

# VITA OF PATRICK DAVID ODEN

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## EDUCATION:

### **PhD, Fuller Theological Seminary, June 2013**

Systematic Theology with Dr. Veli-Matti Kärkkäinen.

Dissertation: "The Transformative Church: Substantiating New Models of Ecclesiality with the Holistic Theology of Jürgen Moltmann." Focuses on the whole of Moltmann's theology in conversation with new ecclesial movements. Defended April, 2013. Passed "With Distinction."

Minor: Church History with Dr. James Bradley. Areas of research include John Wesley, early Methodism, early Quakers, early Baptists, Roger Williams, American Church History.

*Comprehensive Examination Topics:* Pneumatology, Ecclesiology, Theology of Wolfhart Pannenberg, Enlightenment Christianity 1650-1800 (focus Wesley, Quakers, and American Puritans).

### **MDiv, Fuller Theological Seminary, December 2002**

### **BA, Wheaton College, May 1997**

Double Major: History (emphasis in Church History); Biblical and Theological Studies

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

**2015-present Visiting Assistant Professor of Theology**, Fuller Theological Seminary (3 year contract)

**2015 Affiliate Assistant Professor of Theology**, Fuller Theological Seminary

**2014-2015 Assistant Professor of Theology**, Azusa Pacific University (1.5 year nonrenewable contract)

**2012-2013 Adjunct Assistant Professor**, Azusa Pacific University

**2011-2014 Adjunct Assistant Professor of Theology**, Fuller Theological Seminary

**2011-2012 Administrator-In-Training**, Department of Field Education, Fuller Theological Seminary

**2008-2011 Teaching Assistant**, Fuller Theological Seminary, Pasadena Campus

Systematic Theology 2 and 3; World Religions. Grading; guest lectured 3-5 sessions per quarter.

**2008-2010 Teaching Assistant**, Fuller Theological Seminary, Individual Distance Learning

Systematic Theology 1, 2, 3. Graded all assignments and was responsible for all student interaction.

**2003-2008 Independent Research, Freelance Writing**

**2000-2003 Pastoral Internship**, NewSong Church, San Dimas, CA

### **Fuller Courses taught 2011-present (108 quarter units total)**

Online using Moodle and Canvas:

ST511 (Intro to Theological Studies): FA 11, WI 12, FA 12, SU 13

ST501 (Systematic Theology 1): SP 13, SU 14 (2 sections)

ST502 (Systematic Theology 2): WI 13, FA 13

HT501 (Trinitarian Theology): SU 15 (2 sections); FA 17

HT502 (Medieval/Reformation Church History): FA 15

HT503 (Revelation, Anthropology, Soteriology, Ecclesiology), WI 17

IS501 (Practices of Worship): SP 16, SU 16

IS502 (Practices of Community): SP 17

TH559 (Theologies of the Holy Spirit): FA 16

Classroom:

ST502: SP 13 (Colorado)

HT500 (Early Church History): WI 16 (Menlo Park)

HT501 (Trinitarian Theology): WI 16 (Sacramento)

IS502 (Practices of Community): FA 15 (Sacramento)

TH550 (World Religions): SP 16

Hybrid+: HT500: FA 16 (Pasadena/online), WI 17 (Sacramento/Online)  
IS501: SP 17 (Sacramento/online)  
IS502: SU 17 (Menlo Park/online), FA 17 (Phoenix/Online)

**APU Courses Taught** 2012-2015 (75 semester units total):

Classroom: THEO 303 *Theology and the Christian Life*  
Fall 12 (3 sections); SP 13 (2 sections); SU 13; FA 13 (2 sections); SP 14; FA 14; SP 15; SU 15  
THEO352 *Church History Beginnings to 1517*, FA 13  
THEO354 *Church History 1517 to present*, SP 14  
THEO363 *Contemporary Christian Theology*, SP 14; FA 14 (2 sections); SP 15  
THEO410/411 *Systematic Theology 1 and 2*, FA 14, SP 15.  
Online (Sakai): THEO303 *Theology and the Christian Life*, SP 13; FA 13  
THEO352 *Church History to 1517*, SU 13  
THEO363 *Contemporary Christian Theology*, SP 14, SP 15

PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

**2014-present**, Enrolled in UCSD Certificate for Online Teaching Program. Courses completed: *Introduction to Online Teaching, Foundations of Curriculum Design and Evaluation*. 4 more courses remain for certificate.

**July 2016**, Participated in "Science for Seminaries" Retreat host by AAAS. Timberline, Oregon. The purpose was to facilitate integrating science topics and discussions into seminary courses.

ACADEMIC HONORS:

CATS Fellowship, Full Tuition, Center for Advanced Theological Studies, Fuller Theological Seminary  
2008-2009, 2009-2010, 2010-2011, 2011-2012, 2012-2013

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS:

American Academy of Religion; Wesleyan Theological Society; Society of Pentecostal Studies; Conference of Faith and History

PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS:

**Books:**

In Development: *Hope for the Oppressor: Liberation from the Other Side*.  
(under contract with Fortress Press, manuscript submitted, currently revising)

Published:

*The Transformative Church: New Ecclesial Models and the Theology of Jürgen Moltmann*. Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 2015.

