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Education

- 2020 Ph.D., Philosophy of Religion and Religious Studies, Faculty of Divinity, University of Cambridge.
Dissertation: *Movement and Mediation: The metaphysical discourse of French Spiritualism in the works of Félix Ravaisson and Maurice Blondel.*
- 2015 MTh, Historical and Philosophical Theology, University of the Free State, Bloemfontein, South Africa.
Summa cum Laude.
Thesis: *Anton Wilhelm Amo Afer (c. 1703-1756) the African-German Philosopher of Mind: An Intellectual History.*
- 2013 BA (Hons.), Biblical Studies, North-West University, Potchefstroom, South Africa. Highest distinction.
- 2012 BTh, Biblical Studies, North-West University, Potchefstroom, South Africa. Highest distinction.
- 2012 Licentiate in Biblical Studies and Theology, Bible Institute of South Africa, Cape Town, South Africa. Highest distinction.

Employment

- 2024 - Present Assistant Professor of Philosophy and Theology, University of Austin, Texas.
- 2024 Part-time lecturer, Boston College, Chestnut Hill, Massachusetts.
- 2021-2023 Visiting Professor in Philosophical Theology, Puritan Reformed Theological Seminary, Michigan.
- 2020-2022 Visiting Lecturer and Postdoctoral Fellow (Modern Philosophy), Catholic University of Toulouse.
- 2021 College Research Associateship, Emmanuel College, University of Cambridge.
- 2015-2018 Assistant-Director, The Jonathan Edwards Centre Africa, at the University of the Free State (a research affiliate of Jonathan Edwards Centre at Yale University).

Publications

Monographs

Emma-Adamah, Victor. *Being and Movement: Félix Ravaisson, French Spiritualism and the Metaphysics of Activity*, Monograph Series (Bloomsbury, forthcoming. Under contract).

Edited volumes

Victor Emma-Adamah, Simone Kotva, and Clare Carlisle, *Félix Ravaisson: Fragments on Philosophy and Religion* (London: Bloomsbury Academic, 2025, pp. 272).

Emma-Adamah, Victor (ed.). *French Spiritualism. New Horizons in Continental Philosophy*. (Lexington Books, forthcoming).

Journal Articles and Book Chapters

- Emma-Adamah, Victor. "Transformation and Transcending: Falque, Deleuze and the Experience of Becoming-Other." *Modern Theology*, forthcoming.
- Emma-Adamah, Victor. "The force of the soul: Maine de Biran, the hyperorganic and the theological." *Journal for Continental Philosophy of Religion* 7, no. 1 (2025).
- Emma-Adamah, Victor. "Logocentrism and Logomachia: Maurice Blondel and the critique of philosophy as a critique of life," in *Duquesne Studies in Phenomenology*, ed. Robert Koerpel and Jonathan Ciraulo (2024).
- Emma-Adamah, Victor. "African art as the expression of a metaphysics of rhythm and force," in *Metaphysics in a Connected World*, Stephen Green (ed.) (Bloomsbury, 2024).
- Emma-Adamah, Victor. "Louis Lavelle and the Metaphysics of Grace: A French Spiritualist account of grace as participation and creation," in Jean-Louis Vieillard-Baron and Andrea Bellantone (eds.), *Le Spiritualisme Français et le Défi de la Grâce*, (Presses Universitaires de l'ICT: Toulouse, forthcoming).
- Emma-Adamah, Victor. "Finitude in Maurice Blondel: The infinite and the metaphysics of death." *Journal for Continental Philosophy of Religion* 4, no. 2 (2022): 166-189.
- Emma-Adamah, Victor. "The 'force of the bond' and the core of solitude: Falque's *Hors Phénomène* and the necessary *Vinculum Substantiale*." *Crossing: The International Network of Philosophy of Religion Journal*, 3 (2022):171-180.
- Emma-Adamah, Victor. "The sense of finitude in Emmanuel Falque: A Blondelian Engagement," in *Transforming the Theological Turn: Phenomenology with Emmanuel Falque*, Martin Koci and Jason Alvis (eds.), Richard Kearney (foreword) (London: Rowman and Littlefield, 2020), 175-87.

Emma-Adamah, Victor. 'Secular Hope or a Quest for the Phenomenon of Hope: A Response to David Newheiser's Hope in a Secular Age'. *Crossing: The International Network of Philosophy of Religion Journal* 1, no. 1 (20 December 2020): 202–7.

Emma-Adamah, Victor. "Life, Body and Spirit in Amo's Early Modern Philosophy," in *The Faculty of Sensing – Thinking with, through and by Anton Wilhelm Amo* (Kunstverein Braunschweig, 2021), pp. 246-261.

Emma-Adamah, Victor. 'Balazs Mezi, Radical Revelation: A Philosophical Approach (London: Bloomsbury, 2018), Pp. Xxvi + 362. £118.80.' *Scottish Journal of Theology* 73, no. 1 (February 2020): 93–94.

Works in progress

Emma-Adamah, Victor. *Anton Wilhelm Amo Afer (c. 1703-1756) the African-German Philosopher of Mind: An Intellectual History* (forthcoming).

Research And Professional Activities

2022-July 2024 Visiting Scholar (Research), Boston College, Massachusetts.

2021-2024 Research Associate, Department of Philosophy, Emmanuel Levinas and Henri Bergson, new horizons at the intersection of Phenomenology and new discourses in modern metaphysics. Catholic University of Paris.

2021-2024 Research Investigator, John Templeton Foundation-funded project, "Widening Horizons in Philosophical Theology – Hermeneutics and Transcendence." Focus on Gilles Deleuze, Phenomenology and new horizons in contemporary philosophy.

