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### **Education:**

Ph.D. (Philosophy), The University of Notre Dame, January 1994. Dissertation: "The Metaphysics of Moral Responsibility," directed by Thomas P. Flint

M.A. (Philosophy), The University of Notre Dame, January 1991

M.A. (Philosophy), The Ohio State University, December 1988

B.A. (Philosophy) with distinction, The Ohio State University (*cum laude*), June 1987

**Areas of Specialization:** Metaphysics, Ethics, Philosophy of Religion

**Areas of Competence:** History of Philosophy, Epistemology

### **Books:**

*The Protests of Job: An Interfaith Dialogue* (Palgrave MacMillan, 2022), with Sajjad Rizvi and Shira Weiss

*God and Prayer* (Cambridge University Press, Elements Series, 2022)

*Petitionary Prayer: A Philosophical Investigation* (Oxford University Press, 2017; also published in Portuguese by Ultimato)

*On the Intrinsic Value of Everything* (Continuum Press, 2012)

Manuscript in progress: *Practicing Farewell: The Ethics of Goodbye*

### **Other Publications:**

"Swinburne's Theodicy: Why God Might Permit Evil and Suffering," *International Journal for Philosophy of Religion* (forthcoming)

"Worship, Excellence, and Intrinsic Value" in Samuel Lebens and Aaron Segal, eds., *The Philosophy of Worship: Divine and Human Aspects* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2025), pp.152-169

"Intrinsic Value Everywhere" in Andrew M. Davis (editor), *Exo-Axiology: Is There Value Beyond Earth?* (Palgrave MacMillan, forthcoming)

"Petitionary Prayer and Pride," *Analyzing Prayer: Theological and Philosophical Essays*, edited by James Arcadi, Jordan Wessling, and Oliver Crisp (Oxford University Press, 2022), pp.8-19

"Randomness, Causation, and Divine Responsibility," *Abrahamic Reflections on Randomness and Providence*, edited by Kelly James Clark and Jeffrey Koperski (Palgrave

Macmillan, 2021), pp.357-74

"Providence," *Wiley-Blackwell Encyclopedia of Philosophy of Religion*, edited by Stewart Goetz and Charles Taliaferro (Wiley-Blackwell, 2021), pp.1997-2003

"Prayer," *Wiley-Blackwell Encyclopedia of Philosophy of Religion*, edited by Stewart Goetz and Charles Taliaferro (Wiley-Blackwell, 2021), pp.1963-70

"Prayer," *T&T Clark Companion to Analytic Theology*, edited by James Turner and James Arcadi (Bloomsbury, 2021), pp.489-97

"Petitionary Prayer," *The Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy* (updated December 2021; first published August 2012), Edward N. Zalta (ed.), URL = <https://plato.stanford.edu/archives/sum2017/entries/petitionary-prayer/>; translated into Portuguese in *Crítica* (February 10, 2023); ISBN 1749-8457

"Salvific Luck in Islamic Theology" (with Amir Saemi), *Journal of Analytic Theology* volume 8, number 1 (2020), pp.120-30; runner-up, Diversifying Analytic Theology Prize, awarded by the American Philosophical Association

"A Naturalistic Intrinsic Value Theodicy," *Oxford Studies in Philosophy of Religion* volume 9 (2019), edited by Lara Buchak, Dean W. Zimmerman, and Philip Swenson, pp.236-58

"Prophecy," *The Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy* (updated August 2018; first published February 2005), Edward N. Zalta (ed.), URL = <http://plato.stanford.edu/archives/sum2014/entries/prophecy/>

"Requests and Responses: Reply to Cohoe," *European Journal for Philosophy of Religion* volume 10, number 2 (2018), pp.187-94

"God and Intrinsic Value" in *Does God Matter? Essays on the Axiological Consequences of Theism*, edited by Klaas J. Kraay (New York: Routledge, 2018), pp.39-45; translated into Turkish (2024)

"对万物之内在价值的一个哲学辩护" ("A Philosophical Argument for the Intrinsic Value of Everything"), with Xu Yingjin, in *Fudan Academic Journal of Social Sciences and Humanities* (Shanghai, China), volume 55, number 1 (2013), pp. 40-47

