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EDUCATION

1987, Ph.D., Philosophy, University of Arizona
1985, M.A., Philosophy, University of Arizona
1981, M.A., Theology, Fuller Theological Seminary
1978, B.A., Philosophy, Westmont College

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Epistemology, Philosophy of Religion, Modern Philosophy, Christian Apologetics

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

1999- Professor, Department of Philosophy, Westmont College
1994-1999 Associate Professor, Department of Philosophy, Westmont College
1994 Visiting Associate Professor, Department of Philosophy, Westmont College
1993 Associate Professor, Department of Philosophy, Bowling Green State University
1987-1993 Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy, Bowling Green State University
1986-87 Editorial Assistant, *Philosophical Studies*, University of Arizona
1985-1986 Instructor, Department of Philosophy, University of Arizona
1984-1985 Research Assistant, Cognitive Science Program, University of Arizona
1984 Instructor, Department of Philosophy, University of Arizona
1982-1983 Teaching Assistant, Department of Philosophy, University of Arizona
1982 Instructor, New Testament Greek, Fuller Theological Seminary
1981-1982 Instructor, New Testament Greek, Westmont College

HONORS AND AWARDS

Election to the Honor Society of Omicron Delta Kappa, 1999
Westmont College Teacher of the Year, Humanities Division, 1997
Election to the Honor Society of Phi Beta Kappa, University of Arizona, 1988
Meritorious Performance as a Teaching Assistant, University of Arizona, 1984
Graduation from Westmont College, *summa cum laude*, 1978
Election to the Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, Westmont College, 1977
Election to the Honor Society of Phi Sigma Tau, Westmont College, 1975

PUBLICATIONS

Books:

- Soul Pilgrimage: Knowing God in Everyday Life*, co-authored with Jennifer Moe Taylor (Eugene, OR: Wipf and Stock, 2022)
- Learning for Wisdom: Christian Education & the Good Life* (Abilene, TX: Abilene Christian University Press, 2017).
- Introducing Apologetics: Cultivating Christian Commitment* (Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Academic, 2006).

Articles:

- “Mystical Experiences,” in *Handbook of Philosophy and Religion: Probing the Mysteries of Faith, Truth, and Meaning in a Postmodern Context*, ed. Mark A. Lamport (Forthcoming from Rowman & Littlefield).
- “Revelation and the New Atheism,” in *The Oxford Handbook of Divine Revelation*, ed. Balázs M. Mezei, Francesca Aran Murphy, and Kenneth Oakes (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2021).
- “Introduction to Conceptual Foundations,” in *Models of God and Other Ultimate Realities*, ed. Asa Kasher and Jeanine Diller (Dordrecht: Springer, 2013) 13-17.
- “The New Atheism and Models of God: The Case of Richard Dawkins,” in *Models of God and Other Ultimate Realities*, ed. Asa Kasher and Jeanine Diller (Dordrecht: Springer, 2013) 735-744.
- “Introduction” and “Physicalism, Dualism, and Resurrection,” *In Pursuit of Truth: A Journal of Christian Scholarship*. Special issue, October 13th, 2011. <http://www.cslewis.org/journal/>.
- “Hume’s Problem of Induction,” in *Just the Arguments: 100 of the Most Important Arguments in Western Philosophy*, ed. Michael Bruce and Steven Barbone, (Oxford: Wiley-Blackwell, 2011) 174-176.
- “The Lewis-Anscombe Debate: A Philosophical Reformulation,” *Sehnsucht: The C.S. Lewis Journal*, 4 (2010) 67-87.
- “The New Atheists” *Internet Encyclopedia of Philosophy*. Posted January, 2010.
- “Response to Ted Peters’ ‘Models of God.’” *Philosophia*, 35 (2007) 289-292.
- “Hume on Miracles: Interpretation and Criticism.” *Philosophy Compass*, 2 (2007) 611-624.
- “The Value of Epistemology: A Defense,” *Philosophical Papers*, 28 (1999) 169-185.
- “Plantinga on Epistemic Warrant,” *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*, 55 (1995) 421-426.
- “Scepticism and the Nature of Knowledge,” *Philosophia*, 22 (1993) 3-27.
- “Conceptual Analysis and the Essence of Knowledge,” *American Philosophical Quarterly*, 30 (1993) 15-26.
- “Plantinga’s Proper Functioning Analysis of Epistemic Warrant,” *Philosophical Studies*, 64 (1991) 185-202.
- “Epistemic Justification and Psychological Realism,” *Synthese*, 85 (1990) 199-230.
- “Kelly on the Logic of Eternal Knowledge,” *The Modern Schoolman*, 67 (1990) 141-147.
- “Design Accounts of Epistemic Justification,” *Proceedings of the Ohio Philosophical Association*, (1989) 45-57.
- “Cohen on Cognitive Competence: Can Human Rationality be Philosophically Demonstrated?” *The Behavioral and Brain Sciences* 10 (1987) 311-312.

