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## Education

- Ph.D., Philosophy, Michigan State University, 1993
- M.A., Philosophy, University of Southern Mississippi, 1988
- B.S., Biology, Belhaven University, 1985

## Employment

- Executive Director, Geneva College Center for Faith & Life (2025-present)
- Kalos Center for Christian Education and Spiritual Formation, Executive Director (2024-2025)
- Hillsdale College, John Templeton Research Fellow (2023-2024)
- Lighthouse Christian Academy, Head of School (2021-2022)
- Indianapolis Theological Seminary, Adjunct Professor (2018-2020)
- Taylor University, Professor of Philosophy and Religion (2003-2020)
- Taylor University, Associate Professor of Philosophy and Religion (1998-2003)
- Taylor University, Assistant Professor of Philosophy and Religion (1993-1998)
- Minnesota State University, Instructor of Philosophy (1992-1993)

## Areas of Specialization

- Philosophy of Religion
- Ethics
- Philosophical Theology
- Berkeleyan Idealism

## Professional Scholarly Organizations—Past and Present

- American Philosophical Association
- American Scientific Affiliation
- Association of Practical and Professional Ethics
- Evangelical Philosophical Society
- International Berkeley Society
- Society of Christian Philosophers

## Classes Taught

- Introduction to Philosophy
- History of Ancient and Medieval Philosophy
- History of Modern Philosophy
- Contemporary Moral Issues
- Principles of Ethics
- Aesthetics (Philosophy of Art)
- American Philosophy
- Metaphysics
- Epistemology
- Philosophy of Mind
- Philosophy of Science
- Philosophy of Religion
- Historical Theology
- Christian Apologetics
- The Christian Experience of God
- Biblical Authority

## Literary Representation

[Wolgemuth & Associates, Inc.](#)

## Books

- *A Thing of Beauty: How Everything is Art and Art is Everything* (Cascade, forthcoming in 2026).
- *Hell and Divine Goodness: A Philosophical-Theological Inquiry* (Cascade, 2019).
- *Idealism and Christianity, Vol. 1: Idealism and Christian Theology*, co-edited with Joshua Farris and S. Mark Hamilton (Bloomsbury Press, 2016).
- *Idealism and Christianity, Vol. 2: Idealism and Christian Philosophy*, co-edited with Steven B. Cowan (Bloomsbury Press, 2016).
- *Philosophy: Faithful Learning* (P&R Publications, 2014).
- *The Making of An Atheist: How Immorality Leads to Unbelief* (Moody Publications, 2010). [Portuguese edition, translated by William Campos da Cruz (Cultura Crista, 2023)].
- *The Love of Wisdom: A Christian Introduction to Philosophy*, co-authored with Steven B. Cowan (B&H Press, 2009). 2<sup>nd</sup> edition forthcoming in 2027.

- *Gum, Geckos, and God: A Family's Adventure in Space, Time, and Faith* (Zondervan Press, 2008) [Audio edition, 2009; Korean edition, translated by Seon-gyu Gang (Sallim Publishing Co., 2010)].
- *Faith, Film, and Philosophy: Big Ideas on the Big Screen*, co-edited with R. Douglas Geivett (InterVarsity Press, 2007).
- *The Benefits of Providence: A New Look at Divine Sovereignty* (Crossway Books, 2005).
- *How to be Good in a World Gone Bad: Living a Life of Christian Virtue* (Kregel Press, 2004).
- *Hypocrisy: Moral Fraud and Other Vices* (Baker Books, 1999) [Portuguese edition, translated by Luiz Felipe Coimbra Ribeiro (Textus Press, 2002)].

## Book Chapters

- “Virtual Reality Technology and the Moral Education of Children,” *Palgrave Handbook on the Ethics of AI* (Palgrave Macmillan, forthcoming in 2026)
- “Against Same-Sex Marriage” in *Problems in Applied Ethics* (Bloomsbury Press, 2026).
- “Response to Arroyo on Same-Sex Marriage” in *Problems in Applied Ethics* (Bloomsbury Press, 2026).
- “Afterword” in *Divine Omniscience and the Future* by Benjamin Arbour, edited by Gregory E. Trickett and S. Mark Hamilton (Cascade, 2026).
- “An Idealist Perspective” in *Four Views on Christian Metaphysics*, edited by Timothy Mosteller (Wipf & Stock, 2022).
- “Berkeley on Divine and Human Agency: A Teleological Reconstual” in *Divine Causation: Essays in Philosophical Theology* (Routledge, 2022).
- “Open-mindedness: An Introduction” in *Open-Mindedness in Philosophy of Religion*, edited by John R. Gilhooly and Gregory E. Trickett (Cambridge Scholars, 2019).
- “Art, the Golden Rule, and Lewis’s *Experiment in Criticism*” in *The Faithful Imagination*, edited by Joe Ricke and Ashley Chu (Winged Lion Press, 2019).
- “Philosophy as the Love of Wisdom” in *Where Wisdom May Be Found*, edited by Edward P. Meadors (Wipf and Stock, 2019).