"On the Puzzle of Petitionary Prayer: Response to Daniel and Frances Howard-Snyder," *European Journal for Philosophy of Religion* 3 (2011), pp.227-37

"Happiness and Control" in Kelly James Clark (editor), *On Happiness* (World Knowledge Press, Beijing, 2010), pp.101-110

"Petitionary Prayer" in Michael Rea and Thomas P. Flint (editors), *The Oxford Handbook of Philosophical Theology* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2009), pp.286-305

"Cowan on Molinism and Luck" in *Philosophia Christi*, volume 11, number 1 (Summer 2009), pp.170-4

"A Natural Law Based Environmental Ethic" in *Ethics & the Environment*, volume 14, number 1 (Spring 2009), pp.1-13

"Craig on the Grounding Objection to Middle Knowledge," *Faith and Philosophy*, volume 21, number 3 (July 2004), pp.365-9

"Moral Luck and the Flicker of Freedom," *American Philosophical Quarterly*, volume 36, number 3 (July 1999), pp.241-251

"Salvific Luck," *International Journal for Philosophy of Religion*, volume 45, number 2 (April 1999), pp.129-137

"Privacy and Control," *Faith and Philosophy*, volume 14, number 2 (April 1997), pp.137-151

"Dretske on the Metaphysics of Freedom," *Analysis*, volume 54, number 2, new series number 242 (April 1994), pp.115-123

"Could Abstract Objects Depend Upon God?" in *Religious Studies*, 27 (December 1991), pp.485-497

"Foreknowledge, Middle Knowledge, and 'Nearby' Worlds," *International Journal for Philosophy of Religion*, volume 30, Number 1 (August 1991), pp.29-44

### **Book Reviews:**

Review of Paul Moser, *The Severity of God*, Cambridge University Press, 2013 in *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews* (<http://ndpr.nd.edu/news/45658-the-severity-of-god-religion-and-philosophy-reconceived/>)

Review of Alvin Plantinga, *Where the Conflict Really Lies: Science, Religion, & Naturalism*, (New York, Oxford University Press, 2011) in *The Journal of Religion* volume 93, number 2 (April 2013), pp.246-8

Review of Vincent Brümmer, *What are We Doing when We Pray?: On Prayer and the Nature of Faith* (Ashgate, 2008), *European Journal for Philosophy of Religion* volume 5, number 3 (Autumn 2013), pp.191-6

Review of Terence Cuneo (ed.), *Nicholas Wolterstorff: Practices of Belief: Selected Essays, Volume 2* (Cambridge University Press, 2010) in *International Journal for Philosophy of Religion* Volume 70, Issue 3 (2011), pp.255-258

Review of Charles Taliaferro and Chad Meister (eds.), *The Cambridge Companion to Christian Philosophical Theology*, Cambridge University Press, 2010 in *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews* (<http://ndpr.nd.edu/review.cfm?id=21732>)

Review of Alvin Plantinga and Michael Tooley, *Knowledge of God*, Great Debates in Philosophy Series, series editor Ernest Sosa (Malden, MA: Blackwell Publishing, 2008), *The International Journal for Philosophy of Religion*, volume 6, number 2 (October 2009), pp.105-7

Review of Deane-Peter Baker (editor), *Alvin Plantinga* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2007), *The International Journal for Philosophy of Religion*, volume 65, Number 2 (April, 2009), pp.109-112

Review of Nicholas Everitt, *The Non-Existence of God* (London: Routledge, 2004), in *The International Journal for Philosophy of Religion*, volume 61, Number 2, April 2007, pp.127-9

Review of Walter Glannon, *The Mental Basis of Moral Responsibility* (Burlington, VT: Ashgate Publishing Company, 2002) in *The Australasian Journal of Philosophy*, volume 83, number 3, September 2005, pp.452-4

Review of John Martin Fischer and Mark S. Ravizza, S.J., *Responsibility and Control: A Theory of Moral Responsibility* (Cambridge University Press, 1998), in *Philosophical Books*, volume 40, number 4 (October 1999)

