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Areas of Specialization: Philosophy of Religion, Apologetics

Areas of Competence: History of Philosophy, Metaphysics, Epistemology

CURRENT POSITION

- **Associate Professor of Philosophy, Tenure Track:** Oklahoma Baptist University, 01/2023 – Present

Courses: Introduction to Philosophy; Historiography, Resurrection, and Miracles; Contemporary Apologetics; History of Apologetics; Philosophy of Mind

EDUCATION

- **PhD:** Philosophy, University of California, Santa Barbara, 07/2017
-Dissertation Title: "Matter and Form: Towards an Animalist Conception of Personal Identity"
-Advisor: Aaron Zimmerman
- **MA:** Philosophy of Religion and Ethics, Biola University, 2008 (with highest honors)
- **BA:** Biblical Languages, The Master's University, 2005 (*magna cum laude*)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- **Professor of Philosophy, Tenured:** College of Southern Nevada, 08/2016 – 12/2022
Courses: Critical Thinking, Introduction to Philosophy, Philosophy of Religion, Religion and Science, Introduction to the Old Testament, Introduction to the New Testament
- **Philosophy Instructor:** University of California, Santa Barbara, 06/2013 – 6/2016
Courses: Critical Thinking (3 quarters) and Introduction to Philosophy (2 quarters)
- **Teaching Assistant:** University of California, Santa Barbara, 08/2010– 6/2016
Courses: Critical Thinking (2 quarters), Introduction to Philosophy (2 quarters), Introduction to Ethics (4 quarters), Theory of Knowledge, Metaphysics, Ancient Philosophy, and Medieval Philosophy
- **Adjunct Online Instructor:** Southern New Hampshire University, 12/2015 – 07/2016

Course: Critical Thinking (2 quarters)

- **Adjunct Philosophy Professor:** Biola University, 08/2014 – 05/2015
Courses: Introduction to Philosophy (2 semesters)

PUBLICATIONS

- "A Review of *Natural Theology: Five Views*, edited by James K. Dew Jr. and Ronnie P. Campbell Jr." *Faith and Philosophy* (forthcoming)
- "A Review of *God, the Good, and the Spiritual Turn in Epistemology* by Roberto Di Ceglie," *Religious Studies* (May 2025)
- "A Review of *Science, Aquinas, and Human Uniqueness* by Mary Vandenberg," *Science and Christian Belief* 36, no. 2 (October 2024)
- "Divine Causation," editor's introduction to special issue of *Philosophia Christi*, 25, no. 2 (Winter 2023)
- "For Love or Glory? A Response to Wessling's Case for Amorism" Part of a Book Symposium for *Love Divine* by Jordan Wessling, *Philosophia Christi* 24, no. 1 (Summer 2022)
- "A Review of *Love Divine* by Jordan Wessling." *Philosophia Christi* 23, no. 2 (Winter 2021)
- "Physicalism and the Incarnation: A reply to Mullins." *Philosophia Christi* 23, no. 1 (Summer 2021)
- "A Review of *Personal Identity and Applied Ethics* by Andrea Sauchelli." *Philosophia Christi* 23, no. 1 (Summer 2021)
- "A Presentist-Friendly Definition of 'Endure.'" Co-authored with Kenneth Hochstetter. *Philosophia* 48, no. 5 (2020), 1837-1854.
- "A Review of *Christian Physicalism? Philosophical Theological Criticisms*." *Journal of Analytic Theology* 8 (2020), 705-709.
- "Sure It's Alive, but Does It Have a Soul?" In *Frankenstein and Philosophy: The Shocking Truth*. Vol. 79. Popular Culture and Philosophy. Open Court Publishing Company, 2013.

Works in Progress

- *Augustine and the Good Life*, under contract with B&H Academic. Co-authored with Matthew Flummer
- "Augustine's Cosmological Argument," a paper developing an undiscussed cosmological argument from Augustine's *Confessions*. Co-authored with Matthew Flummer.

