

Paul Carron
Curriculum Vitae

Baylor Interdisciplinary Core, Honors College Address: One Bear Place #97350, Waco, TX 76798-7273

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Areas of Specialization:

Ethics, Moral Psychology

Areas of Competency:

Virtue Ethics, Ancient Philosophy, Kierkegaard

Education

Doctorate of Philosophy in Philosophy, 2011 • Baylor University, Waco, TX

Dissertation Title: *Taking Responsibility for Ourselves: A Kierkegaardian Account of the Freedom-Relevant Conditions Necessary for the Cultivation of Character*

Dissertation Committee: Dr. Robert C. Roberts (Director), Dr. C. Stephen Evans, Dr. Robert Kruschwitz, Dr. Todd Buras, Dr. Paul Martens

Master of Divinity, 2005 • Truett Theological Seminary, Baylor University, Waco, TX

Master of Arts in Philosophy, 2004 • Baylor University, Waco, TX

Bachelor of Arts, 2000 • Grand Canyon University, Phoenix, AZ

Major: Biblical and Theological Studies; Minor: Philosophy

Academic Appointments

Baylor University (Honors College)

Associate Professor of Philosophy in the Baylor Interdisciplinary Core—2020-present

Baylor University (Honors College)

Assistant Professor of Philosophy in the Baylor Interdisciplinary Core—2014-2020

Baylor University (Honors College)

Temporary Full-time lecturer in the Baylor Interdisciplinary Core—2011-12; 13-14

Lecturer in the Great Texts Program—2006-2011

Books (Edited Collections)

Routledge Handbook of Death and Afterlife (2nd edition; expanded and revised), co-edited by Candi K. Cann and Paul Carron, contracted, 2028.

Peer-reviewed Journal Articles and Book Chapters (*indicates blind review)

“Digital Afterlives and the Inauthenticity of Endless Continuation: A Heideggerian Investigation.” *Routledge Handbook of Death and Afterlife (2nd edition; expanded and revised)*, co-edited by Candi K. Cann and Paul Carron, contracted, 2028.

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- *“‘The Crowd is Untruth’: Kierkegaard’s Lonely Road to Authenticity.” *The International Journal of Kierkegaard Research*. Accepted with revisions. Anticipated Spring 2027.
- *“Nietzsche’s Moral Realism” *Southwest Philosophy Review* 41 (1): 107-115. 2025
- “The Moral Threat of Profound Loneliness (Presidential Address).” *Southwest Philosophy Review* 39 (1): 5-20. 2023.
- “Virtue Habituation and the Skill of Emotion Regulation.” In *Skill in Ancient Western Ethics*. Edited by Tom Angier and Lisa Raphals. Bloomsbury Academic Press. Pp. 115-140. 2021.
- *"Fostering Inclusivity through Social Justice Education: An Interdisciplinary Approach." Co-Authored with Charles McDaniel. In Stephanie Burrell Storms, Sarah K. Donovan & Theodora P. Williams (eds.), *Breaking Down Silos for Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (EDI): Teaching and Collaboration across Disciplines*, Rowman & Littlefield. pp. 51-60. 2020.
- “The Covetous Canary: Kierkegaard on the Problem of Social Comparison and the Cultivation of Social Courage.” In *The Kierkegaardian Mind (Routledge Philosophical Minds)*, edited by Adam Buben, Eleanor Helms, and Patrick Stokes, 1st ed., 457–67. New York, NY: Routledge, 2019.
- *“Aristotle on Blaming Animals: Taking the Hardline Approach on Voluntary Action in the *Nicomachean Ethics* III.1-5.” *Epoché: A Journal for the History of Philosophy* 23 (2): 381-397. (2019).
- *“Education not Indoctrination: Teaching Ethics in the Interdisciplinary Core Program of a Religiously Affiliated University.” Co-authored with Charles McDaniel. *Teaching Ethics* 18 (1): 79-96. (2018)
- *“Ape imagination? A sentimentalist critique of Frans de Waal’s gradualist theory of human morality.” *Biology and Philosophy* 33 (22). (2018)
- *“Turn Your Gaze Upward! Emotions, Concerns, and Regulatory Strategies in Kierkegaard’s *Christian Discourses*.” *International Journal for Philosophy of Religion* 84 (3): 323-343. (2018).
- “‘The Crowd is Untruth!’ Kierkegaard on Freedom, Responsibility, and the Problem of Social Comparison.” *Identity, Freedom, and Responsibility*. Edited by Fernando di Mieri. Series: Vico’s Tablet. Edizioni Ripostes (Publishing House Ripostes), 53-77. Italian Translation, 2018.
- *“Monkeys, Men, and Moral Responsibility: A Neo-Aristotelian Case for a Qualitative Distinction.” *Southwest Philosophy Review* 33 (1): 151-161. (2017).
- *“Apes with a Moral Code? Primatology, Moral Sentimentalism, and the Evolution of Morality in *The Planet of the Apes*.” *Journal of Cognition and Neuroethics* 3 (3): 1–26. (2015).
- “A Case for Virtue: Aristotle’s Psychology and Contemporary Accounts of Emotion Regulation.” *Images of Europe: Perspectives*, Images of Europe. Past, Present, Future: ISSEI 2014 - Conference Proceedings. Universidade Católica Editora – Porto: 1354-1362. 2016.