Review of David J. Bartholomew, *Uncertain Belief* (Oxford University Press, 1996), *International Journal for Philosophy of Religion*, volume 43, number 3 (June 1998), pp.183-185

Review of James W. Felt, S.J., *Making Sense of Your Freedom*, *Philosophical Books*, volume 36, number 3 (July 1995), pp.187-188

Review of Richard Gale, *The Nature and Existence of God* in *Cross Currents: Religion and Intellectual Life* (Summer 1994), pp.269-272

### ***Publications for Non-Specialists:***

With Andrew R. Davison, "Luck and Fairness in the Good Place" in *The Good Place and Philosophy*, edited by Kimberly S. Engels (Blackwell Publishers, 2020), pp.25-33

"Fatherhood and Father Time" in Lon Nease and Michael Austin (editors), *Philosophy and Fatherhood* (Blackwell Publishers, 2011)

"Virtue and Violence: Can a Good Football Player Be A Good Person?" in *Football and Philosophy*, edited by Michael W. Austin (University of Kentucky Press, 2008), pp.67-79

"The Breaks of the Game: Luck and Fairness in Basketball" in *Basketball and Philosophy*, edited by Jerry L. Walls and Gregory Bassham (University of Kentucky Press, 2007), pp.83-93

"Tolkien and the Nature of Evil" in *The Philosophy of the Lord of the Rings*, edited by Eric Bronson and Gregory Bassham (Open Court Publishing Company, 2003), pp.99-109 (translated into eleven languages, including Russian, Chinese, Thai, Korean, Turkish, and Hungarian)

"Divine Knowledge and Human Freedom" in Raymond Martin and Christopher Bernard (editors), *God Matters: Readings in the Philosophy of Religion* (New York: Longman Press, 2003), pp.12-24

"Divine Providence and Human Freedom" in Michael J. Murray (editor), *Reason for the Faith Within* (Grand Rapids: William B. Eerdmans Press, 1999)

"Autonomy" (pp.69-70), "Cannibalism" (pp.117-118), and "Moral Luck" (pp.563-564) in *Magill's Ready Reference: Ethics* (Salem Press, 1994)

### ***Invited Presentations:***

"Petitionary Prayer, Faith, and Doubt," Baptist Association of Teachers of Philosophy week long seminar, Moreau Seminary at the University of Notre Dame, May 23-27, 2022

“Worship, Excellence, and Intrinsic Value,” presented at the Summer 2021 conference on Worship: A Jewish Philosophical Investigation, Jerusalem, Israel (virtual appearance), July 21, 2021

“Puzzles of Petitionary Prayer,” Philosophy Speakers Series, Wheaton College, Wheaton, Illinois, September 17, 2019

“Randomness and Divine Responsibility,” Abrahamic Reflections on Science and Religion grant, Casablanca, Morocco, Wednesday, June 19, 2019

“Randomness, Providence & Theodicy in the Book of Job” (with Sajjad Rizvi), Dead Sea, Jordan, Saturday, June 22, 2019

“Randomness and Freedom,” Abrahamic Reflections on Science and Religion grant, Dead Sea, Jordan, Saturday, June 22, 2019

Invited Lecture, “Intrinsic Value Pantheism,” The Pantheism and Panentheism Workshop, University of Birmingham, England, Wednesday, May 29, 2019

Author meets critics: book panel discussion of Scott A. Davison, *Petitionary Prayer: A Philosophical Investigation* featuring William Hasker (Huntington University), Kate Rogers (University of Delaware), and Allison Thornton (University of South Alabama); Society for Philosophy of Religion, Hilton Head, South Carolina, March 2, 2019

“Science, Faith, and Answers to Prayer,” Shawnee State University, February 5, 2019

“Science, Faith, and Answers to Prayer,” keynote address, 2017 Grand Dialogue, Grand Valley State University (Grand Rapids, Michigan), May 13, 2017

“Petitionary Prayer and Pride,” Presidential Address of the Society for Philosophy of Religion, Hilton Head Island, South Carolina, March 3, 2017

