

## CORY B. WILLSON

### CURRENT EMPLOYMENT

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- 2015—Present** Jake and Betsy Tuls Associate Professor of Missiology & Missional Ministry at Calvin Theological Seminary.
- 2010—2018** Journal of *Evangelical Interfaith Dialogue* at Fuller Theological Seminary, co-founder and co-editor.

### EDUCATION

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- 2016 Ph.D.** **Systematic Theology, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, Netherlands**  
Supervisors: Cornelius van der Kooi, Richard J. Mouw and George Harinck  
Dissertation: *Shaping the Lenses on Everyday Work: A Neo-Calvinist Understanding of the Poetics of Work and Human Flourishing*
- 2015 Ph.D.** **Theology & Culture, Fuller Theological Seminary, Pasadena, CA**  
Supervisors: Richard J. Mouw and Cornelius van der Kooi  
Dissertation: *Poetics of Everyday Work: A Neo-Calvinist Approach to Vocational Discipleship in Local Churches*
- 2009 M.Div** **Fuller Theological Seminary, Pasadena CA**  
**Master of Divinity**
- 2002 M.B.A.** **California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo**  
Master of Business Administration
- 2000 B.S.** **California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo**  
Bachelor of Science (B.S.) in Business Administration

### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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- 2015—Present** Jake and Betsy Tuls Associate Professor of Missiology and Missional Ministry Calvin Theological Seminary
- 2013—2015** Adjunct Professor  
Fuller Theological Seminary
- 2012—2013** Director of Leadership Development  
Max De Pree Center for Leadership at Fuller Theological Seminary
- 2007—2012** Course Coordinator and Research Assistant for Richard J. Mouw at Fuller Theological Seminary
- 2002—2004** Lecturer of Business Management, California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo

## MINISTRY EXPERIENCE

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<b>2020—Present</b>	Ordained Minister of Word & Sacrament, Christian Reformed Church of North America.
<b>2007—2015</b>	Grace Brethren Church of Long Beach Elder
<b>2005—2006</b>	Grace Brethren Church of Long Beach Pastoral Practicum: College Ministry and Young Adults
<b>2004—2005</b>	Grace Brethren Church of Long Beach Intern to Senior Pastor
<b>2000—2001</b>	Grace Church, San Luis Obispo Director of College Ministries
<b>1998—2000</b>	Grace Church, San Luis Obispo Pastoral Intern for College Ministry

## PUBLICATIONS

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### *Books*

- 2023 Manuscript in progress: *Monday Priest, Monday Parish: Rethinking Mission in light of the Priesthood of Believers* (co-authoring with Matthew Kaemingk).
- 2022 “Afterword,” in *Joining Jesus: Ordinary People at the Edges of the Church*, by Moses Chung & Christopher Meehan (Cascade Books).
- 2020 [\*Work and Worship: Reconnecting Our Labor and Liturgy\*](#), co-authored with Matthew Kaemingk. Baker Academic Books.
- 2008 [\*The Jewish Approach To Repairing the World \(Tikkun Olam\): A Brief Introduction for Christians\*](#), by Elliot N. Dorff with contributions by Cory B. Willson (Jewish Lights Publications).

### *Peer-Reviewed Essays & Book Chapters*

- 2022 “A Spirituality Fit for Our Times: Towards a Bavinckian Theology of Work,” in *Neo-Calvinism and Roman Catholicism*, eds. James Eglinton and George Harinck (Brill Publishers).
- 2019 “Theologians on the Road: Pneumatology, Global Theologies and the Reinvigoration of Western Christianity,” [\*The Spirit is Moving: New Pathways in Pneumatology: Studies Presented to Professor Cornelis van der Kooi on the Occasion of His Retirement\*](#) (Brill).
- 2018 “A Little Exercise for Those New to Interfaith Dialogue: Lessons on Spiritual Formation from Jonathan Edwards and Helmet Thielicke,” (*Calvin Theological Journal*, November)
- 2016 “Atoning Grace on Progression’s Highway: Explorations into Latter-day Saint Theological Anthropology Through the Writings of Robert L. Millet,” [\*Let Us Reason Together: Essays in Honor of the Life’s Work of Robert L. Millet\*](#) (Maxwell Institute).

