

**Chad Van Dixhoorn, PhD, FRHistS**

Chancellor's Professor of Historical Theology, Reformed Theological Seminary  
Curriculum Vitae

**Education and Awards**

*Degrees*

PhD (2005) University of Cambridge, Selwyn College  
ThM (2000) Westminster Theological Seminary  
MDiv (1999) Westminster Theological Seminary  
BA (1996) University of Western Ontario, Huron College

*Academic awards and distinctions*

Fellow of the Royal Historical Society  
Overseas Research Scholarship (University of Cambridge)  
Cambridge Commonwealth Trust Scholarship (University of Cambridge)  
Archbishop Cranmer Studentship (University of Cambridge)  
Archbishop Cranmer Grant (University of Cambridge)  
Scholar of Selwyn College (University of Cambridge)  
William Benton Greene essay prize for apologetics (Westminster Theological Seminary)  
Gold medal, highest graduating average in the College's general program (Huron College, University of Western Ontario)

**Teaching posts and Research fellowships**

Chancellor's Professor of Historical Theology, Reformed Theological Seminary (2015-)  
Honorary Research Fellow, University of East Anglia, Norwich, UK (2014-2020)  
Associate Professor of Church History, Reformed Theological Seminary, Washington DC, (2013-)  
Short-Term Research Fellow, Folger Shakespeare Library, Washington DC (2013)  
Adjunct Professor of Historical Theology, Puritan Reformed Theological Seminary (2012-)  
Visiting Fellow, Wolfson College, University of Cambridge (2010-2013)  
Lecturer and Adjunct Professor of Church History, Reformed Theological Seminary, Washington DC (2008-2013)  
Adjunct Professor of Church History, Westminster Theological Seminary, Philadelphia (2007-)  
Senior Research Fellow, Wolfson College, University of Cambridge (2008-2010)  
British Academy Postdoctoral Fellow, Faculty of History, University of Cambridge (2005-2008)  
Visiting Professor of Historical Theology, Westminster Seminary California (2006-2010)  
Lecturer in Historical Theology, University of Nottingham (2005)  
Junior Research Fellow, Wolfson College, University of Cambridge (2004-2008)

Lecturer in Historical Theology, Westminster Seminary California (2004)  
Guest lecturer, Oak Hill Theological College, London (2003-2004)

### **Pastoral ministry experience**

#### *Ministry positions*

Associate pastor, Grace Presbyterian Church, Vienna, Virginia (2008-2015)  
Associate minister, Cambridge Presbyterian Church, Cambridge, UK (2006-2008)

### **Publications**

#### *In progress*

Monograph: *The Westminster Assembly* (Oxford, 2020).  
Monograph (with Emily Van Dixhoorn): *Christian Marriage* (Edinburgh, 2020).  
Edited volume (with W. Edwards and S. Casselli): *Theology for ministry* (contributors secured; publisher TBD)

#### *Books*

*God's ambassadors: the Westminster assembly and the reformation of the English Pulpit, 1643-1653* (Grand Rapids, 2017).  
*Confessing the faith: a reader's guide to the Westminster Confession of Faith* (Edinburgh, 2014).  
Translation in Portuguese. Translations in progress: Chinese, Korean, Spanish.  
*The minutes and papers of the Westminster assembly, 1643-1652* (Oxford, 2012), 5 volumes.  
Editor.

#### *Edited series*

With J. R. Bower, *Principal Documents of the Westminster Assembly* (Grand Rapids, 2010-) 7 volumes  
With J. R. Bower, *Studies on the Westminster assembly* (Grand Rapids, 2013-)  
With D. Noe, *Westminster assembly translations*. 4 volumes

#### *Articles, essays and published lectures (academic)*

'The Seventeenth Century and the Westminster Assembly', *The Oxford Handbook of Presbyterianism*, eds. P. C. Kemeny and G. S. Smith (Oxford, forthcoming 2018).  
'Presbyterian Ecclesiologies at the Westminster Assembly', in *The keys of the kingdom of heaven: church polity in the English speaking world, c.1636-1689*, eds. H. Powell and E. Vernon (Manchester, forthcoming 2018).  
'The Westminster Assembly and the Reformation of Preaching', in *Puritan Piety*, eds. M. Haykin and P. Smalley (Grand Rapids, forthcoming 2018).  
'Post-Reformation Trinitarian Perspectives', in *Retrieving Eternal Generation*, eds. F. Sanders and S. Swain (Grand Rapids, forthcoming 2017), 180-207.

