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EDUCATION

Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tennessee

Clinical Fellow, Hospice and Palliative Medicine, July 2014–June 2015

University of Nottingham, Nottingham, United Kingdom

Ph.D. (candidate), Theology, October 2012–present

Dissertation: “After Anatomy: Dissective Rationality and Liturgical Knowing”

Supervisor: John Milbank

Vanderbilt University Medical Center, Nashville, Tennessee

Internal Medicine Residency Training, July 2009–June 2012

University of Texas Southwestern Medical School, Dallas, Texas

M.D., August 2003–June 2009

Westminster Theological Seminary, Dallas, Texas

M.A.R., June 2006–May 2008

Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tennessee

B.S., Molecular Biology, *summa cum laude*, August 1998–May 2002

BOARD CERTIFICATION

Internal Medicine, 2012–2022

Hospice and Palliative Medicine, board eligible, board exam to be taken November 2016

MEDICAL LICENSE

Missouri 2015012454

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Saint Louis University, St. Louis, Missouri, July 2015–present

Instructor of Internal Medicine and Health Care Ethics

Albert Gnaegi Center for Health Care Ethics
Division of General Internal Medicine

Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tennessee, July 2013–June 2014

Assistant Professor of Clinical Medicine
Section of Hospitalist Medicine
Faculty, Center for Biomedical Ethics and Society

New College Franklin, Franklin, Tennessee, August 2013–May 2014

Adjunct Professor

PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Journal Articles

Kornu, K. (2014). “The Beauty of Healing: Covenant, Eschatology, and Jonathan Edwards’ Theological Aesthetics Toward a Theology of Medicine.” *Christian Bioethics* 20: 43-58.

Kornu, K. (Under review). “Asclepius against the Crucified: Medical Nihilism and Incarnational Life in Death.” *Christian Bioethics*.

Refereed Book Chapters

Kornu, K. (2015). “‘Know Thyself’: The Soul of Anatomical Dissection.” In *The Resounding Soul: Reflections on the Metaphysics and Vivacity of the Human Person*, eds., Samuel Kimbriel and Eric Lee, 93–113. Eugene, OR: Wipf & Stock.

ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS

“Medical *Ersatz* Liturgies of Death: Anatomical Dissection and Organ Donation as Biopolitical Practices,” Society of Christian Ethics Annual Meeting, New Orleans, Louisiana, January 5-8, 2017. (Peer Reviewed)

“Medical *Ersatz* Liturgies of Death: Anatomical Dissection and Organ Donation as Biopolitical Practices,” American Society for Bioethics and Humanities Annual Meeting, Washington, D. C., October, 6-9, 2016. (Peer Reviewed)

“The Good Death: Liturgy of the Church or Liturgy of Medical Technology?,” ITEST conference on The Role of Changing Technology in End of Life Issues conference, St. Louis, Missouri, October 22, 2016.

“Aristotle’s Divine Gaze: Anatomical Dissection as a Way of Knowing Nature,” International Academy for Bioethical Inquiry, St. Louis, Missouri, August 8-10, 2016.

- “The Good Death? Reflections on Religion and Mortality” talk delivered at 4th Annual Alpha Epsilon Delta Health Conference, March 15, 2016.
- “Medical *Ersatz* Liturgies of Death: Anatomical Dissection and Organ Donation as Biopolitical Practices,” 5th Annual Conference on Medicine and Religion, Houston, Texas, March 4-6, 2016. (Peer Reviewed)
- ““Know Thyself”: The Soul of Anatomical Dissection,” 5th Annual Conference on Medicine and Religion, Houston, Texas, March 4-6, 2016. (Peer Reviewed)
- “Ethical and Palliative Challenges at the End of Life in the Geriatric Patient,” Geriatrics Grand Rounds, Saint Louis University School of Medicine, November 4, 2015.
- “Medical *Ersatz* Liturgies of Death: Dissection and Donation as Biopolitical Practices,” Centre for Bible, Ethics and Theology Workshop on Post-Mortem Treatment of the Body, University of Nottingham, England, October 24, 2015. (Invited)
- “Asclepius against the Crucified: Medical Nihilism and Incarnational Life in Death,” 4th Annual Conference on Medicine and Religion, Cambridge, Massachusetts, March 6-8, 2015. (Peer Reviewed)
- “The Good Death?” Neurology Grand Rounds, Vanderbilt University Medical Center, Nashville, Tennessee, August 29, 2014.
- ““Know Thyself”: The Soul of Anatomical Dissection,” *Ars Effectiva et Methodus: The Body in Early Modern Science and Thought* Conference, Wolfenbüttel, Germany, June 30–July 1, 2014. (Peer Reviewed)
- “Motion of the Body: Christological Reflections on the Metaphysics of Medicine,” 3rd Annual Conference on Medicine and Religion, Chicago, Illinois, March 7–9, 2014. (Peer Reviewed)
- “The Moral Courage of Paracelsus: Medical, Religious, and Social Reform,” American Society for Bioethics and Humanities Annual Conference, Atlanta, Georgia, October 24–27, 2013. (Peer Reviewed)
- ““Know Thyself”: The Soul of Anatomical Dissection,” The Soul Conference, St. Anne’s College, Oxford University, England, June 28–July 1, 2013. (Peer Reviewed)
- “The Beauty of Healing: Covenant, Eschatology, and Jonathan Edwards’ Theological Aesthetics Towards a Theology of Medicine,” Inaugural Conference on Medicine and Religion, Chicago, Illinois, May 23–25, 2012. (Peer Reviewed)
- “The Good Death?” Siloam Family Health Center, Nashville, Tennessee, April 2012.

“The Good Death?” Internal Medicine Residency Senior Presentation, Vanderbilt University Medical Center, March 2012.

“The Aesthetics of Medicine: Life, Beauty, and the Other,” What is Life? Conference, Krakow, Poland, June 24-28, 2011. (Peer Reviewed)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Saint Louis University, St. Louis, Missouri

Undergraduate

Instructor

HCE 2010 Foundations of Clinical Health Care Ethics (Spring 2016)

HCE 3220 The Desire to Dissect: Philosophical History of Anatomical Dissection (Fall 2016)

School of Medicine

Course Director

Health Care Ethics 100 (Spring 2017)

HCE 401 Directed Readings in Bioethics

Course Co-Director

Health Care Ethics 100 (Spring 2016)

Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tennessee

Clinical Teacher, Hospice and Palliative Medicine fellowship, July 2014–June 2015

Faculty Adviser and Discussion Leader, Ethics Club, August 2014–present

Co-Instructor, Clinical Ethics for Internal Medicine clerkship, August 2013–present

New College Franklin, Franklin, Tennessee

Adjunct Professor, “Beauty Will Save the World?: Metaphysics of Beauty and Theological Aesthetics,” August 2013–May 2014

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Conference of Medicine and Religion abstract reviewer, 2014, 2015

SLU SOM Medical School Ethics Working Group, September 2015–present

SLU Social Justice and Medicine lecture series committee, Chair, January 2016–present

SSM SLU Hospital Palliative Care Operational subcommittee, August 2016–present

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American College of Physicians

American Society for Bioethics and Humanities

American Academy of Religion

Society of Christian Ethics

LANGUAGES

Greek (basic reading comprehension)
Latin (basic reading comprehension)
German (basic reading comprehension)
French (basic reading comprehension)