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*“The Virtuous Ensemble: Socratic Harmony and Psychological Authenticity.” Co-authored with Anne-Marie Schultz. *Southwest Philosophy Review* 29 (1): 127-36. (2014)

*“Socratic Meditation and Emotional Self-Regulation: Human Dignity in a Technological Age.” Co-Authored with Anne-Marie Schultz. *Journal of Interdisciplinary Studies* XXV (2013): 1-29. (2013).

Invited Commentaries on Conference Papers (*indicates publication)

“Comments on ‘Defending the Artisan: A Response to Richardson on Social Role Normativity’” by Zizhe Cheng. The New Mexico-Texas Philosophical Society. April 16th, 2026.

“Comments on ‘A Conceptual Analysis of Loneliness and Social Isolation: Exploring AI’s Potential for Alleviation’” by Olivia Barbaro. *Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology*. February 27th, 2026.

“Comments on *Deleuze, Kierkegaard and the Ethics of Selfhood*.” *Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy*. Virtual Conference. October 17th, 2025.

Comments on “How Pride May Be Non-social.” *Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology*. Mobile, Alabama. April 4th, 2025.

*“(Im)Permissibility and Psychological Mechanisms: Comments on Samuel Kahn’s ‘A Problem for Frankfurt Examples.’” *Southwest Philosophy Review* 37 (2): 41-44. 2021.

*“Emotion Regulation and the Cultivation of Virtue: Comments on ‘The Broader Threat of Situationism to Virtue Ethics.’” *Southwest Philosophy Review* 36 (2). 2020.

*“Confirmation Bias and the (Un)reliability of Enculturated Religious Beliefs: Comments on ‘The Atheological Argument from Geography.’” *Southwest Philosophy Review* 35 (2): 61-63. 2019.

“Response to David DeGrazia’s ‘Animal Self-Awareness: Types, Distribution, and Ethical Significance.’” *Society for the Study of Ethics and Animals*. RoME Workshop. University of Colorado, Boulder. August 2018.

“Questions on Adam Shriver’s ‘Neuroscience and the Evaluation of Suffering’.” *Society for the Study of Ethics and Animals*. RoME Workshop. University of Colorado, Boulder. August 2017.

“Response to Danielle Wylie’s ‘The Advantages of a Concept-Based Rationalist Approach to Moral Judgment.’” *Southern Society of Philosophy and Psychology* Annual meeting. Savannah, GA. March, 2017.

*“Commentary on ‘The Argument has made the Decision: Deliberation in Plato’s *Crito*.’” *Southwestern Philosophical Society* 76th Annual Meeting. Lawrence, KS. November, 2014.

