

Paul Carron  
Curriculum Vitae

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**Areas of Specialization:**

Ethics, Moral Psychology

**Areas of Competency:**

Ancient Philosophy, Meta-Ethics (particularly Free Will/Moral Responsibility), Kierkegaard

**Education**

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Doctorate of Philosophy in Philosophy, 2011 • Baylor University, Waco, TX

**Dissertation Title: *Taking Responsibility for Ourselves: A Kierkegaardian Account of the Freedom-Relevant Conditions Necessary for the Cultivation of Character***

Dissertation Director: Dr. Robert C. Roberts

Committee Members: Dr. C. Stephen Evans, Dr. Robert Kruschwitz, Dr. Todd Buras, Dr. Paul Martens

Master of Divinity, 2005 • Truett Theological Seminary, Baylor University, Waco, TX

Master of Arts, 2004 • Baylor University, Waco, TX  
Philosophy

Bachelor of Arts, 2000 • Grand Canyon University, Phoenix, AZ  
Major: Biblical and Theological Studies; Minor: Philosophy

**Academic Appointments**

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*Baylor University (Honors College)*

Assistant Professor of Philosophy in the Baylor Interdisciplinary Core—2014-  
Present

*Baylor University (Honors College)*

Temporary Full-time lecturer in the Baylor Interdisciplinary Core—2011-12; 13-14  
Lecturer in the Great Texts Program—2006-2011

*McLennan Community College*

Adjunct Professor of Philosophy—Fall 2005, Fall 2006, Summer 2011

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**Blind, Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles**

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**Forthcoming:** “Aristotle on Blaming Animals: Taking the Hardline Approach on Voluntary Action in the *Nicomachean Ethics* III.1-5.” *Epoché: A Journal for the History of Philosophy*. (Spring 2019).

**Forthcoming:** “Education not Indoctrination: Teaching Ethics in the Interdisciplinary Core Program of a Religiously Affiliated University.” *Teaching Ethics*. Co-authored with Charles McDaniel. (Spring 2019).

“Ape imagination? A sentimentalist critique of Frans de Waal’s gradualist theory of human morality.” *Biology and Philosophy* (2018) 33: 22.

“Turn Your Gaze Upward! Emotions, Concerns, and Regulatory Strategies in Kierkegaard’s *Christian Discourses*.” *International Journal for Philosophy of Religion*: 1-21. (Online March 22, 2018).

“Monkeys, Men, and Moral Responsibility: A Neo-Aristotelian Case for a Qualitative Distinction.” *Southwest Philosophy Review* 33 (1): 151-161. (2017).

“Apes with a Moral Code? Primatology, Moral Sentimentalism, and the Evolution of Morality in *The Planet of the Apes*.” *Journal of Cognition and Neuroethics* 3 (3): 1–26. (2015).

“The Virtuous Ensemble: Socratic Harmony and Psychological Authenticity.” Co-authored with Anne-Marie Schultz. *Southwest Philosophy Review* 29 (1): 127-36. (2014)

“Socratic Meditation and Emotional Self-Regulation: Human Dignity in a Technological Age.” Co-Authoring with Anne-Marie Schultz. *Journal of Interdisciplinary Studies* XXV (2013): 1-29. (2013).

**Peer-Reviewed Book Chapters**

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**Forthcoming:** “The Covetous Canary: Kierkegaard on the Problem of Social Comparison and the Cultivation of Social Courage.” In *The Kierkegaardian Mind*. edited by Adam Buben, Eleanor D. Helms and Patrick Stokes. Under contract with Routledge. Anticipated 2019.

**Forthcoming:** “Virtue Habituation and the Skill of Emotion Regulation.” In *Skill in Ancient Western and Chinese Ethics*. Edited by Tom Angier and Richard Hamilton. Under contract with Bloomsbury Academic Press. Anticipated summer 2019.

**Forthcoming:** “Fostering Inclusivity through Social Justice Education: An Interdisciplinary Approach.” Co-Authored with Charles McDaniel. *Breaking Down Silos: Innovation, Collaboration, and EDI Across Disciplines*. Edited by Stephanie Burrell Storms, Sarah K. Donovan, and Theodora P. Williams. Under contract with Rowman and Littlefield. Anticipated summer 2019.

“‘The Crowd is Untruth!’ Kierkegaard on Freedom, Responsibility, and the Problem of Social Comparison.” *Identity, Freedom, and Responsibility*. Edited by Fernando di Mieri. Series: Vico’s Tablet. Edizioni Ripostes (Publishing House Ripostes). Italian Translation, 2017. English translation, 2018.

**Peer-Reviewed Conference Proceedings**

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“A Case for Virtue: Aristotle’s Psychology and Contemporary Accounts of Emotion Regulation.”  
“*Images of Europe: Perspectives*,” *Images of Europe. Past, Present, Future: ISSEI 2014 - Conference Proceedings*. Universidade Católica Editora – Porto: 1354-1362.

**Invited Publications**

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“Commentary on “The Argument has made the Decision: Deliberation in Plato’s *Crito*.”” *Southwest Philosophy Review* 30 (2): 53-57.

**Works in Progress**

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“An Aristotelian Puzzle on Vice: *Probairesis*, Psychopathy, and Two Forms of Vice in the *Nicomachean Ethics*.” Co-Authored with Megan Haggard.

“Animal Responsibility in Aristotle’s *Nicomachean Ethics* and Zoological Writings: The Hardline Approach.”

“Against Empathy: Disinterestedness, Norm Following, and the Veneer of Human Morality”

“Teach Your Children Well: Socrates’ Cultural Critique and the Development of Moral Judgment in Plato’s *Republic*.” Co-authored with Anne-Marie Schultz.

