

**SAMUEL J. LONCAR**  
CURRICULUM VITAE  
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**EMPLOYMENT**

- 2020–Present Meanings of Science Project Director, for Templeton World Charity Foundation  
grant to *The Marginalia Review of Books*
- 2017–Present Editor-in-Chief, *The Marginalia Review of Books*
- 2018–2019 Lecturer, Yale Divinity School

**EDUCATION**

- 2019 Ph.D. Philosophy of Religion, Yale University  
  
Comprehensive Examinations: History of Philosophy, Philosophy of Religion,  
Theology
- 2012 M.A.R. Philosophy of Religion, Yale Divinity School, *summa cum laude*
- 2009 B.A. Philosophy and English, Liberty University, *summa cum laude*

**PUBLICATIONS**

**Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles and Book Chapters**

- “Technology and the Superhuman: Magic or Theurgy?” (forthcoming book chapter)
- “Science and Religion: An Origins Story.” *Zygon: Journal of Religion & Science* 56.1  
(2021): 275–296.
- “Why Listen to Philosophers? A Constructive Critique of Disciplinary Philosophy.”  
*Metaphilosophy* 47.1 (2016): 3–25.
- “Converting the Kantian Self: Radical Evil, Agency, and Conversion in Kant’s *Religion within  
the Boundaries of Mere Reason*.” *Kant-Studien* 104.3 (2013): 346–366.
- “German Idealism’s Long Shadow: The Fall and Divine-Human Agency in Tillich’s Systematic  
Theology.” *Neue Zeitschrift für Systematische Theologie und Religionsphilosophie* 54.1  
(2012): 95–118.

“From Jena to Copenhagen: Kierkegaard’s Relations to German Idealism and the Critique of Autonomy in *The Sickness Unto Death*.” *Religious Studies* 47.2 (2011): 201-216.

“Transcendental Idealism and the German Counter Enlightenment: The Philosophical Significance of Hamann’s and Jacobi’s Criticisms of Kant.” *Dialogue: Journal of Phi Sigma Tau* 51.1 (2008): 1-10.

### **Articles in Preparation**

“The Curse of Qualia? Consciousness and the Postlapsarian Mind”

“Schleiermacher vs. Fichte: The Context and Meaning of Schleiermacher’s Feeling of Dependence”

### **Edited Themed Collections**

*Marginalia Review of Books*. “The Meanings of Science: A Symposium and Forum on the Nature and Significance of Science,” co-edited with Peter Harrison (guest editor), *forthcoming*

*Marginalia Review of Books*. “The Significance of the Protestant Reformation: A Forum on its 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary,” co-edited with Bruce Gordon (guest editor) and R. Bradley Holden, October 2017.

### **Scholarly and Popular Essays, Reviews, and Interviews**

“Can Science Be Integrated?” The Meanings of Science in the Modern World, *Marginalia Review of Books*. (forthcoming)

Interview with Makoto Fujimura, *Becoming Human: Conversations* (forthcoming)

Interview with Bruce Gordon, *Becoming Human: Conversations* (forthcoming)

“Poems of Fire: The Vision of Makoto Fujimura” *Marginalia Review of Books*, April 8, 2022: <https://themarginaliareview.com/poems-of-fire-the-vision-of-makoto-fujimura/>

“Weimar’s Lost Existence: An Introduction to Heidegger.” *Marginalia Review of Books*, January 14, 2022: <https://themarginaliareview.com/weimars-lost-existence-an-introduction-to-heidegger/>

“Scholarship Out of Time: On Anachronism in Philosophy, Religion, and Heidegger’s *Existence and Time (Sein und Zeit)*.” *Marginalia Review of Books*, January 14, 2022: <https://themarginaliareview.com/scholarship-out-of-time-a-drama-in-three-acts/>

“Christianity’s Shadow Founder: Marcion, Anti-Judaism, and the Birth of Liberal Protestantism.” *Marginalia Review of Books*, November 19, 2021:

<https://themarginaliareview.com/christianitys-shadow-founder-marcion-anti-judaism-and-the-birth-of-liberal-protestantism/>

“Is Philosophy Magic? The Roots of Reason in Parmenides: On Peter Kingsley.” *Marginalia Review of Books*, September 24, 2021: <https://themarginaliareview.com/is-philosophy-magic-the-roots-of-reason-in-parmenides/>

“Science and Human Values: An Interview with Peter Harrison.” *Marginalia Review of Books*, March 13, 2020: <https://marginalia.lareviewofbooks.org/science-and-human-values-an-interview-with-peter-harrison/>

“Poetry: Politics, Religion, and Peace. An Interview with Pádraig Ó Tuama.” *Marginalia Review of Books*, February 14, 2020: <https://marginalia.lareviewofbooks.org/poetry-politics-religion-and-peace-an-interview-with-padraig-o-tuama-part-one/>

“Irony in the Age of Trump.” *Marginalia Review of Books*, November 1, 2019: <https://marginalia.lareviewofbooks.org/irony-in-the-age-of-trump/>

