

Kyle Roberts, Ph.D.

Current Position

V.P. of Academic Affairs and Dean, *United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities*, 2017-present

Schilling Professor of Public Theology and the Church and Economic Life, *United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities*, 2014-present

Associate Professor of Systematic Theology and Program Director for Christian Thought, *Bethel Seminary*, St. Paul, MN, 2005-2014

Education

Ph.D. in Biblical and Systematic Theology, *Trinity Evangelical Divinity School*, 1999-2006

M.Div., *Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary*, 1996-1999

B.A. in Philosophy and Literature, *Wheaton College*, 1991-1995

Continuing Education

St. Thomas Executive Education Program (STEP), *St. Thomas' Opus College of Business*, fall 2019

Publications

Books

Emerging Prophet: Kierkegaard and the Postmodern People of God. Cascade, 2013.

Matthew: The Two Horizons New Testament Commentary (co-authored). Eerdmans, 2018.

A Complicated Pregnancy: Whether Mary Was a Virgin and Why it Matters. Fortress Press, 2017.

Articles and Book Chapters

"Leading Through the Contention: Guidance from Open and Relational Theology in Navigating Conflict," in *Open and Relational Leadership: Leading Through Love*, Sheri D. Kling, Roland Hearn, Thomas Oord (eds), SacraSage Press, 2020.

"Kierkegaard and Communication: On Refusing to 'Piddle'" in *Kierkegaard and Theology*, ed. by Aaron Edwards and David Gouwens, T&T Clark, 2019.

"Kierkegaard's 'Single Individual' and Hardt and Negri's 'Multitude': Theological Resources for a Post-Imperial Political Subjectivity (co-authored), *Kierkegaard and Political Theology*, Cascade, 2017

"Kierkegaard and Modern Theology: A Review and Assessment," *Kierkegaard Studies Yearbook* (Vol. 20) 2015, pp. 301-320.

- "From Haunting to Shaking," in *It Spooks: Living in Response to an Unheard Call*, Shelter50 Publishing Collective, 2015.
- "The Church as 'Witness': Karl Barth and the Missional Church," in *Karl Barth and the Future of Evangelical Theology*, Christian Collins Winn and John L. Drury, Eds. Cascade, 2014.
- "Edifying Discourses/Sermons/Deliberations" in *Kierkegaard Research: Sources, Reception and Resources, Vol. 10, Kierkegaard and Theology*, Volume 15, Tome II, Jon Stewart, Ed. Aldershot, UK: Ashgate Publishing, 2014.
- "Scriptures" in *Kierkegaard Research: Sources, Reception and Resources, Vol. 10, Kierkegaard and Theology*, Volume 15, Tome VI, Jon Stewart, Ed. Aldershot, UK: Ashgate Publishing, 2014.
- "Existentialism in Theology" (co-authored), in *The Routledge Companion to Modern Christian Thought*, James Beilby and Chad Meister. Routledge, 2013.
- "Francis Schaeffer: How Not to Read Kierkegaard," in *Kierkegaard Research: Sources, Reception and Resources, Vol. 10, Kierkegaard and Theology*, Jon Stewart, Ed. Aldershot, UK: Ashgate Publishing, 2012
- "Helmut Thielicke: Kierkegaard's Subjectivity for a Theology of Being," in *Kierkegaard Research: Sources, Reception and Resources, Vol. 10, Kierkegaard and Theology*, Jon Stewart, Ed. Aldershot, UK: Ashgate Publishing, 2012.
- "Reinhold Niebuhr: The Logic of Paradox for a Theology of Human Nature," in *Kierkegaard Research: Sources, Reception and Resources, Vol. 10, Kierkegaard and Theology*, Jon Stewart, Ed. Aldershot, UK: Ashgate Publishing, 2012.
- "The Living Word and the Word of God: The Pietist Impulse in Kierkegaard and Grundtvig," in *The Pietist Impulse in Christianity*, Christian Collins Winn, G. W. Carlson, and Chris Gehrz, Eds. Cascade, 2012.

Encyclopedia and Dictionary Articles

- "Kierkegaard" in *Dictionary of Christian Spirituality*, Glen Scorgie, Ed. Zondervan, 2011.
- "Eschatology and Hope" (Integrative Essay) in *Dictionary of Christian Spirituality*, Glen Scorgie, Ed. Zondervan, 2011.

