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FRED SANDERS

CURRENT EMPLOYMENT

1999—Present **Biola University, La Mirada, CA**
currently at rank of Associate Professor, Torrey Honors Institute

EDUCATION

2001 **Graduate Theological Union, Berkeley, CA**
PhD, Systematic Theology
Advisor: Ted Peters
The Image of the Immanent Trinity: Implications of Rabner's Rule for the Theological Interpretation of Scripture

1995 **Asbury Theological Seminary, Wilmore, KY**
MDiv
Thesis: The Life of God's Word in the Theology of Athanasius

1990 **Murray State University, Murray, KY**
BA in Studio Art and German
Senior Exhibit: Earthen Sky: Drawings and Prints

ORGANIZATIONAL MEMBERSHIPS & ACTIVITIES

- Evangelical Theological Society

ACADEMIC SERVICE

2007-2010 *Member, University Personnel Committee, Biola University*
2003-2005 *Chair, General Education Council, Biola University*

EXPERIENCE

1999—Present **Associate Professor of Theology, Biola University, La Mirada, CA**
Torrey Honors Institute

2009—Present **Faculty member for the Los Angeles Bible Training School,**
Los Angeles, CA.

PUBLICATIONS

The Deep Things of God: How the Trinity Changes Everything. Crossway, August 2010.

[forthcoming:] *Blessed Trinity: An Approach to the Doctrine of God and Salvation*. This is a book (70,000 words) aimed at an academic audience. It describes the major issues in contemporary Trinitarian theology and sets forth a constructive proposal for how the doctrine ought to be handled. Under negotiation with publisher, forthcoming 2013.

[forthcoming:] *John Wesley on the Christian Life*. This is a book (70,000 words) in the series "Theologians on the Christian Life" forthcoming from Crossway in 2012.

Editor and contributor to *Jesus in Trinitarian Perspective: An Introductory Christology* (Broadman and Holman, 2007).

The Image of the Immanent Trinity: Rabner's Rule and the Theological Interpretation of Scripture (NY: Peter Lang, 2005). Volume 12 in the series Issues in Systematic Theology, edited by Paul Molnar.

Dr. Doctrine's Christian Comix, four volumes from InterVarsity Press, July 1999.

Issue 1, "On Biblical Images."

Issue 2, "On the Word of God."

Issue 3, "On the Trinity."

Issue 4, "On the Christian Life."

"Trinitarian Theology's Exegetical Basis: A Dogmatic Survey," *Midwestern Journal of Theology* 8/9 (Spring 2010), 78-90.

[forthcoming:] "The Trinity" in *Mapping Modern Theology: A Thematic History of Recent Theological Reflection*, ed. Kelly M. Kapic and Bruce L. McCormack (Baker Academic).

[forthcoming:] "Saved by the Word and Spirit: The Soteriology of Donald Bloesch in Christian Foundations." Now seeking publication in new venue.

[forthcoming:] "Fundamentalist Spirituality," "The Rapture," "The Second Coming," "Horatius Bonar," "Charles Cowman," "F. W. Faber," "Phoebe Palmer," and "Gerhard Tersteegen" in *The Dictionary of Christian Spirituality* (Zondervan Academic), General Editor Glen Scorgie.

"The Trinity," in *The Oxford Handbook of Systematic Theology*, edited by John Webster, Kathryn Tanner, and Iain Torrance (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2007).

"Professors with a New Public: Academics and New Media," in John Mark Reynolds and Roger Overton, *The New Media Frontier* (Crossway Books, 2008).

"Don Giovanni: The Absolute Man and the Patience of God," *Cultural Encounters: A Journal for the Theology of Culture* 2/2 (Summer 2006), 47-59.

"Surfing the Sites: Theology on the Web," *Catalyst: Contemporary Evangelical Perspectives for United Methodist Seminarians*, Fall 2006. <http://www.catalystresources.org/issues/331Sanders.html>

"A Theological Analysis of Oneness Pentecostalism," in *Countercult Apologetics Journal* (www.rctr.org/journal) (January 2006).

"The State of the Doctrine of the Trinity in Evangelical Theology," *Southwestern Journal of Theology*, 47/2 (Fall 2005), 153-176.

“Trinity Talk, Again,” *Dialog: A Journal of Theology* 44/3 (Fall 2005), 264-272.

“Entangled in the Trinity: Economic and Immanent Trinity in Recent Theology,” in *Dialog: A Journal of Theology* 40:3 (Fall 2001), 175-182.

