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AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION: philosophy of religion, Christian ethics, Kierkegaard

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EDUCATION:

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| Ph.D. | Baylor University Waco, TX | Fall 2002 – Fall 2006 Doctor of Philosophy degree awarded December 2006 Dissertation: “Virtues, Divine Commands, and the Debt of Creation: Towards a Kierkegaardian Christian Ethic” (chair: Dr. C. Stephen Evans) |
| | University of Notre Dame South Bend, IN | Spring 2004 Visiting Graduate Student |
| M.A. | Texas A&M University College Station, TX | Fall 2000 – Spring 2002 Master of Arts degree awarded May 2002 Thesis: “Resting Transparently: Kierkegaardian Conceptions of Freedom, Despair, Suffering, and Faith” (chair: Dr. John J. McDermott) |
| B.A. | Hendrix College Conway, AR | Fall 1996 – Spring 2000 Bachelor of Arts degree awarded May 2000 Graduated Magna Cum Laude, with distinction |

**ONLINE TEACHING
EXPERIENCE:**

Director of Character Formation and Humanities Teacher
Gravitas: A Global Extension of The Stony Brook School
August 2021 – present

**IN-PERSON TEACHING
EXPERIENCE:**

Professor of Philosophy
The Geneva Casebolt College of Arts & Sciences
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Professor of Philosophy
The Courts Redford College of Theology and Ministry

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Associate Professor of Philosophy
The Courts Redford College of Theology and Ministry
Southwest Baptist University
August 2010 – July 2015

Assistant Professor of Philosophy
The Courts Redford College of Theology and Ministry
Southwest Baptist University
August 2005 – July 2010

**ADMINISTRATIVE
EXPERIENCE:**

Graduate Director for the Master of Arts in Christian
Ministry Program
The Courts Redford College of Theology and Ministry
Southwest Baptist University
January 2017 – May 2020

PUBLICATIONS:

Books

Thinking Through the Problem of Hell: The Divine Presence Model
(Eugene, OR: Cascade Books, 2024).

Sinners in the Presence of a Loving God: An Essay on the Problem of Hell
(New York: Oxford University Press, 2019).

Philosophy of Religion: Thinking About Faith, Second Edition,
coauthored with C. Stephen Evans (Downers Grove, IN: IVP Academic,
2009). Translated into Turkish by Ferhat Akdemir (Istanbul: Ankara
Okulu Basim Yayim, 2010); translated into Russian by Alexey R. Fokin
(Moscow: Saint Tikhon University Press, 2011); translated into Korean
by Seong Tae Chung (Seoul: Christian Literature Center, 2016).

Journal Articles

“The Promise and Peril of the Spectrum View: Reply to McIntosh,”
forthcoming in *Philosophia Christi*.

“‘Eternity Will Nail Him to Himself’: The Logic of Damnation in
Kierkegaard’s *The Sickness unto Death*,” *Religious Studies* 52(3): 287 –
314, September 2016.

“The Problem of Epistemic Luck for Naturalists,” *Philo* 17(1), 59 – 76,
Spring-Summer 2014.

“Johannes Climacus on Coming into Existence: The Problem of
Modality in Kierkegaard’s *Fragments and Postscript*,” *Kierkegaard
Studies Yearbook*, 2013(1), 107 – 129.

“Kierkegaard and Evans on the Problem of Abraham,” *Journal of Religious Ethics* 39(3), 474 – 492, August 2011.

“Could God Do Something Evil? A Molinist Solution to the Problem of Divine Freedom,” *Faith and Philosophy* 28(2), 209 – 223, April 2011.

“Kierkegaard and Divine Command Theory: Replies to Quinn and Evans,” *Religious Studies*, 45(3), 289 – 307, September 2009.

“Foundations for a Kierkegaardian Account of Moral Obligation,” *Southwest Philosophy Review*, 25(1), 71 – 81, June 2009.

“Divine Eternality, Creation, and Occasionalism,” in *Northwest Topics: The Proceedings of the 56th Annual Northwest Conference on Philosophy*, ed. W. Russ Payne (Bellevue, WA: Bellevue Community College, 2007): 127 – 138.

“On Transworld Depravity and the Heart of the Free Will Defense,” *International Journal for Philosophy of Religion*, 59(3), 153 – 165, June 2006.

“On Moral and Religious Obligations: Some Problems for Metaethical Divine Command Theories,” *Southwest Philosophy Review*, 22(1), 51 – 59, January 2006.

“The Possibility of Transworld Depravity,” *Southwest Philosophy Review* 20(1), 201 – 210, January 2004.

Book Chapters

“Hell as Eternal Suffering: A Philosophical Appraisal,” in *What Is Hell?*, eds. Paul Copan and Chris Date, forthcoming from IVP Academic.

“Kierkegaard,” in *The Cambridge History of Moral Philosophy*, eds. Sacha Golob and Jens Timmermann (Cambridge University Press, 2017): 459 – 471.

