

Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION

- PH.D. PHILOSOPHY, UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, RIVERSIDE
Dissertation: *Virtuous Belief: Descartes, Hume, and the Proper Method of Belief Formation*
- M.S. PHILOSOPHY, UNIVERSITY OF UTAH
Thesis: *The Contemporary Relevance of Hume's Moral Psychology*
- B.A. PHILOSOPHY (MINOR IN MUSIC), CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, DOMINGUEZ HILLS

ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS

- AZUSA PACIFIC UNIVERSITY, Director, Honors College, 2025 – Present
- AZUSA PACIFIC UNIVERSITY, Chair, Department of Philosophy, 2015 – 2020
- SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN PHILOSOPHERS, Executive Committee, 2017 – 2019
- HUME SOCIETY, Executive Vice-President Treasurer, 2014 – 2018
- FLORIDA PHILOSOPHICAL ASSOCIATION, Member-at-Large, 2009 – 2010

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

- AZUSA PACIFIC UNIVERSITY, Professor, Honors College, 2020 – Present
- AZUSA PACIFIC UNIVERSITY, Professor, Department of Philosophy, 2015 – 2020
- CENTER FOR CHRISTIAN THOUGHT, Research Fellow, Fall 2015
- AZUSA PACIFIC UNIVERSITY, Associate Professor, Department of Philosophy, 2011 – 2015
- UNIVERSITY OF NORTH FLORIDA, Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy, 2006 – 2011
- AZUSA PACIFIC UNIVERSITY, Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy, 2005 – 2006

RESEARCH INTERESTS

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Early Modern Philosophy, Ethics, Philosophy of Religion

AREAS OF COMPETENCE

Bioethics, Chinese Philosophy, Comparative Philosophy

RESEARCH LANGUAGES

Latin (reading), French (reading), Chinese (beginning)

HONORS AND AWARDS

RESEARCH

Scholarly Achievement Award, APU, 2021-2022
 Sabbatical, "Reading Hume in Light of Classical Confucianism," APU, 2020
 Dean's Scholar-Teacher Award, APU, 2015-2016
 Research Fellowship, Center for Christian Thought, Biola, 2015
 Emerging Scholar Award, APU, 2013-2014
 NEH Summer Stipend, "Hume's Psychology of Religious Belief," UNF, 2008
 Chancellor's Distinguished Fellowship, UCR, 2000-2004

TEACHING

Scholarly Undergraduate Research Experience Award, APU, 2015, 2016, 2017
 Mentor of the Year (nominee), UNF, 2010-2011
 Outstanding Undergraduate Teaching Award, UNF, 2009-2010
 Outstanding Undergraduate Teaching Award (finalist), UNF, 2008-2009
 Mentor TA, TA Development Program, UCR, 2004-2005
 Teaching Excellence Award, UCR, 2001-2002
 Graduate Student Teaching Excellence Award (nominee), Utah, 1999-2000
 Outstanding First-Year TA, Utah, 1998-1999

PUBLICATIONS

MONOGRAPH

Reforming the Art of Living: Nature, Virtue, and Religion in Descartes's Epistemology. Springer, 2015.

EDITED COLLECTIONS

Turning East: Contemporary Philosophers and the Ancient Christian Faith, vol. 2, edited by Rico Vitz. St. Vladimir's Seminary Press (forthcoming).
Hume's Moral Philosophy and Contemporary Psychology, edited by Philip A. Reed and Rico Vitz. Routledge, 2018.
 "Ethical and Religious Themes in Humean Philosophy." *Res Philosophica* 92, no. 3 (2015).
The Ethics of Belief: Individual and Social, edited by Jon Matheson and Rico Vitz. Oxford University Press, 2014.
Turning East: Contemporary Philosophers and the Ancient Christian Faith, edited by Rico Vitz. St. Vladimir's Seminary Press, 2012.

- Greek Translation: *Ατενίζοντας το Φως*. Atermonon, 2016.
- Romanian Translation: *Întoarcerea spre Răsărit*. Renasterea, 2015.