- “Beauty: A Troubling Reality for the Scientific Naturalist” (with R. Douglas Geivett) in *The Naturalness of Belief: New Essays on Theism’s Rationality*, edited by Paul Copan and Charles Taliaferro (Lexington, 2019)
- “Gospel Nakedness in Marriage: From Sin and Shame to Relational Wholeness” *Marriage: Its Foundation, Theology, and Mission in a Changing World* (Moody, 2018).
- “The Sexual Pluralist Revolution: Reasons to be Skeptical” in *Venus and Virtue: Celebrating Sex and Seeking Sanctification*, edited by Jerry Walls, Jeremy Neill, and David Baggett (Cascade, 2018).
- “Idealism and the Reasonableness of Theism” in *Idealism and Christian Philosophy* (Bloomsbury Press, 2016).
- “The Theological Orthodoxy of Berkeley’s Immaterialism” in *Idealism and Christian Philosophy* (Bloomsbury Press, 2016) [originally published in *Faith and Philosophy*, Vol. 13, No. 2 (April, 1996)].
- “Making the Philosophical Case for Conditionalism” in *A Consuming Passion: Essays on Hell and Immortality* (Pickwick Publications, 2015).
- “The Irenaean Soul-Making Theodicy” in *God and Evil: The Case for God in a World Filled with Pain* (InterVarsity, 2013).
- “Augustine, Evolution, and Scientific Methodology” in *Augustine and Science* (Lexington, 2013).
- “The Virtue of Wisdom” in *Being Good: Christian Virtues for Everyday Life* (Eerdmans, 2011).
- “Berkeley’s Immaterialism” an introductory note in *Themes in Ancient and Modern Philosophy* (Kendall-Hunt, 2009).
- “Dialogue and Disagreement After 9/11” (co-authored with Ryan Pflum) in *The Impact of 9/11 on Religion and Philosophy: The Day that Changed Everything?* (Palgrave Macmillan, 2009).
- “What Would Have Been and What Could Be: Counterfactuals in *It’s a Wonderful Life* and *Run Lola Run*” in *Faith, Film and Philosophy* (InterVarsity, 2007).
- “Getting Better: The Beatles and Virtue Ethics” in *The Beatles and Philosophy* (Open Court, 2006).
- “With God (and Augustine and Socrates) on Our Side” in *Bob Dylan and Philosophy* (Open Court, 2005).

- “Does God Take Risks?” in *God Under Fire: Modern Scholarship Reinvents God* (Zondervan Press, 2002).

## Research Articles

- “Theology of Nonresistant Nonbelief,” *Triptych* 1 (Spring, 2026).
- “The Evidential Problem of Evil and the Aesthetics of Surprise,” *Faith and Philosophy* 41:3 (July, 2025): 298-313.
- “Experimental Philosophy and the Problem of Evil” (co-authored with Ian Church and Blake McAllister), *Religious Studies* 61 (March, 2025): 45-64.
- “The Premortalist Free Will Defense,” *International Journal for Philosophy of Religion* 95:1 (February, 2024): 49-59.
- “A Reply to Gregory Bock,” *Journal of Biblical and Theological Studies* 6:1 (2021): 143-146.
- “Celebration and Betrayal: Martin Luther King’s Case for Racial Justice and Our Current Dilemma,” *Themelios* 45:2 (August, 2020): 260-276.
- “Cultivating Self-Control: Foundations and Methods in the Christian Theological Tradition,” *Journal of Spiritual Formation and Soul Care* 13:2 (April, 2020): 193-210.
- “‘It’s the Wrath of God’: Reflections on Inferring Divine Punishment,” *Journal of Biblical and Theological Studies* 4:2 (2019): 301-316.
- “Open-mindedness and Disagreement,” *Metaphilosophy* 50:1-2 (January, 2019): 175-189.
- “The Ethics of Virtual Reality Technology: Social Hazards and Public Policy Recommendations,” *Science and Engineering Ethics* 24:5 (October, 2018): 1537-1550.
- “Contest and Indifference: Two Models of Open-minded Inquiry,” *Philosophia: Philosophical Quarterly of Israel* 45:2 (June, 2017): 789-810.
- “Berkeleyan Idealism and Christian Philosophy,” *Philosophy Compass* 12:2 (February, 2017): 1-9.
- “Why Same-Sex Marriage is Unjust” *Think: Philosophy for Everyone* 15 (Summer, 2016): 81-90.

