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ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

August 2014–present — Department of English and Philosophy, South Plains College
(Professor 2024–present, Associate Professor 2022–2024, Assistant Professor 2019–2022, Instructor 2018–2019, Part-Time Instructor 2014–2018)

August 2021–present — School of Divinity, Regent University
(Adjunct Professor 2021–present)

EDUCATION

- Ph.D. (philosophy of religion) Southern Evangelical Seminary, April 2019
- Ph.D. (Bible exposition) Liberty University, August 2024–present (in progress)
- M.A. (composition) Liberty University, December 2023
- M.A. (apologetics) Southern Evangelical Seminary, May 2014
- B.B.A. (finance) Texas Tech University, May 2010

AREAS OF RESEARCH SPECIALIZATION

- the problem of evil
- the problem of animal suffering
- the philosophy of mind/animal minds
- Thomistic philosophical theology

AREAS OF TEACHING COMPETENCE

- introduction to philosophy
- introduction to ethics
- introduction to world religions
- English composition
- Christian apologetics

PUBLICATIONS

Books

Animal Suffering in Christian Theology: Five Perspectives. Co-edited with Hans Madueme. Under contract with T&T Clark.

Different in Kind: A Biblical, Philosophical, and Scientific Case for Human Uniqueness and the Image of God. Co-authored with Fazale Rana. Covina: RTB Press, forthcoming.

God, Evil, and the Fall: A Classical Christian Theodicy. Cham: Palgrave Macmillan, 2026.

The Palgrave Handbook on the Problem of Animal Suffering in the Philosophy of Religion. Edited by B. Kyle Keltz. Cham: Palgrave Macmillan, 2025.

Bringing Good Even out of Evil: Thomism and the Problem of Evil. Lanham: Lexington Books, 2022.

Thomism and the Problem of Animal Suffering. Eugene: Wipf and Stock, 2020.

Answering the Music Man: Dan Barker's Arguments against Christianity. Edited by B. Kyle Keltz and Tricia Scribner. Eugene: Wipf and Stock, 2020.

Journal Articles and Book Chapters

"Classical Theism and the Pastoral Problem of Evil." *The Linacre Quarterly* (2026). https://doi.org/10.1177/00243639261486685.

"The Problem of Evil, Rhetoric, and the Drama of the Divine Economy." *Religions* 16, no. 11 (2025): 1442.

"Rhetoric, Christianity, and Contemporary Problems of Evil." *Revista Portuguesa de Filosofia* 81, no. 3 (2025): 933–964.

"Thomas Aquinas and the (No) Best Possible World." In *Optimism and the Best Possible World: A Philosophical History*. Edited by Justin J. Daeley, 31–62. New York: Routledge, 2025.

"Could a Good God Allow Death Before the Fall? A Thomistic Perspective." *The Heythrop Journal* 63, no. 4 (July 2022): 703–716.

"Is Animal Suffering Evil? A Thomistic Perspective." *The Journal of Value Inquiry* 54 (March 2020): 1–19.

"A Thomistic Answer to the Evil-God Challenge." *The Heythrop Journal* 60, no. 5 (September 2019): 689–698.

"God's Purpose for the Universe and the Problem of Animal Suffering." *Sophia* 58, no. 3 (September 2019): 475–492.

"Neo-Thomism and the Problem of Animal Suffering." *Nova et Vetera* 17, no. 1 (2019): 93–125.

"Aquinas and the Problem of No Best World." *New Blackfriars* 99, no. 1082 (July 2018): 503–519.

"Are Insects Capable of Suffering?" In *God and the World of Insects*. Edited by Josh Shoemaker and Gary Braness, 195–227. Silverton: Lampion Press, 2017.

"Thomistic Moral Arguments." *Christian Apologetics Journal* 14, no. 2 (Fall 2016): 55–73.

"The Animal Soul and the Problem of Animal Suffering." *Christian Apologetics Journal* 13, no. 2 (Fall 2015): 5–32.

PRESENTATIONS

Peer Reviewed Presentations

"God's Obligations and the Problem of Evil in the Philosophy of Thomas Aquinas," Annual Meeting of the New Mexico - Texas Philosophical Society, Houston, Texas, March 29, 2015.

Invited Presentations

"God-Talk and the Age of the Earth," Steadfast National Conference - hosted by Southern Evangelical Seminary, Rock Hill, South Carolina, October 14, 2023.

"If God Exists, Why Is There Evil? A Biblical Answer," National Conference on Christian Apologetics - hosted by Southern Evangelical Seminary, Rock Hill, South Carolina, April 09, 2022.

"Are God's Attributes Incoherent and Incompatible?" National Conference on Christian Apologetics - hosted by Southern Evangelical Seminary, Charlotte, North Carolina, October 12, 2020.

"Thomas Aquinas on Faith and Reason," National Conference on Christian Apologetics - hosted by Southern Evangelical Seminary, Charlotte, North Carolina, October 12, 2018.

"Would a Good God Allow Death Before the Fall?" National Conference on Christian Apologetics - hosted by Southern Evangelical Seminary, Charlotte, North Carolina, October 14, 2017.

"Would a Good God Allow Death Before the Fall?" National Conference on Christian Apologetics - hosted by Southern Evangelical Seminary, Charlotte, North Carolina, October 14, 2016.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Texas Tech University (adjunct)
- Phil 2350 World Religions and Philosophy (Spring 2023)

Regent University (online adjunct)
- Cosm 500 Cosmogony and Anthropology (8 sections)
- Cosm 657 Apologetics and Cosmogony Integration (Summer 2022; Summer 2023)

Kingdom Preparatory Academy (adjunct)
- Christian Apologetics (Spring 2021; Spring 2023; Spring 2025)

South Plains College
- Phil 1301 Introduction to Philosophy (55 sections)
- Phil 1304 Introduction to World Religions (5 sections)
- Phil 2306 Introduction to Ethics (Fall 2026)
- Engl 1301 Composition I (48 sections)
- Engl 0301 Basic Developmental English (Spring 2019)

SERVICE TO SOUTH PLAINS COLLEGE

- Member of the General Education Core Objective Assessment Committee, 2025–present
- Member of the English and Philosophy Department Hiring Committee, 2024, 2026
- Member of the ADN Admissions/Academic Standards Committee, 2022–present
- Member of the Scholarship Committee, 2021–2023

OTHER PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- Blind-review referee for *Environmental Values*, *Faith and Philosophy*, *New Blackfriars*, *Nova et Vetera*, *Open Theology*, *Philosophia*