PUBLICATIONS (CONTINUED)

ARTICLES AND ESSAYS

- "Sobornost and 'Sympathetic Comprehension': St. Maris of Paris, Anna Julia Cooper, and Christ's Second Love Command." *The Paideia Review* (forthcoming).
- "Ritual, Tradition, and Culture: Reading Hume in Light of Classical Confucianism." *Hume Studies* 49, no. 2 (2024): 315-330.
- "Enriching Humean Sympathy: Reading Hume's Moral Philosophy in Light of African American Philosophical Thought." *Hume Studies* 48, no. 2 (2023): 241-262.
- "Developing a Neo-Humean Account of Forgiveness: A Comparative Philosophical Approach." In *The Routledge Handbook of the Philosophy and Psychology of Forgiveness*, edited by Glen Pettigrove and Robert Enright, 176-186. Routledge, 2023.
- "Eastern Orthodox Philosophical Thought." In *Oxford Bibliographies in Philosophy*, edited by Duncan Pritchard. Oxford University Press, 2021.
- "Cultural Embeddedness and the Mestiza Ethics of Care: A Neo-Humean Response to the Problem of Moral Inclusion." *Ethical Theory and Moral Practice* 24, no. 5 (2021): 1091-1107. [with Marissa Espinoza]
- "Mencius, Hume, and the Virtue of Humanity: Sources of Benevolent Moral Development." *British Journal for the History of Philosophy* 28, no. 4 (2020): 693-713. [with Jeremiah Carey]
- "Moral Strangers as Co-Laborers in the Fields of Justice." In *A New Theist Response to the New Atheists*, edited by Joshua Rasmussen and Kevin Vallier, 153-167. Routledge, 2020.
- "Orthodoxy, Philosophy, and Ethics." In *Theology and Philosophy in Eastern Orthodoxy*, edited by Christoph Schneider. Pickwick, 2019.
- "Hume's Moral Philosophy and Contemporary Psychology: Future Directions." In *Hume's Moral Philosophy and Contemporary Psychology*, edited by Philip A. Reed and Rico Vitz, 334-344. Routledge, 2018.
- "Character, Culture, and Humean Virtue Ethics: Insights from Situationism and Confucianism." In *Hume's Moral Philosophy and Contemporary Psychology*, edited by Philip A. Reed and Rico Vitz, 91-114. Routledge, 2018.
- "'What is a Merciful Heart?' Affective-Motivational Aspects of the Second Love Command." *Faith and Philosophy* 34, no. 3 (2017): 298-320.
- "The Divine Energies and the 'End of Human Life'." *American Catholic Philosophical Quarterly* 91, no. 3 (2017): 473-489. [with Marissa Espinoza]
- "Minding the 'Unbridgeable Gap': The Future of Conscientious Objection in a Secular Age." *Christian Bioethics* 23, no. 2 (2017): 149-168. [with Alain León]
- "The Nature and Functions of Sympathy in Hume's Philosophy." In *The Oxford Handbook of David Hume*, edited by Paul Russell, 312-332. Oxford University Press, 2016.

PUBLICATIONS (CONTINUED)

ARTICLES AND ESSAYS (CONTINUED)

- “Contagion, Community, and Virtue in Hume’s Epistemology.” In *The Ethics of Belief: Individual and Social*, edited by Jon Matheson and Rico Vitz, 198-215. Oxford University Press, 2014.
- “Introduction.” In *The Ethics of Belief: Individual and Social*, edited by Jon Matheson and Rico Vitz, 1-11. Oxford University Press, 2014. [with Jon Matheson]
- “Natural Law among Moral Strangers.” *Christian Bioethics* 20, no. 2 (2014): 283-300. [with Boaz Goss]
- “Plato’s Republic.” In *Twelve Great Books that Changed the University*, edited by Don Thorsen and Steve Wilkens, 17-35. Cascade Books, 2014.
- “A Road from Rome through Antioch.” In *Turning East: Contemporary Philosophers and the Ancient Christian Faith*, edited by Rico Vitz, 79-97. St. Vladimir’s Seminary Press, 2012.
- “Thomas More and the Christian ‘Superstition’: A Puzzle for Hume’s Psychology of Religious Belief.” *The Modern Schoolman* 88, nos. 3-4 (2011): 223-244.
- “Descartes and the Question of Direct Doxastic Voluntarism.” *Journal of Philosophical Research* 35 (2010): 107-21.
- “Doxastic Virtues in Hume’s Epistemology.” *Hume Studies* 35, nos. 1-2 (2009): 211-29.
- “Doxastic Voluntarism.” *The Internet Encyclopedia of Philosophy*, edited by James Fieser and Bradley Dowden (February 2008).
- “Sympathy and Benevolence in Hume’s Moral Psychology.” *Journal of the History of Philosophy* 42, no. 3 (2004): 261-75.
- “Hume and the Limits of Benevolence.” *Hume Studies* 28, no. 2 (2002): 271-95.