- “Hell and the Problem of Eternal Evil,” *Toronto Journal of Theology* 31:2 (Fall, 2015): 239-248.
- “Annihilation, Everlasting Torment, and Divine Justice,” *International Journal of Philosophy and Theology* 76:3 (August, 2015): 241-248.
- “Open-mindedness and Christian Flourishing,” *Christian Psychology: A Transdisciplinary Journal* 8:1 (2014): 38-48.
- “Why Positive Psychology Needs Virtue: A Constructive Response to Hackney,” *Christian Psychology: Transdisciplinary Journal* 8:1 (2014): 22-25.
- “Moral Heresy,” *Philosophia Christi*, Series II, 15:2 (Winter, 2013): 401-413.
- “Growing Wise: Resources for Nourishing the Supreme Virtue” in “Book Symposium,” *Journal of Spiritual Formation and Soul Care* 6:2 (Fall, 2013): 316-336.
- “Why Flatulence is Funny,” *Think: Philosophy for Everyone* 12 (September, 2013): 15-24.
- “Open-mindedness and Religious Devotion,” *Sophia: International Journal of Philosophy and Traditions* 52:1 (April, 2012): 143-158.
- “Open-mindedness and Intellectual Humility,” *Theory and Research in Education* 10:1 (March, 2012): 27-38.
- “On Free Will and Soul-Making: Complementary Approaches to the Problem of Evil,” *Philosophia Christi*, Series II, 13:2 (Winter, 2011): 405-413.
- “Teaching the Art of Disagreement at the Christian College,” *Growth* 4:4 (Spring, 2004): 18-27.
- “Humility as Moral Irony,” *Logos: A Journal of Catholic Thought and Culture* 6:1 (Winter, 2003): 131-150.
- “The Philosophical Theology of Theistic Evolutionism,” *Philosophia Christi*, Series II, 4:1 (Summer, 2002): 89-99.
- “Can a Christian be Coherently Both Morally Pro-life and Politically Pro-choice?” *Christian Scholar’s Review* 30:1 (Fall, 2000): 107-115.
- “Towards a New Aesthetic Vision for the Christian Liberal Arts College,” *Christian Scholar’s Review* 28:3 (Spring, 1999): 466-475.
- “The Christian Psychology of George Berkeley,” *Journal of Psychology and Christianity* 17:4 (Winter, 1998): 335-346.

- “Aesthetics and Worship,” *The Southern Baptist Journal of Theology* 2:4 (Winter, 1998): 40-56.
- “A Berkeleyan Approach to the Problem of Induction,” *Science and Christian Belief* 10:1 (April, 1998): 73-84.
- “The Theological Orthodoxy of Berkeley’s Immaterialism,” *Faith and Philosophy* 13:2 (April, 1996): 216-235.
- “Socrates: A Messianic Type for the Gentiles,” *Philosophia Christi*, Series I, 18:2 (Fall, 1995): 43-64.

## Reference Articles

- “George Berkeley,” *The Dictionary of Christian Apologetics* (Wiley Blackwell, forthcoming).
- “Beauty,” *Zondervan Dictionary of Christianity and Science* (Zondervan, 2017).
- “Determinism,” *Zondervan Dictionary of Christianity and Science* (Zondervan, 2017).
- “Epistemology,” *Zondervan Dictionary of Christianity and Science* (Zondervan, 2017).
- “Extra-terrestrials,” *Zondervan Dictionary of Christianity and Science* (Zondervan, 2017).
- “William James,” *Zondervan Dictionary of Christianity and Science* (Zondervan, 2017).
- “Descartes,” *Encyclopedia of Christian Civilization* (Wiley-Blackwell, 2011).
- “Divine Providence,” *Encyclopedia of Christian Civilization* (Wiley-Blackwell, 2011).
- “Fasting,” *Encyclopedia of Christian Civilization* (Wiley-Blackwell, 2011).
- “Fruit of the Spirit,” *Encyclopedia of Christian Civilization* (Wiley-Blackwell, 2011).
- “George Berkeley,” *Encyclopedia of Christian Civilization* (Wiley-Blackwell, 2011).
- “Hypocrisy,” *Encyclopedia of Christian Civilization* (Wiley-Blackwell, 2011).
- “Openness Theology,” *Encyclopedia of Christian Civilization* (Wiley-Blackwell, 2011).

- “Virtue,” *Encyclopedia of Christian Civilization* (Wiley-Blackwell, 2011).

## Magazine and Popular Journal Articles

- [“Political Ignorance and the New Tragedy of the Commons,”](#) *Public Discourse* (July, 2025)
- [“Is Kamala Harris a Marxist?”](#) *American Thinker* (October, 2024).
- [“Thinking Faithfully About Film,”](#) *First Things* (August, 2024).
- [“Why Does Gen Z Protest Everything but Terrorism?”](#) *The Federalist* (November, 2023)
- [“Self-Governance and Self-Worship,”](#) *American Reformer* (October, 2023).
- [“Ground Rules for Christian Metaphysics,”](#) *London Lyceum* (April, 2023).
- [“Resisted Science: Key Lessons from Old Controversies,”](#) *Salvo* 62 (Fall, 2022).
- [“MLK’s Theological Case for Racial Justice \(and Today’s Thin Alternatives\),”](#) *The Gospel Coalition* (June, 2020).
- [“A Great Cloud of Moral Witness: The Solid Historical Consensus on Homosexual Practice,”](#) *Touchstone* 31:1 (Jan/Feb 2018).
- [“You Gotta Believe: Atheist or Not, You Have More Faith Than You Realize,”](#) *Salvo* 37 (Summer, 2016).
- [“From the Sumerians to Shakespeare to Twain: Why Fart Jokes Never Get Old,”](#) *The Conversation* (August, 2015).
- [“Dumb Sheep: On the Truth about a Slandorous Accusation,”](#) *Touchstone* 28:3 (May/June, 2015).
- “Case Closed or Mind Open?” *The Table* 4 (March, 2015).
- “Open-mindedness: The Virtue Between Dogma and Doubt,” *The Table* (September, 2014).
- [“Taking Philosophy to the Masses: A Review of \*Philosophy Bites\* and \*Philosophy Bites Back\*,”](#) *Books and Culture* (July/August, 2014).
- [“The Light’s Still Burning: A Review of Dylan’s \*Tempest\*,”](#) *Books and Culture* (March, 2013).

