



KLC Economics Research Hub Member Directory

Adebayo, Adebukola “Bukky” -- Liberty University -- aadebayo4@liberty.edu

Bukky has a BS in Economics in 2006, Master’s in Business Administration in 2010, MDiv. in Evangelism and Church Planting in 2016 and is currently pursuing her Ph.D. in Theology and Apologetics at Liberty University. She has some experience in banking, economic and financial consulting and business development.

Bukky’s research centers around understanding the economic approach to human behavior from an Augustinian perspective; developing a Biblical model for business; the intersection of economics and theology; the impact of the reformation on economic thought; and administrative and financial management in Christian leadership.

Altmann, Peter -- University of Zurich -- peter.altmann@uzh.ch

Peter grew up in Reno, NV and studied German at Univ. of Washington (Seattle). He worked briefly as an investment consultant in Austria before a stint with a church in South Africa. He completed a MDiv at The Seattle School of Theology and Psychology before doctoral studies at Princeton Seminary in the Old Testament. After six years as an instructor and researcher in OT at the University of Zurich before returning to Reno, though, he continued to work as a post-doc for Univ. of Zurich. His research has focused on food and economics in the Old Testament, as well as the role of Torah from the Babylonian Exile to the Dead Sea Scrolls. He is married with two mostly-grown children (ages 20 & 17).

He is working on an essay entitled "The Many Sides of Solomon's Riches. Wealth in the Historical Books of Samuel, Kings, and Chronicles," which seeks to evaluate the different perspectives on Solomon in the two main narrative descriptions of him.

Calhoun, Andrew "AJ" -- Foundation for the Carolinas & Reformed Theological Seminary -- ajcalhoun4@gmail.com

AJ holds a master's in public policy from the University of Chicago, a bachelor's in urban studies and political science from Furman University, and is a two-time Fulbright Scholarship recipient. Currently, he is pursuing a master's in theology at Reformed Theological Seminary where his research explores the relationship between Christianity and economics. His work and research have taken him to more than 30 countries to partner with groups such as the World Bank, Airbnb, the Chicago Community Trust, the European People's Party, and the Malaysian Ministry of Education.

AJ's research explores and critiques methods of moving from Biblical data to policy (defined broadly as the codified and/or observed practices of governments, institutions, and households). Currently, he is working on a paper comparing the transformational (Kuyperian) and two-kingdoms (Lutheran) cultural postures on economics, perhaps with a focus on the maximization principle. He is also currently committed to two projects with potential impact in both the professional and academic spheres: (1) a draft article on the theology of affordable housing and (2) an equitable evaluation framework that leverages insights from theological economics.

Chen, Biwei -- Houghton College -- biwei.chen@houghton.edu

Biwei is joining Houghton College as a tenure-track faculty member in fall 2021. He is new to theological economics scholarship and discovered his passion for teaching Economics with Christian perspectives when he applied for faculty positions at Christian colleges.

For the next couple of years, Biwei plans to publish relevant teaching materials that integrate Christian principles into economics and public policy analysis. It would also be a great opportunity to support the development and scholarship of A Theological Economics Policy Primer.

Estelle, Sarah -- Hope College -- estelle@hope.edu

Sarah is the Associate Professor of Economics and founding director of Hope's Markets & Morality program. She conducts applied microeconomic research on topics including

parenting investments, higher education, welfare policy, and criminal justice reform. She earned her Ph.D. in economics at the University of Virginia.

In her research, Sarah explores the intersection of traditional Christian teaching and economics, including complementary principles for authority as found in theology and the work of F.A. Hayek, the importance of economic wisdom for understanding Christian love of neighbor, the practical application of economics to loving, and the economic concepts of efficiency and comparative advantage seen as stewardship.

Furnival, Alastair -- Evaluate Consulting & Australian Catholic University --
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Alastair is a consulting economist focusing on two areas: social policy and trade economics. He has a Master of Commerce from the University of Sydney and a MA (Theology) from Franciscan. He was formerly Chief of Staff in health portfolios in two Australian Governments, regional Chief Economist of a global food company, and an alumnus of Charles River Associates. Most of his published work is on the economics of healthcare finance.

Alastair's research explores how the intersection of economics and theology may provide a coherent argument for social justice for conservative policymakers and a reconception of the parameters of welfare.

