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## EMPLOYMENT

- **Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary** Wake Forest, North Carolina  
*Associate Professor of Philosophy* 2019 to Present
- **Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary** Fort Worth, Texas  
*Assistant Professor of Philosophy* 2015 to 2019
- **Saint Louis University** Saint Louis, Missouri  
*Research Fellow, The Philosophy and Theology of Intellectual Humility* 2014-2015
- **University of Notre Dame** South Bend, Indiana  
*Research Fellow, Center for Philosophy of Religion* 2013-2014

## EDUCATION

- **Trinity College, Dublin** Dublin, Ireland  
*Ph.D., Philosophy* 2013
- **Biola University** La Mirada, California  
*M.A., Philosophy (summa cum laude)* 2009
- **Biola University** La Mirada, California  
*M.A., Theology (summa cum laude)* 2009
- **San Diego Christian College** El Cajon, California  
*B.A., Philosophy and Biblical Studies* 2005

## RESEARCH

- **Areas of Specialization**  
*Metaphysics, Philosophical Theology, Philosophy of Religion, Philosophy of Mind*
- **Areas of Teaching Competence**  
*Ethics, Christian Apologetics, Medieval & Early Modern Philosophy, Analytic Theology*

## BOOKS

- ***Substance and the Fundamentality of the Familiar: A Neo-Aristotelian Mereology***  
(New York: Routledge, 2018)
  - The central aims of *Substance and the Fundamentality of the Familiar* are to (a) examine and defend a classical, Aristotelian account of the metaphysics of substance against mechanistic-reductionistic alternatives, and (b) to explore the implications of these metaphysical views for the nature of human persons and agency.
- ***The Structure of Reality: An Invitation to Metaphysics***  
(IVP Academic) Forthcoming in the *Topics in Christian Philosophy Series*

## ARTICLES AND BOOK CHAPTERS

- **“Grounding and Participation in God”**  
• *Neo-Aristotelian Metaphysics and the Theology of Nature* (Routledge), Forthcoming
- **“Divine Omnipresence and Immensity”**  
• *The T&T Clark Companion to Analytic Theology*, Forthcoming
- **“Theology in the Second-Person: Christian Dogmatics as a Mode of Prayer”**  
• *Reaching for God: New Theological Essays on Prayer* (Oxford University Press, Forthcoming)
- **“On Christian Theism and Unrestricted Composition”** (co-authored with Alexander Pruss)  
• *American Philosophical Quarterly*, Volume 56, Number 4 (2019)
- **“Beholding the Face of a Hidden God: Assessing the Argument from Divine Hiddenness”**  
• *Southwestern Journal of Theology* (2018) 60:2
- **“Against Constitutionalism”**  
• *Blackwell Companion to Substance Dualism*. UK: Wiley Blackwell, 2018.
- **“Omnipresence and the Location of the Immaterial”**  
• *Oxford Studies in Philosophy of Religion*, Volume 8 (2017)  
– Awarded the 2014 Sanders Prize in Philosophy of Religion
- **“Epistemic Temperance and the Moral Perils of Intellectual Inquiry”**  
• *Philosophia Christi* (2015) 17:2
- **“Neo-Aristotelian Plenitude”**  
• *Philosophical Studies* (2014) 168: 583-597
- **“De Re Essentialism, Species, and Modal Ambiguity”**  
• *Metaphysica* (2014) 15: 43-46
- **“Gratuitous Evil Unmotivated: A Reply to MacGregor”**  
• *Philosophia Christi* (2013) 15:2
- **“Essential Dependence, Truthmaking, and Mereology: Then and Now”**  
• *Metaphysics: Aristotelian, Scholastic, Analytic*, Lukáš Novák, Daniel Novotný, Prokop Sousedík, David Svoboda (eds.), Ontos Verlag, 2012. (With contributions by Peter van Inwagen, E.J. Lowe, and Michael Loux.)
- **“Why So Serious? Non-Serious Presentism and the Problem of Cross-Temporal Relations”**  
• *Metaphysica* (2012) 13: 55-63

## REVIEWS

- Forthcoming, W. Matthews Grant, *Free Will and God’s Universal Causality* (Bloomsbury)  
• *Southeastern Theological Review*
- Forthcoming, Andrew Davison, *Participation in God* (Cambridge)  
• *Southeastern Theological Review*
- Timothy Pickavance and Rob Koons, *The Atlas of Reality* (Wiley-Blackwell)  
• *Southwestern Journal of Theology*
- Thomas McCall, *An Invitation to Analytic Theology* (IVP Academic)  
• *The Journal of Analytic Theology & Southwestern Journal of Theology*
- Kathrin Koslicki, *The Structure of Objects* (Oxford University Press)  
• *Philosophia Christi*, Vol. 13, No. 1, 2011