- “The Blessing of Forgiveness and Wise Living: Meditations on Psalm 32,” *Soul & Spirit* (May, 2012).
- [“Further Benefits of Sports: A Response to Michael Austin.”](#) *Evangelical Philosophical Society* (2011):
- [“Unreasonable Doubt.”](#) *Christianity Today* (January, 2011).
- “Righteous Living in an Unrighteous Age,” *Taylor Magazine* (Fall, 2009).
- “Pressure Punctured,” in *Men of Integrity* (September/October, 2009).
- “Mock Humor isn’t the Real Thing” in *Men of Integrity* (September/October, 2009).
- “More Precious Than Rubies,” in the *Christian Counseling Connection* Newsletter 16:3 (2009).
- “Gum, Geckos, and God: Talking About Faith with Your Kids” (an interview) in *Stand Firm* 14:3 (March, 2009).
- “A Philosophical Case for Mind-Body Dualism,” *Areopagus Journal* 8:6 (November/December 2008).
- “Impress Them on Your Children: The Challenge of Teaching Our Kids About God,” *K Magazine* (November/December, 2008).
- “How to be Good in a World Gone Bad” (an interview) in *Stand Firm* 13:8 (August, 2008).
- “Theistic Evolution: A Reasonable Compromise?” *Areopagus Journal* 5:2 (May-June, 2005).
- “To Fight or Not to Fight: Approaching Gay Marriage in the Public Square,” *The Other Journal* (2004).
- “Good Art and Bad Art: What is the Difference?” *Areopagus Journal* 4:1 (January-February, 2004).
- “Advocating for the Devil: Hearing Al-Qaeda’s Case Against the United States,” *Journal of Religion and Society* 5 (2003).
- “The Theological Aesthetic of *American Beauty*,” *Journal of Religion and Popular Culture* 4 (Summer, 2003).
- “Cinematic Illustrations in Christian Theology,” *Journal of Religion and Film* 6:2 (October, 2002).

- “The Quest for Moral Integrity,” *Koinonia* (Fall, 2000).

## Book Reviews

- Review of *The Christian Idea of God: A Philosophical Foundation for Faith* (by Keith Ward), *European Journal for Philosophy of Religion* 10:2 (2018).
- Review of *The Uncontrolling Love of God* (by Thomas Jay Oord), *Christian Scholar’s Review* 47:1 (Fall 2017).
- Review of *Philosophy of Religion: Selected Readings*, 5<sup>th</sup> ed. (edited by Michael Peterson, William Hasker, Bruce Reichenbach, and David Basinger), *Teaching Philosophy* 38:4 (December, 2015).
- Review of *The Beauty of the Infinite* (by David Bentley Hart), *Christian Scholar’s Review* 35:2 (Winter, 2006).
- Review of *Good Eating* (by Stephen H. Webb) *Encounter* 64:3 (Summer, 2003).
- Review of *The Puzzle of Evil* (by Peter Vardy) *Teaching Philosophy* 22:3 (September, 1999).
- Review of *On God and Dogs* (by Stephen H. Webb), *Christian Scholar’s Review* 28:4 (Summer, 1999).
- Review of *A Passion for Wisdom* (by R. C. Solomon and K. M. Higgins), *Teaching Philosophy* 21:4 (December, 1998).

## Conference Presentations and Public Talks

- “Integrating Faith and Philosophy,” a chapel talk at Spring Arbor University (March, 2025)
- “The Case for Premortalism,” an invited lecture for the Winget Lectureship at Spring Arbor University (March, 2025).
- “Christian Apologetics,” a series of talks delivered at a retreat for the Chin Evangelical Baptist Church at Camp Allendale (October, 2024).
- [“AI Killed the Video Star,”](#) a dialogical sermon with Ryan Pflum at Christian Community Church (February 25, 2024).
- “Clear Lines, Common Ground, and the Call to Courage,” invited lecture for the Coram Deo Academy Community Leaders Series (November, 2022).