Invited Talks

- "Reasons for God," OBU at IBC, Immanuel Baptist Church Wednesday night, June 2024
- "Kingdom-Centered Philosophy," speech given at the EPS Reception at the Annual Meeting of the

Evangelical Philosophical Society, 11/2022

- “Make Every Effort: The Importance of Spiritual Disciplines for the Abundant Life,” Philosophy Forum at Oklahoma Baptist University, 09/2022

CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION/PRESENTATIONS

- “The Basis for Friendship Among Unequals: Augustine on Friendship in the Confessions,” presented at the Annual Meeting of the Alabama Philosophical Society, September 2025
- “Spiritual Formation and Deep Work: Two Keys to Fruitful Online Discourse,” part of a panel discussion on evangelical philosophy and online engagement, presented at the Evangelical Philosophical Society group session at the Central Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, 03/2025
- “The Abundant Life as an Apologetic,” presented at the Annual Meeting of the Evangelical Philosophical Society, November 2024
- “Augustine’s Cosmological Argument,” presented at the Annual Meeting of the Alabama Philosophical Society, September 2024
- “Augustine’s Cosmological Argument,” presented at the Tyndale Fellowship Study Groups Conference, July 2023
- “Comments on *Philosophical Essays on Divine Causation*,” part of the book panel discussion on *Philosophical Essays on Divine Causation*, presented at the Evangelical Philosophical Society group session at the Pacific Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, 04/2023
- “Do Science and Christianity Conflict?” Generation Why Apologetics Conference, Oklahoma Baptist University, 04/2023
- “Augustine’s Cosmological Argument,” presented at the Annual Meeting of the Evangelical Philosophical Society, 11/2022
- “Augustine’s Cosmological Argument,” presented at the Far West Regional Meeting of the Evangelical Philosophical Society, 4/2022
- “Comments on *Love Divine*,” part of the book panel discussion on *Love Divine*, presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, 11/2021
- “Christ as God’s Spokesperson: Towards a Ramified Moral Argument,” presented at the Annual Meeting of the Evangelical Philosophical Society, 11/2020
- “Physicalism, the Incarnation, and Holy Saturday,” presented at the Annual Meeting of the Evangelical Philosophical Society, 11/2019
- “Comments on *Christian Physicalism?*” part of the book panel discussion on *Christian Physicalism? Philosophical Theological Criticisms*, Mountain-Pacific Meeting of the Society of Christian Philosophers, College of Southern Nevada, 04/2019

- “A Presentist-Friendly Definition of ‘Endure’,” presented with Kenneth Hochstetter, Mountain-Pacific Meeting of the Society of Christian Philosophers, College of Southern Nevada, 04/2019
- “Open and Online Educational Resources for Philosophy,” part of the panel discussion called “New Technologies in Online Philosophy Teaching,” Pacific Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, 04/2018
- “Open and Online Educational Resources for Philosophy,” part of a panel discussion called “New Technologies in Online Philosophy Teaching,” College of Southern Nevada, 03/2018
- “Conjoined Twins and the Nature of Persons,” poster presentation at the annual meeting of the American Association of Behavior and Social Sciences, 02/2018
- “Animalism and Conjoined Twins,” Society of Christian Philosophers Midwest Region Conference, Houston Baptist University, 10/2017
- Workshop on Teaching and Learning in Philosophy, American Association of Philosophy Teachers and American Philosophical Association, 06/2016 (accepted, couldn’t attend)
- “Animalism and the Incarnation,” Personhood, Possession, and Place Conference, University of California, Santa Barbara, 05/2013
- “Animalism and the Incarnation,” Eastern Regional Meeting of the Society of Christian Philosophers, University of South Florida, 10/2013
- “Animalism, Physicalism and the Incarnation,” Third Annual Houston Baptist University Philosophy Conference, Houston Baptist University, 03/2013
- “How Significant is Religious Disagreement?” Imagining the Good Life Conference, California Baptist University, 04/2013
- “*Forrest Gump* and Fate,” Faith, Film, and Philosophy Conference, Gonzaga University and Whitworth College, 10/2009
- “A Response to Russ Shafer-Landau’s Account of Moral Supervenience,” Far West Regional Meeting of the Evangelical Philosophical Society, The Master’s Seminary, 04/2007

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- President of the Evangelical Philosophical Society, 11/2024 – Present
- Philosophy of Religion Book Review Editor, *Philosophia Christi*, 01/2023 – 08/2025
- Member of the Executive Committee, Evangelical Philosophical Society, 11/2019 – Present
 - Member of the EPS Program Committee: co-organizer of the Annual Meeting of the Evangelical Philosophical Society, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023
- Member of the Advisory Board for *Philosophia Christi*, the journal of the Evangelical Philosophical Society, 11/2019 – Present

