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## PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

- 2021–2023     **SSHRC Doctoral Research Fellow**     University of Oxford  
Social Science and Humanities Research Council, Government of Canada
- Full-time research fellow examining the history of social contract theory, freedom of conscience, and religious toleration in early modern Europe

## EDUCATION

- 2023     **DPhil Theology and Religion**     University of Oxford
- Thesis: *Pierre Bayle's Theology of Toleration and its Reception in Early Eighteenth-Century England*
  - Supervisors: Sarah Apetrei & Sarah Mortimer
- 2018     **MA Theological Studies, History of Christianity**     Regent College
- Thesis: *The Spiritual and the Moral Sense: British Moral Sense Philosophy in Jonathan Edwards' True Virtue (1765)*
  - Advisor: Bruce Hindmarsh
  - GPA: 3.925/4
  - Awarded the Ian S. Rennie History of Christianity Prize
- 2012     **BA Humanities**     Athabasca University
- 3.91/4 GPA, *magna cum laude*

## SCHOLARLY PUBLICATIONS

- 2022     **Hooks, James M.**, "Pierre Bayle and Richard Simon: toleration, natural law, and the Old Testament," *History of European Ideas* 48:4, 382-401
- 2021     **Hooks, James M.**, "Le christianisme laïc de Pierre Bayle," *Les dossiers des Annales de droit* 4, 51-71
- 2018     **Hooks, James M.**, "The Spiritual and the Moral Sense: British Moral Sense Philosophy in Jonathan Edwards' True Virtue (1765)," *Theological Research and Exchange Network* (April 2018)

## LANGUAGES

**French** (advanced); **Japanese** (conversational); **Ancient Greek** (novice); **Latin** (novice)

## SCHOLARLY PRESENTATIONS

- 2022      **A Response to Dr Paul Billingham’s ‘Defending the Place of Religion in Democratic Discourse’**, *Canterbury Institute*, Oxford, United Kingdom, 2 February
- 2021      **Mary Astell and Pierre Bayle: In the Margins of Tolerance**, *Oxford Centre for Intellectual History*, All Souls College, Oxford University, United Kingdom, 27 April
- 2021      **John Locke and Pierre Bayle: Should We Listen to Immoral Ideas?** *Art of Listening Conference*, Oxford, United Kingdom, 2 October
- 2021      **Pierre Bayle’s Conception of Religious Liberty**, *Institute for Humane Studies Conference*, George Mason University, 25 July
- 2021      **Pierre Bayle and Richard Simon: Toleration, Natural Law, and the Old Testament in Bayle’s *Commentaire Philosophique***, *Society for the Study of Christian Ethics Post-Graduate Conference*, University of Aberdeen, 30 March
- 2021      **Pierre Bayle’s Christian Secularism**, *Laïcité(s): Religion et espace public / Religion and State in the public sphere*, Université Clermont Auvergne, France, 22 November

## WORKS IN PROGRESS

### Articles

Hooks, James M., ‘Mary Astell’s Marginalia on Malebranche: A Solution to the Mind-Body Problem?’

### Monograph

Hooks, James M., *Pierre Bayle’s Reception in Early Eighteenth-Century England*

## AWARDS, SCHOLARSHIPS, AND GRANTS

- 2021–Pres      **Social Science and Humanities Research Council**
- 2022      **Faculty of Theology and Religion Graduate Studies Award**
- 2022      **International Humane Society Fellowship**
- 2022      **Crewdson Trust Award**
- 2021      **Lord Crewe Graduate Award**
- 2021      **Lincoln College Bursary**
- 2021      **Crewdson Trust Award**
- 2020–2021      **OCCA Postdoctoral Fellowship**
- 2020      **Crewdson Trust Award**

2020	<b>Faculty of Theology and Religion Research Grant</b>
2020	<b>Faculty of Theology and Religion Graduate Studies Award</b>
2020	<b>Lincoln College Bursary</b>
2019	<b>Lincoln College Bursary</b>
2019	<b>Lincoln College Research Grant</b>
2018	<b>North American Graduate Hardship Award</b>
2018	<b>Lincoln College Research Grant</b>
2018	<b>Institute for Religion and Culture Scholarship</b>
2018	<b>Ian S. Rennie History of Christianity Prize</b>
2014–2018	<b>Regent College Bursary</b>
2014	<b>Founders Merit Award</b>
2014	<b>JWR Kizuna Ambassador Award</b>
2008–2012	<b>Youth Educational Assistance Bursary</b>
2008–2012	<b>Ken Dryden Scholarship</b>

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

### **Hamilton Center for Classical and Civic Education, University of Florida**

- 2023–2024    **Quest – IDS2935 – The American Idea**
- Co-taught an undergraduate course on the intellectual history of the United States with UF President Ben Sasse & Prof William Inboden
  - Lectured on the history of toleration in America and Europe
- 2023–2024    **(Un)common Reads – IDH2930 – The Case for Conscience**
- Taught an undergraduate Honors seminar on Pierre Bayle’s *Commentaire Philosophique*

### **Faculty of Theology and Religion, University of Oxford**

- 2022–2023    **Thesis Supervision: The Reformation in England**
- Supervised bachelor’s thesis on the persistence of Roman Catholicism throughout the English Reformation
- 2021–2022    **The Figure of Jesus through the Centuries**
- Conducted weekly tutorial classes
  - Taught material covering a wide range of history from the New Testament, Church Fathers, Medieval scholastics and mystics, Reformation, Enlightenment, English Poets, Dostoevsky, Nietzsche, to Buddhist and Hindu conceptions of Jesus

- 2021 **The Reformation in Britain**
- Conducted weekly tutorial classes
  - Taught material covering the Protestant Reformation in England, ranging from the Henrician Reforms, the reign of Mary I and Edward VI, the Elizabethan Settlement, the rise of Puritanism, and the Laudian Reforms