- “The Bible and Human Sexuality” and “The Bible and Abortion,” keynote presentations at the New Life Presbyterian Church Apologetics Conference (November, 2022).
- “Berkeley on Divine and Human Agency: A Teleological Reconstructal,” national meeting of the Evangelical Theological Society (November, 2020).
- “The Pre-mortalist Free Will Defense,” national meeting of the Evangelical Philosophical Society (November, 2019).
- “Hell and the Problem of Heavenly Grief,” Rethinking Hell Conference (August, 2019).
- “The Gospel and Social Justice,” keynote address at the Gospel and Social Justice Conference in Fort Worth, TX (November, 2018).
- “The Virtue of Open-Mindedness: Benefits and Risks,” national meeting of the Evangelical Philosophical Society (November, 2018).
- “Celebration and Betrayal: Martin Luther King’s Case for Racial Justice and our Current Moral Dilemma,” invited lecture at Hillsdale College (October, 2018)
- “Civil Public Discourse and the Virtue of Open-mindedness,” invited lecture at Hillsdale College (October, 2018)
- “Art, the Golden Rule, and Lewis’s *Experiment in Criticism*,” Lewis and Friends conference (June, 2018)
- “Is Religious Faith Rational?” A public debate with John Loftus at Allen County Public Library in Fort Wayne, IN (April, 2018)
- “Is Religious Faith Rational?” A public debate with John Loftus at Brookville Line Community Church in Indianapolis, IN (April, 2018): <https://vimeo.com/265919575>
- “Open-mindedness: When and Why is it a Virtue?” and “Open-mindedness and Religious Devotion,” keynote addresses at the “Open-mindedness and Philosophy of Religion” conference at Weatherford College (April, 2018).
- “Civil Public Discourse and the Virtue of Open-mindedness,” national meeting of the Association for Practical and Professional Ethics (February, 2018).
- “Eternal Torment and Heavenly Bliss,” national meeting of the Evangelical Philosophical Society (November, 2017).
- “The Ethics of Virtual Reality Technology: Moral Hazards and Public Policy Implications” national meeting of the Association for Practical and Professional Ethics (February, 2017).

- Panel Discussion on *Idealism and Christian Philosophy*, national meeting of the Evangelical Philosophical Society (November 2016).
- “Celebration and Betrayal: Martin Luther King’s Case for Racial Justice and our Current Moral Dilemma,” Midwest regional meeting of the Society for Christian Philosophers (September, 2016).
- “Frodo, I am Your Father: Tolkien, the Virtues and Parenting,” Lewis and Friends conference (June, 2016).
- “It’s the Wrath of God: Reflections on Inferring Divine Punishment,” national meeting of the Evangelical Philosophical Society (November, 2015).
- “The Philosophical Case for Conditional Immortalism,” plenary address at the Rethinking Hell conference at Fuller Theological Seminary (June, 2015).
- “Open-mindedness and Disagreement,” Annual Conference of the Biola Center for Christian Thought (May, 2015).
- “Immaterialism as Handmaid: How Berkeleyan Idealism Enhances Christian Theology,” national meeting of the Evangelical Philosophical Society (November, 2014).
- “The Making of an Atheist” and “A Cumulative Case for God,” plenary addresses at Apologetics.com Conference in Wheaton, IL (March, 2014).
- “Moral Heresy,” regional meeting of the Evangelical Philosophical Society (March, 2014).
- “Personal Open-mindedness as a Christian Virtue,” national meeting of the Evangelical Philosophical Society (November, 2013).
- “The Giubilini-Minerva Argument for ‘After-birth Abortion,’” national meeting of the Association for Practical and Professional Ethics (March, 2013).
- “Was Augustine a Proto-Evolutionist?” national meeting of the Evangelical Philosophical Society (November, 2012).
- “Open-mindedness and Christian Flourishing,” an invited lecture at the national meeting of the Society for Christian Psychology (October, 2012).
- “Belief, Behavior, and the Necessary Conditions for Salvation,” national meeting of the Evangelical Philosophical Society (November, 2011).
- “Open-mindedness and Intellectual Humility,” national meeting of the Association for Practical and Professional Ethics (March, 2011).

- “Open-mindedness and Religious Devotion,” national meeting of the Evangelical Philosophical Society (November, 2010).
- “The Making of an Atheist,” EPS Apologetics Conference at Johnson-Ferry Baptist Church in Marietta, Georgia (November, 2010).
- Commentary on presentation by Andrew Purves’ “Vicarious Agency: The Humanity of God in Our Place” at the national meeting of the Society for Christian Psychology (September, 2010).
- “Why Gay Marriage is Unjust,” national meeting of the Evangelical Philosophical Society (November, 2009).
- “An Anti-Naturalist Argument from Beauty” (with Doug Geivett), national meeting of the Evangelical Philosophical Society (November, 2009).
- “Human Suffering and Moral Growth,” meeting of the Society for Christian Psychology at the national meeting of the American Association of Christian Counselors (September, 2009).
- “Free Will and Soul-Making: Comparing Two Theodicies,” national meeting of the Evangelical Philosophical Society (November, 2008).
- “Do You Need a Brain to Think?: Some Implications of Near Death Experiences for Philosophy of Mind,” national meeting of the Evangelical Philosophical Society (November, 2007).
- “To Do the Good is to Know it: The Epistemic Ramifications of Behavior,” Eastern regional meeting of the Society of Christian Philosophers (April, 2007).
- Chaired panel discussion on “Consenting to God and Nature” national meeting of the Association for Practical and Professional Ethics (February, 2007).
- “To Do the Good is to Know it: The Epistemic Ramifications of Behavior,” national meeting of the Evangelical Philosophical Society (November, 2006).
- “Immorality in Art: When is it Justifiable?” a presentation at the annual meeting of the Association of Christians in Student Development (June, 2006).
- “Origins and Divine Providence,” an invited presentation for the University of Toledo’s Annual Conference in Contemporary Philosophy (April, 2006).
- “Beauty, Goodness, and Evil: When is Immorality in Art Aesthetically Warranted and Morally Justified?” national meeting of the Evangelical Philosophical Society (November, 2005).
- “Humility in Christianity and Islam” (with Winfried Corduan), national meeting of the Evangelical Theological Society (November, 2005).