“The Doxastic Problem of Hell,” in *Oxford Studies in Philosophy of Religion*, Vol. 6, ed. Jonathan L. Kvanvig (Oxford University Press, 2015): 203 – 223.

“Søren Kierkegaard,” coauthored with C. Stephen Evans, in *The Routledge Companion to Modern Christian Thought*, eds. Chad Meister and James Beilby (Routledge, 2013): 73 – 85.

Book Reviews

Kierkegaard, by M. Jamie Ferreira, *Journal of Moral Philosophy*, 8, 633 – 648, November 2011.

Article Reviews

“The Sense of Deity and Begging the Question with Ontological and Cosmological Arguments,” Daniel M. Johnson, *Philosopher’s Digest*, January 2010.

“Kierkegaard and Natural Reason: A Catholic Encounter,” Jack Mulder, Jr., *Philosopher’s Digest*, January 2010.

Booknotes

Religion and Morality, by William J. Wainwright, *Religious Studies Review* 34(1), 37, March 2008.

Kierkegaard’s Ethic of Love: Divine Commands and Moral Obligations, by C. Stephen Evans, *Religious Studies Review* 32(3), 177, July 2006.

PRESENTATIONS:

“Reflections on the Temptation of Christ: The Problem of Perfect Virtue,” presented at the 2018 Biennial meeting of the Baptist Association of Philosophy Teachers (Wingate, NC, October 2018)

“Rethinking Eternal Punishment: The Divine Presence Model,” presented at the 2016 Society of Christian Philosophers (SCP) Midwest Regional Conference (Springfield, MO, September 2016) and the 2018 Rethinking Hell Conference (Dallas, TX, March 2018)

“The Impossibility of Faith: A Doxastic Problem of Hell for Calvinists,” presented at the 2016 Biennial meeting of the Baptist Association of Philosophy Teachers (Bolivar, MO, October 2016)

“Love is Hell: Eternal Punishment, Divine Hiddenness, and the Inescapable Love of God,” presented at the 2014 Biennial meeting of the Baptist Association of Philosophy Teachers (Waco, TX, October 2014)

“‘Eternity will nail him to himself’: The Logic of Damnation in Kierkegaard’s *The Sickness unto Death*,” presented at the 2013 Baylor Symposium on Faith and Culture (Waco, TX, October-November 2013)

“The Doxastic Problem of Hell,” presented at the 2013 Society of Christian Philosophers (SCP) Midwest Regional Conference (Georgetown, KY, April 2013)

“The Problem of Epistemic Luck for Naturalists,” presented at the 2012 Biennial meeting of the Baptist Association of Philosophy Teachers (Jackson, TN, October 2012)

“Kierkegaard and Evans on the Problem of Abraham,” presented at the 2010 American Academy of Religion (AAR) Annual Meeting (Atlanta, GA, October 2010)

“Kierkegaard and Contemporary Philosophy,” presented at the Sixth International Kierkegaard Conference (Northfield, MN, June 27 – July 1, 2010)

“A Molinist Solution to the Problem of Divine Freedom,” presented at the 2009 APA Central Division meeting (Chicago, IL, February 2009)

“Foundations for a Kierkegaardian Account of Moral Obligation,” presented at the 70th Southwestern Philosophical Society meeting (Kansas City, MO, November 2008)

“On Divine Essential Goodness and the Nature of Divine Freedom,” presented at the 2008 Biennial meeting of the Baptist Association of Philosophy Teachers (Arkadelphia, AR, October 2008)

“Kierkegaard on the Problem of Abraham,” presented at the 2008 APA Central Division meeting (Chicago, IL, April 2008)

“Kierkegaard and Divine Command Theory: A Reply to Evans,” presented at the 2007 APA Central Division meeting (Chicago, IL, April 2007)

“On Moral and Religious Obligations: Some Problems for Metaethical Divine Command Theories,” presented at the 2006 APA Central Division meeting (Chicago, IL, April 2006) and the 67th Southwestern Philosophical Society meeting (Fayetteville, AR, November 2005)

“The Transition to Faith in Kierkegaard’s *Fragments* and *Postscript*: A Reply to Ferreira,” presented at the 2005 meeting of the North Texas Philosophical Association (Dallas, TX, April 2005)

“Divine Eternality, Creation, and Occasionalism,” presented at the 56th Northwest Philosophy Conference (Bellevue, WA, October 2004)

“How to Be a Theological Voluntarist,” presented at the 2004 Biennial meeting of the Baptist Association of Philosophy Teachers (Dallas, TX, October 2004)

“The Possibility of Transworld Depravity,” presented at the 65th Southwestern Philosophical Society meeting (Memphis, TN, November 2003) and the 55th Northwest Philosophy Conference (Portland, OR, October 2003)

“Two Forms of Intellectual Tenacity,” presented at the 7th International Conference on Persons (Memphis, TN, August 2003) and the 2003 BAPT summer seminar on Virtue Epistemology at Notre Dame University (South Bend, IN, May 2003)

“The Illogic of the Ontological Argument,” presented at the 2003 meeting of the North Texas Philosophical Association (Sherman, TX, March 2003)

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