Response to Professor Felix Concubhair ó Murchadha’s book launch commentary on *Petitionary Prayer: A Philosophical Investigation* (Oxford University Press, 2017), Moore Institute, National University of Ireland at Galway on March 21, 2017

Commentary on Jeff Jordan, “The Loving Parent Analogy,” William L. Rowe memorial conference, Purdue University (West Lafayette, Indiana), July 27, 2016

“Is Petitionary Prayer Pointless?”, Analytic Theology Seminar Series, Fuller Theological Seminary, Pasadena, California, January 20, 2016

“A Naturalistic Intrinsic Value Theodicy,” Value Theory and Philosophy of Religion Conference, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, New Jersey, August 10, 2015

“God and Intrinsic Value,” Axiology of Theism Conference, Ryerson University, Toronto, Canada, September 11, 2015

Author meets critics: book panel discussion of Scott Davison, *On the Intrinsic Value of Everything* featuring William Wainwright (University of Wisconsin at Milwaukee), John Woell (Albion College), and Kate Rogers (University of Delaware); Society for Philosophy of Religion, Charleston, South Carolina, February 27, 2014

"Shared Responsibility and the Problem of Evil," a lecture at the Moore Institute of the National University of Ireland at Galway, February 21, 2013

"Intrinsic Value in Western Philosophy," "Intrinsic Value and Properties," "Intrinsic Value and Scientific Explanation," and "Petitionary Prayer," lectures at Minzu University of China in Beijing, sponsored the Values and Virtues initiative (supported by the Templeton Foundation, the Nagel Institute at Calvin College, and the Society of Christian Philosophers), November 5-8, 2012

"On the Intrinsic Value of Everything," Department of Philosophy, University of Kentucky, April 20, 2012

"Foundational Questions in Ethics," a four day seminar for philosophy students at Wuhan University in Wuhan, China, sponsored the Values and Virtues initiative (supported by the Templeton Foundation, the Nagel Institute at Calvin College, and the Society of Christian Philosophers), October 24-27, 2011

"On the Intrinsic Value of Everything," invited lecture, International Symposium on the Foundations of Morality, Wuhan University, China, October 22, 2011

"On the Intrinsic Value of Everything," invited lecture, Fudan University of China (Shanghai), June 8, 2010

"On the Intrinsic Value of Everything," invited lecture, Renmin University of China (Beijing), April 14, 2010

"Intrinsic Value," a five day seminar for philosophy students at Wuhan University in Wuhan, China, sponsored by the Values and Virtues initiative (supported by the Templeton Foundation, the Nagel Institute at Calvin College, and the Society of Christian Philosophers), May 4-8, 2009

Commentary on Daniel and Frances Howard-Snyder, "The Puzzle of Petitionary Prayer," a meeting of the Society of Christian Philosophers in conjunction with the Pacific Division of the American Philosophical Association, Vancouver, British Columbia, April 9, 2009

"Divine Freedom and Petitionary Prayer," University of Texas at San Antonio Workshop for Metaphysics and Philosophy of Religion, March 27, 2009

"Happiness and Control," a paper presented to the Sino-American Symposium on Philosophy and Religious Studies at Tsinghua University, Beijing, China (October 16, 2007)

"On the Intrinsic Value of Everything" and "A Defense of Middle Knowledge," invited lectures sponsored by the Philosophy Department at Messiah College, Grantham, Pennsylvania, April 4, 2007

"Aquinas, Evil, and *The Lord of the Rings*," the Aquinas Lecture at Mount Mercy College (Cedar Rapids, Iowa), October 6, 2004

Commentary on Jeff Jordan, "Does skeptical theism lead to moral skepticism?," Society for Philosophy of Religion, Mobile, Alabama, March 6, 2004

Response to William L. Craig's lecture, "Middle Knowledge, Truth Makers, and The Grounding Objection" at the 47<sup>th</sup> Annual Wheaton College Philosophy Conference (on Divine Providence), October 27, 2000

"The Metaphysics of Intrinsic Value," Colloquium of the Philosophy Department of Colorado State University, Fort Collins, Colorado, October 22, 1999

"Moral Luck and Moral Knowledge," invited lecture, Distinguished Visiting Philosophers Program, Department of Philosophy, Manhattanville College, March 14, 1997