- 2020–2021 **Ecclesiastical History Seminar**
- Provided three lectures to assist Dr Kirsten Macfarlane and Dr Rachel Cresswell

- 2020 **Early Modern Religion and Politics Summer Seminar**
- Convened 6 weekly seminars for doctoral and post-doctoral scholars on early modern religious and political history

### **Regent College**

- 2014–2018 **Teaching Assistant**
- Teaching assistant for *History of Christianity 1 (HIST 501)*, *History of Christianity 2 (HIST 502)*, *Historical of Global Evangelicalism (HIST646)*, *Early Evangelical Leaders (HIST518)*, *Biblical Stewardship (BIBL584)*, *the God-Man and the Gospel (BIBL593)*, *Conversation & Transformation (THEO635)*
  - Taught tutorial groups covering the course material to graduate students

- 2014–2018 **Head Administrative Teaching Assistant**
- Three-time teaching assistant for the *History of Christianity 1* and *2*, covering the history of Christianity from the New Testament to the present day
  - Created tutorial material for 3 other teaching assistants and convened a weekly meeting with them to coordinate, helped with course and examination design

### **EF Education First International**

- 2016–2018 **Language Teacher**
- Taught language classes on a weekly basis, marked assignments, led events, and prepared students for the TOEFL, IELTS, and Cambridge language tests
  - Coordinated with 15 other teachers to plan lessons and monitored learning progression
  - Created a series of seminars on culture, presented to over 150 international students

### **Japanese Exchange and Teaching Programme**

- 2012–2014 **Language Teacher**
- Taught English language classes on a full-time basis to over 250 Japanese students in the public school system of Japan, sponsored by the embassies of Canada and Japan
  - Designed language courses and taught weekly classes to adults
  - Created Western cultural seminars at the city council
  - Received an “Ambassador Award” from the Japanese Ministry of Internal Affairs

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

### Faculty of Theology and Religion, University of Oxford

#### 2020–2022     **Research Assistantship**

- Hired by Faculty of Theology and Religion to examine 47 newly discovered archival items at the Pepys Library, Magdalen College, University of Cambridge
- Transcribed and assessed marginalia from Mary Astell (1666-1731) who is known as England's first feminist

### Regent College

#### 2016–2018     **Research Assistant**

- Helped Prof Don Lewis with research relating to Christian Zionism and his book on Joseph Oppenheimer

## EDITOR

2022     **Journal of the Oxford Graduate Theological Society**, “Cities of God: Politics, Theology, and Ethics,” *Journal of the Oxford Graduate Theological Society*, vol. 2, no. 2 (Nov. 2021), chief editor

2018     **Don Lewis**, *Darkest London: The Manuscript Journal of Joseph Oppenheimer, City Missionary*, proof editor

2016     **Don Lewis**, “A Very Short History of Christian Zionism from the Reformation to Today,” *Crux*, 51:3, 2-2, proof editor

## SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

2020–2023     **President of the Oxford Graduate Theological Society**, Faculty of Theology and Religion, University of Oxford

2020–2022     **Editorial Advisory Board Member**, *Journal of the Oxford Graduate Theological Society*, Faculty of Theology and Religion, University of Oxford

2020–2022     **Oxford University Essay Competition Judge**, Keble College, University of Oxford

2020–2022     **Lincoln Link**, Lincoln College, University of Oxford

2020–2021     **Conference convener and post-graduate representative**, Society of the Study of Christian Ethics

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2023–Pres     **Assistant Director and Lecturer**, Hamilton Center for Classical and Civic Education
- Assist the director in developing a new department at the University of Florida which conducts teaching, research, and programming concerning the ideas, traditions, and texts that form the foundations of Western Civilization and the American political order
  - Design, budget, and administrate programs, courses, and curricula
  - Manage operations and coordinate with faculty and department administrators
  - Lecture on foundational ideas and texts of America and early modern Europe
  - Consultant for k-12 classical and civic education across the state of Florida
  - Manage academic and high-profile events at the University of Florida
  - Organize the Society of Fellows scholarship and annual capstone trip to Oxbridge
  - Report to the Board of Governors on the state of civic discourse across the University of Florida
- 2020–2023     **Finance Manager**, Canterbury Institute
- Manage funding for the Faculty of Law, post-doctoral fellows, and graduate students at the University of Oxford, including the prestigious Barry Scholarship
  - Coordinate with 22 affiliated professors and 50 graduate students at Oxford University, and oversee finances for the affiliated journal *Politics and Poetics*
  - Design and deliver academic programs and seminars for graduate students
- 2020           **Management Consultant**, Utopy
- Developed a pilot membership program for an online education platform
- 2020           **Management Consultant**, Oxford Startup Strategies
- Developed plans for virtual reality exhibits in local museums in Oxford with a tech consulting firm

## SPECIALIZED TRAINING

- 2020           **Teacher Training for Graduates**, Faculty of Theology and Religion, Oxford University
- 2020           **Palaeography Training**, Dr Mike Webb, Curator of Early Modern Archives & MSS
- 2020           **Archival Training**, Dr Hilla Wait, Bodleian Library, Oxford University
- 2018–2019     **Academic French Tailored for Humanities**, Language Centre, Oxford University
- 2018           **Archival Training**, Dr Sarah Apetrei, National Archives, London
- 2018           **Rare books Workshop**, Dr Isabel Holowaty, Bodleian Library, Oxford University
- 2018           **Digital Resources for Historians**, Dr Hilla Wait, Bodleian Library, Oxford University
- 2012           **Classroom Management and Language Teaching Seminar**, JET Programme, Japan