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CURRENT POSITION

2015- Professor of Philosophy, Talbot Department of Philosophy, Biola University

1995-2014 Senior Fellow, *Rivendell Institute* www.rivendellinstitute.org
Occasional lecturer, Department of Philosophy, Yale University

EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Philosophy, Syracuse University, 1995.
Dissertation: "Atemporality and the Mode of Divine Knowledge."
Advisor: William P. Alston
- winner of a 1994-1995 Doctoral Prize from Syracuse University

M.A. in Philosophy, University of Rhode Island, May 1990.
Thesis: "The Development of Augustine's View of the Freedom of the Will from
Conversion to the *Confessions*."
Advisor: Donald J. Zeyl

B.S. in Secondary Education: Biology, University of Maryland, 1978.

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Philosophy of Religion, Metaphysics, History of Philosophy

AREAS OF TEACHING COMPETENCE

Ancient Philosophy, Medieval Philosophy, Early Modern Philosophy, Epistemology, Ethics

PUBLICATIONS:

BOOKS

Christian Theology and the Modern Philosophers edited with Benjamin H. Arbour Zondervan, *forthcoming*.

Our Deepest Desires: How the Christian Story Fulfills Human Aspiration Downers Grove: Inter Varsity Press, 2017

A Reasonable God: Engaging the New Face of Atheism, Waco: Baylor University Press, 2009

Thinking About God: First Steps in Philosophy, Downers Grove: Inter Varsity Press, 2004. (Seventh Printing, 2016).

God and Time: Essays on the Divine Nature, edited with David M. Woodruff, New York: Oxford University Press, 2002.

God and Time: Four Views, edited. Downers Grove, IL: Inter Varsity Press, 2001. (Eleventh printing, 2013) published in UK: Paternoster Press, 2002.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO BOOKS

“Nietzsche,” in *Christian Theology and the Modern Philosophers*, ed., Benjamin H. Arbour and Gregory E. Ganssle. Zondervan, *forthcoming*.

“Pragmatism Anti-Realism, and Postmodernism,” in *Christian Theology and the Modern Philosophers*, ed., Benjamin H. Arbour and Gregory E. Ganssle. Zondervan, *forthcoming*.

“Practices for Christian Scholars: Recognizing Hazards and Developing Counter-Virtues An Article and Discussion Guide,” in *Approaches to Christian Ethics* ed., Rick Langer (Biola University, 2016).

“Evidential Problems of Evil,” with Yena Lee. in *God and Evil: Christian Reflections on God and the Problem of Pain* ed., Chad V. Meister, Norman L. Geisler, and James K. Dew, Jr. (Downers Grove: Inter Varsity Press, 2013): 15-25.

“Evil as Evidence for Christianity,” in *God and Evil: Christian Reflections on God and the Problem of Pain* Ed. Chad V. Meister, Norman L. Geisler, and James K. Dew, Jr. (Downers Grove: Inter Varsity Press, 2013): 214-224.

“God of the Gaps’ Arguments,” in *The Blackwell Companion to Science and Christianity* edited by James Stump and Alan Padgett (Oxford: Blackwell Publishing, 2012): 130-139.

“Making the Gospel Connection: An Essay Concerning Applied Apologetics,” in *Come Let us Reason: New Essays in Christian Apologetics* edited by Paul Copan and William Lane Craig, Broadman and Holman Academic, 2012: 3-16.

“Human Nature and Freedom in *Adaptation*.” in *The Philosophy of Charlie Kaufman* edited by David LaRocca (Lexington: University of Kentucky Press, 2011): 224-238.

“Dawkins’ Best Argument against God’s existence,” in *Contending with Christianity’s Critics*:

Answering New Atheists and Other Objectors. edited by Paul Copan and William Lane Craig, Nashville: Broadman and Holman, 2009: 74-87.

“Consciousness, Memory, and Identity: the nature of persons in three films by Charlie Kaufman,” in *Faith, Film, and Philosophy: Christian Reflections on Contemporary Film*, edited by James S. Spiegel and R. Douglas Geivett Downers Grove, Inter Varsity Press, 2007: 106-121.

“God and Evil,” in *The Rationality of Theism*, edited by Paul Copan and Paul K. Moser, London: Routledge, 2003: 259-277.

“Introduction,” in *God and Time: Essays on the Divine Nature*, edited by Gregory E. Ganssle and David M. Woodruff, New York: Oxford University Press, 2002: 3-18.

“Direct Awareness and God's Experience of a Temporal Now,” in *God and Time: Essays on the Divine Nature*, New York: Oxford University Press, 2002: 165-181.

“Introduction,” in *God and Time: Four Views*. Downers Grove, IL: Inter Varsity Press, 2001:9-27.

“Epistemology at the Core of Postmodernism, Rorty, Foucault, and the Gospel” with Jon Hinkson *Telling the Truth: Evangelizing Postmoderns*, ed. D. A. Carson, Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan Publishing, 2000: 68-89.

ARTICLES

“Evan Fales and the Possibility of Divine Causation,” *Sophia* 54 (2015): 25-34.

“Fine-Tuning and the Varieties of Naturalism,” *Religious Studies*, Vol. 47, No. 1 (2011): 59-71.

“Dawkins’ Best Argument: the Case against God in *The God Delusion*,” *Philosophia Christi*, Series 2. Vol 10. No. 1 (2008): 39-56.

