

David P. Ross

PhD Student in New Testament, Wycliffe College at the University of Toronto

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EDUCATION

- 2023 – Present** **PhD, Theological Studies**, Wycliffe College, University of Toronto
Research Area: 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

- 2021 – Present** **Alberta Bible College**, Calgary, Canada
Adjunct Professor
- *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

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.

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.

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

PUBLICATIONS

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

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

2024

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* to be published by Eerdmans in 2025.

CONFERENCE PAPER PRESENTATIONS

“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.

“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.

CONFERENCE LEADERSHIP

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

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2025 – Present

Alberta Bible College, Calgary, Canada

Student Development Dean

Responsible for nurturing 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.

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.

- 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** **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** **Hope Christian Community Church, Calgary, Canada**
Youth Ministry Speaker (13 Sundays)
 Prepared and delivered the Sunday morning youth program for 13 weeks.
- 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.
- 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.

VOLUNTEER ROLES

2023 – Present **TST Graduate Student Association, Toronto, Canada**
Treasurer & Student Rep. for TST Graduate Student Funding Committee

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

2017 – 2019 **Alberta Bible College, Calgary, Canada**
Student Leadership – Prayer Point Person

AWARDS AND HONOURS

2023 **William & Virginia Leach Full Tuition Scholarship**
Wycliffe College
 Full tuition scholarship for four years.

2020 **ABHE Delta Epsilon Chi Award**
Alberta Bible College
 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
Biblical Hebrew – Reading Competency
Ecclesiastical Latin – Reading Competency

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Active Member of:

- Society of Biblical Literature
- Institute for Biblical Research
- Canadian Society of Biblical Studies

REFERENCES

Stephen J. Chester
Lord and Lady Coggan Professor of New Testament, Wycliffe College
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Cory Pytlarz
Academic Dean, Alberta Bible College
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Joyce Reese
Strategic Development Director, Vineyard Canada
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