"Aquinas on Happiness," three lectures to the Summer Seminar in Philosophy, Calvin College, June 14-17, 1995

Commentary on Jeff Jordan, "Theistic Abstractionism and the Identity of Possible Worlds," Society for Philosophy of Religion, Hilton Head, South Carolina, March 6, 1993

Comment on Terrence W. Tilley, "The Positive Epistemic Status of Religious Belief? Reformed Epistemology in a Jamesian Framework," Society for Philosophy of Religion, San Antonio, Texas, February 22, 1991

#### **Other Presentations:**

Commentary on Richard Swinburne, "Could a Good God Permit So Much Suffering?," Society for Philosophy of Religion (New Orleans, Louisiana), March 7, 2025

"Worship, Excellence, and Intrinsic Value," Society for Philosophy of Religion (Hilton Head, South Carolina), March 4, 2022

"Intrinsic Value Pantheism," Society of Christian Philosophers meeting, Hope College (Holland, Michigan), Friday, September 13, 2019

"Petitionary Prayer and Pride," Society of Christian Philosophers 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Conference, Calvin College (Grand Rapids, MI), September 14, 2018

"Do You Want Your Car to Kill You? Self-Driving Cars and the Trolley Problem," lecture for *Business and Technology: Beyond the Classroom*, 5th Annual Student Conference (College of Business, Morehead State University), October 19, 2017

Commentary on Eric Yang, "The Remnant Person Problem," Indiana Philosophical Association meeting, Purdue University (West Lafayette, IN), November 10, 2017

"Freedom, Providence, and Randomness," Randomness and Providence conference, Fetzer Institute, Kalamazoo, Michigan, May 12, 2017

"A Naturalistic Intrinsic Value Theodicy," Philosophy of Religion Discussion Group, University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, Indiana, October 16, 2015

"A Naturalistic Intrinsic Value Based Theodicy," Department of Philosophy, Calvin College, Grand Rapids, Michigan

October 19, 2015 "On the Intrinsic Value of Everything," a lecture delivered to students and faculty at Xiamen University in Amoy, China (via Skype), October 25, 2014. "Divine Freedom

and Petitionary Prayer,” Society for Philosophy of Religion, Savannah, Georgia, February 23, 2012

“God and Intrinsic Value,” Midwest Division Meeting of the Society of Christian Philosophers, February 25, 2011, Hope College (commentator: Michael Bergmann, Purdue University)

“On the Pointlessness of Petitionary Prayer,” Society for Philosophy of Religion, Charleston, South Carolina, February 24, 2006

“Icons, Advertising, and the Human Face,” presented at a conference entitled “Epiphanies of Beauty: The Arts in a Post-Christian Culture,” hosted by the Center for Ethics and Culture at the University of Notre Dame, November 19, 2004

“Why Machines Deserve Respect, Too,” Kentucky Philosophical Association, University of Kentucky, November 22, 2003 (Commentator: Professor Gerald Twaddell, Thomas More College)

“Why Machines Deserve Respect, Too,” Society of Christian Philosophers Eastern Division Meeting, Asbury College, December 4, 2003

“Healing the Machines of the World: Restoring a Fading Art,” presented at a conference entitled “Formation and Renewal” hosted by the Center for Ethics and Culture at the University of Notre Dame, October 4, 2003

“Degrees of Moral Responsibility and the War on Terrorism,” Kentucky Philosophical Association, Georgetown College, November 16, 2002

“Hospice Volunteers and the Object of Love” presented at a conference entitled “From Death to Life: Agendas for Reform” hosted by the Center for Ethics and Culture at the University of Notre Dame, September 27, 2002

“Gratitude and Theism,” Society of Christian Philosophers 1997 Midwestern Regional Meeting, Calvin College, April 11, 1997

“The Ethics of Gratitude,” Society for Philosophy of Religion, Hilton Head, South Carolina, March 7, 1997

“The Ethics of Gratitude,” Kentucky Philosophical Association, University of Louisville, November 9, 1996