- Co-organizer of the 2024 Southwest Regional Meeting of the Evangelical Theological Society and the Evangelical Philosophical Society, held at Oklahoma Baptist University
- Guest editor, special issue of *Philosophia Christi* 24, no. 2 (Winter 2023)
- Co-organizer with Greg Ganssle of book panel on *Philosophical Essays on Divine Causation* for the Evangelical Philosophical Society group session at the Pacific Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, 04/2023
- Session Moderator, Annual Meeting of the Evangelical Philosophical Society, 11/2022
- Session Moderator, Annual Meeting of the Evangelical Philosophical Society, 11/2021
- Session Moderator, Annual Meeting of the Evangelical Philosophical Society, 11/2020
- Session Moderator, Annual Meeting of the Evangelical Philosophical Society, 11/2019
- Organizer of the 2019 Mountain-Pacific Meeting of the Society of Christian Philosophers, College of Southern Nevada (<https://scpmountainpacific2019.wordpress.com/>), 04/05-04/06/2019
- Chair of plenary address entitled “Central Problems for Physicalism” by Dr. Angus Menuge of Concordia University Wisconsin, Mountain-Pacific Meeting of the Society of Christian Philosophers, College of Southern Nevada, 04/2019
- Chair of paper presentation entitled “Consciousness-First Dualism Contra Causal Closure” by Brandon Rickabaugh, Mountain-Pacific Meeting of the Society of Christian Philosophers, College of Southern Nevada, 04/2019
- Chair of paper presentation entitled “An Alternate Possibility for the Compatibility of Divine Foreknowledge and Human Freedom” by Alex Cavender, Mountain-Pacific Meeting of the Society of Christian Philosophers, College of Southern Nevada, 04/2019
- Chair of book panel discussion on *Christian Physicalism? Philosophical Theological Criticisms*, Annual Meeting of the American Association of Religion, 11/2018
- Chair of paper presentation entitled “Revisiting Religious Luck: Can a True Religious Belief Sourced in Testimony Merit the Kind of Credit Needed for Knowledge?” by Gary Osmundsen, Mountain-Pacific Meeting of the Society of Christian Philosophers, Biola University, 03/2017
- Chair of paper presentation entitled “Hard Facts Made Easy” by Blake McAllister, Pacific Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, 04/2014
- Graduate Student Representative to the Faculty, Department of Philosophy, University of California, Santa Barbara, 09/2013-06/2015
- Co-organizer of the Graduate Student Colloquia Series, Department of Philosophy, University of California, Santa Barbara, 5/2012-6/2013
- Co-organizer of the Personhood, Possession, and Place Graduate Conference, Departments of Philosophy and Religious Studies, University of California, Santa Barbara, 12/2012 – 5/2013

University Service

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- Co-Organizer of the Generation “Why” Apologetics Conference, Spring 2023-present
 - Faculty Advisor for Mars Hill Apologetics Club, Spring 2023-present

- Faith and Discipline Committee, Fall 2023-present
- Participated in division faculty interviews for Assistant Director of Prison Divinity Program, July 2024
- Panelist for parenting panel, ZOH, March 2024
- “Apologetics for Evangelism,” Guest lecture for Dr. Joy Turner, Introduction to Evangelism, November 2023
- “Kingdom-Centered Faculty,” Devotional for Faculty Forum, September 2023

HONORS/AWARDS

- “Seven Who Care” Award, Student Government Association, Oklahoma Baptist University, April 2024
- Philosophy Club awarded Program of the Year (while I was Faculty Advisor), Office of Student Life and Leadership Development, College of Southern Nevada, 2021-2022
- Student Organization Faculty Advisor of the Year, Office of Student Life and Leadership Development, College of Southern Nevada, 2020-2021 (nominated)
- Conference Funding to organize the 2019 Mountain-Pacific Meeting of the Society of Christian Philosophers (\$2500), Society of Christian Philosophers, 2019
- Academic Senate Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award (university-wide award), University of California, Santa Barbara, 2014 (nominated)
- Academic Senate Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award (university-wide award), University of California, Santa Barbara, 2013 (nominated)
- Graduate Collaborative Award, Interdisciplinary Humanities Center, University of California, Santa Barbara, 2013
- R. W. Church Fellowship, Department of Philosophy, University of California, Santa Barbara, 2012-2013
- Graduate Opportunity Fellowship, University of California, Santa Barbara, 2009-2010
- Elected to Kappa Tau Epsilon, the Talbot School of Theology Scholastic Honor Society, 2008
- Talbot Dean’s Scholarship, Talbot School of Theology, 2005-2008
- Talbot Graduate Grant, Talbot School of Theology, 2005-2007

Public Engagement

- Logic Columnist for *Salvo Magazine*, a quarterly Christian publication about sex, science, and society, 01/2022-January 2026 (the magazine ceased publications)
- “Did Jesus Rise from the Dead?” and “Influencers and Influencing Others,” M3 Summer Camp, Southern Baptists of Texas, Highland Lakes, Texas, July 2025
- “Did Jesus Rise from the Dead?” and “Influencers and Influencing Others,” M3 Summer Camp, Southern Baptists of Texas, Mt. Lebanon, Texas, May 2025
- Interviewed by Jana Harmon for Side B Stories, published July 2024