BOOK REVIEWS

- Review of *Eastern Christian Approaches to Philosophy*, edited by James Siemens and Joshua Matthan Brown, *Journal of Orthodox Christian Studies*, forthcoming.
- Review of *Divine Energies and Divine Action: Exploring the Essence-Energies Distinction*, by David Bradshaw, IOTA Publications, June 2024.
- Review of *At the Roots of Christian Bioethics*, edited by Ana Smith Iltis and Mark J. Cherry, *HealthCare Ethics Committee Forum*, January 2011.
- Review of *Spectres of False Divinity: Hume’s Moral Atheism*, by Thomas Holden, *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*, October 2010.
- Review of *Breaking the Spell: Religion as a Natural Phenomenon*, by Daniel Dennett, *Faith and Philosophy*, January 2010.
- Review of *The Riddle of Hume’s Treatise: Skepticism, Naturalism, and Irreligion*, by Paul Russell, *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*, July 2008.

WORKS IN PROGRESS

MONOGRAPH

Compassion, Community, and Culture: Reading Hume in Light of Confucianism, under review.

EDITED COLLECTION

David Hume: Comparative Philosophical Readings, in development.

ARTICLES AND ESSAYS

“‘Natural Rights’ without Natural Law: Orthodox Christian Reflections on Contemporary ‘Natural Rights’ Discourse.” In *The Humility of Right: Reconsidering Rights Language for Orthodox Christians*, conditionally accepted for publication.

“Hume and Zhuāngzǐ on Mysticism and Ineffability: Mutual Insights and Collaborative Challenges,” under review.

“Beauty beyond Words: Reflections on Hume, St. Maximos, and the Nature of Religious Language,” in draft.

PRESENTATIONS, COMMENTARIES, AND PANELS

PRESENTATIONS

“Hume and Zhuāngzǐ on Mysticism and Ineffability: Mutual Insights and Collaborative Challenges”

- Society for Asian and Comparative Philosophy, Leiden, July 2025.

“Beauty beyond Words: Reflections on Hume, St. Maximos, and the Nature of Religious Language”

- Paideia Society Conference, Antiochian Village, Pennsylvania, June 2025.

“Neo-Humean Moral Philosophy?”

- Hume Society Conference, Oxford, U.K., July 2024.

“A Strategic Eastern Alliance: Non-ecumenical Reflections on Confucianism, Orthodoxy, and American Culture”

- Paideia Society Conference, Antiochian Village, Pennsylvania, May 2024.

“Ritual, Tradition, and Culture: Reading Hume in Light of Classical Confucianism”

- Hume Society Conference, Provo, Utah, July 2023.

“Sobornost and ‘Sympathetic Comprehension’: St. Maria of Paris, Anna Julia Cooper, and Christ’s Second Love Command,”

- Paideia Society Conference, Antiochian Village, Pennsylvania, May 2023

“‘Natural Rights’ without Natural Law: Orthodox Christian Reflections on Contemporary ‘Natural Rights’ Discourse”

- Yannaras Conference, Ohio State University, March 2023

PRESENTATIONS, COMMENTARIES, AND PANELS (CONTINUED)

PRESENTATIONS (CONTINUED)

“Enriching Humean Sympathy: Insights from DuBois and Cooper”

- American Philosophical Association (Central), February 2022.