- “Tools for Integrity: Training Students to Live up to their Faith,” annual meeting of the Association of Christians in Student Development (June, 2005).
- “Art and the Golden Rule: The Moral Significance of Nurturing an Aesthetic Sensibility,” Midwest meeting of the Society of Christian Philosophers (April, 2005).
- “Virtue Across the Paradigms,” keynote address at the 52<sup>nd</sup> annual Southeastern Undergraduate Philosophy Conference at Covenant College (February, 2005).
- “Art and the Golden Rule: The Moral Significance of Nurturing an Aesthetic Sensibility,” national meeting of the Evangelical Philosophical Society (November, 2004).
- “Freedom, Evil, and Divine Risk,” national meeting of the Evangelical Philosophical Society (November, 2002).
- “Philosophical Prolegomena to Any Future Contact with Extraterrestrial Intelligent Beings,” national meeting of the Association for Practical and Professional Ethics (March, 2002).
- “A Biblical Defense of Animal Rights,” national meeting of the Evangelical Philosophical Society (November, 2001).
- Chaired panel discussion on “Artificial Life, Artificial Ethics: Thoughts on ‘Why the Future Doesn’t Need Us’” at the national meeting of the Association for Practical and Professional Ethics (March, 2001).
- “Religious Skepticism and the Dilemma of Moral Outrage,” Mountain-Plains regional meeting of the Society of Christian Philosophers (September, 2000).
- “Turning the Problem of Consciousness Inside Out,” Eastern regional meeting of the Society of Christian Philosophers (May, 2000).
- “The Moral Skill of Self-Control,” national meeting of the Evangelical Philosophical Society (November, 1999).
- “The Philosophical Theology of Theistic Evolutionism,” national meeting of the Evangelical Philosophical Society (November, 1998).
- “Can a Christian be Coherently Morally Pro-life and Politically Pro-choice?” national meeting of the Evangelical Philosophical Society (November, 1997).
- “What Sort of Vice is Hypocrisy?” Central meeting of the Society of Christian Philosophers (April, 1997).
- “The Problem of Hypocrisy,” national meeting of the Evangelical Philosophical Society (November, 1995).

- “Theism and the Laws of Logic,” Central meeting of the Society of Christian Philosophers (April, 1995).
- “Ethical Paradigms and Moral Expertise,” Mountain meeting of the Society of Christian Philosophers (March, 1995).
- “Socrates: A Messianic Type for the Gentiles,” national meeting of the Evangelical Philosophical Society (November, 1993).
- “The Theological Orthodoxy of Berkeley’s Immaterialism,” Midwest Seminar in the History of Philosophy (March, 1993).
- “Berkeley on the Problem of Induction: His Anticipatory Reply to Hume,” Minnesota Philosophical Society (October, 1992).
- “Was Berkeley a Utilitarian?” the national meeting of the Philosophy Graduate Student Society (October, 1991).
- “A Note on ‘Is’ and ‘Ought,’” annual meeting of the Mississippi Philosophical Association (May, 1988).

## Media

- Radio interview about the Kalos Center on “Bob Burney Live” on The Word Radio, 104.5 FM in Columbus, Ohio (March, 2025).
- Host of the [Kalos Center Podcast](#) (January, 2025-present).
- Radio interview about the Kalos Center on “Bob Burney Live” on The Word Radio, 104.5 FM in Columbus, Ohio (November, 2024).
- [“Will the Damned be Annihilated?”](#) Podcast interview for Things You Don’t Hear in Church (February, 2024).
- [“Being Good in a World Gone Bad,”](#) Podcast interview for REImagine (August 2023).
- [“Idealism with Jim Spiegel,”](#) Podcast interview for the London Lyceum podcast (April, 2023).
- “On the Doctrine of Hell”: A dialogue with Andrew Hronich for the Adherent Apologetics podcast (September, 2022).
- [“Fired Taylor Professor Tells His Story”:](#) Podcast interview for the Roys Report (September, 2020).

