

## Curriculum Vitae (Robert Charles Sturdy)

### Personalia

#### 1. Name

Robert Charles Sturdy (born 1981)

#### 2. Marital status and children

Married to Stephanie Sturdy

Two Children: David (born 2007) and Genevieve (2011)

### Profession

Anglican Chaplain to the Corps of Cadets at The Citadel, the Military College of South Carolina

#### 1. Education, degrees

- 2020: PhD Evangelische Theologische Faculteit, Leuven, Belgium.
- 2012: ThM Reformed Theological Seminary, Oviedo, Florida, U.S.
- 2006: BTh Wycliffe Hall, University of Oxford, Oxford, U.K.
- 2003: BA, The Citadel, the Military College of South Carolina, Charleston, S.C., U.S.

#### 2. Academic positions and teaching experience

- 2020-Present: Affiliated Research in Historical Theology, The Evangelische Theologische Faculteit, Leuven, Belgium.
- 2017- Present: Assistant Professor, ST900 Evangelical Theology for a Pluralistic Age (DMin), Trinity School for Ministry, Ambridge, P.A., U.S.
- 2012-2017: Director of the Ridley Institute, Charleston, S.C., U.S.

#### 3. Bibliography

- Sturdy, Robert. *Freedom from Fatalism: Samuel Rutherford's (1600-1661) Doctrine of Divine Providence in Reference to its Scholastic Nature, Medieval Background, and Context in Early Modern Thought*. Reformed Historical Theology. Gottingen: Vandenhoeck & Ruprecht, 2021.
- "Freedom from Fatalism: Samuel Rutherford's (1600-1661) Doctrine of Divine Providence in Reference to its Scholastic Nature, Medieval Background, and Context in Early Modern Thought." PhD diss., ETF Leuven, 2020.

#### 4. Supervised doctoral dissertations, either as promoter or as co-promoter (please list)

- **Supervisor:** Hamilton Smith, Dmin, Trinity School for Ministry, Ambridge PA (In progress)

#### 5. Membership and Offices in Academic Societies

- 2014-2021: Researcher, Institute of Post Reformation Studies, ETF Leuven

## 6.. Editorial appointments and organization of international conferences

- I have agreed to serve as editor of *The Complete Works of Samuel Rutherford*, Vol. 8., which will offer an English translation of Rutherford's *Disputatio Scholastica de Divina Providentia*. This will be published by Reformation Heritage Books and is projected to be completed in September 2026.

## 7. Academic lectures and conference presentations

- "Scotist Premotionism? An Exploration of a Scotist Appropriation of a Thomist Term in Samuel Rutherford's (1600-1661) Doctrine of Divine Concurrence." Presentation during the Doctoral Colloquium on 5 September 2019 (ETF Leuven).
- "*De Providentia*: Samuel Rutherford's (1600-1661) Doctrine of Divine Providence." Presentation during the Doctoral Colloquium on 7 September 2018 (ETF Leuven).
- "God's Sovereignty and Meaningful Acts of Human Freedom: The Theological Background to Samuel Rutherford's Political Theory of the Origins of Government" at the conference "Rutherford Redivivus: A Conference Engaging with Samuel Rutherford's Theology and Historical Context," St. Mary's College, University of St Andrews (25 May 2018).
- "Seeing Things That Aren't There: the Significance of Presence and Vision for the *Scientia Abstractiva/Intuitiva* Distinction in 16th and 17th Century Scholastic Theology." Presentation during the Doctoral Colloquium on 4 September 2017 (ETF Leuven).
- "Impossible Beasts and Where to Find Them: Hircocervus, Chimera, and Other Impossible Creatures as Treated in Samuel Rutherford's Doctrine of the *scientia dei*." Presentation during the Doctoral Colloquium on 9 September 2016 (ETF Leuven).
- "Christian Fate? The Problem of Human Freedom and 'Fatal' Events in the Theology of the 17th Century Reformed Scottish Scholastic Theologian Samuel Rutherford." Presentation during the Doctoral Colloquium on 3 September 2015 (ETF Leuven).
- "The Bible as Apostolic Teaching." Lecture, Reformation Anglicanism, The Ridley Institute, Charleston, S.C., October 29, 2013.

## 8. Participation at academic conferences

- Presenter at "Rutherford Redivivus: A Conference Engaging Samuel Rutherford's Theology and Historical Context," at St. Mary's College, University of St. Andrews (25 May 2018)
- Convener and Presenter, "Reformation Anglicanism," a ten-week lecture series focusing on the history, theology, and modern impact of the English Reformation for Christians today.
- "Confession, Conversion, and Communion: Thinking out loud about Anglican Identities." *Submitted*. Minority report written at request of the Archbishop's office in preparation for Primate's Meeting, 2015.
- "Reformed Episcopacy?: The Episcopal Office during the English Reformation." *Submitted*. Evangelical Theology Society, 2015.

## 9. Special committees and board

- 2007-2011 Examining Chaplains Episcopal Diocese of South Carolina
- 2007-2012 Executive Council of the Episcopal Diocese of South Carolina
- 2008-2010 Board of Directors, the Mission Society

## 10. International Experience and Language Proficiency

- Studies in U.K., Belgium
- Reads Spanish, Latin, Greek

## C. Church career

### 1. Church affiliation

- 2006-Present Ordained Priest, Anglican Diocese of South Carolina

### 2. Church ministry

- 2017- Present Anglican Chaplain to the Corps of Cadets, The Citadel, Charleston, S.C.
- 2012-2017 Associate Rector St. Andrew's, Mount Pleasant, S.C.
- 2008-2011 Rector Trinity Church, Myrtle Beach, S.C.
- 2006-2007 Curate, Trinity Church, Myrtle Beach, S.C.

### 3. Other ministry experience

- 2003-2006 Chaplain to Lady Margaret Hall, Oxford Intercollegiate Christian Union

## Appendix: Inventory of and research interest and projects

*The fields or research in which I have acquired expertise are the following:*

- Protestant Orthodoxy (seen against its historical background in the Patristic Period, Middle Ages, and Reformation).
- Continuity and discontinuity between Protestant Orthodoxy and its background in the theology of the Patristic Period, Middle Ages and Reformation (the 'catholicity' of Protestant Orthodoxy).
- The complex relationship between Protestant Orthodoxy and the Catholic (Counter-Reformation (unity and diversity)).

*The specific subfields of these areas in which I have engaged in the last five years are the following:*

- Reformed, Arminian, and Jesuit accounts of providence and human freedom in early modern thought.
- The impact of theological accounts of human freedom in relation to political theory in 17<sup>th</sup> century Britain.

*The specific subfields of these areas in which I hope to engage in the next five years are the following:*

- Reception of medieval sources in Reformed Orthodoxy with special attention to Archbishop of Canterbury, Thomas Bradwardine (1300-1349).