## UNDER REVIEW OR IN PROGRESS

- “Grounding and Participation in God”  
(*In Progress*)
- “Anselm on Creation as Divine Similitude and the Aesthetic Perception of God”  
(*In Draft*)

## REFEREED PRESENTATIONS

- “Anselm on Creation as Divine Similitude & the Aesthetic Perception of God” San Diego, CA  
*The 2019 National Meeting of the Evangelical Philosophical Society* November 2019
- “Anselm on Creation as Divine Similitude & the Aesthetic Perception of God” Weatherford, TX  
*Weatherford College Philosophy of Religion Conference* March 2019
- “Theology in the Second Person: Christian Dogmatics as a Mode of Prayer” Rhode Island  
*The 2017 National Meeting of the Evangelical Philosophical Society* November 2017
- “You Are Fundamental” Rhode Island  
*The 2017 National Meeting of the Evangelical Philosophical Society* November 2017
- “On the (Potential) Moral Perils of Intellectual Inquiry” San Diego, California  
*The 2014 National Meeting of the Evangelical Philosophical Society* November 2014
- “Christian Theism and the Metaphysics of Spatial Location” Baltimore, Maryland  
*The 2013 National Meeting of the Evangelical Philosophical Society* November 2013
- “On Theism and Unrestricted Composition” Milwaukee, Wisconsin  
*The 2012 National Meeting of the Evangelical Philosophical Society* November 2012
- “Neo-Aristotelian Plenitude” St. Louis, Missouri  
*The 2011 Central States Philosophical Association Meeting* September 2011
- “Value-Driven Religious Epistemology” London, England  
*Heythrop College, University of London* January 2011
- “Plato’s Mereology and the Unity and Structure of the Soul” Dublin, Ireland  
*University College, Dublin, Symposium on Plato’s Phaedrus* October 2010
- “The Problem of the Many and Neo-Aristotelian Fundamental Mereology” Durham, England  
*Durham University* July 2010
- “Essential Dependence, Truthmaking, and Mereology: Then and Now” Prague  
*Metaphysics: Aristotelian, Scholastic, Analytic, Charles University* June 2010
- “Aquinas’ Metaphysics of Material Objects” Riverside, CA  
*Society of Christian Philosophers, Pacific Regional Meeting, UC Riverside* 2008
- “Supervenience and Ontic Dependence” Memphis, TN  
*Evangelical Philosophical Society, Southeastern Regional Meeting* 2008
- “Divine Source Incompatibilism” Niagara, NY  
*Society of Christian Philosophers, Eastern Regional Meeting, Niagara University* 2008
- “Divine Source Incompatibilism” Lubbock, TX  
*Texas Tech University* 2008
- “Divine Source Incompatibilism” Houston, TX  
*Evangelical Philosophical Society, Southwestern Regional Meeting* 2008

## INVITED PRESENTATIONS & COMMENTS

- **“Getting Personal: Mereology and Personal Ontology” (Invited)** Philadelphia, PA  
*Eastern Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association* January 2020
- **“Pascal on Seeking the Face of the Hidden God”** Fort Worth, TX  
*2019 Stand Firm Apologetics Conference* March 2019
- **“Neo-Hylomorphism: Comments on Anna Marmodoro”** Chicago, IL  
*Neo-Hylomorphism Symposium, APA Central Division* February 2018
- **“Theology in the Second Person: Christian Dogmatics as a Mode of Prayer”** Pasadena, California  
*Fuller Theological Seminary, Analytic Theology for Theological Formation* June 2016
- **“Philosophical Aikido: Using Atheism to Defeat Arguments for Atheism”** Fort Worth, TX  
*2016 Southwestern Seminary Stand Firm Apologetics Conference* April 2016
- **“Divine Hiddenness: The Apologetic Challenge”** Marietta, GA  
*The 2015 Evangelical Philosophical Society Apologetics Conference* November 2015
- **“Omnipresence and the Metaphysics of Spatial Location”** South Bend, Indiana  
*University of Notre Dame, Center for Philosophy of Religion* February 2014
- **Comments on Anna Marmodoro “Hylomorphism Un-Reconditioned”** Cambridge, England  
*Cambridge University, Neo-Aristotelian Philosophy of Physics Workshop* March 2013
- **“Part-Priority and the Possibility of Gunk”** Dublin, Ireland  
*Trinity College, Dublin* February 2013
- **“Substance, Naturalness, and the Location of Fundamental Powers”** Oxford, England  
*Oxford University, Power Structuralism in Ancient Ontologies Project* November 2012
- **“Fundamental Mereology”** Oxford, England  
*Oxford University, Power Structuralism in Ancient Ontologies Project* May 2012
- **“Substantial Priority and The Problem of the Many”** Dublin, Ireland  
*Trinity College, Dublin* March 2012
- **“God, Contingency, and Consciousness”** La Mirada, C.A.  
*Biola University, Talbot School of Theology* Spring 2008
- **Comments on “Possibilities of Self-Deception and Religious Insight”** Lubbock, TX  
*Texas Tech University* 2008
- **“Can God Be a Moral Agent?”** La Mirada, C.A.  
*Biola University, Talbot Philosophical Society* 2007
- **“God, Contingency, and Consciousness”** La Mirada, C.A.  
*Biola University, Talbot School of Theology* Fall 2007

