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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

- *The Contour of Reality: A Christian Invitation to Metaphysics*
(IVP Academic, 2022) Forthcoming in the *Questions in Christian Philosophy Series*
- *Philosophical Theology: A Christian Introduction*
(Baker Academic, 2024), Co-authored with Paul M. Gould
- *The Wonder of it All: Christian Philosophy as a Way of Life*
(Baker Academic, 2022)
- *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.

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 Handbook to Analytic Theology
- “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

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

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