Hartropp, Andrew "Andy" -- Centre for Enterprise, Markets and Ethics (Oxford) --
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Andy is an economist, theologian and church minister. He has two PhDs, in economics and Christian ethics. He lectured in financial economics for five years at Brunel University, west London. He also worked for a year with the Jubilee Centre in Cambridge. He has published widely on topics in Christianity and economics, including: *God's Good Economy: Doing economic justice in today's world* (IVP, August 2019); and *What is Economic Justice? Biblical and secular perspectives contrasted* (Paternoster, 2007). He has spent thirteen years in Anglican parish ministry. He has served as a tutor with the Oxford Centre for Mission Studies. He is Associate Fellow of the Centre for Enterprise, Markets and Ethics (based in Oxford). He is currently Rector of two village church communities in Leicestershire UK.

In his current research, Andy seeks to provide an appraisal of greed in 21st century societies, combining theological and economic perspectives.

Henley, Andrew “Andy” -- Cardiff University -- HenleyA@cardiff.ac.uk

Andy is Professor of Entrepreneurship and Economics at Cardiff Business School, Cardiff University. He has long experience of research and government policy advisory work on regional economic development, small business and labour markets. He has written extensively on Christian faith and economics.

Andy's research centers around economics and virtue ethics. He is currently developing ideas on Kierkegaardian philosophy and ethics for economics.

Hubner, Jamin -- LCC University & University of the People --
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Jamin (BA Theology; MA Religion; MS Applied Economics; ThD Systematic Theology) is a scholar of religion, as well as an economist, activist, and cultural commentator. He currently serves as a professor of economics at the University of the People, a Research Fellow for the Center of Faith and Human Flourishing at LCC International University (Klaipėda, Lithuania), and the co-owner and manager of several businesses. Throughout his career, he has served as an econ professor at Western Dakota Technical Institute, and an Associate Professor of Christian Studies, Dean, and Director of Institutional Effectiveness in liberal arts higher ed. His writing and research has been published by Wiley-Blackwell, University of Toronto Press, the American Academy of Religion, Eisenbrauns, SAGE, and other scholarly venues in a variety of fields spanning the humanities and social sciences.

Jamin's research consists of two projects. One focuses on economic history and colonialist theology: looking at what different colonialist theologies have in common and understanding how they worked economically (Catholic Doctrine of Discovery; Dutch Reformed; etc.), because the language and results of theologies are not economically or ethically neutral. A second project is in economics of religion: looking into the relationship between behavioral economics and theology. Is there a possible relationship between myopic loss aversion and the evolution of the doctrine of eternal conscious torment, for example?

McMullen, Steven “Steve” -- Hope College -- mcmullen@hope.edu

Steve is an Associate Professor of Economics at Hope College, the Executive Editor of *Faith & Economics*, host of the *Faithful Economy* podcast, and fellow at the Oxford Centre for Animal Ethics. He is the author or coauthor of three books: *Animals and the Economy* (Palgrave 2016), *Digital Life Together* (Eerdmans 2020), and *Should We*

Redistribute Wealth? A Debate (Routledge 2022). His recent work has focused on the intersection of economics and moral philosophy, particularly animal ethics and distributive justice.

Steve's current research related to theology and economics examines the contemporary role for Kuyperian economics. One of the most recognizable and contentious projects in theological economics has been the development of the Reformed "Kuyperian" approach to economics pioneered by neo-Calvinists. The project critiqued and ultimately rejected large parts of the dominant neo-classical approach to doing economics, and hoped to develop a distinctively Christian way of doing economics. The project has been subject to substantial critique. In this paper, he summarizes the important elements of this Neo-Calvinist economics, engages the main criticisms of the project, and offers a proposal for an amended Kuyperian approach to doing economics.

McRorie, Christina -- Creighton University -- christina.mcorrie@gmail.com

Christina is an Assistant Professor of Theology at Creighton University. She received her PhD from the University of Virginia in 2016. Her essays have appeared in *Theological Studies*, *The Hedgehog Review*, *Soundings*, and the *Journal of Religious Ethics*. She is a member of Catholic Theological Ethics in the World Church, on the editorial board of the *Journal of Catholic Social Thought*, and an Affiliated Fellow with the Hayek Program for Advanced Study in Politics, Philosophy, and Economics at George Mason University. She is also a Research Fellow in the Collaborative Inquiries in Christian Theological Anthropology project, funded through the John Templeton Foundation.

Christina's research uses resources drawn from Christian theology and ethics, political economy, and economics to consider questions about moral agency and obligation in markets. Her current book project, *Capitalism as the World: A Theology*, uses the theological category of "the world" to examine markets as contexts for moral agency.

Morgan, Rowlando -- Department for Transportation & City, University of London -- rowlando.morgan@city.ac.uk

Rowlando is currently undertaking a PhD in economics, specialising in Public Sustainability and the geometry of debt at the macroeconomic level.

