

Arnold Y. Charles - Curriculum Vitae

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Education

Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas

Ph.D., Religious Studies

Expected May 2031

Field of Study: Systematic Theology; Concentration: Philosophy of Religion, Philosophy of Time

Advisor: Frederick D. Aquino

Th.M., Philosophical Theology

Completed May 2026

Cumulative GPA: 4.000; *Summa Cum Laude*

Thesis: *The Canonical Heritage of the Church as a Means of Grace: Some Metaphysical Clarifications of William J. Abraham's Canon and Criterion*

Committee: Dr. Frederick D. Aquino (Advisor) and Dr. Bruce Marshall (Reader)

M.T.S., Systematic Theology

Completed Dec 2024

Cumulative GPA 3.811; *Cum Laude*

Thesis: *The Temporal Problem of Epistemic Greatness: A Reflection on Transworld Excellences in Alvin Plantinga's Modal Ontological Argument*

Committee: Dr. Frederick D. Aquino (Advisor) and Dr. Bruce Marshall (Reader)

Abilene Christian University, Abilene, Texas

M.A., Theology

Transferred May 2023

Cumulative GPA: 3.75

B.A., Political Science

Completed Dec 2020

Cumulative GPA: 3.82; *Magna Cum Laude*

Minor in Philosophy

Research Interests

Areas of Specialization: Philosophy of Religion, Philosophy of Time, Modal Metaphysics, Natural Theology, Perfect Being Theology

Areas of Competence: Systematic Theology, Analytic Theology, History of Modern & Medieval Theology, Moral Theology

Academic Experience

Southern Methodist University, Dallas, TX

Research Assistant - Basil Mitchell Papers Project

Jan 2025 - Present

Supervisor: Dr. Frederick D. Aquino; Responsibilities: philosophical/theological research aid, historical indexing, source analysis, course design, building case studies, and assisting in the writing and editing of four books and two book chapter contributions.

Abilene Christian University, Abilene, TX

Graduate Assistant - Interdisciplinary Minor in Philosophy

Jul 2022 - May 2023

Supervisor: Dr. Frederick D. Aquino; Responsibilities: grading undergraduate coursework, serving as teaching assistant, and facilitating and taking part in class debate and roundtable sessions.

Professional Memberships

American Academy of Religions (AAR)
American Philosophical Association (APA)
Philosophy of Time Society (PoTS)
Society of Christian Philosophers (SCP)

Honors and Awards

Eden Fellowship for Regenerative Culture, Abilene Christian University
Jack Pope Fellowship, Abilene Christian University
Honors Graduate, Abilene Christian University - Honors College

Presentations

“Epistemic Greatness and Knowledge of Tensed and Tenseless Propositions: A New Perspective on Plantinga’s Nature of Necessity.” *Oral presentation, Society of Christian Philosophers (SCP), Midwest Regional Meeting, Baylor University, October 2026.*