“Privacy, Control, and God,” Society for Philosophy of Religion, Atlanta, Georgia, March 1, 1996

Colloquium, “Moral Luck and Peter Abelard on Sin,” Department of Philosophy, Calvin College, March 14, 1995

“Moral Luck and Peter Abelard on Sin,” Society for Philosophy of Religion, Hilton Head, South Carolina, February 23, 1995

Colloquium, “Principles of Alternate Possibilities,” Department of Philosophy, Calvin College, February 15, 1994



Colloquium, "Collective Moral Responsibility is Impossible," Department of Philosophy, Calvin College, October 19, 1993

Colloquium, "Determinism, Freedom, and Moral Responsibility," Department of Philosophy, Indiana University at South Bend, March 30, 1993

"Dretske on the Metaphysics of Freedom," Indiana Philosophical Association, Ball State University, April 3, 1993

Comment on Elizabeth Preston, "Behaviorism/Mentalism: The Only Game in Town?," Eastern Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, New York City, December 27-30, 1991

"Theism and Creaturely Freedom," Society for Philosophy of Religion, Winston-Salem, North Carolina, February 27, 1992

"Christian Theism and Creaturely Freedom," conference on the Significance of Christian Tradition for Contemporary Philosophy, Valparaiso University, June 14, 1991

"Could Abstract Objects Depend Upon God?" Society of Christian Philosophers Eastern Regional Meeting, Rhodes College, April 6, 1991

"Foreknowledge, Freedom and Dependence," Society for Philosophy of Religion, New Orleans, Louisiana, March 2, 1990

Colloquium, "Foreknowledge, Freedom and Dependence," Center for Medieval and Renaissance Studies, Ohio State University, January 9, 1990

"Fischer on Freedom, Foreknowledge and Immutability," Society of Christian Philosophers Eastern Regional Meeting, Washington and Lee University, April 22, 1989

Comment on James E. Taylor, "Design Accounts of Epistemic Justification," Ohio Philosophical Association, Ohio Wesleyan University, April 8, 1989

"The Perception of God and Epistemic Justification," Society of Christian Philosophers Midwestern Regional Meeting, Bethel College, October 14, 1988

"Theism and Epistemic Ambiguity," Society of Christian Philosophers Eastern Regional Meeting, Wofford College, April 15, 1988

### ***Service to the Profession:***

Editorial Board member, Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy, April 2023 – present

Associate Editor, *Faith and Philosophy*, July 2016-January 2024

Book Review Editor, *International Journal for Philosophy of Religion*, November 2016 - June 2020

Elected to the Executive Committee, Society for Philosophy of Religion (March 2012); president, 2016-17

Appointed to the Society of Christian Philosophers China Committee (2010)

Appointed to the Advisory Board of the Values and Virtues initiative, sponsored by the Templeton Foundation, the Nagel Institute at Calvin College, and the Society of Christian Philosophers (October 2010)

Elected to the Executive Committee of the Society of Christian Philosophers (October 1995)

Books reviewed for Oxford University Press, Prentice-Hall, Pearson, and Longman; articles reviewed for *Faith and Philosophy*, *The Journal of Ethics*, *Sophia*, *The International Journal for Philosophy of Religion*, *Religious Studies*, *The Journal of Religion*, *The Australasian Journal of Philosophy*, *The European Journal for Philosophy of Religion*, *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*, *Philosophical Books*, *Frontiers of Philosophy of China*, *Cross Currents*, *Res Philosophica*, *the Journal of Analytic Theology*, *Ergo*

### **Grants:**

Moore Institute Visiting Fellowship, National University of Ireland, Galway (€7,500), February-May 2013

Morehead State University Sabbatical Leave program, Spring semester 2013

Morehead State University Summer Research Fellowship (\$5,000), Summer 2011

National Endowment for the Humanities Enduring Questions Grant (\$24,365) for the development of a new course on the nature of good and evil, Summer 2010 – Spring 2012

Sponsorship to teach at Minzu University of China in Beijing (\$6,500), Values and Virtues in Contemporary China program, sponsored by the Templeton Foundation, Spring semester 2010