2020-Present Research Associate. *Unité de Recherche – Culture, Éthique, Religion et Société* (UR-CERES), Department of Philosophy Catholic University of Toulouse. Core interdisciplinary research group on late 19th and 20th-century traditions of French philosophy, at the intersection of ethics, culture and religion. Strong component of original archival research work at the *Bibliothèque Nationale de France*.

2015-Present Editorial board of Jonathan Edwards Studies journal, Yale University (ISSN 2159-6875).

2014-2021 Research Fellow (Intellectual History and African Philosophy), Department of Philosophy, University of the Free State, South Africa.

Teaching Experience

2024 "Philosophy of the Person I." Ancient and Medieval Philosophy (Plato, Aristotle, Plotinus, Augustine, Boethius, Aquinas). Boston College. Undergraduate. Spring semester, 2024.

2023 "Issues in Retrieval Theology: The Church Fathers." Puritan Reformed Theological Seminary. Graduate level (PhD/ThM). Summer Semester, 2023.

2022 "The Question of God in Philosophy and Theology." Puritan Reformed Theological Seminary. Graduate level (PhD/ThM). Spring Semester, 2022.

2022 "The Thought of Thomas Aquinas: God, Human Finitude and Method." Puritan Reformed Theological Seminary. Graduate level (PhD/ThM). Spring Semester, 2022.

2022 "William James and Pragmatism." Catholic University of Toulouse. Undergraduate level (3rd-year) Spring Semester, 2022.

2021 "Issues in Contemporary and Modern Theology." Puritan Reformed Theological Seminary. Graduate level (PhD/ThM). Fall Semester, 2021.

2021 "Theological Anthropology. Puritan Reformed Theological Seminary. Graduate level (Masters). Fall Semester, 2021.

2021 "British Idealism and F.H. Bradley." Catholic University of Toulouse. Undergraduate level (3rd-year). Fall Semester, 2021.

2021 "Introduction to the Metaphysics of Henri Bergson." *Travaux Dirigés* (TD). Catholic University of Toulouse. Undergraduate level (3rd-year). Taught in French.

Select Conference Presentations and Lectures

"Leibniz and Blondel on the *vinculum substantiale* and the core of solitude in Falque," Catholic University of Paris, January 2023.

"Finitude in Maurice Blondel and the metaphysics of death," Boston College, April 2022.

“The experience of weakness and power in Maine de Biran,” International Conference on Affectivity, Catholic University of Toulouse, December 2020.

“Logomachia and Logocentrism: Maurice Blondel and the critique of philosophy as a critique of life,” Catholic University of Toulouse, October 2020.

“An expansion of early modern philosophy? Anton Wilhelm Amo and an African philosophy of mind-body,” Columbia University, NY, April 2020.

“Christ and Philosophy: Nature and how things are inter-mediated,” University of Durham, April 2020.

“Towards a Trinitarian Ontology: a conversation with Jonathan Edwards,” Yale University, October 2019.

Respondent to William Hackett “The Sense of the Absolute,” in International Network in Philosophy of Religion, *Sens et Non-sens*, Catholic University of Paris, June 2019.

“Body and spirit in French philosophy of religion,” University of Cambridge, June 2018.

“The analogy of habit and movements of *esprit*: Maine de Biran and Félix Ravaisson,” Annual conference of the British Society for the History of Philosophy, ‘*Habit in the History of Philosophy*’, University of Durham, UK, April 2018.

“Descartes and Beyond: On the mind-body problem,” University of Oxford, UK, March 2018.

“Theology after the secular turn of modernity: theological and philosophical considerations in Radical Orthodoxy and Henri de Lubac.” Puritan Reformed Theological Seminary, Grand Rapids, Michigan, USA, December 2017.

“Luther and theological hermeneutics: a case of the theology of gift, in dialogue with Jacques Derrida and John Milbank,” Luther Quincentenary, George Whitefield College, Cape Town, South Africa, August 2017.

“The theology of spiritual exegesis and metaphysics: Henri de Lubac and Origen.” Faculty of Divinity, University of Cambridge, June 2016.

“Anton Wilhelm Amo: The first African philosopher in Europe.” Public lecture, University of the Free State, South Africa, April 2015.

Thesis Supervisions

2022	Supervision: Masters Thesis, “ <i>Kierkegaard and a Theology of Hope</i> ,” Puritan Reformed Theological Seminary, Michigan, USA.
2021	Co-supervision: PhD thesis, “ <i>That which we have seen: Philosophical-Homiletical Foundations towards a Phenomenology of Sermon Preparation and Preaching</i> ,” Theologische Universiteit Apeldoorn, Netherlands.
2017-2022	Co-supervision: PhD thesis, “ <i>The Practice that Prevails: Jonathan Edwards, Slavery, and Race</i> ,” Free University of Amsterdam, Netherlands.
2019	University of Cambridge. Undergraduate supervision for Michaelmas Term: Paper C11 (<i>Truth, God and Metaphysics</i>).
2015-2016	Supervision: Masters thesis, <i>Reception and Application of the Great Awakening and Restoration Movement in Zimbabwe: A study on Max Randall (1917-2000)</i> , University of the Free State, South Africa.
2013	Visiting lectureship, undergraduate second year Philosophy and Christian Thought. Bible Institute of South Africa.

Summary Of Primary Research Interests

Metaphysics; history of modern philosophy; 19th-century French philosophy, French Spiritualism and Philosophies of Spirit; 20th-century Continental philosophy and phenomenology; modern African philosophy (intersection between African culture, art, and philosophy); religion and ethics in modernity.