“Cultural Embeddedness and the Mestiza Ethics of Care: Critical Reflections on Humean Virtue Ethics”

- Hume Society Conference, Bogotá, Colombia [Online], July 2021.

“Human Nature and Moral Formation in Classical Confucianism”

- Azusa Pacific University, April 2020. [Canceled]

“‘Rubbing Off Rough Corners’: Family Love and the Formation of Social Virtues in Hume and Classical Confucianism”

- Hume and His Milieu, University of San Francisco, February 2020.

“Sympathy for the Devil-ish? On the Motivational Role of Empathic Affections in Orthodox Christian Conceptions of Forgiveness”

- SOPHIA Conference, February 2020.

“Divine Law, Natural Law, Human Law: Abrahamic Reflections on God and Ethics” (Five-Part Series), Phi Science Institute, Royal Science Society, Amman, Jordan,

- “Natural Law Theory, Part I: Transcendence,” June 2019
- “Natural Law Theory, Part II: Immanence,” June 2019
- “Divine Command Theory,” June 2019
- “Epistemic Challenges to Theistic Moral Realism,” June 2019
- “Human Law: Constructivism,” June 2019

“The Virtue of Humanity in Hume and Confucianism” (Five-Part Series), Brigham Young University,

- “The Moral Psychology Underlying the Virtue of Humanity,” January 2019
- “The Virtue of Humanity,” January 2019
- “Familial Love as a Social Source of Humanity,” March 2019
- “Cognitive Sources of Humanity,” March 2019
- “Ritual and Culture as Social Sources of Humanity,” March 2019

“Mencius, Hume, and the Virtue of Humanity: A Comparative Analysis of Benevolent Moral Development,”

- Humanities Center, Brigham Young University, January 2019.

“Orthodox Christianity, Virtue Ethics, and Social Psychology: Towards an Orthodox Response to the Situationist Challenge,”

- International Orthodox Theological Association, Iași, Romania, January 2019.

“Character, Culture, and Humean Virtue Ethics: Insights from Situationism and Confucianism,”

- 24th World Congress of Philosophy, Beijing, China, August 2018.

PRESENTATIONS, COMMENTARIES, AND PANELS (CONTINUED)

PRESENTATIONS (CONTINUED)

“Merciful Hearts and Passionate Souls,”

- Dallas Willard Center, Westmont College, May 2018.

“Minding the ‘Unbridgeable Gap’: The Future of Conscientious Objection in a Secular Age,”

- Society of Christian Philosophers (Midwestern), September 2016.
- International Academy of Bioethical Inquiry, Saint Louis University, August 2016.

“Moral Strangers as Co-Laborers in the Fields of Justice,”

- New Theists Workshop, Wake Forest University, August 2016.

“‘What is a Merciful Heart?’ St. Isaac of Syria and the Second Love Command,”

- The Meaning of Love, Center for Christian Thought Conference, May 2016
- Society of Christian Philosophers (Mountain-Pacific), March 2016.
- SOPHIA Conference, February 2016.
- Open End, University of Birmingham, December 2015.
- Center for Christian Thought, Biola, December 2015.

“The Interior Bridal Chamber: Prayer of the Heart” (Eight-Part Series), St. Peter the Apostle Orthodox Church,

- “The Passions [*Pathe*],” Session 3, March 2016.
- “Asceticism [*Askesis*],” Session 4, March 2016.
- “Stillness [*Hesychia*],” Session 8, April 2016.

“Character, Culture, and the Limits of Humean Virtue,”

- American Philosophical Association (Pacific), April 2016.
- 4th Oxford Brookes Hume Workshop (Keynote Presentation), November 2015.

“‘Perverted’, ‘Diseased’, and ‘Disordered’: Teleology in Hume’s Ethics,”

- University College Dublin, December 2015.
- Hume Scholars Workshop, University of San Francisco, September 2014.

“The Divine Energies and the ‘End of Human Life’,”

- Center for Christian Thought, Biola, September 2015.

“Martyrs and Confessors: Assessing the Cost of Christian Fidelity,”

- APU Common Day of Learning, February 2015.

“‘Harmful’ Actions and ‘Perverted’ Dispositions: The Nature, Problems, and Prospects of Inconsistent Normative Teleologies,”

- SOPHIA Conference, February 2015.