“Response to Thornton Lockwood’s ‘Do Lysis’ parents really love him? Non-argumentative arguments in Plato’s *Lysis*.’” *Ancient Philosophy Society* Annual Meeting. University of South Florida. April 2014.

Conference Presentations

“‘The Crowd is Untruth’: Kierkegaard’s Lonely Road to Authenticity.” *10th International Kierkegaard Conference: Readings of Kierkegaard*. St. Olaf College, June 17th, 2026.

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“Android Aloneness: Scaffolded Emotions and the Limits of Robot Affect.” The New Mexico-Texas Philosophical Society. April 17th, 2026.

“Android Aloneness? Exploring the Possibility of Robot Emotions.” *Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology*. February 27th, 2026.

“Android Aloneness? Exploring the Possibility of Robot Emotions.” *The Baylor Symposium on Faith and Culture*. February 26th, 2026.

“Android Aloneness? Exploring the Possibility of Robot Emotions.” *Baptist Association of Philosophy Teachers*. University of Mary-Hardon Baylor, Belton, TX. April 26th, 2025.

“The Lonely Road of Authenticity.” *Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology*. Mobile, Alabama. April 4th, 2025.

“Nietzsche’s Moral Realism.” *Southwestern Philosophical Society*. Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN. November 15th, 2024.

“The Lonely Road of Authenticity.” *North American Society for Social Psychology*. Creighton University, Omaha, NE. July, 2024.

“The Malaise of Modernity: Authenticity and Loneliness.” *Called Together in an Age of Discord: 2023 Baylor Symposium on Faith and Culture*. October 25th, 2023.

“Seeing with the Eyes of Faith: Kierkegaard’s Social Psychology and its Political Implications.” 40th International Social Philosophy Conference, *The North American Society for Social Philosophy*. University of Portland, July 13th, 2023.

“Animals as Marginal Moral Agents.” 18th Annual International Conference on Philosophy, *Athens Institute for Education and Research*. May 23rd, 2023.

“Seeing with the Eyes of Faith: A Kierkegaardian Response to Situationism.” *God and Morality International Conference*, Aix Marseille University. October 8th, 2021.

“Composing the Scene’: An Empirical Case for Virtue” (Poster Presentation). *Society for Philosophy and Psychology* 47th Annual Meeting. June 29th, 2021.

“Wild Justice? Cross-cultural normativity and the case for species-specific animal morality.” *Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress*. University of Colorado, Boulder. August 11th, 2019.

“Animal Marginal Agency: A Case for Borderline Animal Morality.” The *Society for the Study of Ethics and Animals: Pre-RoME Workshop*. University of Colorado, Boulder. August 7th, 2019.

“Against Empathy: Disinterestedness, Norm Following, and the Veneer of Human Morality” (Poster Presentation). *Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress (RoME)*. University of Colorado, Boulder. August 2018.

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“An Aristotelian Puzzle on Vice: *Prohairesis*, Psychopathy, and Two Forms of Vice in the *Nicomachean Ethics*.” Co-Authoring with Megan Haggard. *Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology* 2018 Annual Meeting.

“Virtue Cultivation and the Skill of Emotion Regulation.” Conference on “Virtue, Skill, and Practical Reason.” University of Cape Town, South Africa. August 2017.

“Ape Imagination? A Sentimentalist Critique of de Waal's Primate Morality.” *Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress (RoME)*. University of Colorado, Boulder. August 2017.

“Aristotle on Blaming Animals: Taking the Hardline Approach on Voluntary Action in the *Nicomachean Ethics* III.1.” *Ancient Philosophy Society* Annual Meeting. Waco, TX. April 2017.

*“Monkeys, Men, and Moral Responsibility: A Neo-Aristotelian Case for a Qualitative Distinction.” *Southwestern Philosophical Society* Annual Meeting. Corpus Christi, TX. November 2016.

“Teach Your Children Well: Socrates’ Cultural Critique and the Development of Moral Judgment in Plato’s *Republic*.” New Mexico Texas Philosophical Society, San Marcos, Texas. April 2-3, 2016.