Rowlando's research interests lie in the space of debt and how theology informs our understanding of how debt works. He has been developing simple geometric mathematical approaches to understand how debt works at the macroeconomic level

and how this relates to related laws, commandments and principles in theology. He has been considering how theological principles such as debt forgiveness have relevance in the consideration of debt crises and public debt sustainability. He has been part of Association for Christian Economics (ACE) UK since 2012 and has written two papers for their Discussion Papers series about the 'geometry' of debt and how this relates to the Sabbath and debt issues. He has also presented a paper at ACE on the necessity of debt forgiveness.

Oslington, Paul -- Alphacrucis College -- paul.oslington@ac.edu.au

Paul joined Alphacrucis in January 2013, and was inaugural Dean of the Faculty of Business and PhD Program Director. Previously he held a Chair jointly in the School of Business and School of Theology at Australian Catholic University from 2008-2013, and Associate Professor of Economics at University of New South Wales. He held visiting positions at University of Oxford in 1999, University of British Columbia and Regent College Vancouver in 2003, Princeton Theological Seminary and University in 2006/7, and the Center of Theological Inquiry Princeton in 2020

Paul's current research includes the mathematization of John Finnis' new natural law approach to action and moral evaluation, an Entry on Economics for *St Andrews Encyclopedia of Theology*, and a Book for HUP on economic thinking in the Christian tradition.

Rhodes, Michael -- Carey Baptist College -- michael.rhodes@carey.ac.nz

Michael has spent the last 13 years working at the intersection of economics, Scripture, and the mission of God. He recently became the Lecturer in Old Testament at Carey Baptist College in New Zealand, where the Rhodes family will relocate once Covid allows. In addition to being involved with Christian community development projects around workforce development, job training, and social enterprise, Michael co-published a book on economic discipleship with pastor Robby Holt and economist Brian Fikkert (*Practicing the King's Economy*; Baker 2018), as well as an academic paper with Fikkert on moral formation and markets. His dissertation focused on moral formation for economic justice in meals in the Bible (forthcoming as *Formative Feasting*; Peter Lang 2022). He is currently researching and writing a book for IVP Academic that will include chapters on resonances between the biblical year of Jubilee and the contemporary case for reparations for black Americans and the relationship between economic wisdom and economic justice in the book of Proverbs. As a practitioner, Michael has been involved with a project through the Chalmers Center for Economic Development designed to help

Christian executives re-imagine how they might hire, retain, and invest in materially poor workers.

Michael is working on research and writing projects on the biblical Year of Jubilee and the case for reparations for black Americans (in part in dialogue with the work of economist William Darity), as well as a chapter on the relationship between economic wisdom and economic justice in Scripture and today.

Smith, Ian -- University of St Andrews' School of Economics and Finance -- is@st-and.ac.uk

Ian is a Senior Lecturer in Economics at the University of St Andrews' School of Economics and Finance.

Ian's research interests are in the economics of religion and the application of economic approaches to interpreting biblical texts. He would be interested in research reflecting on the implications of Christian eschatology for how we do our economic ethics.

Tatum, Robert "Rob" -- University of North Carolina Asheville -- rtatum@unca.edu

Rob is the Cary Caperton Owen Distinguished Professor in Economics at UNC Asheville. His teaching and research traditionally concerned international and development macroeconomics, supported in part through a Fulbright-Hays Award to Brazil. In recent years, he has begun exploring a new area of scholarship in theology-oriented economics-supported policymaking. Publications in this line of research can be found in the *Journal of Markets and Morality*, *Faith and Economics*, and the *Journal of Economics, Theology, and Religion*. Complementing this new scholarship, Rob has developed an interdisciplinary course on "Morality and Material Progress" with support from the U.S. National Endowment for the Humanities. Along with KLC and KLC's Economics Research Hub, he considers one of his intellectual homes to be the Association for Christian Economics UK. In his free time, Rob loves spending time with his wife and two children and enjoys traveling and exploring the great outdoors through hiking, camping, fishing, and trail running.

Rob has projects planned regarding the theology and economics of globalization, poverty, inequality, and labor policy, among others, and would like to develop *A Theological Economics Policy Primer* in collaboration with fellow Hub members. Some scholarly priorities for the next two years include the following three articles: "Patristics Writers and a Theological Economics of Inequality," "A Newbie's Guide to Developing a

Question-Driven and Humanities-Infused Course in Economics” and “New Testament Requisites and Implications for Economic Globalization.”

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