- [“Taylor University Fires Beloved Conservative Christian Professor”](#): Radio interview on the Todd Starnes Show (September, 2020).
- Podcast interview on [“Love Does Not”](#) for “The Bible Says What?” an Atheist vs. Christian conversation hosted by Michael Wiseman (August, 2020).
- Podcast interview on [“Vengeful Rain Water”](#) for “The Bible Says What?” an Atheist vs. Christian conversation hosted by Michael Wiseman (August, 2020).
- Podcast interview about the virtue of open-mindedness for “Think About It,” a podcast hosted by Alexander Bozzo (October, 2018).
- Podcast interview about the virtue of open-mindedness for “Veracity Hill,” a podcast hosted by Kurt Jaros (April, 2018).
- Radio interview about the ethics of virtual reality technology for “The John and Kathy Show” on WORD FM in Pittsburgh, PA (December, 2017).
- Radio interview about “The Ethics of Virtual Reality” for “The Show” on NPR affiliate KJZZ in Tempe, Arizona (October, 2017).
- Podcast interview about *The Making of an Atheist* for the “Trinities” website hosted by Dale Tuggy (September, 2015).
- Newspaper interview about why flatulence is funny for the *Helsingin Sanomat*, Finland’s largest morning newspaper (November, 2014).
- Podcast interview about the virtue of open-mindedness for the Apologetics.com show (November, 2014).
- Radio interview about *Philosophy: Faithful Learning* for “The Janet Mefford Show,” a nationally syndicated radio program (August, 2014).
- Radio interview about hypocrisy in the church for “The John and Kathy Show” on WORD FM in Pittsburgh, PA (June, 2014).
- Podcast Interview with Glenn Peoples for the *Rethinking Hell* website (August, 2013)
- Radio Interview about *The Making of an Atheist* for “The Bob Dutko Show” on WMUZ in Detroit, MI (February, 2013).
- Podcast interview about *The Making of an Atheist* for “The Reformatory,” hosted by Ted Kluck and Ronnie Martin (June, 2011).
- Radio interview about *The Making of an Atheist* for “The John and Kathy Show” on WORD FM in Pittsburgh, PA (February, 2011).

- Radio interview about *The Making of an Atheist* for “LightLine” with Denise Wylie on WPOS in Holland, OH (November, 2010).
- Podcast interview (in three parts) about *The Making of an Atheist* for the atheist website “Tuesday Afternoon” (with transcript)—posted at 12Tuesday.com (October, 2010).
- Radio interview about *The Making of an Atheist* for “The Bottom Line” with Jeremy Wiggins—syndicated on 140 stations around the country (October, 2010).
- Radio interview about *The Making of an Atheist* for “The Al Kresta Show” in Toledo, OH; podcast interview for “Your Life Matters” (September, 2010).
- Radio interview about *The Making of an Atheist* for “Sound Reason,” syndicated on the American Family Radio network (June, 2010); “Mid-Morning with Char Binkley” on WBCL in Fort Wayne, IN (June, 2010).
- Radio interviews about *The Making of an Atheist*: “Mars Hill Radio Network”—syndicated on stations throughout upper New York and Southern Ontario, Canada (May, 2010); “Viewpoint” with Chuck Crismer—syndicated on the Information Radio Network in VA, CT, and NY (May, 2010); “The Debbie Chavez Show”—syndicated from Seattle, WA to Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada (May, 2010); “The Birga Alden Show” on KDAZ—Albuquerque, NM (May, 2010); “Connecting Faith” on KTIS—syndicated on five stations throughout the upper Midwest (May, 2010).
- Podcast interview about *The Making of an Atheist*: “The Active Christian Media Radio Show” with Stacy Lynn Harp—broadcast on OnePlace.com (May, 2010).
- Radio interviews about *The Making of an Atheist*: “Fresh Start”—West Palm Beach, FL (April, 2010); “The Matter at Hand” on WGRC—Scranton, PA (April, 2010); “The Bob Dutko Show” on WMUZ—Detroit, MI (April 2010); “The Janet Mefferd Show” on KWRD—Dallas, TX (April, 2010); “Prime Time Chicago” with Steve Hiller on MBI—Chicago, IL (April, 2010); “The Georgene Rice Show” on KPdq—Portland, OR (April, 2010); KFAX—San Francisco and San Jose, CA (April, 2010); “The Rob Breakenridge Show on CHQR—Calgary, Canada (April, 2010); “Mancow’s Morning Madhouse”—nationally syndicated on the Talk Radio Network (April, 2010); “Songtime USA Radio Show”—broadcast on 36 stations throughout the Northeast (April, 2010); KKMS—Minneapolis-St. Paul, MN (April, 2010).
- Interview about *The Making of an Atheist* for *The Charlotte World*, a news website for people in the Charlotte, NC area (April, 2010).
- Radio interviews about *The Making of an Atheist*: “Iron Sharpens Iron” with Chris Arnzen on WNYG—New York, NY (March, 2010); WGNB—Grand Rapids, MI (March 2010); “Chris Fabry Live”—nationally syndicated on 203 stations (March, 2010); KTIS—syndicated throughout upper Midwest (March, 2010); American Family Radio Network—nationally syndicated (March, 2010); Moody Radio South—