- 2015 “Temple Garments: A Case Study in the Lived Religion of Mormons,” in [\*On Talking Doctrine: Examining the Mormon-Evangelical Dialogue\*](#), eds. Richard J. Mouw and Robert L. Millet (IVP Academic).
- 2011 “*Simul Humanitas et Peccator*: The Talmud’s Contribution to a Dutch Reformed Notion of the *Imago Dei*,” in the [\*Kuyper Center Review Volume 2: Revelation and Common Grace\*](#), Eerdmans.
- 2004 *Behavior in Organizations 8<sup>th</sup> Edition*, McGraw Hill Publications, 2004 (*Contributing Author*).
- 2004 *Behavior in Organizations 8<sup>th</sup> Edition- Teachers Manual*, McGraw Hill Publications (*Contributing Author*).
- 2003 *Collaborative Research in Organizations: Foundations for Learning, Change and Theoretical Development*, Sage Publications, 2003 (*Contributing Author*).

#### *Essays & Articles for Popular Audiences*

- 2020 “[Work and Worship](#),” Calvin Institute for Christian Worship resources.
- 2020 “[Covid is Devastating, but Decentralized Worship is a Gift](#),” (*The Banner*, April 17, 2020).
- 2018 “[Prayers of the Infertile: Reflections on Suffering, Hope, and Solidarity](#)” (*The Banner*, October 2018).
- 2018 “[Honing Your Contextual Savvy](#)” (*The Forum*, Fall 2018).
- 2017 “[The Heart of Worship: Learning to Inhabit the Liturgy for the Life of the World](#)” (*Reformed Worship*, March 2017).
- 2016 “[Why and How Should Christians Engage their Neighbors of Other Faiths?](#),” *The Forum*, Fall 2016.
- 2016 “[Inhabiting the Liturgy](#),” in Calvin Institute for Christian Worship, March 2016.
- 2016 “[Every Believer Called to Mission](#),” *The Forum*, Spring 2016.
- 2015 “[Should Christians Confront Mormon Missionaries When they Knock on the Door?](#),” *Christianity Today* Volume 59, No. 4 (May, 2015).
- 2014 “Review of William Dyrness’s *Senses of Devotion*,” ARTS Journal 25.2, 2014.
- 2014 “[Between Two Worlds: The Pastoral Role of Integrating Faith and Work](#),” *Leadership Journal* (April, 2014).
- 2014 “[Why Resurrection People Remember the Dead: Keeping the memory of our deceased loved ones alive](#),” *Christianity Today* (April 14, 2014).
- 2012 “[When is A Mall just a Mall? The Complexity of Reading Cultural Practices](#),” with Robert S. Covolo, *The Other Journal*, February 2, 2012.
- 2012 “[Redeeming What Was Tossed: Fashion, Faith and a California Designer’s Creative Calling](#),” *Christianity Today’s This Is Our City Project*, June 22, 2012.
- 2012 “[Cultivating Her Creative Calling](#),” *Comment Magazine*, February 22, 2012.
- 2012 “[How Theology Can Ruin Your Prayer Life. How the Psalms Can Help](#),” *Reformed Worship*, June 2012.
- 2012 “[Putting Business on the Mission Map: How Churches Can Serve Businesspeople](#),” *Comment Magazine*, October 19, 2012.
- 2012 “Confronting the ‘Exasperating Discontinuity’: Max De Pree’s Concept of Persons (Part 1),” *Fieldnotes Magazine* (September 12, 2012).
- 2012 “Confronting the ‘Exasperating Discontinuity’: Max De Pree’s Concept of Persons (Part