- ‘God’s physicians: models of pastoral care and neglect at the Westminster assembly, 1643-1653’, in *Church life: pastors, congregations, and the experience of dissent in seventeenth-century England*, Eds. M. Davies, A. Dunan-Page, and J. Halcomb (Oxford, forthcoming 2017).
- ‘The Westminster Standards’, in *The Oxford handbook of reformed theology*, eds. S. Swain and M. Allen (Oxford, forthcoming, 2017).
- ‘Assembly (of divines)’, in *Jonathan Edwards Encyclopaedia* (Grand Rapids, 2017).
- ‘The Westminster Assembly and the reformation of the 1640s’, in *The Oxford History of Anglicanism vol. 1: Reformation and Identity c.1520-1662*, ed. A. Milton (Oxford, 2017), 430-443.
- ‘Politics and religion in the Westminster assembly and the “grand debate”,’ in *Alternative establishments in early modern Britain and Ireland: Catholic and Protestant*, eds. R. Armstrong and T. O’hAnnrachain (Manchester, 2013), pp. 129-148.
- ‘Election’, in *T & T Clark Companion to Reformation Theology*, ed. D. Whitford (Edinburgh, 2012), pp. 86-104.
- ‘The strange silence of prolocutor Twisse: Predestination and politics in the Westminster assembly’s debate over justification’, *The Sixteenth Century Journal* 40 (2009), pp. 395-418.
- ‘The Westminster assembly at work’, in *The Westminster Confession of Faith in the 21<sup>st</sup> century*. Vol. 3, ed. J. Ligon Duncan (Fearn, Scotland, 2009), pp. 19-53.
- ‘An analysis of the plenary sessions of the Westminster assembly’, in *The Westminster Confession of Faith in the 21<sup>st</sup> century*. Vol. 3, ed. J. Ligon Duncan (Fearn, Scotland, 2009), pp. 501-536.
- ‘Preaching Christ in post-Reformation Britain’, in *The hope fulfilled: Essays in honor of O. Palmer Robertson*. Ed. R. L. Penny (Phillipsburg, NJ, 2008), pp. 361-389.
- ‘Scottish influence on the Westminster assembly: A study of the synod’s summoning ordinance and the Solemn League and Covenant’, *The Records of the Scottish Church History Society*, 37 (2007), pp. 55-88.
- ‘The Westminster assembly’, in *The Oxford Dictionary of National Biography* (Oxford, 2007).
- ‘Members of the Westminster assembly and Scottish commissioners (1643–1652)’, *Oxford Dictionary of National Biography*, (Oxford: OUP, 2007).
- A day at the Westminster assembly: justification and the minutes of a post-Reformation synod* (London, 2005).
- A puritan theology of preaching* (London: St Antholin’s Lectureship, 2005); reprinted in L. Gatiss, ed., *Preachers, Pastors, and Ambassadors*, St. Antholin Lectures, Volume 2, 2001-2010 (London, 2011), pp. 205-259
- ‘A new taxonomy of the Westminster assembly (1643-49): the creedal controversy as case study’, *Reformation and Renaissance Review* 6:1 (2004), pp. 82-106.
- ‘Unity and disunity at the Westminster assembly (1643-1649)’, *The Journal of Presbyterian History* 79:2 (2001), pp. 103-118.

‘The Sonship program for revival: a summary and critique’, *Westminster Theological Journal* 61:2 (1999), pp. 227-246.