PAPERS PRESENTED

(forthcoming) “Eternal Processions, Temporal Missions, Full Salvation: The Trinitarian Horizon of Evangelical Soteriology”

To be presented at the 62nd annual meeting of the Evangelical Theological Society, November, 2010
Atlanta, GA

“Relations of Origin in the Eternal Trinity: Biblical Warrant and Systematic Implications”

Presented at the regional meeting of the Evangelical Theological Society, April 2010
La Mirada, CA

“The Exegetical Basis of Trinitarian Theology”

Presented at the 61st annual meeting of the Evangelical Theological Society, November, 2009
New Orleans, LA

“Anchored in Jehovah: Trinitarian Soteriology as the Ground of Assurance”

Presented at the 60th annual meeting of the Evangelical Theological Society, November 19, 2008
Providence, RI

“Revealed Between the Testaments: Event and Scripture in Nazianzus’ Account of the Revelation of the Trinity in the Baptismal Command (Matthew 28:19)”

Presented at the Holy Trinity in Holy Scripture conference at Tyndale University College, May 28-30, 2008
Toronto, Ontario, Canada

“The Life of the Trinity is Hidden in the Gospel: How Evangelical Practices are Tacitly Trinitarian”

Presented at the 17th Wheaton Theology Conference, April 10-12, 2008
Wheaton College, Wheaton, IL

“God’s Own Blessedness: The Place and Function of the Doctrine of Divine Beatitude”

Presented at the Far West Regional meeting of the Evangelical Theological Society, April 18, 2008
Bethel Seminary, San Diego, CA

“A Thinker or a Friend Lives the Trinity: Intellectual Community in the Trinitarianism of Austin Farrer”

Presented at C.S. Lewis, The Inklings, and the Call to Christian Community, February 7-9, 2008
Azusa Pacific University

“Biola’s Doctrinal Statement: Its Content and Use in the Early Years of the Institute”

Presented at the Biola Centennial History Colloquium, Dec. 5, 2007
Biola University, La Mirada, CA

“One of the Trinity Died on the Cross: Systematic Implications of the Fifth Ecumenical Council for a Theology of the Gospel”

Presented at the 59th Annual Meeting of the Evangelical Theological Society, Nov. 15, 2007

San Diego, CA

“Hearing the Voice of God in Scripture: The Tacit Trinitarianism of Evangelical Bible Reading”

Presented at the Far West Regional meeting of the Evangelical Theological Society, Friday April 20, 2007
Masters College and Seminary, Sun Valley, CA

“As Above, So Below: Appeals to the Trinity in Theological Accounts of the Human Family”

Presented at the Evangelical Theological Society’s 58th Annual Meeting, Nov. 15-17, 2006
Forth Worth, TX

“The Beauty of the Trinity”

Presented at the 15th annual Wheaton Theology Conference, April 2006
Wheaton College, Wheaton, IL

“Arius the Hero: Historical Fictions We’re Ready to Believe”

Presented at the 57th Annual Meeting of the Evangelical Theological Society, Friday Nov. 18, 2005
Valley Forge, PA

“There is the Reservoir, Where is the Spout? The Great Tradition and the Evangelical University”

Presented at the 2nd annual Civitas Conference, “After Evangelicalism,” Saturday September 17, 2005
Cornerstone University, Grand Rapids, MI

“Tiny Paintings of the Infinite Trinity: Faith Seeking Visual Understanding through the Resourcefulness and Wit Of the Book of Hours of Catherine of Cleves (ca. 1440)”

Presented at the 2005 Art & Soul Conference, April 8, 2005
Baylor University, Waco, TX

“Oikonomia and Ecclesia: The Economic Trinity and Free Church Ecclesiology”

Presented at the 40th Annual Meeting of the Wesleyan Theological Society, March 5, 2005
Seattle Pacific University, Seattle, WA

“The State of the Doctrine of the Trinity in Evangelical Theology”

Presented at the 2004 Annual Meeting of the Evangelical Theological Society, Nov. 18, 2004

“Saved by the Word and Spirit: The Soteriology of Donald Bloesch in Christian Foundations”

Presented at the 2004 Annual Meeting of the Evangelical Theological Society, Nov. 18, 2004

“Three Monotheisms: How the Son of the God of Abraham Makes a Difference Among Yahwism, Trinitarianism, and Tawhid”

Presented at the Far West regional meeting of the Evangelical Theological Society, April 23, 2004
Bethel Seminary, San Diego, CA

“Karl Barth on Rahner’s Rule: God’s Freedom for the World and from the World”

Presented at the 2003 Annual Meeting of the Evangelical Theological Society, Nov. 19, 2003
Azusa Pacific University

“How He Worked for Christ: The Ministries of R. A. Torrey”