- 2),” *Fieldnotes Magazine* (September 12, 2012).
- 2011 “[Learning Proper Manners for the Religious Roundtable: Kuyper and Convicted Civility](#),” in *Comment Magazine*, July 13<sup>th</sup>, 2011.
- 2010 “[Reflections on Jewish-Christian Dialogue](#),” in *Theology News and Notes*, Fall 2010.
- 2010 “Beyond Appreciation and Debate: A Response to Dr. Douglas McConnell’s Missiological Principles and Guidelines for Interfaith Dialogue,” in *Evangelical Interfaith Dialogue* Issue 1.1, Winter 2010.

#### SEMINARS, CONFERENCE PAPERS, PUBLIC LECTURES, & CONSULTATIONS

- 2021 “Following Jesus Out of the World & Back Into the World,” Opening Sermon at *Creativity’s Calling* conference at Samford University, October, 2021.
- 2021 “The Connection Between Corporate Worship and Christian Calling,” Public Lecture at *Creativity’s Calling* conference at Samford University, October 2021.
- 2021 “A New Day In Mission: Understanding Christian Mission in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century,” at the *Glocal Mission Summit* hosted by Resonate (CRCNA), June, 2021.
- 2021 “[A Fresh Look at Designing Worship for Workers](#)”, CICW Worship Symposium, 2021.
- 2021 “Workshop for Theological Educators on Vocation and Worship,” Karam Forum, January 6, 2021.
- 2021 “Work and Worship,” Presentation to Fuller Seminary faculty, April 2021.
- 2021 “Why Worship Needs Work” presentation to leadership team of Discipling Marketplace Leaders, April 2021.
- 2021 “Work & Worship for Business Leaders,” presentation to Discipling Marketplace Leaders (West and East African participants), August, 2021.
- 2020 Redeemer Presbyterian Church NY’s Center for Faith and Work: Workshop on practices that connect between the believer’s daily work and corporate worship (April, 2020).
- 2020 Faith CRC (Holland): Presentation on the connections between work and corporate worship (June 2020).
- 2020 “Loving Our Muslim Neighbor: Panel Discussion with Dr. Roberta King, Dr. Najla Kassab, and Dr. John Azumah,” Seminar Convener and Interviewer, Calvin Worship Symposium.
- 2020 “Loving Our Muslim Neighbor: Interview with Dr. John Azumah,” Workshop Organizer and Interviewer, Calvin Worship Symposium 2020.
- 2020 President’s Legacy Society webinar, “Book launch and interview on *Work and Worship*” (Nov. 12, 2020).
- 2018 “Work and Worship: Liturgy and Labor,” lecture given at Theologische Universiteit Gereformeerde Kerken, Kampen, NL (October 14, 2018).
- 2018 Neo-Calvinism and Europe conference (August 2018): “General Revelation and the Importance of a Hermeneutic of Affective Attunement in Christian Engagement with Muslims.”
- 2018 American Society of Missiology (June 2018): organizer and facilitator of panel on interfaith friendship and hospitality.
- 2018 “Eyes Wide Open: Cultivating a Praying Imagination for Everyday Life,” CRC Prayer Summit of West Michigan, April 2018.
- 2018 “Worship that Affirms and Equips for Vocation,” panel discussion at the Calvin Institute for Christian Worship 2018.

