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## Richard R. Coble

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### Areas of Specialization

Pastoral Theology, Practical Theology, Women's and Gender Studies,  
Psychoanalysis, Psychology of Religion

### Areas of Competence

Hermeneutics, Science and Theology, Systematic Theology, Phenomenology,  
Philosophy of Religion, Qualitative Research

### Languages

German  
Biblical Hebrew  
Koine Greek

Reading Competency, UNC  
Reading Competency, PTS  
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## Education

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**Ph.D.**, Vanderbilt University (In Progress)

Fall 2011-

Area: Religion, Psychology, and Culture

*Dissertation:* Chaplaincy in the Modern Health Care System: Presence, Dying, and Community  
in the Advance and Subversion of Biopolitics

*Supervisor:* Bonnie Miller-McLemore

Exams in Pastoral Theology, Religion and Psychology, Methods in RPC, Practical Theology,  
and Women's and Gender Studies

**Graduate Certificate**, Vanderbilt University (In Progress)

Area: Women's and Gender Studies

**Master of Arts**, Vanderbilt University

December 2014

Area: Religion, Psychology, and Culture

**Master of Divinity**, Princeton Theological Seminary

May 2010

**Bachelor of Arts**, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

May 2006

Area: English, Religious Studies Minor

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## Publications

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The Body as Touch: Speaking Death and Dying in Queer Theory and Religion, *Pastoral Psychology*  
(Springer.com Online First, DOI 10.1007/s11089-014-0630-4, ISSN 1573-6679).

Maneuvers in the Depths: The Politics of Identity in Anton Boisen's Pastoral Care,  
*Pastoral Psychology*, 63(4), 2014: 405-418.

Jesus on H10 (Poem), *Journal of Pastoral Care and Counseling*, 65(2), 2011.

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## Conference Presentations

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### Invited

“Mother Empire: Expanding the Analogical Imagination of Pastoral Care and Counseling in the Age of Biopolitics,” *Group for New Directions in Pastoral Theology, Princeton Theological Seminary, May 2015 (Accepted)*.

“The Body as Touch: Faith, Death, and Sign,” *Group for New Directions in Pastoral Theology, Princeton Theological Seminary, May 2014*.

“(Non)Recognition and the Fleeting Glimpses of Intimacy: Tracing the Chaplain’s Response to Ungrieved Death,” *Group for New Directions in Pastoral Theology, Princeton Theological Seminary, May 2013*.

### Referred

“Memory, Futurity, and Biopolitics in Pastoral Care,” *Drew Transdisciplinary Theological Colloquium, Drew University, September 2014*.

“Desire and Adoration: The Relation between Faith and Death in Julia Kristeva and Jean-Luc Nancy,” *Kristeva Circle Conference, Vanderbilt University, March 2014*.

“Death and the Death-Drive: A Search for the Body in Queer Theory,” *American Academy of Religion, Queer Studies in Religion Group, November 2013*.

“Unity and Its Costs: Toward a Critical Practical Theology of Worship,” *SECSOR, Women, Gender, and Religion Group, March 2013*.

“From Berlin to Philadelphia and Back: The Problem of CPE in Christian Theological Education,” *Understanding Religious Pluralism Conference, Georgetown University, May 2012*.

“Shame and Redemption in the Genders of Young Adolescent Boys,” *SECSOR, Women, Gender, and Religion Group, March 2012*.

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## Honors /Awards

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Vanderbilt University, Theology and Practice Fellowship, Full Tuition, Insurance, Stipend	2011-2016
Princeton Theological Seminary, Robert B. Goodlin Award in Practical Theology	2010
Princeton Theological Seminary, Seminary Fellowship, Full Tuition and Stipend	2007-2010
UNC, Highest Honors in English	2006
UNC, Highest Distinction Graduate	2006
UNC, Phi Beta Kappa (Junior Year)	2005
Dean’s List	2002-2006

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## Training in Teaching

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Mellon Certificate for College Teaching, Center for Teaching, Vanderbilt University	In Progress
Online Theological Education Training, Lexington Theological Seminary	Fall 2014

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## Teaching

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Teaching Assistant, Vanderbilt University:	
Pastoral Theology and Care	Spring 2014
Constructive Theology I	Fall 2013
Constructive Theology II	Spring 2013
Senior Seminar	Fall 2012
Teaching Assistant, Princeton Theological Seminary:	
Biblical Hebrew I	Fall 2009
Biblical Hebrew II	Spring 2010
Teacher, Greenfield School, Wilson, NC: 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade English and 11 <sup>th</sup> Grade US History	2006-2007

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## Clinical Experience

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Chaplain (PRN), Saint Thomas Health System, Nashville, TN	Fall 2014-Present
Pastoral Counseling Intern, Pastoral Counseling Centers of Tennessee	2011-2013
Chaplain Resident, CPE Units 2-4, Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania	2010-2011
Student Chaplain, CPE Unit 1, Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital	Summer 2009

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## Church Experience

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Seminary Intern, First Baptist Church, Trenton, NJ	2008-2009
Youth Minister, First Baptist Church, Stantonsburg, NC	2005-2007
Summer Youth Minister, First Baptist Church, Stantonsburg, NC	Summer 2004
Summer Youth Minister, First Baptist Church, Plymouth, NC	Summer 2003

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## Professional Experience

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### Conference Organization

Co-Chair, Women, Gender, & Religion Group, SECSOR	2013-Present
Steering Committee, Innovations of Theological Education Conference, Vanderbilt	2014-Present

### Departmental Service

Library Cataloguer, Vanderbilt University Divinity Library	Fall 2014
Library Bibliographer, Vanderbilt University Divinity Library, RPC Area	2012-Present
Composition Tutor, Princeton Seminary Writing Center	2007-2009

### Research

Research Assistant, Prof. Bonnie Miller-McLemore	2011-2012
Research Assistant, Prof. Dale Andrews	Fall 2013

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## Ordination

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Presbyterian Church (USA): Presbytery of New Brunswick, NJ: Candidate Status