#### *Book Reviews*

- H. Powell, *The Crisis of British Protestantism: Church Power in the Puritan Revolution, 1638-44*, in *Journal of the Evangelical Theological Society* 59:3 (2016).
- C. A. Daily, *Robert Morrison and the Protestant Plan for China*, in *Unio cum Christo: International Journal of Reformed Theology and Life* 2:2 (2016), pp. 266-69.
- B. Jamieson, *Going public: why baptism is required for church membership*, on <http://9marks.org/review/an-anglican-baptist-and-presbyterian-review-going-public/#vandix-review> (2015).
- R. A. Muller and R. S. Ward, *Scripture and Worship: biblical interpretation and the Directory for worship*, in *New Horizons* 29:7 (2008), pp. 23-24.
- R. A. Muller, *Post-Reformation Reformed dogmatics: the rise and development of Reformed orthodoxy, ca. 1520 to ca. 1725*, 4 volumes, in *The Historical Journal* 50:3 (2007), pp. 1-5.
- J. A. Pipa, *The Westminster Confession of Faith study book: A study guide for Christians*, in *The Scottish Bulletin of Evangelical Theology* 23:2 (2005), pp. 234-236.
- T. L. Johnson, *The case for traditional Protestantism: the solas of the Reformation*, in *The Scottish Bulletin of Evangelical Theology* 23:1 (2005), pp. 119-120.
- R. A. Muller. *After Calvin: studies in the development of a theological tradition*, in the *Westminster Theological Journal* 66:1 (2004), pp. 227-230.
- R. M. Kingdon, et al, eds.; M. W. McDonald, trans. *Registers of the consistory of Geneva in the time of Calvin, Volume 1: 1542-1544*, in the *Westminster Theological Journal* 62:2 (2000), pp. 294-295.

#### *Major ecclesiastical papers or reports*

With B. Estelle, B. Swinburnson, L. Tipton, and A. C. Troxel, ‘The Committee to study republication of the General Assembly of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church: Report to the 83<sup>rd</sup> General Assembly’, *Minutes of the Eighty-Third General Assembly* (Willow Grove, 2016), pp. 332-455.

#### *Articles (popular)*

- ‘God’s ambassadors: a plan for the presbyteries’, *Reformation21* (October 2016).
- ‘The Westminster Assembly and the debate about the Word’, *Reformation21* (July 2016).
- ‘God’s ambassadors: The Westminster Assembly as candidates and credentials committee’, *Reformation21* (June 2016).
- ‘God’s ambassadors: The Westminster Assembly and the Reform of the English Pulpit, 1643-1653’, *Reformation21* (April 2016).

- ‘Confessing Christianity: yesterday’s reformation for today’s reformation’, *Reformation21* (March 2016).
- ‘The invitational life: extending the hospitality of Christ’, *Modern Reformation* 23:5 (2014), pp. 26-29.
- ‘The power and wisdom of the cross’, *New Horizons* 35:4 (2014), pp. 5-7.
- ‘Why Study the Westminster Assembly?’, *New Horizons* 31:9 (2010), pp. 3-5.
- ‘The Reformation’, in *The Historical atlas: a comprehensive history of the world* (Sydney: Simon & Schuster Australia, 2008).
- ‘Taking care of your pastor’, *Ordained Servant* 16 (2007), pp. 47-50.
- ‘The making of the Westminster Larger Catechism’, *Reformation and Revival Journal* 10:2 (2001), pp. 97-113.

### **Peer reviews and institutional assessments**

- Peer reviewer, Oxford University Press (2015-)
- Peer reviewer, *Journal of Ecclesiastical History*, Cambridge (2014-)
- Peer reviewer, *International Journal of Systematic Theology*, Edinburgh (2011-)
- Faculty of History of the University of Cambridge, publications selected for Research Assessment Exercise, Higher Education Funding Council for England (2007)
- Panellist, ‘A review of peer review’, The British Academy, London. See [www.britac.ac.uk/policy/peer-review.cfm](http://www.britac.ac.uk/policy/peer-review.cfm) (2006)