PRESENTATIONS, COMMENTARIES, AND PANELS (CONTINUED)

PRESENTATIONS (CONTINUED)

"Situationism, Skepticism, and Asceticism"

- Association for Moral Education Conference, November 2014.
- Dominican School of Philosophy and Theology, July 2014.
- Center for Christian Thought, Biola, May 2014.
- APU Common Day of Learning, March 2014.
- SOPHIA Conference, February 2014.

"Ancient Christian Religious Epistemology: Traditional Fidelity, Philosophical Humility, and Mystical Aspiration"

- SOPHIE Conference, Germany, June 2014.

"Natural Beatitude and Religious Reform in Descartes's Philosophy"

- Keynote Speaker, L. A. Valley College Philosophy Conference, April 2012.

"Descartes's Morality and Traditional Christianity: Practical Differences"

- SOPHIA Conference, February 2012.

"Competing Conceptions of Divine Knowledge"

- SOPHIA Conference, February 2011.

"The Cartesian Art of Natural Beatitude"

- Florida Philosophical Association, November 2010.

"Lies, Captivating Lies, and Religious Belief: Hume on the Learned Elite and the Christian 'Superstition'"

- SOPHIA Conference, February 2010.
- Hume Society Conference, August 2009.
- Florida Philosophical Association, November 2008.
- University of Florida, November 2008.
- Society of Christian Philosophers (Mountain-Pacific), October 2008.

"Doxastic Virtues in Hume's Epistemology"

- Santa Clara University, January 2010.

"Motivationally/Emotionally Biased Anti-Religious Belief"

- Society of Christian Philosophers (Mountain-Pacific), April 2009.
- SOPHIA Conference, February 2008.

"Hume's Irreligious Philosophy"

- Central Florida Community College, March 2009.

PRESENTATIONS, COMMENTARIES, AND PANELS (CONTINUED)

PRESENTATIONS (CONTINUED)

“Doxastic Virtues as Moral Virtues in Hume’s Epistemology”

- American Philosophical Association (Pacific), March 2008.
- Florida Philosophical Association, November 2007.
- Hume Society Conference, August 2007.
- University of California – Irvine, February 2007.
- SOPHIA Conference, January 2007.

“Descartes and the Question of Direct Doxastic Voluntarism”

- American Philosophical Association (Pacific), April 2007.
- Society of Christian Philosophers (Mountain-Pacific), February 2007.

“Meditation, Education, and Self-Deception”

- Azusa Pacific University, May 2006.
- University of North Florida, March 2006.

“Unmasking the Cartesian Meditator”

- Fort Hays State University, February 2006.
- California State University – Fresno, February 2006.

“Hume on the Moral Assessment of People for Their Beliefs”

- Hume and His Critics: A Conference on the Scottish Enlightenment, April 2005.
- Berkeley-Stanford-Davis Philosophy Conference, April 2004.

“The Cartesian Meditator”

- University of Arkansas at Little Rock, January 2005.
- Berkeley-Stanford Philosophy Conference, May 2003.
- Southern California Philosophy Conference, October 2002.

“Belief, Hope, and Salvation” (with Dan Speak)

- Azusa Pacific University, May 2004.
- Southern California Philosophy Conference, October 2003.

“The Nature of Belief and the Varieties of Doxastic Voluntarism”

- Society of Christian Philosophers (Mountain-Pacific), February 2004.

“Is Hope Adequate for Religious Faith?”

- Society of Christian Philosophers (Eastern), December 2003.

“What Mary Didn’t Show: Reconsidering Jackson’s Knowledge Argument”

- Society of Christian Philosophers (Mountain-Pacific), April 1999.

PRESENTATIONS, COMMENTARIES, AND PANELS (CONTINUED)

COMMENTARIES

- Comments on Gerry Gaus's "The Continuing Challenge of Hobbes to Public Reason Liberalism," Blue Cross/Blue Shield Ethics Center Symposium, November 2009.
- Comments on Mitch Haney's "The Value of Slow," Blue Cross/Blue Shield Ethics Center Symposium, November 2008.
- Comments on Andrew Eshleman's "Can an Atheist Believe in God?" American Philosophical Association (Pacific), March 2004.