Presented at “R. A. Torrey (1856-1928): Radical Evangelicalism in the Early 20th Century,” a one-day academic symposium at Biola University, Tuesday October 21, 2003

Biola University, La Mirada, CA (I was also the conference organizer)

“Joining the Long Conversation with the Bible: Evangelicals and the Historical Theology of the Trinity”

Presented at the 2003 Far West regional meeting of the Evangelical Theological Society, May 2, 2003
Master’s Seminary, Sun Valley, CA

“The Righteousness of Another: James Hervey, John Wesley, and Imputed Righteousness”

Presented at the 2003 Wheaton Theology Conference, April 11, 2003
Wheaton College, Wheaton, IL

“The Tacit Dimension of Evangelical Trinitarianism”

Presented to the Wesleyan Theological Society and the Society for Pentecostal Studies, March 21, 2003
Asbury Theological Seminary, Wilmore, KY

“Recent Thought on the Economic and Immanent Trinity”

Presented to the Theology and Philosophy section of the AAR Western Region Meeting, April 18, 2000
Azusa Pacific University.

“The Mystery of the Trinity in Christian Iconography: Pacino di Bonaguida's Fourteenth-Century Solution”

Presented in the Religion and the Arts section of the AAR Western Region meeting, March 1999
University of San Francisco, San Francisco, CA

“Mere Trinitarianism: C. S. Lewis’ Practical Doctrine of the Trinity”

Presented at the Wheaton Theology Conference, April 1998
Wheaton College, Wheaton, IL

LECTURES AND WORKSHOPS

(This is a representative sample, to show the kind of topics and audiences I work with)

“The Historical Reliability of the Bible,” in the Reasonable Faith series, Aug 11, 2010, Calvary Chapel San Diego.

“God in a Box: Drawing Proper Boundaries for Orthodoxy,” in the Stand To Reason Masters Series in Christian Thought, Feb 4, 2008, Hermosa Beach, CA.

“Did We Get the Right Jesus?” free kickoff lecture for the Spring 2007 Defending the Faith lecture series sponsored by the Masters in Apologetics program at Biola University, February 13, 2007. Shorter version presented in Turlock, CA on September 13, 2007.

“Blogging as a Bridge Between Academics and Culture,” a breakout session at GodBlog Conference, Oct. 27, 2006, Biola University (co-presented with Paul Spears).

“Art, Truth and 'The Da Vinci Code' — Separating Fact From Fiction” for Focus on the Family’s website Decoding the Da Vinci Code. ([Link](#))

“A Reasonable Incarnation,” in the Spring 2006 Defending the Faith lecture series sponsored by the Masters in Apologetics program at Biola University, March 6, 2006.

“Trinity Day,” a doctrine seminar at Santee Christian Church, February 11, 2006.

“The Nature of Salvation,” in the Fall 2005 Defending the Faith lecture series sponsored by the Masters in Apologetics program at Biola University, Nov. 10, 2005; Same presentation delivered again Nov. 2, 2006.

“The Three-in-One God,” episode four of the television series Christianity 101 (hosted by Bruce Bickel and Stan Jantz, on the Trinity Broadcasting Network), first aired in July 2004.

“Thy Word is Truth: Clear Thinking About Scripture,” in the Fall 2004 Defending the Faith Lecture Series sponsored by the Masters in Apologetics program at Biola University, Nov. 3, 2004.

“The Deepest Meaning of the Cross,” in the Spring 2004 Defending the Faith lecture series sponsored by the Masters in Apologetics program at Biola University, May 6, 2004.

“Answering Tough Questions on the Trinity,” in the Fall 2003 Defending the Faith lecture series sponsored by the Masters in Apologetics program at Biola University, November 6, 2003.

“God: One Person or Three? A Public Debate Between Sir Anthony Buzzard and Dr. Fred Sanders,” Riverside Community College, Norco Campus, April 25, 2003.

“Jesus, God and Man: Explain That!” Stand to Reason’s Masters Series in Christian Thought, Downey Baptist Church, March 31, 2003.

“Making Sense of the Trinity.” Stand to Reason’s Masters Series in Christian Thought, Hope Chapel Hermosa Beach, February 11, 2002.

Featured scholar in “Christian faith: Picture it (Many symbols that were once secret signals for followers are a mystery for modern believers),” by Carol McGraw, Orange County Register, Christmas Day, 2001.

Various articles for Symposium, the newsletter of the Torrey Honors Institute.