### **Lectures, papers and debates**

#### *Academic lectures and papers*

- Global summary: Invited lectures and papers, past and pending: Australia (2018), Brazil, Canada, China, Columbia (2018), England, Ireland, South Korea, Scotland, Taiwan (2019), Wales.
- Institution summary: University of Cambridge, University of Edinburgh, University of London, Andrew Jumper Institute at Mackenzie University, University of Nottingham, University of Oxford, University of Peking, The Canadian Reformed Seminary, Greenville Presbyterian Theological Seminary, Mid-America Theological Seminary, Puritan Reformed Theological Seminary, The Theological Seminary of the Independent Reformed Church of Korea, Westminster Seminary California, and Westminster Theological Seminary.
- ‘Progress and protest: late-nineteenth and early-twentieth-century presbyterianism’, Westminster Theological Seminary, Philadelphia, 20 September 2017.
- ‘The Westminster Assembly and the Reform of Preaching’, O Centro Presbiteriano de Pós-Graduação Andrew Jumper, Sao Paulo, Brazil, 19-23 June 2017.
- ‘Covenant rheology in the Westminster Standards’, Seminary of the Independent Reformed Church, Seoul, Korea, 23 February 2017.

- ‘Luther on solo Christo: The absolute sufficiency of Christ for sinners’, The Canadian Reformed Seminary, Hamilton, Ontario, Canada, 13 January 2017
- ‘Post-Reformation Trinitarian perspectives’, conference paper, Evangelical Theological Society, Atlanta, 18 November 2015; lecture, Westminster Seminary California, 17 March 2016.
- ‘The Westminster Assembly and a Re-formed ministry’, Fall Lecture Series, Mid-America Reformed Seminary, Dyer, Indiana, 10-11 November 2015.
- ‘How Revolution came to Britain’, lecture, School of International Studies, University of Peking, Beijing, 8 October 2015.
- ‘Assembling a doctrine of Scripture: inspiration and interpretation at the Synod of Westminster’, conference paper, Evangelical Theological Society, Baltimore, 20 November 2013.
- ‘God’s physicians: models of pastoral care and neglect at the Westminster assembly (1643-1653)’, conference paper, Dissenting Experience: Pastors and their Congregations, London, 9 November 2013; Evangelical Theological Society, San Diego, 20 November 2014.
- ‘“That learned gentleman”: John Selden at the Westminster assembly’, conference paper, John Selden: Scholarship in context, Oxford University, 26 June 2010.
- ‘The Westminster assembly on Scripture’, lecture, Spring Theology Conference, Greenville Presbyterian Theological Seminary, Greenville SC, 9 March 2010.
- ‘Politics and religion in the Westminster assembly and the ‘grand debate’, conference paper, Insular Christianity 1400-1700, Trinity College Dublin, 3 June 2009.
- ‘The strange silence of prolocutor Twisse: Predestination and politics at the Westminster assembly (1643-1652)’, paper, Religion in the British Isles Graduate Seminar, Oxford University, 7 May 2009.
- ‘Editing texts in an electronic age: the minutes and papers of the Westminster assembly (1643-1652)’, paper, The British Academy, University of London, 22 April 2008.
- ‘How the Scottish commissioners changed the Westminster assembly and how they did not’, paper, Scottish Church History Society, University of Edinburgh, 10 May 2007.
- ‘A tale of two synods: the Synod of Dort and the Westminster assembly’, conference paper, Re-examining the Synod of Dort (1618-1619), Dordrecht, 7 April 2006.
- ‘The pulpit theology of the Westminster assembly (1643-52)’, paper, Dr Williams’s Centre for Dissenting Studies, London, 15 February 2006.
- ‘A day at the Westminster assembly: the debate over the doctrine of justification’, lecture, Westminster Theological Seminary, Philadelphia, 21 October 2004.
- ‘The complexity of creed-making: the debate on justification at the Westminster assembly (1643-52)’, paper, Ecclesiastical history seminar, University of Cambridge, 19 May 2004.
- ‘The descent into hell at the Westminster assembly (1643-52): Church Fathers, Reformers, and the chaos of creed-making in the English civil wars’, paper, Early Modern British history seminar, University of Cambridge, 5 November 2003.