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- **School of Theology** Southwestern  
*Graduate*
  - Philosophy of Mind (F18)
  - The Metaphysics of Classical Theism (F18)
  - Analytic Theology (S18)

- The Philosophical Theology of Anselm of Canterbury (S19)
- Philosophy PhD Seminar: Mind & Persons (F18)
- Philosophy PhD Seminar: Divine Omnipresence (F17)
- Philosophy PhD Seminar: Theistic Metaethics (S19)
- Philosophy PhD Reading Seminar (F18; F15; F16)
- Philosophy of Religion (F15; F16; SU17;F17)
- God and Evil (S16; S17)
- Christian Apologetics (S16; S17; W18)

### Scarborough College

- *Undergraduate Great Books Program at Southwestern*
  - Philosophical Anthropology (S17; F18)
  - Metaphysics (S18)
  - Renaissance and Reformation Seminar (S16)  
Course Texts: Dante, *The Divine Comedy* (selections); John Calvin, *Institutes of the Christian Religion* (selections); Martin Luther, *Three Treatises*; Luis De Molina, *On Divine Foreknowledge*; St. John of the Cross, *The Dark Night of the Soul*; Thomas More, *Utopia*; Rousseau, *Social Contract*
  - Enlightenment Seminar (F15; F16;F17)  
Course Texts: Descartes *Meditations* and *Discourse on Method*; Locke, *Second Treatise on Government*; Hume, *Enquiry Concerning Human Understanding*; Kant, *Prolegomena to Any Future Based Metaphysics*; Pascal, *Pensees*; US Constitution; Bunyan, *Pilgrim's Progress*
  - Late Antiquity Seminar (S17;F17)  
Course Texts: Athanasius, *On the Incarnation*; Augustine, *Confessions*; Augustine, *On Free Choice of the Will*; Marcus Aurelius, *Meditations*; Boethius, *The Consolation of Philosophy*; Plutarch, *Roman Lives*; Virgil, *Aeneid*

- **Central Problems in Philosophy** Trinity College Dublin  
*Undergraduate Tutorial Teacher* Fall 2010 to 2012
- **Ancient, Medieval, and Early Modern Philosophy** Trinity College Dublin  
*Undergraduate Tutorial Teacher* Fall 2010 to 2012
- **Graduate Seminar: Apologetics (for MDiv students)** Talbot, Biola University  
*Graduate Teaching Assistant* Spring 2008
- **Undergraduate Seminar: The New Atheism** Biola University  
*Undergraduate Teaching Assistant* Spring 2008
- **Graduate Seminar: Externalism and Internalism in Epistemology** Talbot, Biola University  
*Graduate Teaching Assistant* Spring 2007
- **Graduate Seminar: Epistemology** Talbot, Biola University  
*Graduate Teaching Assistant* Fall 2007

## Ministry Experience & Service to the Church

- **Adult Education Ministry Coordinator** Burleson, TX  
*Graceview Baptist Church* May, 2019