“A Search for the Holy Grail: On D.W. Pasulka’s ‘American Cosmic: UFOs, Religion, Technology’.” *Los Angeles Review of Books*, July 27, 2019: <https://lareviewofbooks.org/article/a-quest-for-the-holy-grail-on-diana-pasulkas-american-cosmic-ufos-religion-technology/>

“The Therapy of Desire: Towards a Revolutionary Philosophy.” *Los Angeles Review of Books*, April 7, 2019: <https://lareviewofbooks.org/article/therapy-desire-toward-revolutionary-philosophy/>

“Resurrecting the Soul in a Secular Age.” *Los Angeles Review of Books*, December 28, 2018: <https://lareviewofbooks.org/article/resurrecting-the-soul-in-a-secular-age/#!>

“Antisemitism is Our Problem.” *Marginalia Review of Books*, October 28, 2018: <https://marginalia.lareviewofbooks.org/antisemitism-is-our-problem/>

“Decolonizing Philosophy: Samuel Loncar interviews Carlos Fraenkel and Peter Adamson about Islam, Reason, and Religion.” *Marginalia Review of Books*, March 2, 2018: <https://marginalia.lareviewofbooks.org/decolonizing-philosophy-samuel-loncar-interviews-carlos-fraenkel-peter-adamson-islam-reason-religion/>

“The Protestant Reformation as a Metaphysical Revolution.” In “The Significance of the Protestant Reformation: A Forum on its 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.” *Marginalia Review of Books*, October 27, 2017: <https://marginalia.lareviewofbooks.org/protestant-reformation-metaphysical-revolution/>

“Ascending to the Cloud: Art After Humanity and Meyohas’ *Cloud of Petals*.” In *Cloud of Petals* Exhibition Catalogue, RedBull Arts New York, October 12-December 6, 2018.

“The Wisdom of Death.” On Costica Bradatan, *Dying for Ideas: The Dangerous Lives of the Philosophers*. *Marginalia Review of Books*, 28 April, 2017. Chinese translation by Wanwei Wu: <http://www.aisixiang.com/data/104164.html>

“An America Without Borders.” *Marginalia Review of Books*, 3 February 2017: <http://marginalia.lareviewofbooks.org/america-without-borders-samuel-loncar/>

“Science vs. Religion and Other Modern Myths.” On Jerry Coyne, *Faith vs. Fact: Why Science and Religion are Incompatible* and Peter Harrison, *The Territories of Science and Religion*. *Marginalia Review of Books*, 7 October 2016: <http://marginalia.lareviewofbooks.org/science-vs-religion-modern-myths-samuel-loncar/>

“Finding Meaning on the Upper East Side: *Wet Eyes*.” Review of an exhibit at *Meyohas, aqnb*, 22 January 2016: <http://www.aqnb.com/2016/01/22/finding-meaning-on-the-upper-east-side-wet-eyes/>

“How to Be Human in a Machine World.” On Geoff Colvin, *Humans Are Underrated: What High Achievers Know that Brilliant Machines Never Will*. *Marginalia Review of Books*, 8 December 2015: <http://marginalia.lareviewofbooks.org/how-to-be-human-in-a-machine-world-by-samuel-loncar/>

“The Vibrant Religious Life of Silicon Valley, and Why It’s Killing the Economy,” On Jaron Lanier, *Who Owns the Future?* *Marginalia Review of Books*, 26 May 2015: <http://marginalia.lareviewofbooks.org/the-vibrant-religious-life-of-silicon-valley-and-why-its-killing-the-economy-by-samuel-loncar/>

“Are Evangelicals the New Liberals?” On David Hollinger, *After Cloven Tongues of Fire: Protestant Liberalism in Modern American History* and Molly Worthen, *Apostles of Reason: The Crisis of Authority in American Evangelicalism*. 9 December 2014: <http://marginalia.lareviewofbooks.org/evangelicals-new-liberals/>

“Enlightened Religion? Idealism as the History and Destiny of Modern Theology.” On Gary Dorrien, *Kantian Reason and Hegelian Spirit: The Idealistic Logic of Modern Theology*. 15 April 2014: <http://marginalia.lareviewofbooks.org/enlightened-religion-idealism-as-the-history-and-destiny-of-modern-theology-by-samuel-loncar/>

## Poetry

“Brooklyn 2015” *Reformed Journal* June 22, 2020: <https://reformedjournal.com/brooklyn-2015/>

“Untitled” *Reformed Journal* June 22, 2020: <https://reformedjournal.com/14210-2/>

“In Plato’s Cave.” *First Things* April 1, 2020: <https://www.firstthings.com/article/2020/04/in-platos-cave>

“Poetry as The Last Refuge for Metaphysical Scoundrels: A Conversation with Stevens and Comedian C.” *LETTERS* December, 2019: <http://www.lettersjournal.com/poetry-as-the-last-refuge-of-metaphysical-scoundrels-a-conversation-with-stevens-and-the-comedian-c/>

“Thirty Poems.” *Tupelo Press: 30/30 Project*. November, 2019.

“Modernity & Hunger.” *The Windhover* 23.1 (2019): 3.

“The Kitchen Window.” *The Ponder Review* 2.2 (2018): 89.