- ‘The debates over the *descensus* and the doctrine of the Trinity at the Westminster assembly’, paper, Religious history in Britain, 1500-1800 seminar, Institute for Historical Research, University of London, 22 October 2003.
- ‘A new taxonomy of the Westminster assembly (1643-49)’, paper, British history in the seventeenth century seminar, Institute for Historical Research, University of London, 12 June 2003.
- ‘A new taxonomy of the Westminster assembly (1643-49): the creedal controversy as case study’, lecture, Society for Reformation Studies, Cambridge, 4 April 2003.

*Popular lectures and debates*

- ‘The Westminster Standards and the Glory of Christ’s person’, and ‘The Westminster Standards and the Glory of Christ’s work’, Twin Lakes Fellowship conference, Jackson MS, 19-20 April 2017
- ‘The Law and the Gospel’, Pastor’s conference, Hong Kong, 14-16 October 2015.
- Lectures on history and pastoral theology, Beijing and Changchun, China, 9-10 October 2015.
- Lectures on history and theology, Port-au-Prince, Joint PCA-OPC mission, Haiti, 12-14 January 2015.
- ‘Confessing Christianity: Yesterday’s Reformation for today’s public life’, RTS Washington ReForum, Georgetown, 13 November 2014.
- ‘A good man is hard to find, essential to encourage, and difficult to assess’, Potomac Presbytery (PCA), McLean, VA, 15 November 2014.
- ‘Pope, or nope? Is the Pope’s office biblical and historical?’ debate with William Marshner (Professor of Theology, Christendom College). Vienna, VA, 16 March 2013.
- ‘The Canon of Scripture: how do we know it and how did we get it?’ debate with Robert Corzine (VP Programs and Development, St Paul Centre for Biblical Theology). Woodbridge, VA, 18 February 2012.
- ‘Church Councils: what authority to they have?’ debate with William Diem (Lecturer in Theology, Christendom College). Fairfax, VA, 23 July 2011.
- ‘Early Christians: Were they Catholic or Protestant?’ debate with Steve Weidenkopf (Lecturer of Church History, Christendom College). Woodbridge, VA, 11 December 2010.
- ‘The Westminster assembly and the second Reformation’, Annual Dayton Reformation Conference, three lectures, 30 October 2010.
- ‘The Pastoral Theology of John Chrysostom’, Banner of Truth Conference, Carlisle, PA, 27 May 2009.
- ‘Theology from the Church Fathers to 1700’, The Cambridge Saturday School of Theology, Ten-lecture series sponsored by Christian Heritage, Cambridge, January to December 2007.
- ‘Church Councils and the Papacy: is Christ’s Church Roman or Catholic?’, Reformation Society Annual Lecture, Cambridge, 22 October 2007.

- ‘Seven Marks of a Puritan Pulpit Ministry’, Leicester Ministers’ Conference, Leicester, 24 April 2007.
- ‘The Way of Salvation: Roman or Reformed?’, Reformation Society Annual Lecture, Bury St Edmunds, 4 Nov. 2006.
- ‘What is preaching? A puritan theology of the pulpit’, Evangelical Association, Durham, 26 May 2006.
- ‘The Westminster assembly’s debates over the imputation of the active obedience of Christ’, lecture, Westminster Confession Conference, Chattanooga, Tennessee, 13 June 2005.
- ‘The debate over the atonement at the Westminster assembly’, James Begg Society annual lecture, Glasgow, 27 May 2005.
- ‘A puritan theology of preaching’, St Antholin’s lecture, London, 23 May 2005.
- ‘The conciliar movement and the Reformation Church’, Little St Mary’s lecture, Cambridge, 2 May 2005.

#### *Conference activity*

- ‘How the gospel brings us home: the Christian experience of justification and sanctification’, Reformed Theological Seminary Faculty panel, Together for the Gospel, Lexington, Kentucky, 9 April 2014.
- ‘Assembling the minutes and papers: a review of a work in progress, Part II’, workshop organizer, Dr Williams’s Library, London, 20 October 2007.
- ‘Assembling the minutes and papers: a review of a work in progress, Part I’, workshop organizer, Faculty of History, Cambridge, 10 April 2007.
- ‘Re-examining the Synod of Dort (1618-1619)’, session chair, Dordrecht, 7 April 2006.
- ‘Seeing things their way: studying the history of religious ideas’, session chair, Selwyn College, Cambridge, 2 July 2004.