Critical Studies:

- Critical Study of Richard Foley, *Working Without a Net: A Study of Egocentric Epistemology*, *Noûs*, 32 (1998) 265-275.

Book Reviews:

- Educating for Wisdom in the 21st Century*, Darin Davis, ed., *Christian Higher Education*, DOI: [10.1080/15363759.2019.1640045](https://doi.org/10.1080/15363759.2019.1640045)

- The Clarity of God's Existence*, by Owen Anderson, *The Heythrop Journal*, vol. 51, no. 3 (May 2010), pp. 513-514.
- Rationalism, Platonism and God*, Michael Ayers, ed. *The Philosophical Quarterly*, 60 (2010) 189-192.
- New Dictionary of Christian Apologetics*, by W.C. Campbell-Jack, Gavin J. McGrath, and C. Stephen Evans, eds., *Missiology*, 35 (2007) 468-469.
- Evidence and Faith: Philosophy and Religion since the Seventeenth Century*, by Charles Taliaferro, *Faith and Philosophy*, 25 (2008) 216-221.
- Truth with Love: Francis Schaeffer's Apologetics*, by Brian A. Follis, *Christianity Today*, May 2007, 66-67.
- The Concept of Faith: A Philosophical Investigation*, by William Lad Sessions, *Philosophical Books*, 37 (1996) 68-70.
- Does God's Existence Need Proof?*, by Richard Messer, *International Journal for Philosophy of Religion*, 37 (1995) 183-185.
- Christian Belief in a Postmodern World: The Full Wealth of Conviction*, by Diogenes Allen, *Zygon*, 30 (1995) 643-646.
- The Logic of Rational Theism: Exploratory Essays*, William Craig and Mark McCleod, eds., *International Journal for Philosophy of Religion*, 35 (1994) 116-117.
- Belief, Justification and Knowledge*, by Robert Audi, *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*, 53 (1993) 480-484.
- Return to Reason*, by Kelly James Clark, *International Journal for Philosophy of Religion*, 33 (1993) 63-64.
- Epistemic Justification and Divine Nature and Human Language*, by William P. Alston, *The Philosophical Quarterly*, 41 (1991) 249-251.

PRESENTATIONS

Papers:

- "Knowledge, Facts & Opinions, and Morality," Moral Knowledge Symposium: Knowing What's True, Doing What's Good, January 2020.
- "Can Faith be Knowledge?," The Society of Christian Philosophers, Eastern Regional Meeting, September 2015.
- "Faith and Knowledge," Evangelical Philosophical Society Conference, April 2015
- "Faith and Knowledge," The Society of Christian Philosophers, Pacific Regional Meeting, March 2015.
- "Apologetics, Argumentation, and Imagination: A Strategy for the Whole Person," Imagining the Good Life: Apologetics and Human Flourishing, California Baptist University, April 2013
- "Can Theology Still be Queen?: Newman's University in Today's World," The Annual Conference of the Association of Core Texts and Courses, March 2012
- "The New Atheism and Models of God: The Case of Richard Dawkins," The Society of Christian Philosophers, Midwest Regional Meeting, May 2010
- "Physicalism, Dualism, Death, and Resurrection," The Society of Christian Philosophers, Pacific Regional Meeting, October 2008
- "Miracles and Historical Investigation," The Society of Christian Philosophers, Pacific Regional Meeting, February 2006
- "Where is God When Terror Strikes?" San Diego Philosophical Society, Colloquium, May 2005
- "Jesus' Miracles and Christian Belief," Westmont College Phi Kappa Phi Lecture, Fall 2004
- "Conceptual Analysis without Paradox," Northwest Philosophy Conference, fall 2002 and The American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division, spring 2003
- "Why Multiculturalists Should be Modernists," Westmont College Phi Kappa Phi Lecture, Spring 1995
- "Christianity and Materialism," Westmont College, 1994