PANELS

- "Gene Editing: Who Draws the Line?" APU, October 2017.
- "Marijuana, Friend or Foe: Science, Ethics, and the Impact of the Legalization of Marijuana in California," APU, April 2017.
- "The Holy Trinity in an Unholy World," APU, February 2017.
- "History, Theology, and Philosophy of Health Care," APU, JANUARY 2017.
- "Theology of Creation and the Environment," APU, February 2016.

SEMINARS

- "Conversations on Orthodox Theology: Commemoration of the Sixth Ecumenical Council," Holy Archangels Monastery, February 2014.
- "Character: New Perspectives and Empirical Discoveries," The Character Project, Wake Forest University, June 2013.
- "Conversations on Orthodox Theology: St. Constantine the Great, Equal-to-the-Apostles," Holy Archangels Monastery, February 2013.
- "Conversations on Orthodox Theology: Reflections on the Encounter with Heresy," Holy Archangels Monastery, February 2012.
- "Philosophy of Religion: A Seminar for Scholars from Russia, Ukraine, and Belarus," Society of Christian Philosophers, July 2011.
- "The Scope of the State," Liberty Fund, October 2010.
- "Persons, Property, and the State: The Views of Locke, Rousseau, and Kant," Liberty Fund, February 2008.
- "F. A. Hayek's *The Constitution of Liberty*," Liberty Fund, January 2008.

INTERVIEWS

PRINT

“Reflections on the Inaugural Conference of the International Orthodox Theological Association (IOTA),” *Studia Humana* 8:1 (2019): 114-116.

- Reprinted: “The Meaning of Romania and Romanian Orthodoxy for an American Philosopher Convert to Orthodoxy,” *Luceafărul* (Romania)
- Reprinted (Italian): “Intervista di Tudor Petcu a Rico Vitz sulla Romania,” *Patriarcato di Mosca Parrocchia Ortodossa*

“The Unicity of Orthodox Spirituality,” *Studia Humana* 4:3 (2015): 51-55.

- Reprinted: “The Unicity of Orthodox Spirituality,” *Luceafărul* (Romania)
- Reprinted: “The Philosophical Road to Orthodoxy,” *Journey to Orthodoxy*
- Reprinted (Italian): “L’unicità della Spiritualità Ortodossa,” *Patriarcato di Mosca Parrocchia Ortodossa*
- Reprinted (German): “Die Einheit der Orthodoxie: Ein Interview mit dem Amerikanischen Philosophen Prof. Rico Vitz,” *Orthodoxie in Deutschland*

AUDIO

“Dr. Rico Vitz,” *Conversations on Orthodoxy*, Episode 9, January 2014.

COURSES TAUGHT

GENERAL EDUCATION

Introduction to Philosophy, Contemporary Moral Issues, Concepts of Human Nature, Reasoning and Critical Thinking, Formal Logic

HONORS & HUMANITIES

Humanities Core I: Ancient, Humanities Core II: Medieval, Humanities Core III: Modern, Humanities Core IV: 19th - 20th c., Wisdom, Leadership, Oxbridge Seminar, Classical Chinese Ethics, Love and Friendship, Introduction to Philosophy - Honors, Science and Religion

PLENARY LECTURES (HONORS COLLEGE)

Plato, “Justice and Education: Heart, Mind, and Soul”; Aristotle, “Friendship and Flourishing: Aristotelian Reflections on Love, Justice, and Community”; Mencius, “The Heart of Virtue, The Way of Heaven”; Aquinas, “The Dumb Ox: Aquinas on Happiness and Virtue”; Aquinas, “Law as a Source of Human Freedom?”; Aquinas, “Tangible Grace: The Sacramental Power of Divine Love”; Descartes, “Rene Descartes: Myths and Meditations”; Kant, “Usurping the Throne: Philosophy from Handmaiden to Queen”; Dostoevsky, “The Liturgical Theology of Dostoevsky’s *Brothers Karamazov*”; Dostoevsky, “Revolutions and Redemptions”; Anna Julia Cooper, “‘No Nobler Destiny for My Country’: Anna Julia Cooper on Race, Culture, and the Liberal Arts”; C. S. Lewis, “The Eternal *Dao*: C. S. Lewis and ‘The Abolition of Man’”; On Christian History, “Sacred Tradition: The Voice of the Spirit”