**Recent Presentations**

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“Against Empathy: Disinterestedness, Norm Following, and the Veneer of Human Morality” (Poster Presentation). *Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress (RoME)*. University of Colorado, Boulder. August 2018.

“The Covetous Canary: Kierkegaard on the Problem of Social Comparison and the Cultivation of Social Courage.” 8<sup>th</sup> Annual International Kierkegaard Conference. June 13–17, 2018.

“An Aristotelian Puzzle on Vice: *Probairesis*, Psychopathy, and Two Forms of Vice in the *Nicomachean Ethics*.” Co-Authored with Megan Haggard. *Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology* 2018 Annual Meeting.

“Virtue Cultivation and the Skill of Emotion Regulation.” Conference on “Virtue, Skill, and Practical Reason.” University of Cape Town, South Africa. August 2017.

“Ape Imagination? A Sentimentalist Critique of de Waal's Primate Morality.” *Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress (RoME)*. University of Colorado, Boulder. August 2017.

“Aristotle on Blaming Animals: Taking the Hardline Approach on Voluntary Action in the *Nicomachean Ethics* III.1.” *Ancient Philosophy Society* Annual Meeting. Waco, TX. April 2017.

\*“Monkeys, Men, and Moral Responsibility: A Neo-Aristotelian Case for a Qualitative Distinction.” *Southwestern Philosophical Society* Annual Meeting. Corpus Christi, TX. November 2016.

“Teach Your Children Well: Socrates’ Cultural Critique and the Development of Moral Judgment in Plato’s *Republic*.” New Mexico Texas Philosophical Society, San Marcos, Texas. April 2-3, 2016.

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“Aristotle on Blaming Animals: The Hardline Approach.” Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology, Louisville, Kentucky. March 13-15, 2016.

“The Bird, the Pagan, and the Christian: Exploring the Relationship between Emotions and Concerns in Kierkegaard’s *Christian Discourses*.” The Redemption of Feeling Conference, Queens College, New York. December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

“Aristotle on Blaming Animals: The Hardline Approach.” 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Joint Meeting of the Society of Ancient Greek Philosophy and the Society for the Study of Islamic Philosophy and Science. October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at Fordham University.

“Monkeys, Men, and Moral Responsibility: A Neo-Aristotelian Case for a Qualitative Distinction.” The Human-Animal Boundary Symposium at The University of Puerto Rico at Mayagüez, April 10-12, 2015.

“Apes with a Moral Code? Exploring the Boundaries of Moral Responsibility in *The Planet of the Apes*.” “The Work of Cognition and Neuroethics in Science Fiction” conference, Insight Institute of Neurosurgery and Neuroscience at the University of Michigan-Flint, March 20-12, 2015.

“Viva la revolución! Cultural Models of Emotion Regulation in Plato's *Republic*.” With Anne-Marie Schultz. The Biennial Meeting of the Baptist Association of Philosophy Teachers. October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at Baylor University.

"Can you Blame me if I'm Scared? A Neurobiological Account of Compulsion, Phobia, and Alternative Possibilities." 46<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the North Texas Philosophical Association. April 3-5, 2014 at the University of North Texas, Denton.

“The Virtuous Ensemble: Socratic Harmony and Psychological Authenticity.” Co-Authored with Anne-Marie Schultz. 75th Annual Meeting of the Southwestern Philosophical Society. Fredericksburg, TX. November 8-10, 2013.

“Socratic Meditation and Emotional Self-Regulation: Socrates the Super-Meditator!” Co-Authored with Anne-Marie Schultz. Interdisciplinary Studies 2013 Symposium: Interdisciplinary Studies: The Next 25 Years. Pasadena, California. August 1-4, 2013.

"Little Brains, Little Morals, Part II: A Neurobiological Response to de Waal's Primates and Philosophers." Presented at the 2nd Annual Animal Ethics Workshop: Beastly Morality at Emory University's Center for Ethics. Friday, April 5, 2013.

"Little Brains, Little Morals: A Neo-Aristotelian Critique of Frans de Waal's Primates and Philosophers." Presented at the 2013 Annual meeting of the Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology, February 28 - March 2, 2013.

\**Griffith Award recipient for the best philosophy paper by a young scholar.*

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**Invited Commentaries on Conference Papers**

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“Response to David DeGrazia’s ‘Animal Self-Awareness: Types, Distribution, and Ethical Significance.’” *Society for the Study of Ethics and Animals*. RoME Workshop. University of Colorado, Boulder. August 2018.

“Questions on Adam Shriver’s ‘Neuroscience and the Evaluation of Suffering?’” *Society for the Study of Ethics and Animals*. RoME Workshop. University of Colorado, Boulder. August 2017.

“Response to Danielle Wylie’s ‘The Advantages of a Concept-Based Rationalist Approach to Moral Judgment.’” *Southern Society of Philosophy and Psychology* Annual meeting. Savannah, GA. March, 2017.

“Response to Thornton Lockwood’s ‘Do Lysis’ parents really love him? Non-argumentative arguments in Plato’s *Lysis*.’” *Ancient Philosophy Society* Annual Meeting. University of South Florida. April 2014.

**Academic Awards**

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1. Baylor Academy for Teaching and Learning Summer Faculty Institute, \$10,000 – Summer 2016
2. Baylor University Summer Sabbatical, \$12,000 – Summer 2015
3. Griffith Award recipient for the best philosophy paper by a young scholar; \$300 (February, 2013).
4. Summer Fellow at the Hong Kierkegaard Library, St. Olaf College, Northfield, Minnesota (July, 2007)

**Professional Societies**

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American Philosophical Association  
Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology  
Southwestern Philosophical Society  
Society for Ancient Greek Philosophy  
Ancient Philosophy Society