- "Reasons for God," OBU at IBC, Immanuel Baptist Church Wednesday night, June 2024
- "What is Apologetics and Why is it Important?" Immanuel Baptist Church of Shawnee youth group, June 2024
- "Did Jesus Rise from the Dead?" M3 Summer Camp, Southern Baptists of Texas, Mt. Lebanon, Texas, May 2024
- "What is Apologetics and Why is it Important," M3 Summer Camp, Southern Baptists of Texas, Mt. Lebanon, Texas, May 2024
- "Living the Resurrection Life," Sunday morning sermon for Pleasant Home Baptist Church, Prague, OK, May 2024
- "Apologetics and the Trinity," Wednesday night men's group, Heritage Church of Shawnee, OK, May 2024
- "The Heavens Declare the Glory of God," Sunday morning sermon for First Baptist Church of Medford, Medford, OK, April 2024
- "The Moral Law Within," Sunday morning sermon for First Baptist Church of Medford, Medford, OK, April 2024
- "How Do We Know that God Exists?" Sunday morning sermon for Brush Hill Baptist Church, Checotah, OK, March 2024
- "How Do We Know that Jesus Rose from the Dead?" Sunday evening sermon for Brush Hill Baptist Church, Checotah, OK, March 2024
- "Did Jesus Rise from the Dead?" Breakout session for 2024 Generation "Why" Apologetics Conference, Oklahoma Baptist University, March 2024
- "Science, Politics, Faith – Oh, My!" M3 Weekend, Southern Baptists of Texas, Austin, Texas, February, 2024
- "How Is God Known and His Existence Proven?" Heritage Church of Shawnee, Shawnee, OK, January 2024
- "Augustine's Cosmological Argument," Interview on Christian Philosophy Academy, January 2024
- "The Problem of Religious Diversity," Defend Conference, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, January 2024
- "Samuel Clarke's Cosmological Argument," Defend Conference, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, January 2024
- "Is Christianity a Force for Good or Evil," Defend Conference, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, January 2024
- "Judge Not: Matthew 7:10-12," Youth discipleship group at Immanuel Baptist Church, Shawnee, OK, November 2024
- "The Problem of Evil," Plenary Session for Apologetics Conference at Southern Hills Baptist Church, November, 2023
- "The Problem of Religious Diversity," Breakout Session for Apologetics Conference at Southern Hills Baptist Church, November, 2023
- "Are Miracles Irrational," Breakout Session for Apologetics Conference at Southern Hills Baptist Church, November, 2023
- "Christianity Among Other Religions," Breakout session for apologetics conference at Catoosa First Church, Catoosa, OK, November 2023

- “Is it rational to believe in miracles?” Plenary session for apologetics conference at Catoosa First Church, Catoosa, OK, November 2023
- “What is apologetics?” Sunday school presentation for Immanuel Baptist Church college group, Shawnee, OK, October 2023
- “The Reliability of the Bible,” Guest lecture for Introduction to International Apologetics, Apologetics on Mission, October 2023
- “The Resurrection of Jesus,” Sunday morning sermon for First Baptist Church of Medford, OK, October 2023
- “The Heavens Declare the Glory of God,” Sunday morning sermon for Fellowship Bible Church of Harrah, OK, August 2023
- “God’s Motivation for Creating,” Interview on Adherent Apologetics, August 2023
- “The Moral Law Within,” Sunday morning sermon for Fellowship Bible Church of Harrah, OK, August 2023
- “Living the Resurrection Life,” Community Baptist Church of Coweta, OK, July 2023
- “The Evidence for the Resurrection,” Community Baptist Church of Coweta, OK, July 2023
- “The Evidence for the Resurrection,” Sunday morning service for Pink Baptist Church, Pink, OK, May 2023
- “Living the Resurrection Life,” Sunday morning service for Pink Baptist Church, Pink, OK, May 2023
- “Do Science and Christianity Conflict,” breakout session for the Generation “Why” Conference, 02/2023
- Blog post on the Philosophy Club at the College of Southern Nevada for the blog of the American Philosophical Association, 11/2022: <https://blog.apaonline.org/2022/11/09/undergraduate-philosophy-club-college-of-southern-nevada/?amp>
- Assistant College Pastor, Life Baptist Church, May 2020-May 2021

Professional Memberships

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- Evangelical Philosophical Society