*How Long? A Trek Through the Wilderness*. Newberg, OR: Barclay Press, 2011.

*It's a Dance: Moving with Holy Spirit*. Newberg, OR: Barclay Press, 2007.

**Articles and Essays:**

"A Pneumatology of Shalom," Fuller Magazine, September 2017,

"Commentary 1 on Luke 21:5-19" and "Commentary 1 on Luke 23:33-43" in *Connections: A Lectionary Commentary Series* (Louisville: WJK, forthcoming)

"Theology and the 'Emerging Church,'" Catalyst: Contemporary Evangelical Perspectives for United Methodist Seminarians. February, 2016. <http://www.catalystresources.org/theology-and-the-emerging-church/>

"Obedience is Better than Sacrifice: Atonement as the Re-Establishment of Trust,"  
*Wesleyan Theological Journal* 50, no. 1 (2015): 100-115.

"Liberating Holiness for the Oppressed and the Oppressors." In *A Future for Holiness: Pentecostal*

- Explorations*, edited by Lee Roy Martin, 205-224. Cleveland, TN: CPT Press, 2013.
- "'Let us not spend our time in trifling': Susanna Wesley, a Mother to her Sons." *Wesleyan Theological Journal* 48, no. 2 (2013): 112-125.
- "Spirits in History." In *Interdisciplinary and Religio-Cultural Discourses on a Spirit-Filled World: Loosing the Spirits*, edited by Veli-Matti Kärkkäinen, Kirsteen Kim, & Amos Yong, 71-84. New York: Palgrave MacMillan, 2013.
- "An Emerging Pneumatology: Jürgen Moltmann and the Emerging Church in Conversation." *Journal of Pentecostal Theology* 18, no. 2 (2009): 263-284

**Presentations:**

- "The Transformative Church: Thoughtful Action and Active Thinking,"  
Common Day of Learning, Azusa Pacific University, February, 2015.
- "Obedience is Better than Sacrifice: Atonement as the Re-Establishment of Trust,"  
Wesleyan Theological Society, Northwest Nazarene University, March, 2014
- "Liberating Holiness for the Oppressed and the Oppressors,"  
Society of Pentecostal Studies, Seattle Pacific University, March, 2013.
- "Holiness in the Theology of Wolfhart Pannenberg,"  
Wesleyan Theological Society, Seattle Pacific University, March, 2013.
- "Whither the Spirit? A Proposal for a Pneumatological Historiography,"  
Conference on Faith and History, George Fox University, October 9, 2010.
- "Constructing an Emerging Theology,"  
Society of Pentecostal Studies, North Central University, March 4, 2010
- "An Emerging Pneumatology: Jürgen Moltmann and the Emerging Church in Conversation,"  
Society of Pentecostal Studies, Duke University, March 14, 2008.

RECENT SERVICE TO CHURCH AND SCHOOL

**January, 2017-present** Elder at The River Church (affiliation: Wesleyan Church), Sacramento, California

**June, 2016** Attended Sacramento Campus Commencement, gave invocation and charge to students

**June, 2016** Attended Menlo Park Campus Commencement, delivered benediction

**Sept, 2016-June 2017**, participating in Fuller "Teaching and Learning" pedagogy discussion group

**October, 2015** Attended Forge Sacramento "Rethinking Sent" conference, October, 2015

**November, 2015** Began regular attendance at The River Church (Wesleyan), Sacramento, CA

**March, 2016** Participated in and was part of a discussion panel for "Paul Sparks and The New Parish in Sacramento" conference

**May 22, 2016** Preached sermon at The River Church. Topic: "God is..." Discussed the self-definition of God in light of the Exodus narrative.

**July 10, 2016** Preached sermon at The River Church. Topic: "Communion" Discussed the doctrine of Eucharist

**August 14, 2016** Preached sermon at The River Church. Topic: "Election and Calling"

**August 21, 2016** Participated in group sermon at The River Church with lead pastor and a biologist. Topic: "Evolution and Creation"

**October 23, 2016** Preached sermon at The River Church. Topic: "A Way of Witness."

**December 4, 2016** Preached sermon at The River Church. Topic: "Advent: The Gift of Grace."

**February 2, 2017** Presented "Discerning the Holy Spirit" at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Sacramento

**April-June, 2017** Taught 8 week class "Theology and the Christian Life: A Study of the Apostle's Creed" for the Center for Biblical Study, an organization affiliated with the Episcopal Church dedicated to lay education

**June 4, 2017** Preached sermon at The River Church: "James 1:19-27: A Faith that Works"

**July 9, 2017** Preached sermon at The River Church: "James 3:1-12: Speaking with Integrity"

**August 13, 2017** Preached Sermon at The River Church: "James 5:7-12: Integrity in an Age of Confusion"

**September 3, 2017** Led The River congregation through Wesley Covenant Service