“Aristotle on Blaming Animals: The Hardline Approach.” Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology, Louisville, Kentucky. March 13-15, 2016.

“The Bird, the Pagan, and the Christian: Exploring the Relationship between Emotions and Concerns in Kierkegaard’s *Christian Discourses*.” The Redemption of Feeling Conference, Queens College, New York. December 4th, 2015.

“Aristotle on Blaming Animals: The Hardline Approach.” 33rd Annual Joint Meeting of the Society of Ancient Greek Philosophy and the Society for the Study of Islamic Philosophy and Science. October 24th, 2015 at Fordham University.

“Monkeys, Men, and Moral Responsibility: A Neo-Aristotelian Case for a Qualitative Distinction.” The Human-Animal Boundary Symposium at The University of Puerto Rico at Mayagüez, April 10-12, 2015.

“Apes with a Moral Code? Exploring the Boundaries of Moral Responsibility in *The Planet of the Apes*.” “The Work of Cognition and Neuroethics in Science Fiction” conference, Insight Institute of Neurosurgery and Neuroscience at the University of Michigan-Flint, March 20-12, 2015.

“The Bird, the Pagan, and the Christian: Exploring the Relationship between Emotions and Concerns in Kierkegaard’s *Christian Discourses*.” The Redemption of Feeling Conference, Queens College, New York. December 4th, 2015.

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“Apes with a Moral Code? Exploring the Boundaries of Moral Responsibility in *The Planet of the Apes*.” “The Work of Cognition and Neuroethics in Science Fiction” conference, Insight Institute of Neurosurgery and Neuroscience at the University of Michigan-Flint, March 20, 2015.

“Viva la revolución! Cultural Models of Emotion Regulation in Plato's *Republic*.” With Anne-Marie Schultz. The Biennial Meeting of the Baptist Association of Philosophy Teachers. October 4th, 2014 at Baylor University.

“A Case for Virtue: Aristotle’s Psychology and Contemporary Accounts of Emotion Regulation.” International Society for the Study of European Ideas. Catholic University of Portugal in Porto, Portugal. August 3-8, 2014.

"Can you Blame me if I'm Scared? A Neurobiological Account of Compulsion, Phobia, and Alternative Possibilities." 46th Meeting of the North Texas Philosophical Association. April 3-5, 2014 at the University of North Texas, Denton.

“The Virtuous Ensemble: Socratic Harmony and Psychological Authenticity.” Co-Authored with Anne-Marie Schultz. 75th Annual Meeting of the Southwestern Philosophical Society. Fredericksburg, TX. November 8-10, 2013.

“Socratic Meditation and Emotional Self-Regulation: Socrates the Super-Mediator!” Co-Authored with Anne-Marie Schultz. Interdisciplinary Studies 2013 Symposium: Interdisciplinary Studies: The Next 25 Years. Pasadena, California. August 1-4, 2013.

"Little Brains, Little Morals, Part II: A Neurobiological Response to de Waal’s Primates and Philosophers." Presented at the 2nd Annual Animal Ethics Workshop: Beastly Morality at Emory University’s Center for Ethics. Friday, April 5, 2013.

"Little Brains, Little Morals: A Neo-Aristotelian Critique of Frans de Waal's Primates and Philosophers." Presented at the 2013 Annual Meeting of the Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology, February 28 - March 2, 2013.

**Griffith Award recipient for the best philosophy paper by a young scholar.*

“Iris Murdoch and Søren Kierkegaard on Techniques of Purification.” The Fifth International Iris Murdoch Conference: On the Margins, September 9-11, 2010.

“Freedom, Emotions, and Second-Order Desires in Kierkegaard’s *Christian Discourses*.” Kierkegaard Society Group Meeting at the American Philosophical Association 2009 Pacific Division Annual Meeting, April 8-11, 2009.

“Frankfurt on the Importance of What we Care About: A Kierkegaardian Critique.” Eastern Regional Meeting of the Society of Christian Philosophers, March 27-28, 2009.

