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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)

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## 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
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## AREAS OF RESEARCH SPECIALIZATION

- the problem of evil
  - the problem of animal suffering
  - the philosophy of mind/animal minds
  - Thomistic philosophical theology
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## AREAS OF TEACHING COMPETENCE

- introduction to philosophy
  - introduction to world religions
  - English composition
  - Christian apologetics
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## PUBLICATIONS

### Books

*God, Evil, and the Fall: A Classical Christian Theodicy*. Under contract with Palgrave-Macmillan.

*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.

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

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### Journal Articles and Book Chapters

- "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.
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## 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.
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“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.

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## 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 (47 sections)
  - Phil 1304 Introduction to World Religions (Spring 2020; Fall 2022; Fall 2023; Fall 2024)
  - Engl 1301 Composition I (40 sections)
  - Engl 0301 Basic Developmental English (Spring 2019)
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## 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
  - Member of the ADN Admissions/Academic Standards Committee, 2022–present
  - Member of the Scholarship Committee, 2021–2023
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## OTHER PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

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