

# TIMOTHY “COUP” COUPER

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## OBJECTIVE

My goal is to contribute to the life of the church by writing books and teaching at the graduate and undergraduate levels. My deepest conviction is that our theology departments, seminaries, and churches must do a better job questioning the use of binary logics in theology that segregate our communities, and foster homophobic & transphobic exclusion. As younger generations increasingly abandon American churches, my interdenominational training in Jesuit, Eastern Orthodox, Evangelical, and Mainline Protestant traditions enables me to foster learning in a pluralistic yet critical way.

## EDUCATION

**Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)** (in progress, projected graduation December 2026)  
Department of Theology, Systematic Theology track  
**Fordham University** - The Bronx, NY, USA  
4.0 GPA

**Master of Sacred Theology (STM)** (Graduated December 2019)  
Concentration: Theological and Philosophical Studies of Religion  
**Drew University Theological School** - Madison, NJ, USA  
4.0 GPA

**Master of Arts in Historical Theology (MAT)** (Graduated August 2018)  
**Fuller Theological Seminary** - Pasadena, CA, USA  
4.0 GPA

**Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy and Psychology** (Graduated December 2009)  
**Gordon College** - Wenham, MA, USA  
3.2 GPA

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

09/2023 to Current      **Teaching Fellow**  
Fordham University, Department of Theology - The Bronx, NY

09/2022 to 05/2023      **Graduate Teaching Assistant**  
Fordham University, Department of Theology - The Bronx, NY

09/2021 to 05/2022      **Graduate Research Assistant**  
Fordham University, Department of Theology - The Bronx, NY

03/2018 to 06/2018      **Teaching Assistant**  
Fuller Theological Seminary - Pasadena, CA

01/2009 to 12/2009      **Research Assistant**  
Dept. of Psychology, Gordon College - Wenham, MA

01/2008 to 12/2008      **Teaching Assistant**  
Dept. of Philosophy, Gordon College - Wenham, MA

## MINISTRY EXPERIENCE

- 08/2014 to 08/2021     **Director of Worship & Technology**  
The Crossing Church - Livingston, NJ
- 01/2011 to 09/2011     **Worship Leader**  
Light of Christ Anglican - Seattle, WA
- 01/2010 to 10/2010     **Worship Leader, Pastoral Planting Team**  
Paradigm Church - Seattle, WA
- 01/2010 to 09/2010     **Contemporary Worship Leader**  
First Baptist Church of Arlington – Arlington, MA
- 09/2005 to 05/2009     **Worship Leader**  
Gordon College - Wenham, MA

## Select CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

"Walter Bauer and the Unfinished Business of Nicaea: A Hauntological Reconsideration of Fourth Century Political Theology." Presented in the "After Lives of Orthodoxy" unit at the *2025 Political Theology Network Conference*, Nashville, TN, October 26, 2025.

"Perichoretic Avapxia: The Queerness of Trinitarian Inclusivity Beyond Monarchy." Presented at the *Ecclesiological Investigations* conference entitled "Dissent, Power, and Christian Identity After Nicaea" in Thessaloniki, Greece, September 18, 2025.

"The Hope and Failure of Liberation: Queer Theory and the Theology of Gustavo Gutiérrez." Presented in the "Liberation Theology" unit at the 2022 Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion (AAR), Denver, CO, November 19, 2022.

"C.S. Peirce's Cosmology as a Queer Trinitarian Philosophy of Time." Presented at the *Northeast Philosophy of Religion Colloquium*, New York, NY, February 26, 2022.

"Three Queer Constructions of God: Theorizing the Trinity as the Embodiment of Triadic Temporalities." Presented in the "Sacred Texts, Theory, and Theological Construction" unit at the 2020 Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion (AAR), Boston, MA, December 9, 2020.

## PUBLICATIONS

"After Certainty: Liberations of Failure," published April 20, 2024 as part of the "Re-(En)Visioning Liberation" symposium published by *Catholic Re-Visions* and hosted by the *Political Theology Network*. I was the organizer and group editor for this symposium, which included my essay and five others.

## COMPLETED COMPREHENSIVE EXAMINATIONS

**QUEER THEOLOGY AND THE TRINITY** with Aristotle Papanikolaou

**CHRISTOLOGY** with Brad Hinze

**PATRISTIC / EARLY CHURCH HISTORY** with Larry Welborn

**PARADIGMATIC THEOLOGY** with Leo Guardado

## GRADUATE RECORD EXAMINATIONS

**VERBAL:** 166 (97<sup>th</sup> percentile)

**QUANTITATIVE:** 160 (76<sup>th</sup> percentile)

**ANALYTIC WRITING:** 5.0 (93<sup>rd</sup> percentile)

## REFERENCES

Aristotle Papanikolaou, Ph.D, Professor, [papanikolaou@fordham.edu](mailto:papanikolaou@fordham.edu)

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