“Kierkegaard and Frankfurt on What We Should Care About.” Baptist Association of Philosophy Teachers, Twelfth Biennial Meeting, October 3-5, 2008.

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“‘What is Truth?’ The Question of Religious Knowledge in Kierkegaard’s *Practice in Christianity*.” Central Regional Meeting of the Society of Christian Philosophers, May 8-10, 2008.

“Purification and the Limits of Freedom: The Moral Psychology of Ralph Cudworth.” Notre Dame Center for Ethics and Culture Annual Conference, November 30-December 2, 2006.

“Is Hope Located in Future Possibility or in Dying to the Self? Towards a Kierkegaardian Conception of Spiritual Therapy.” Kierkegaard Society Group Meeting at the American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, November 18-21, 2006.

“Knowledge of the Unknowable God: Towards an Eastern Orthodox Epistemology.” Midwest Regional Meeting of the Society of Christian Philosophers, April 20-22, 2006.

"Actuality, Despair, and Hope: Kierkegaard's *The Sickness Unto Death* in Pastoral Counseling." Southwest Regional Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, March 12-13, 2005.

“The Madness of the World, the Divided Self, and the Possibility of Hope in Nietzsche’s *Genealogy*.” Eastern Regional Meeting of the Society of Christian Philosophers, December 2-4, 2004.

“Does Socrates Really Believe in the Immortality of the Soul? Reflections on Plato’s *Phaedo*.” Baptist Association of Philosophy Teachers, Tenth Biennial Meeting, October 8-10, 2004.

Academic Service

1. **Course Coordinator, Social World I: The City and the Soul** – Fall 2012-Present
2. **Local Arrangements Coordinator** – *Southwestern Philosophical Society*, Fall 2017, Fall 2023
3. **Honors Thesis Award Committee** – 2020-2022
4. **Vice President and Conference Coordinator** - *Southwestern Philosophical Society*, 2020-2021 (extra year due to COVID)
5. **Baylor Interdisciplinary Core Temporary Full-time Lecturer Search Committee Member** – Spring 2021
6. **Baylor Interdisciplinary Core Tenure Track Search Committee Member** – 2021-2022
7. **Local Conference Host** – *New Mexico-Texas Philosophical Association*, Spring 2022
8. **Honors College Curriculum Committee** – 2021-Present
9. **President** - *Southwestern Philosophical Society*, 2021-2022
10. **Baylor Interdisciplinary Core Post-Doctoral Fellows Search Committee Member** – 2022-2023
11. **Course Coordinator, Social World II** – Spring 2024
12. **Honors College Human Technology Committee Chair** – Fall 2024
13. **Baylor Interdisciplinary Core Tenure Track Search Committee Chair** – 2024-2025
14. **Vice-President** – *New Mexico-Texas Philosophical Association*, 2025-2026

Academic Awards

1. Baylor University Research Leave – Spring 2025.
2. Baylor University Research Leave – Fall 2018.
3. Selected Participant in the *Collegium Phaenomenologicum*, Città di Castello, Italy, July 9–27, 2018 (A three-week intensive seminar on Aristotle’s primary texts).

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4. Baylor University Library Open Access (OA) Article Processing Charge (APC) Funding Grant (\$3000) – Spring 2018
5. Baylor Academy for Teaching and Learning “University Teaching Development Grant,” \$1500 – Fall 2017
6. Baylor Academy for Teaching and Learning Summer Faculty Institute, \$10,000 – Summer 2016.
7. Baylor University Summer Sabbatical, \$12,000 – Summer 2015.
8. Griffith Award recipient for the best philosophy paper by a young scholar; \$300 (February 2013).
9. Summer Fellow at the Hong Kierkegaard Library, St. Olaf College, Northfield, Minnesota (July 2007).

Professional Societies

Southwestern Philosophical Society
New Mexico-Texas Philosophical Society
Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology
North American Society for Social Philosophy
Baptist Association of Philosophy Teachers