COURSES TAUGHT (CONTINUED)

HISTORY OF PHILOSOPHY

Modern Philosophy, Seminar: Hume

ETHICS

Ethics, Classical Chinese Ethics, Bioethics, Practical Ethics, Social and Political Debates, Virtue Ethics and Moral Psychology, Passion and Value, Virtues: Classic and Modern, Lies and Self-Deception, Theories of Tolerance

PHILOSOPHY OF RELIGION

Religion and Enlightenment, Reason and Religion

INDEPENDENT STUDIES

Philosophy of Religion: Orthodox Christianity, *Aristotle East and West*, Maimonides: *Guide for the Perplexed*, Aquinas: *Summa Theologiae*, Aristotle and Hume: Ethics, Hume and Kant: Epistemology, Hobbes: Political Philosophy, Feminist Philosophy, Eastern Philosophy, Africana Philosophy, Religious Epistemology, Moral Psychology

RESEARCH SUPERVISION

OXBRIDGE PROJECTS

Dostoevsky, *The Brothers Karamazov*, APU, Honors College, 2024-2025

Dostoevsky, *Notes from Underground*, APU, Honors College, 2023-2024

STUDENT UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH AWARDS

"Investigating the Epistemology of Testimony as it Relates to Self-Worth,"
Cherrish Hardy, 2017

"Minding the 'Unbridgeable Gap': The Future of Conscientious Objection in a Secular Age,"
Alain León, 2016

"The Divine Energies and the 'End of Human Life'," Marissa Espinoza, 2015

THESIS COMMITTEES

"Disclosing One's Teaching Method," Michael Bailey, UNF, M.A., 2011

"Control, Counter-Examples, and Reasons Resultants," Nicolas Michaud, UNF, M.A., 2008

"Cartesian Foundationalism & Projective Artifactualities," Paul DiGeorgio, UNF, B.A., 2011

"On Whether Time Had a Beginning," Andrew Brenner, UNF, B.A., 2011

"Locating Personal Identity in Human Interaction," Nicholas Comparato, UNF, B.A., 2009

SERVICE

PROFESSION

Scholarly Societies

- Society of Christian Philosophers
 - o Executive Committee, 2017-2019
 - o Russia-Belarus-Ukraine Committee, 2017-2022 (Chair, 2017-2019)
 - o Non-Discrimination Statement Revisions Subcommittee, 2019
- Hume Society, Executive Vice-President Treasurer, 2014-2018
- Florida Philosophical Association, Member-at-Large, 2009-2010

Referee

- Journals: *Canadian Journal of Philosophy*, *Dao*, *Dialogue*, *Ergo*, *Erkenntnis*, *Faith and Philosophy*, *Hume Studies*, *Journal of the History of Philosophy*, *Journal of Medicine and Philosophy*, *Journal of Religion*, *Journal of Scottish Philosophy*, *Mind*, *Phenomenology and the Cognitive Sciences*, *Philosophy Compass*, *Synthese*, *Theoretical Medicine and Bioethics*
- Presses: Springer/Kluwer Academic, MacGraw-Hill
- Conferences: Society of Christian Philosophers, Florida Philosophical Association, Northeast Florida Student Philosophy Conference
- Fellowship: NEH Fellowship Review Committee

Judge

- High School Ethics Bowl, Southern California Regional, 2017

External Reviewer

- University of Memphis, Department of Philosophy, Assessment, 2010-2011

UNIVERSITY

Faculty Senate Steering Committee, APU, 2024-Present

Faculty Senator, Honors College, APU, 2020-Present

Advisory Board, Center for Research in Science, APU, 2019-Present

Search Committee, Assistant/ Associate Provost for University Libraries, APU, 2025