- "Conceptual Analysis and the Essence of Knowledge," American Philosophical Association, Eastern Division, 1992
- "Why Essentialists Should be Theistic Conventionalists," The Society of Christian Philosophers, Midwestern Meeting, 1992
- "Morris's 'Two-Minds' View of the Incarnation," The Society of Christian Philosophers, Midwestern Meeting, 1990
- "Plantinga's Proper Functioning Analysis of Epistemic Warrant," American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division, 1990 and The Society of Christian Philosophers, Eastern Meeting, 1990
- "Justification, Knowledge and Cognitive Design," Wheaton College Summer Seminar, 1989
- "Design Accounts of Epistemic Justification," Ohio Philosophical Association, 1989
- "Epistemic Justification and Psychological Realism," The Society for Philosophy and Psychology 1988 and The American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division, 1988

Comments on papers:

- Comment on Samuel Murray, "Leibniz's Moral Problem of Free Will," Society of Christian Philosophers, 40th Anniversary Meeting, Fall 2018
- Comment on Matthew Frise, "On Losing Belief in Faith," American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division, Spring 2017
- Comment on Kenneth Boyce & Andrew Moon, "In Defense of Proper Functionalism: Cognitive Science Takes on Swampman," American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division, Spring 2016
- Comment on Meghan Page, "The Posture of Faith: Leaning In to Belief," The Faith Project Conference, November 2014.
- Comment on Michael Almedia, "A Paradox-Free Anselmianism," American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division, Spring 2011.
- Comment on Andre Buckareff, "The Ontology of Action and Divine Agency," American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division, Spring 2008.
- Comment on Ted Peters, "Models of God," Models of God mini-conference, American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division, Spring 2007.
- Comment on David Vander Laan, "Divine Conservation and Persistence through Time," Westmont Phi Kappa Phi Lecture, Fall 2002
- Comment on Niva Tro, "Theistic Naturalism: The Case Against Creation Science and Theistic Science," Westmont Phi Kappa Phi Lecture, Spring 1998
- Comment on Warren Rogers, "Sub-Atomic Physics: Getting to the Heart of the Matter," Westmont Phi Kappa Phi Lecture, Spring 1997
- Comment on Linda Zagzebski, "Recovering Understanding: From Epistemology to Cognitive Virtue Ethics," Wheaton Philosophy Conference, 1995
- Comment on Steve Schultz, "From Jerusalem to Athens: Education for Political Citizenship and the Christian Liberal Arts," Westmont Phi Kappa Phi Lecture, Spring 1994
- Comment on Charles Kelly, "The Logic of Eternal Knowledge," American Philosophical Association, Central Division, 1989
- Comment on Wade Savage, "Foundationalism Naturalized," The Society for Philosophy and Psychology, 1989
- Comment on Stephen Cade Hetherington, "Epistemic Supposition," American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division, 1989
- Comment on Charles Keilkopf, "Kitcher on A Priori Knowledge," Ohio Philosophical Association, 1988

Comment on Christopher Hill, "Free Will as Rationality," American Philosophical Association,
Central Division, 1987

GRANTS

Westmont College Faculty Development Grant: 2022
"Concepts of God and their Origins"

Westmont College Faculty Development Grant: 2019
"Mystical Experiences"

Westmont College Faculty Sabbatical Grant:
"Pilgrimage on the Camino de Santiago," 2018

Westmont College Faculty Development Grant:
"The Epistemology of the Spiritual Disciplines," 2015

Biola Center for Christian Thought Course Development Grant:
"Intellectual Virtue and Civil Discourse," 2014

Westmont College Faculty Development Grants:
"The Epistemology of the Spiritual Disciplines," 2013
"Learning, Wisdom, and the Good Life," 2011
"A Philosophical Introduction to the Christian Liberal Arts," 2009
"Contextualizing the Apologetics Debate," 2007
"Apologetics for the Mind and Heart," 2004
"Introduction to Philosophy Course Revision," 2002
"Definition Across the Disciplines," 2001
"Europe Mayterm Course Preparation," 1999
"Learning, Wisdom, and the Good Life," 1997
"Postmodernism and Christianity," 1995

Bowling Green State University Faculty Research Committee Basic Grants:
"Methods for Discerning the Nature of Knowledge," 1993-1994
"Materialism and the Survival of Death," 1990-1991
"Scientific versus Non-scientific Approaches in the Theory of Knowledge," 1989-1990
"The Frame Problem in Artificial Intelligence," 1988-1989

University of Arizona Graduate College Research Support Program Grant:
"Epistemic Justification and Psychological Realism" (dissertation), 1987