christ Church, Nihon Dōmei Kirisuto Kyōdan

(Church membership and ordination remain at Chalmers Church, Edinburgh.)

Family and Personal

Date of Birth:10 February 1980
Married to Yuko since 2003.
Two children: Kazuma (b. 2007) and Isla (b. 2010).
Clean UK driving licence held since 1998. Clean Japanese driving licence also held since August 2020.
Fluent Japanese speaker. Winner of the Sir Peter Parker Awards for Spoken Business Japanese, 2018 (SOAS).