Title V HSI General Education Course Development Fellow, APU, 2024-2025

General Education Course Development Team, APU, 2024-2025

Professional Affairs Review Board, APU, 2022-2025

Faith Integration Council, APU, 2023-2024

Strategic Plan Working Group: Curricular and Pedagogical Innovation, APU, 2021-2022

Strategic Plan Working Group: Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, APU, 2020-2021

Strategic Plan Working Group: Reorganization, APU, 2020-2021

Chairs Advisory Council, APU, 2015-2020

Faculty Senator, School of Theology, APU, 2019-2020

SERVICE (CONTINUED)

UNIVERSITY (CONTINUED)

Steering Committee, Chairs Advisory Council, APU, 2017-2018
 Multi-Ethnic Leadership Scholar Program, Mentor, APU, 2017-2018
 General Education Committee, APU, 2012-2013
 Committee on Conflicts of Interest, APU, 2012-2013
 Faculty Senator, APU, School of Theology, 2011
 Honors Council, UNF, 2008-2010
 Search Committee, Director of the Honors Program, UNF, 2008-2009

COLLEGE

NEH Summer Stipend Selection Committee, UNF, 2009-2010
 Budget and Planning Committee, UNF, 2006-2008

DEPARTMENT

Administration

- Adjunct Faculty Coordinator, APU, 2011-2015

Committees

- Search Committees
 - o Department Coordinator, Philosophy & Theology, APU, 2017, 2018
 - o Political Theology (Open Rank), APU, 2016-2017
 - o Ethics/Political Philosophy (Visiting Assistant Professor), APU, 2016-2017
 - o Open (Visiting Assistant Professor), APU, 2011-2012
 - o Open (Visiting Assistant Professor), APU, 2011-2012
 - o Open (Assistant Professor), APU, 2011-2012
 - o Open (Assistant Professor), APU, 2011-2012
 - o Asian/Comparative Philosophy (Assistant Professor), UNF, 2010-2011
 - o Religious Studies (Assistant Professor), UNF, 2010-2011
 - o Epistemology (Assistant Professor), UNF, 2009-2010
 - o Gender or Race Theory (Assistant Professor), UNF, 2009-2010
 - o Open (Visiting Assistant Professor), UNF, 2009-2010
 - o Ancient Philosophy (Assistant Professor), UNF, 2008-2009
 - o Gender or Race Theory (Assistant Professor), UNF, 2007-2008
 - o Asian/Comparative Philosophy (Open Rank), UNF, 2007-2008
 - o Gender or Race Theory (Assistant Professor), UNF, 2006-2007
- Assessment and Curriculum Committee, UNF, 2008-2010

SERVICE (CONTINUED)

DEPARTMENT (CONTINUED)

Conferences Coordinated

- "The Ethics of Belief: Epistemic Norms in Social Contexts," UNF, 2011-2012
- "Metaphysics and Science," UNF, 2010-2011
- "Health Care, Conscience, and Property," UNF, 2009-2010
- "Latin American Philosophy and Religion," UNF, 2008-2009

Faculty Advisor

- Ethics Bowl
 - o APU, 2011-2015
 - National Ethics Bowl, 2015 (Quarter-finalist)
 - California Regional Ethics Bowl, 2014 (1st Place)
 - National Ethics Bowl, 2014 (Top 12)
 - California Regional Ethics Bowl, 2013 (2nd Place)

Faculty Advisor (Continued)

- Ethics Bowl (Continued)
 - o UNF, 2009-2011
 - National Ethics Bowl, 2010
 - Southeast Regional Ethics Bowl, 2009
- *Florida Student Philosophy Blog*, 2007-2011
- Philosophy Club, UNF, 2006-2011

Referee

- Graduate Student Paper Prize, UNF, 2007-2008
- Northeast Florida Student Philosophy Conference, UNF, 2006-2007

COMMUNITY

Pharmaceutical Ethics Consultations

- Gilead Sciences, 2019-2020

Ethics, a semester-long course for middle and high school students

- St. Peter the Apostle Orthodox Home-school Co-operative, Fall 2017

Bioethics Advisory Committee

- Little Company of Mary Hospital, Member-at-Large, 2003, 2004