Morehead State University Sabbatical Leave program, Spring semester 2005

Morehead State University Summer Research Fellowship (\$5,000), Summer 2006

Morehead State University Summer Research Fellowship (\$5,000), Summer 2007

### **Special Honors and Awards:**

Visiting Scholar, Department of Philosophy, University of Kentucky, 2024-24

Distinguished University Service Award (\$2500 prize), Morehead State University, 2018

Distinguished Researcher Award recipient (\$2500 prize), Morehead State University, 2012

Morehead State University College of Humanities Master Teacher Award recipient (sponsored by the IFC, NPC, and NPHC Councils), Morehead State University, Spring 1998)

Selected to participate in the 1989 Wheaton College Summer Seminar for Younger Philosophers, conducted by Alvin Plantinga (February 1989)

Received the annual award for the best graduate student essay, "Ockham on God's Foreknowledge and Human Freedom", from the Center for Medieval and Renaissance Studies at the Ohio State University (June 1989)

Received the Bingham Award for Undergraduate Excellence in Philosophy at the Ohio State University (June 1987)

**Employment:**

Research Fellow, Center for Philosophy of Religion, University of Notre Dame, 2025-26

Interim Associate Dean, School of Humanities and Social Sciences, Morehead State University (January 2023-June 2023)

Interim Dean, Caudill College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences (July 2020-June 2022)

Chair, Department of History, Philosophy, Religion and Legal Studies, Morehead State University (July 2013-February 2016)

Research Fellow, Moore Institute, National University of Ireland at Galway (Spring 2013)

Interim Chair, Department of History, Philosophy, Religion and Legal Studies, Morehead State University (July 2012-January 2013)

Visiting Professor of Philosophy, Minzu University of China, Beijing, China (Spring semester 2010)

Professor of Philosophy, Morehead State University (Fall 2006 to July 2023)

Associate Professor, Philosophy Faculty, Morehead State University (Fall 2000 to Spring 2006)

Assistant Professor, tenure-track, Philosophy Faculty, Morehead State University (Fall 1995 to Spring 2000)

Assistant Professor, two one-year appointments, Department of Philosophy, Calvin College (Fall 1993 to Spring 1995)

Copy Editor, *Faith and Philosophy*, University of Notre Dame, Fall 1991 to Spring 1993

Adjunct faculty, Indiana University at South Bend, Fall 1990 to Summer 1993

Teaching Assistant, University of Notre Dame, Spring 1991

Copy Editor, *Notre Dame Journal of Formal Logic*, University of Notre Dame, Summer to Fall 1990

Graduate Teaching Associate, University of Notre Dame, Fall 1989, Spring 1990

Adjunct Faculty, St. Mary's College, Fall 1990

Teaching Assistant, The Ohio State University, Fall 1987 to Spring 1988

**Teaching Experience:**

*Minzu University* (Beijing, China): Spring 2010: Philosophy of Language (undergraduate), Frontiers of Western Philosophy (graduate)

*Morehead State University*: Fall 1995 to the present; courses taught include the following: Introduction to Philosophy, Social Ethics, Introduction to Logic, Philosophy of Religion, Symbolic Logic, Philosophy and Death, The Meaning of Life, Philosophy of Love and Sex, Ancient and Medieval Philosophy, Modern and Contemporary Philosophy, Metaphysics, Epistemology, Capstone Course

*Calvin College:* St. Thomas Aquinas (Spring 1995), Ancient and Medieval Philosophy (Fall 1993, Spring and Fall 1994, Spring 1995), Introduction to Logic (Fall 1994), Introduction to Philosophy (Fall 1993, Spring 1994, and Spring 1995)

*Indiana University, South Bend:* Medieval to Early Modern Philosophy (Summer 1993), Elementary Logic (Spring, Summer and Fall 1991, Spring, Summer, and Fall 1992, and Spring 1993), Introduction to Philosophy (Fall 1990)

*University of Notre Dame:* Informal Logic (Spring 1991)

*St. Mary's College:* Theories of Human Nature (Fall 1990)

*The Ohio State University:* Beginning Logic (Fall 1987; Spring, Summer, Fall and Winter 1988)

### **References:**

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