#### **Research grants and project supervision**

- Randall Fund grant, Reformed Theological Seminary (2015-2016), sole applicant. Indexing expenses for *God’s Ambassadors*.
- Arts and Humanities Research Council (2014-), project consultant. Team advisor for *Pre-Revolutionary Puritanism* (Oxford, forthcoming, 2018), a key part of ‘Independence in the Early Modern World’, directed by Polly Ha, University of East Anglia.
- Calvin Center for Christian Scholarship (2014-), joint applicant with David Noe. Grant for translated scholarly editions of works by members of the Westminster assembly.
- Randall Fund grant, Reformed Theological Seminary (2013-2014), sole applicant. Indexing expenses for *Confessing the Faith*.
- The Leverhulme Trust (2007-2008), principal applicant. Grant for research to be conducted for eighteen months by a post-doctoral research associate toward the creation of a critical edition



of *The Minutes and Papers of the Westminster assembly*. Emeritus Prof. D. F. Wright, secondary applicant.

The British Academy (2007-2008), sole applicant. Travel expenses, and for salary and travel expenses for supervised associate, Prof. Fred van Lieburg for research relating to *The Correspondence of the Westminster assembly*.

Supervision of Dr Inga Volmer (February 2007-July 2008), Leverhulme Trust post-doctoral research associate.

Supervision of Dr Mark Garcia (June 2006-June 2007), Westminster Theological Seminary, Craig Center post-doctoral research fellow.

Supervision of six post-graduate research assistants.

Supervision of post-doctoral and post-graduate volunteers.

### **Ecclesiastical service**

#### *Orthodox Presbyterian Church*

General Assembly, Study committee on the 'republishing of the covenant of works' (2014-2016)

General Assembly, Committee for Ecumenicity and Inter-church Relations (2014-)

General Assembly, Instructor, Ministerial Training Institute (2012-)

Presbytery of the Mid-Atlantic, Moderator (2016-)

Presbytery of the Mid-Atlantic, Committee for Ecumenicity (2014-)

Presbytery of the Mid-Atlantic, Committee for Candidates and Credentials (2009-; chair, 2010-)

#### *Evangelical Presbyterian Church of England and Wales*

Committee for Ministerial and Elder Training (2006-2008)

### **Learned Societies**

Fellow, Royal Historical Society (2013-)

Member, Evangelical Theological Society (2013-)

### **Interviews**

#### *Print*

'Minutes and years: the Westminster Assembly Project', *Table Talk* (March 2011), pp. 76-79.

Aza Goudriaan, 'Manuscripten werpen nieuw licht op de theologie van Westminster: interview met Chad B. Van Dixhoorn', *Documentatieblad Nadere Reformatie* 28:2 (2004), pp. 176-185.

#### *Audio*

Office Hours, 'Chad Van Dixhoorn on the Westminster Assembly, with R. Scott Clark (2016) at

<https://heidelblog.net/2016/07/office-hours-chad-van-dixhoorn-on-the-westminster-assembly/>  
Theology on the Go, 'The Westminster Confession', with Jonathan Masters (2015) at  
<http://info.alliancenet.org/placefortruth/theology-on-the-go-westminster-confession>  
Confessing our Hope, 'Confessing the faith', with William Hill (2015) at  
<http://confessingourhope.com/blog/2015/01/05/confessing-the-faith>  
Christ the Center, 'Confessing the faith', with Camden Bucey (2014) at  
<http://reformedforum.org/podcasts/ctc342>  
Nine Marks Ministry, 'Polity is for everybody', with Mark Dever, Jonathan Leeman and Hunter  
Powell (2013) at <http://www.9marks.org/audio/by-interviewee/chad-vandixhoorn>  
Christ the Center, 'The Westminster assembly', with Camden Bucey (2010) at  
<http://reformedforum.org/ctc134>  
St Anne's pub, interview with Stuart Bryan (2007) at  
<http://www.stannepub.com/product/controversy>