### **HONORS, AWARDS, GRANTS**

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| 2020      | Templeton World Charity Foundation<br>2020-2022: \$100,000, Project Director<br><i>The Marginalia Review of Books: Meanings of Science in the Modern World</i> |
| 2017      | Baden-Württemberg Fellowship, Tübingen   |
| 2016-2017 | John H. Hord Fellow, Yale University   |
| 2014      | Baron Foundation Grant, Yale Program for the Study of Anti-Semitism, on Schleiermacher and Anti-Judaism (\$2000)   |
| 2012      | Junior Fellow, MacMillan Center, Initiative on Religion, Politics, and Society   |
| 2011-2012 | David M. Diener Scholarship, Yale Divinity School, full tuition  |
| 2010-2011 | Baden-Württemberg Stipendium (€8,800)  |
| 2010      | FLAS (Foreign Language and Area Studies) Summer Fellowship, Goethe Institute Summer Intensive, Mannheim, Germany   |
| 2009-2011 | Yale Divinity School Scholarship, full tuition   |

### **SELECTED SPEAKING AND CONSULTING**

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| 2020 | “Earthrise: The Death and Resurrection of the Earth.” Lecture, August 14. Trinity Church Wall Street, Retreat Center, West Cornwall, CT |
| 2019 | “God and the Cosmos: We Were Once Stars.” 3 Lectures, August 9-11. Trinity Church Wall Street, Retreat Center, West Cornwall, CT        |

- 2019 “The Myth of Philosophy in a Secular Age.” February 13. The Shabtai Jewish Society at Yale, New Haven, CT
- 2018 “Why Sustainable Finance Needs A Real Story.” February 6. Client: United Nations Environmental Program Finance Initiative (UNEP-FI) and Oliver Wyman, Manhattan, NY
- 2017 “Cloud of Petals.” November 11. Panel talk with MacArthur Fellow, Trevor Paglen and artist, Sarah Meyohas. RedBull Arts Center, NYC

## **CONFERENCES**

- 2022 “Technology and the Superhuman: Magic or Theurgy?” Democratizing the Supernormal Conference, October. Esalen Institute.
- 2020 “Skepticism: Ancient and Modern.” Invitation only seminar with philosopher, Vittorio Hösle. July 6-17. Bamberg University (via Zoom).
- 2019 “The Future of Philosophy of Religion.” American Academy of Religion, November 25, San Diego California.
- 2017 “The Wound of Meaning: Knowledge and Normativity in Religious Studies.” October 14. University of Virginia.
- 2015 “Christianity, Judaism, and the Secular: The Logic of Supersessionism.” April 2, Yale College (invited lecture).
- 2014 “Schleiermacher, Anti-Judaism, and the Foundations of Protestant Liberalism.” November 11, Yale Program for the Study of Anti-Semitism, Baron Scholars Conference, Yale University.
- 2013 “Beyond the Secular: Hermeneutics and Political Theology in Hobbes’ *Leviathan*.” Religion and Politics Conference, Yale University.

## **SELECTED TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

### **Yale University**

- 2019 Are Humans Becoming Gods? Technology, Science, and Faith in a Posthuman Age (Summer)
- 2019 History of Medieval Christianity, Instructor of Record (Spring)
- 2018 History of Early Christianity, Instructor of Record (Fall)

- 2018 Medieval Theology, Teaching Fellow for Bruce Gordon (Spring)
- 2016 Theological Ethics, Teaching Fellow for Adam Eitel (Fall)
- 2016 Theology of Plato and Aristotle, Teaching Fellow for John Hare (Spring)
- 2015 Theology and the New Testament, Teaching Fellow for Dale Martin and Kathryn Tanner (Fall)

### **Public and Private Teaching**

- 2022 Those Who See God: A Philosophical History of Israel
- 2021 Political Religion: A Seminar on the *Crito*
- 2020 Piety on Trial: Twelve Lectures on Plato's *Euthyphro*, *Apology*, and *Crito*
- 2020 Science, Culture, and Technology
- 2018 Kant's *Critique of Pure Reason*
- 2015 American Christianity and the Crisis of Historicism
- 2014 Medieval Philosophy
- 2013 Ancient Philosophy

### **RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

- 2014-2015 RA for Philip Gorski, Professor of Sociology, Yale University  
Assisted with *American Covenant: Civil Religion from the Puritans to the Present* (Princeton University Press, 2016)
- 2013-2015 RA for Anthony Kronman, Sterling Professor of Law, Yale Law School  
Assisted with *Confessions of a Born-Again Pagan* (Yale University Press, 2016)

### **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

- 2016-Present Referee, *Modern Theology*, *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*, *Journal of Religion*
- 2015 Student Organizer, Textual Unities Conference, Yale University, October 6-8
- 2012-2014 Co-convenor, Religion and Politics Reading Group, MacMillan Center Religion, Politics, and Society Initiative

## **LANGUAGES**

German (reading and speaking)

French (reading)

Greek

Latin

## **PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS**

American Academy of Religion

American Philosophical Association

## **REFERENCES**

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