- broadcast on four stations in Alabama and Mississippi (March, 2010); CJCA—Alberta, Canada (March, 2010); WDLM—Quad Cities, IL (March 2010); WEMI—Appleton, WI (March, 2010).
- Interview about *The Making of an Atheist* for “To The Source,” a national on-line newsletter (March, 2010).
  - Radio interview about *The Making of an Atheist* for the Apologetics.com radio show (February, 2010).
  - Podcast interviews about *The Making of an Atheist* for the apologetics website Apologetics315.com (February, 2010) and for atheist website CommonSenseAtheism.com (February, 2010).
  - Radio interview about *The Making of an Atheist* on Prime Time America radio (January, 2010).
  - Interview about *Gum, Geckos, and God* for the Focus on Your Family *Focus on Your Child* audio journal (Fall, 2008).
  - Radio interviews about *Gum, Geckos, and God* on KKLA in Los Angeles, CA (for Apologetics.com Show) (July, 2008); WBCL in Fort Wayne, IN (June, 2008); and Pilgrim Radio Network—stations in CA, MT, NV, and WY (June, 2008).
  - Featured in *Rebellion of Thought*, a video documentary on postmodernism by Paladin Pictures (2008).
  - Radio interviews about *The Benefits of Providence*: WMUZ in Detroit, MI for “The Bob Dutko Show” (December, 2005); WTLN in Altamonte Springs, FL for Crosstalk with Dwight Bain” (January, 2006); XM170 Family Talk for “Abiding in Christ” with Jim Wood (January, 2006); KTIS in St. Paul, MN for “The Kim Jeffries Program” (February, 2006).
  - Radio interviews about *How to be Good in a World Gone Bad*: WWJC in Minneapolis, MN; WAFT in Valdosta, GA; WBCL in Fort Wayne, IN; WWJC in Duluth, MN; and WKTO in Edgewater, FL (2005).
  - Radio interviews about *How to be Good in a World Gone Bad*: KPRD in Hays, KS; WTLN in Orlando, FL; KSIV in Clayton, MO; and KJTY in Topeka, KS (2004).
  - Radio interview about hypocrisy in the church for WMUZ in Detroit, Michigan (October, 2000).
  - Radio interview about hypocrisy in the church for KFLQ in Albuquerque, New Mexico (July, 2000).
  - Radio interview about the legacy of George Berkeley for radio station in Providence, Rhode Island (July, 1996).

## Academic Service

- Referee for scholarly journals:
  - *American Psychologist*
  - *Analytic Theology*
  - *Christian Psychology*
  - *Christian Scholar's Review*
  - *Faith and Philosophy*
  - *Heythrop Journal*
  - *History of Philosophy Quarterly*
  - *Journal of Biblical and Theological Studies*
  - *Journal of Scottish Philosophy*
  - *Journal of Spiritual Formation and Soul Care*
  - *Metaphilosophy*
  - *Moral Philosophy and Politics*
  - *Neuroethics*
  - *New Blackfriars*
  - *Perspectives on Science and Christian Faith*
  - *Philosophia Christi*
  - *Science and Engineering Ethics*
  - *Sophia*
  - *Topoi*
  - *TheoLogica*
  - *Theory and Research in Education*
- Editor of the "Berkeley Briefs," newsletter for the International Berkeley Society (1996-2000)
- External reviewer for numerous publishers, including Baker, Bloomsbury, Cascade, InterVarsity, Lexington, NavPress, Norton, P&R, Weaver, and Zondervan.

## Professional Duties and Offices

- External Reviewer for Concordia University-Wisconsin Philosophy Program Review (2019)
- Taylor University Faculty Compensation Task Force (2017-19)
- Research consultant, Sells Group (2016-17)
- Editorial consultant, Charlie Arts (2016)
- Editorial consultant, Think Tek, Inc. (2016)

- Member of the Taylor University Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (2016-18)
- Member of grant proposal committee for *Empower: Lives that Matter* (a proposal for a high school summer theology institute at Taylor University) (2015)
- Member and principal author on the committee to revise the Taylor statement on human sexuality (2011-12)
- Planning Committee for the Ray Fitzgerald Lecture Series (2011-15)
- Director of Planning for EPS-Sponsored Philosophy of Religion Group session at the Central Meeting of the American Philosophical Association (2010-16)
- Member of the Taylor University Ethics Center Task Force (2010-14)
- Director, Taylor University Philosophy Program (2008-16)
- Director, Taylor University Colleagues College (2009)
- Executive Board Member, Evangelical Philosophical Society (2007-10)
- Selection Committee for the Forman Distinguished Scholar Award (2003-05)
- Taylor University Faculty Development & Candidate Interview Committee (2002-05)
- Lilly Foundation Vocation 2001 Grant writing committee (2001)
- Taylor University Ethics Bowl team coach (2000-present)
- Director of Honors Program at Taylor University (2000-02)
- Founder and director of Taylor Faculty Forums (1997-2003)
- Taylor University Athletic, Financial, and Enrollment Committee (1997-2000)
- Faculty advisor for *Mu Kappa*, organization for “third culture” students (1994-2002)
- Co-sponsor of the *Chi Alpha Omega* Honor Society at Taylor University (1994-98)
- Resident scholar, George Berkeley Whitehall Museum, Middletown, RI (July, 1996)
- Taylor University Community Life Committee (1994-96)

## Professional Awards

- Templeton Research Fellowship awarded by the Hillsdale College Arete Research Center for Philosophy, Science, and Society (2023-24)
- Invited Guest at Army War College National Security Seminar in Carlisle, Pennsylvania (June, 2019)
- Templeton Research Fellowship awarded by the Biola University Center for Christian Thought (Fall, 2014)
- Forman Distinguished Faculty Scholar Award at Taylor University (2011)
- Finalist for *Christianity Today* 2010 Book Award for *The Making of an Atheist*
- Distinguished Professor Award at Taylor University (2007)
- *Christianity Today* 2005 “Award of Merit” for *How to be Good in a World Gone Bad*
- Teaching Excellence and Campus Leadership award at Taylor University (2000)

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