- **Youth Ministry Speaker** Burleson, TX  
*Graceview Baptist Church* 2015-2019
- **”The Ministry of Apologetic Persuasion”, Apologetics Preaching Series** Abilene, TX  
*Broadview Baptist Church* 2017
- **Stand Firm Apologetics Conference Speaker** Fort Worth, TX  
*Southwestern Seminary* 2016-2019
- **Sunday School Teacher** Burleson, TX  
*Graceview Baptist Church* 2015-2019
- **Covenant Member** Burleson, TX  
*Graceview Baptist Church* 2015-2019
- **Apologetics.com Church Conference Speaker** Wheaton, IL  
*Gary United Methodist Church* March 2014
- **Staff Leadership Training: “Loving God With All Your Mind”** El Cajon, CA  
*The Rock Church, San Diego* September 2013
- **Instructor for 7-week Apologetics Course** Dublin, Ireland  
*Dublin Vineyard Church (Local Church)* 2013
  - Taught classes on the value of apologetics in evangelism and discipleship, arguments for God’s existence, science and religion, the problem of evil, and the divinity and resurrection of Jesus.
- **Prayer Ministry Coordinator (with Suzanne Inman)** Dublin, Ireland  
*Dublin Vineyard Church (Local Church)* 2010 to 2013
  - Co-coordinated and co-led weekly prayer meeting for the needs of the local church.
- **Instructor for Week-Long Apologetics Training Seminar for Young Adults** Hume Lake, CA  
*Joshua Wilderness Institute, Hume Lake Christian Camps* 2008
  - Taught sessions on arguments for God’s existence, the problem of evil, and cultural apologetics and evangelism.
- **Youth for Christ Apologetics Seminar Speaker** El Cajon, CA  
*Shadow Mountain Community Church* 2006
- **Youth/Young Adult Worship Coordinator** El Cajon, CA  
*First Southern Baptist Church of El Cajon* 2005 to 2006
  - Coordinated and led music for mid-week youth service as well as the main adult service on a monthly basis.
- **Director of Young Adult Worship** Hume Lake, CA  
*Wildwood Discipleship Camp, Hume Lake Christian Camps* Summer 2004
  - Responsible for organizing and leading music ministry for young adults.
  - Gained first-hand knowledge of creating and implementing a youth camp program.
  - Organized a weekly experiential worship night integrating music, media, and drama.
  - Taught a weekly interactive seminar on campus evangelism and apologetics.
- **Senior High Youth Pastor Intern** El Cajon, CA  
*Shadow Mountain Community Church* 2002 to 2004

- Responsible for discipling leaders of three high school campus ministries.
- Acquired experience organizing ministerial events and retreats.
- Involved in leading select church services, retreats, and Bible studies.
- Leadership training through weekly small group interactions.

- **Hume Lake Christian Camp Staff**  
*Hume Lake Christian Camps*

Hume Lake, CA  
Summer 2001

## ACTIVITY & MEMBERSHIPS

- Editor of *Philosophia Christi*, The Journal of the Evangelical Philosophical Society (2018-)
- Member of the Analytic Theology Committee, Evangelical Theological Society (elected) (2018-)
- Executive Committee Member, The Evangelical Philosophical Society (elected) (2013-2016).
- Member of The Evangelical Theological Society
- Member of The American Philosophical Association
- Member of the Society of Christian Philosophers
- Invited Participant, *St. Thomas Summer Seminar in Philosophy of Religion* University of St. Thomas (June 2014).
- Invited Participant & Commentator, *Neo-Aristotelian Philosophy of Physics Workshop*, Cambridge University, (March 2013).
- Invited Participant, *Hylomorphism Workshop* Wake Forest University (July 2014)
- Invited Visiting Graduate Student, *Power Structuralism in Ancient Ontologies* Project, Oxford University (In Residence for Michaelmas 2012 term and Invited Visiting Graduate Student for the 2011-2012 Academic Year.)
- Invited Participant (one of eight), *2011 British Postgraduate Philosophical Association Masterclass in the Philosophy of Religion* directed by Richard Swinburne, University of London (Heythrop College).

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- **Editor (2018 to present)**
- *Philosophia Christi*, *Journal of the Evangelical Philosophical Society*
- **Journal Referee**
- *Journal of Philosophy*, *Mind*, *Synthese*, *Journal of Analytic Theology*, *Philosophia Christi*, *Modern Theology*
- **Book Manuscript Referee**
- *Ashgate*

## AWARDS, GRANTS & HONORS

Alvin Plantinga Reading Group, Stipend Award, SCP & Templeton Foundation (\$3,000) 2017-2018  
Analytic Theology Course Development Award (\$18,000), Fuller Theological Seminary . . . 2016  
Classical Theism Project, Summer Stipend Award (\$3,000) . . . . . 2015  
Awarded The 2014 Sanders Prize in Philosophy of Religion (\$10,000) . . . . . 2014  
Templeton Research Fellowship (\$45,000), Saint Louis University . . . . . 2014-2015  
Templeton Analytic Theology Fellowship (\$60,000), University of Notre Dame . . . . 2013-2014  
St. Thomas Seminar in Philosophy of Religion (\$2,000), Invited Participant . . . . . 2014  
Travel Research Grant, Trinity College Dublin . . . . . 2012  
Trinity College Dublin, Full Research Studentship & Annual Stipend . . . . . 2009-2013  
Graduated with Highest Honors, M.A. Philosophy (Talbot School of Theology) . . . . . 2009  
Graduated with Highest Honors, M.A. Theology (Talbot School of Theology) . . . . . 2009  
Distinguished Graduating Honor Student, Talbot School of Theology . . . . . 2009  
Undergraduate Academic Scholarship . . . . . 2003 - 2005  
Undergraduate Award for Excellence in Language Study (Greek) . . . . . 2004

## ACADEMIC REFERENCES

### **Peter Simons, Ph.D.**

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### **William Lane Craig, Ph.D., DTheol**

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