- 2017 “A Dialogue Between Neo-Calvinism and World Christianity,” public lecture given at Theologische Universiteit Gereformeerde Kerken, Kampen, NL (November 14, 2017)
- 2017 Convener of a Consultation on Evangelicals and Islamophobia with 50 evangelical leaders, scholars, and missionaries with experience in Christian-Muslim relations at Calvin Theological Seminary (August 2017).
- 2017 “Work and Worship” Public Lecture at the Faith and Work conference at Second Reformed Church, Grandville (November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2017).
- 2017 “Work and Worship” webinar for CRC Worship Ministries (May 2017)
- 2017 Hosted consultation on Work and Worship prior to the 2017 Calvin Worship Symposium.
- 2017 “Faith, Work & Worship,” seminar at Calvin Worship Symposium 2017.
- 2017 “Designing worship with workers in mind,” workshop at Calvin Worship Symposium 2017.
- 2017 “Lament, Trauma and the Psalms” workshop with Dr. Danjuma Gibson at the 2017 Calvin Worship Symposium.
- 2016 “Engaging Islam from the Balcony and the Road: Herman Bavinck, meet Samuel Crowther,” conference paper given at the bi-annual Neo-Calvinism conference held in Kampen, NL (August 2016).
- 2016 Convener and facilitator of panel discussion on “Faith, Work & Vocational Discipleship” at the 2016 Calvin Worship Symposium.
- 2016 “Overlooked First Steps in Missional Ministry” workshop at the 2016 Calvin Worship Symposium.
- 2016 “Critical Conversations About the Mission of God on the Ground in CRC Churches” presented with Moses Chung Home Missions CRCNA at the *Missio Alliance* conference in Philadelphia, April 2016.
- 2016 “Loving Your Neighbor of Another Religion,” Calvin Theological Seminary Loving Your Neighbor Today conference, July 2016.

#### PODCASTS & WEBINARS

- 2021 [“Work and Worship” interview at Samford University](#), October 2021.
- 2021 [“The Vital Link Between Work and Worship,”](#) *Churchfront* Worship Leader Podcast
- 2021 [“Working,”](#) *In All Things* podcast at Dordt University.
- 2021 [“Mormon Lived Religion”](#) on the *Multifaith Matters* podcast.
- 2021 [“Work & Worship”](#) podcast with *Los Angeles Center for Faith and Work*.
- 2021 [“Work & Worship,”](#) *Acton Line* podcast.
- 2021 [“Reconnecting Our Labor and Liturgy,”](#) *WP313* podcast.

#### EDITORIAL WORK

- 2010-18 *Journal of Evangelical Interfaith Dialogue.*

#### CURRENT RESEARCH PROJECTS

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- I am working on a manuscript on the priesthood of believers with a co-author, Dr. Matthew Kaemingk.

## GRANTS RECEIVED

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<b>2021—2022</b>	Recipient of a \$6,000 grant from Resonate Global Mission (CRCNA) to support the formation of church planting and renewal leaders.
<b>2020—2021</b>	Recipient of an annual \$8,000 grant from Resonate Global Mission (CRCNA) to support the formation of church planting and renewal leaders.
<b>2017—2019</b>	Recipient of an annual \$15,000 grant from Resonate Global Mission (CRCNA) to support the formation of church planting and renewal leaders.
<b>2016—2017</b>	The Henry Luce Foundation (\$50,000) <i>Hosting the Evangelicals and Islamaphobia consultation (August 2017) and resources in the Evangelical Interfaith Dialogue journal.</i>
<b>2016—2017</b>	Faculty Heritage Fund grant (\$6,000) <i>Hosting the consultation on Evangelicals and Islamaphobia.</i>
<b>2012—2015</b>	The Henry Luce Foundation Grant (\$190,000 three-year grant) <i>Evangelical Interfaith Dialogue journal.</i>
<b>2013—2015</b>	The Arthur Vining Davis Foundations Grant (\$50,000 two-year grant) <i>Research on evangelical approaches to interfaith education in North American Theological Schools.</i>
<b>2010—2011</b>	The Max De Pree Leadership Fellow scholarship award (\$15,000).
<b>2010—2011</b>	The Henry Luce Foundation Grant (\$25,000) <i>Evangelical Interfaith Dialogue journal.</i>
<b>2010—2011</b>	Calvin Institute of Christian Worship's Worship Renewal Grant (\$15,000) <i>Worship renewal through the Psalms at Grace Brethren Church of Long Beach.</i>