“God and Time” *The Internet Encyclopedia of Philosophy*, <http://www.iep.utm.edu/god-time/>

“Real problems with Irrealism: A Reply to McLeod-Harrison,” *Philosophia Christi*, Series 2 Vol 8, No 2. (2006): 453-458.

“Metaphysics, Ethics and Personhood: A Response to Kevin Corcoran,” *Faith and Philosophy* Vol. 22, No. 3 (2005): 370-376.

“Final Comments for Michael P. Lynch,” *Philosophia Christi*, Series 2 Vol. 3, No. 2 (2001): 505-507.

“On Pluralism and Truth: A Response to Michael P. Lynch,” *Philosophia Christi*, Series 2. Vol. 3, No. 2 (2001): 485-496.

“Necessary Moral Truths and the Need for Explanation” *Philosophia Christi* Series 2 Vol. 2, No. 1 (2000):105-112.

"Copernicus, Christology and Hell: Faith Seeking Understanding," *Philosophia Christi*, 20, No.2, (Winter 1997): 1-13.

"The Development of Augustine's View of the Freedom of the Will (386-400)," *The Modern Schoolman*, 74, No.1, (Nov. 1996): 1-18.

"Leftow on Direct Awareness and Atemporality," *Sophia*, 34, No. 2 (1995): 30-37.

"The Use of the Teaching Portfolio in Philosophy," (with David M. Woodruff) *Teaching Philosophy*, Vol. 18, No. 4 (1995): 351-357.

"Does the B-Theory of Time entail Fatalism?: a Reply to Hasker," *International Philosophical Quarterly*, Vol. 35, No. 2 (1995): 217-218.

"Atemporality and the Mode of Divine Knowledge," *International Journal for the Philosophy of Religion*, 34 (1993): 171-180.

REVIEWS

Review of *The End of the Timeless God*, by R. T. Mullins, *Themelios*, 41, No.2 (2016)
<http://themelios.thegospelcoalition.org/review/the-end-of-the-timeless-god>.

Review of *The Best Argument against God*, Graham Oppy, *Philosophia Christi*, 18, No. 2 (2016): 503-506.

Review of *God, Eternity, and Time*, ed., Christian Tapp and Edmund Runggaldier. *The Thomist*, 77, No. 2, (2013): 321-325.

Review of *Reformed Thought: Selected Writings of William Young* edited by Joel R. Beeke and Ray B. Lanning, *Journal of the Evangelical Theological Society*, forthcoming.

Review of *Tactics: A Game Plan for Discussing your Christian Convictions* by Gregory Koukl, *Philosophia Christi*, Series 2 Vol 12, No. 1 (2010): 242-244.

Review of *To Everyone and Answer: A Case for the Christian Worldview* edited by Francis J. Beckwith, William Lane Craig and J. P. Moreland. *Philosophia Christi*, Series 2 Vol 8, No 2. (2006): 510-514.

Review of *Teaching as Believing: Faith in the University* by Chris Anderson. *The Cresset*, Lent (2006): 63-64.

Review of *God and the Nature of Time* by Garrett J. DeWeese, *Sophia*; 45 (2006): 125-127.

Review of *Realism and Antirealism* edited by William P. Alston, *Philosophia Christi*, Series 2, Vol 6,(2004): 341-345.

Review of *Frege* by Joan Weiner, *Philosophia Christi*, Series 2, Vol 6, (2004): 144-147.

Review of *The Frege Reader* by Michael Beaney, *Philosophia Christi*, Series 2, Vol. 4, (2002):282-284.

Review of *Engaging Unbelief* by Curtis Chang, *Philosophia Christi*, Ser. 2, Vol. 3, (2001): 306-309.

WORK IN PROGRESS

BOOKS

Life, Death, Freedom: Jesus Questions Nietzsche

God and the World: Essays in Divine Causation and Conservation edited collection of academic papers

PAPERS

“William P. Alston,” for the *Encyclopedia of Apologetics*.

“The Divine Pairing Problem”

“God of the gaps and the skeptical theist”

“A worry about Accidental Temporalism”

“Starting points in Atheistic Arguments”

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

At Biola University:

Graduate Courses

Philosophy of Religion
Apologetics
Aquinas on God
Divine Causation
Early Modern Philosophy
Theology I (team taught with Rob Price)

Independent Study

Divine Causation
Early Modern Philosophy
Philosophy of Religion
Ancient Philosophy
Plato
Metaphysics and the Self
Philosophical Theology of Music
Theological Aesthetics

Undergraduate Courses

Foundations of Christian Thought
Apologetics

Yale University:

As Lecturer (Part time):

Free will, God, and Evil
First Order Logic
Directed Studies (2001-2010)
Philosophy of Religion (Fall 2008)

As Teaching Fellow

Logic: Professor Ori Simchen
Free Will, God and Evil: Professor Keith DeRose.
Introduction: The Character of Philosophical Thought: Professor Keith DeRose.
History of Modern Philosophy: Professor Carol Rovane.
Introduction to Ethics: Professor Shelly Kagan.
Philosophy of Religion: Professor John Hare
The Theology of Plato and Aristotle: Professor John Hare

SERVICE

Manuscripts and book proposals reviewed for:

Cornell University Press
Queens-McGill University Press
Routledge.
Oxford University Press

Articles reviewed for

Philosophia Christi

Sophia

Mind

Faith and Philosophy

Journal of Analytic Theology

Forum Philosophicum

Modern Theology