Essay: “Signs of Life: The Artist in Society,”

Essay: “Don Giovanni: The Absolute Man,”

Review: Simon Chan’s Spiritual Theology

Review: Michael Card’s Scribbling in the Sand

Review: Laura K. Simmons’ Creed Without Chaos

Review: Sinai Icons at the Getty

Various articles for Biola Connections, the alumni relations magazine of the University.

“Biola’s Founders,” Summer 2007

“Continuing Education” (on inerrancy)

“Ask an Expert” (on the Trinity), Summer 2002

Project Coordinator for The King’s Business Online: <http://www2.biola.edu/kingsbusiness/> This is an online archive of Biola University’s historic journal, which ran from 1910-1970. I conceived the project, secured the funding, and recruited the workers who scanned pages and built the website.

Museum tours and art appreciation lectures: Annual guided tour of the Getty Center for high school students, preceded by a slide lecture on “How To See Art;” annual guided tour of the San Francisco Palace of the Legion of Honor for college students; occasional other tours and

lectures.

BOOK REVIEWS

- Review: Dan Siedell, *God in the Gallery: A Christian Embrace of Modern Art*, in *Cultural Encounters: A Journal for the Theology of Culture* 6:1 (Summer 2010), pp. 115-117.
- Review: [forthcoming] Andreas Kostenberger and Scott Swain, *Father, Son and Spirit: The Trinity and John's Gospel* (InterVarsity Press, 2008) in *International Journal of Systematic Theology* _____.
- Review: Dennis W. Jowers, *Karl Rahner's Trinitarian Axiom: "The Economic Trinity is the Immanent Trinity and Vice Versa,"* Edwin Mellen Press, 2006 in *International Journal of Systematic Theology*, 11:3 (July 2009), pp. 370-372
- Review: Michael Budde and John W. Wright, editors, *Conflicting Allegiances: The Church-based University in a Liberal Democratic Society*, in *Scottish Journal of Theology* 63:1 (Feb 2010), pp 120-122..
- Review: Robert M. Bowman, Jr. and J. Ed Komoszewski, *Putting Jesus in His Place: The Case for the Deity of Christ*, in *Touchstone: A Journal of Mere Christianity* (April 2009).
- Review: Sigurd Bergmann, *Creation Set Free: The Spirit as Liberator of Nature*, in *Cultural Encounters* (Summer 2007), 129-132.
- Review: Paul D. Molnar, *Divine Freedom and the Doctrine of the Immanent Trinity*, in *Cultural Encounters* (Summer 2006), 109-111.
- Review: "Briefly Noted" on Julia Keay, *Alexander the Corrector: The Tormented Genius who Unwrote the Bible*, in *First Things*, January 2007, 58-59.
- Review: Colin Gunton, *The Triune Creator* and David Coffey, *Deus Trinitas*, in *Theology Today*, 59/4 (January 2003), 628-632.
- Review: Khaled Anatolios, *Athanasius: The Coherence of His Thought*, in *Asbury Theological Journal* 57/2 – 58/1 (Fall 2002/Spring 2003), 220-223.
- Review: Anne Hunt, *What Are They Saying About the Trinity?* in *Asbury Theological Journal* 57/2 – 58/1 (Fall 2002/Spring 2003), 240-242.
- Review: Alister McGrath, *The Foundations of Dialogue in Science and Religion* (Malden, MA: Blackwell, 1998) and *Science and Religion: An Introduction* (Malden, MA: Blackwell, 1999), in *CTNS Bulletin (The Center for Theology and the Natural Sciences)*, 19 (Spring 1999), 17-21. (Co-authored with Kirk Wegter-McNelly.)
- Review: Wolfhart Pannenberg, *Systematic Theology, volume III*, in *Dialog: A Journal of Theology* 37 (Fall 1998). (Co-authored with Lou Ann Trost and Mary Elise Lowe)

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

2002-2003	<i>Administrator, Torrey Honors Institute's Departmental Self Study, Biola University</i>
2001-2010	<i>Administrator and primary faculty, Torrey Berkeley summer program, Biola University</i>
2005-2010	<i>Secretary, Issues in Systematic Theology section, Evangelical Theological Society</i>
2008, 2010	<i>House Chair (Associate Director) for the Johnson House of the Torrey Honors Institute</i>
2004-date	<i>Contributing Editor, Cultural Encounters: A Journal for the Theology of Culture</i>
2008-date	<i>Contributing Editor, Journal of Spiritual Formation and Soul Care</i>
2007-date	<i>External Reviewer, Philosophia Christi.</i>

I am ordained through the Evangelical Church Alliance, and I minister actively in my church, Grace Evangelical Free Church of La Mirada. I serve there as a small group leader, a deacon, and a teacher.