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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, Department of Philosophy* 2014-2015
- **University of Notre Dame** South Bend, Indiana  
*Research Fellow, Department of Philosophy, Center for Philosophy of Religion* 2013-2014

## EDUCATION

- **Trinity College, Dublin** Dublin, Ireland  
*Ph.D., Philosophy* 2013
  - Dissertation: *Substantial Priority: An Essay in Fundamental Mereology*
  - Supervisor: Peter Simons
  - Examiners: E.J. Lowe and Vasilis Politis
- **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*
- **Areas of Teaching Competence**
  - *Philosophy of Mind & Persons, Medieval Philosophy*

## BOOKS

- *Christian Philosophy as a Way of Life: An Invitation to Wonder*  
(Baker Academic, 2023)
- *Contemplating Divine Simplicity: Five Views*  
(Forthcoming with Bloomsbury Academic), Editor

- *What is the Structure of Reality? An Invitation to Metaphysics*  
(Forthcoming with IVP Academic, 2024)
- *Philosophical Theology: A Christian Introduction*  
(Forthcoming with Baker Academic, 2024), Co-authored with Paul M. Gould
- *Substance and the Fundamentality of the Familiar: A Neo-Aristotelian Mereology*  
(New York: Routledge, 2018)

## ARTICLES AND BOOK CHAPTERS

- “Omnipresence in Contemporary Analytic Philosophy of Religion: Occupation Accounts”  
*The Oxford Handbook to Divine Omnipresence* (Oxford University Press, Forthcoming)
- “Theology in the Second-Person: Christian Dogmatics as a Mode of Prayer”  
*Analyzing Prayer: New Theological Essays on Prayer* (Oxford University Press, 2023)
- “Grounding and Participation in God”  
*Neo-Aristotelian Metaphysics and the Theology of Nature* (Routledge, 2021)
- “Divine Omnipresence and Immensity”  
*The T&T Clark Handbook to Analytic Theology* (T&T Clark, 2021)
- “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* (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 (\$10,000 prize)
- “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

## BOOK REVIEWS

- Mark A. McIntosh, *The Divine Ideas Tradition in Christian Mystical Theology* (Oxford University Press, 2021)  
*Forthcoming in the Journal of Analytic Theology*
- Rik Van Nieuwenhove, *Thomas Aquinas & Contemplation* (Oxford University Press, 2021)  
*Forthcoming in the Southeastern Theological Review*
- 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

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

## REFEREED PRESENTATIONS

- “Philosophy for Everyone: Christian Public Philosophy Beyond the Academy”  
*Moderator & Discussant, The National Meeting of the Evangelical Philosophical Society* Fort Worth, TX  
*November 2021*
- “Grounding and Creaturely Participation in God”  
*The National Meeting of the Evangelical Philosophical Society* Fort Worth, TX  
*November 2021*
- “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”** 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”** Philadelphia, PA  
*American Philosophical Association, Eastern Division Meeting* 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” (Invited)** Chicago, IL  
*Neo-Hylomorphism Symposium, APA Central Division Meeting* 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

- **Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary (2019-Present)** Wake Forest, NC  
*Graduate Courses*
  - Body, Soul, and Human Persons (MA), Philosophy of Mind (MA, PhD), The Philosophical Theology of Anselm of Canterbury (MA), Philosophy of Science (MA, PhD), Metaphysics (MA, PhD), Philosophical Theology (MA, PhD), Christian Philosophy (MA), Christian Apologetics (MA)
- **College at Southeastern (2019-Present)**  
*Undergraduate Great Books College at Southeastern Seminary*
  - Metaphysics, Philosophy of Mind, Great Books III, Great Books IV, Introduction to Philosophy, Philosophy of Science, Christian Apologetics
- **Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary (2015-2019)** Fort Worth, TX  
*Graduate Courses*
  - Philosophy of Mind (MA, PhD), The Metaphysics of Classical Theism (MA), Analytic Theology (MA), The Philosophical Theology of Anselm of Canterbury (MA), Divine Omnipresence (PhD), Theistic Metaethics (PhD), Philosophy of Religion (MA, PhD), Problem of Evil (MA, PhD)
- **Texas Baptist College (2015-2019)**  
*Undergraduate Great Books College at Southwestern Seminary*
  - Philosophy of Mind, Metaphysics, Great Books II (Late Antiquity), III (Renaissance and Reformation), and IV (Early Modern, Enlightenment)
- **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

## 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-).
- 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, St. Paul, Minnesota (June 2014).
- Invited Participant & Commentator, *Neo-Aristotelian Philosophy of Physics Workshop*, Cambridge University, UK (March 2013).
- Invited Participant, *Hylomorphism Workshop* Wake Forest University, Winston-Salem, North Carolina (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

- **Journal 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**  
*Routledge, Ashgate*

## AWARDS, GRANTS & HONORS

Fellow, The Center for Faith and Culture, Southeastern Seminary . . . . . 2020-  
 Fellow, The Center for Baptist Renewal . . . . . 2021-  
 Southeastern Faculty Summer Writing Grant (\$4,000) . . . . . Summer 2021  
 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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