Book Reviews

- Review of Steven Shakespeare's *Kierkegaard, Language and the Reality of God*, Aldershot: Ashgate 2001, in *Kierkegaard Research: Sources, Reception and Resources, Volume 18, Tome III*, Jon Stewart, Ed., Aldershot, UK: Ashgate Publishing, 2014.
- Review of Steve Wilkens' *Faith and Reason: Three Views*, Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 2014.

Online Publications

- “Six Tensions in Curriculum Revision” *InTrust Center for Theological Schools* (Summer 2017):
<https://www.intrust.org/Magazine/Issues/Summer-2017/Six-tensions-in-curriculum-revision>
- “Voter Manipulation: Death Anxiety in Political Messaging” (co-authored with Merlyn Mowry and Daniel Liechty), *Ernest Becker Foundation website*:
<http://ernestbecker.org/projects/voter-manipulation/>
- “Righteous Self-Deception: Reading Becker Through Protestant Eyes” (co-authored with Daniel Liechty), *Ernest Becker Foundation website*:
<http://ernestbecker.org/projects/becker-and-religion/>
- “Riding the Moral Elephant: Can Moral Psychology Save Us?” for *The Table*, a publication of Biola University’s Center for Christian Thought (October 12, 2015).
- “Why We Fight: ISIS and the Psychology of Radical Evil” for *The Table*, a publication of Biola University’s Center for Christian Thought (April 24, 2015).
- “Blind Spots: What You Don’t See Can Hurt You,” for *The Table*, a publication of Biola University’s Center for Christian Thought (December 16, 2014).

Conference Presentations

- “The Problem of Sanctification in Luther Reconsidered,” *Contemporary Perspectives on Luther*, Luther Seminary, 2017
- “Consider the Birds: Kierkegaard, Becker, and Death Anxiety,” *The Psychology of Religion / The Religion of Psychology*, University of Chicago Divinity School, 2015 (March 6)
- “Kierkegaard among the Theologians,” *Kierkegaard Sources and Reception: The State of Kierkegaard Studies Today*, Kierkegaard Research Centre, University of Copenhagen, 2014 (May 1)
- “The Holy Spirit and the Mission of the Church in the Gospel of Matthew,” Holy Spirit and the Christian Life Conference, Regent University, 2013
- “Disestablishing Christianity (with Kierkegaard’s Help),” *International Kierkegaard Conference*, St. Olaf, 2013
- “Kierkegaard and Death Anxiety: Spiritual Pedagogy from the Lilies and the Birds” (Response to Paul Martens), *International Kierkegaard Conference*, St. Olaf, 2013
- Respondent to Book Review Panel on *Emerging Prophet: Kierkegaard and the Postmodern People of God*, at the Baylor Symposium on Faith and Culture’s *Kierkegaard: A Christian Thinker for Our Time*, 2013
- “Imagination and the ‘Hermeneutic Imperative’: Kierkegaard for the Emerging Church,” Evangelical Studies Group of the *American Academy of Religion*, 2013
- Presenter at the CCCU “Genesis Colloquium,” responding to the question, “How do our institutions teach origins of life from a Christ-centered and biblically-oriented perspective?” 2012
- Kierkegaard and Lazarus,” *Kierkegaard, Religion and Culture Group of the American Academy of Religion*, 2011
- “God’s Edifying Discourse: Kierkegaard on Scripture and Subjectivity,” Wesleyan Theological Society, 2010

Other Academic Leadership Initiatives

Representative for the *Søren Kierkegaard Society* to the national *Society of Biblical Literature* (2013-2018t). Organized and implemented sessions on “Kierkegaard and the Question of the Historical Jesus” (2016), “Kierkegaard and Postcolonial Interpretation” (2015), and “Kierkegaard and the Passion Narratives” (2015).

Serve as article submission referee for *International Journal of Systematic Theology*, *Modern Theology*, and *Sophia*.

Grant Activities

“Thinking About Theological Education Through Charles Taylor’s *A Secular Age*” Minnesota Consortium of Theological Schools grant recipient for a \$1000 inter-seminary faculty discussion/reading group.

“Evolution and Christian Faith” Biologos Grant Recipient (participant on interdisciplinary, four-member Bethel team) for a \$105,000 project, “From Monkeys or from Dirt? Cognitive Science and Human Origins,” 2012-2015

Templeton Foundation: “Intersections: Science and the Church,” Grant recipient (and project co-leader) for a \$196,000, 24-month targeted project aimed at transforming local church approaches to faith/science issues, 2014-2015.