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EDUCATION

Ph.D., Northwestern University, June 1989

Dissertation: "Friendship and Self-Love in Aristotle's Ethics"

Dissertation Director: R. E. Allen

M.A., Northwestern University, August 1985

B.A., Louisiana State University, May 1981, *cum laude*

ACADEMIC AND TEACHING FOCUS

Areas of Specialization: ancient philosophy, philosophy of human nature, Christianity and science, philosophy and film

Areas of Competence: existentialism, philosophy of education

ACADEMIC HONORS

Nomination for Gonzaga University Teacher of the Year, 2003

Dissertation Fellowship, Northwestern University, 1987–88

University Fellowship, Northwestern University, 1983–84

Phi Beta Kappa, 1981

University Honors Division, Louisiana State University, 1977–81

TEACHING

Teaching Experience

Professor, Gonzaga University, Spokane WA, 2016–present

Visiting appointment, Gonzaga-in-Florence, 2001, 2006, 2009, 2017

Associate Professor, Gonzaga University, Spokane WA, 1996–2016

Assistant Professor, Gonzaga University, Spokane WA, 1989–1996

Visiting Instructor, Colby College, Waterville ME, 1988–1989

Instructor, University College, Northwestern University, Evanston/Chicago IL, 1987–1988

Seminar Instructor, Northwestern University, Evanston IL, 1985–1988

Instructor, Barat College, Lake Forest IL, 1986–1988

Courses Taught: Undergraduate Level

Introduction to Philosophy; Critical Thinking; Philosophy of Human Nature; Ethics; History of Ancient Philosophy; Existentialism; Christian Existentialism; Early Modern Philosophy; Philosophy of Religion; Philosophy of Education; Philosophy of Love and Friendship; Philosophy in Literature/Film; Faith and Reason; Philosophical Reflections on Christianity and Science; Philosophy, Christianity, and Science from Antiquity to the Renaissance; Philosophy Major Proseminar; Senior Seminar: Metaphysics and Epistemology; First-Year Seminar: Conversion and Personal Transformation

Courses Taught: Graduate Level

Graduate Seminars: Socrates and Plato; Philosophical Anthropology; Aristotle's First Philosophy in the *Metaphysics*

Graduate courses cross-listed with undergraduate courses: History of Ancient Philosophy; Existentialism; Philosophy of Religion; Philosophy of Education; Philosophical Reflections on Christianity and Science

Directed Readings/Independent Studies

Aristotle's *Metaphysics*; Aristotle's *Ethics*; Self and Sin in Kierkegaard (graduate level); Existentialist Philosophy and Literature: Sartre and Camus; Friendship and Moral Education; Friendship and Jesuit Life; Philosophy of Education; Philosophy of Education: Religious and Moral Formation; Philosophy of Law: Civil Disobedience; Kierkegaard's *Concluding Unscientific Postscript*; David Braine's *The Human Person: Animal and Spirit* (graduate level); epistemology of religious belief / disbelief (graduate level)

Master's Theses Directed

Britni Weaver, "Primary Being and Accidents: Aristotle's *Metaphysics* Applied to Questions of Race Discrimination and Slavery," 1997-2003 (co-director)

Brian Sterner, "Epistemic Foundations of Socratic Pedagogy" 2000

Donna McKereghan, "Moral Education and Multiculturalism," 1995-98

Alison McCulloch, "The Relationship of Freedom and Oppression in the Philosophy of Jean-Paul Sartre," 1995-97

SCHOLARSHIP

Research Awards

- National Endowment for the Humanities 1993 Summer Institute, “Knowledge, Teaching and Wisdom,” Keith Lehrer and Nicholas Smith, co-directors, June-July 1993 (University of California, Berkeley)
- Gonzaga Research Council, Summer 1991, “Friendship in Plato’s Middle Dialogues: Cooperative Inquiry and Moral Education” (University of Texas, Austin)
- National Endowment for the Humanities 1990 Summer Seminar for College Teachers, “The Philosophy of Socrates,” Gregory Vlastos, director, June–August 1990 (University of California, Berkeley)

Invited Lectures and Presentations

- “Religious Epistemology, Natural Theology, and Film Naturalism.” Lecture series at “Defend the Faith” conference: (1) “Belief, Will, and Evidence: An Epistemology of Religious Belief and Conversion”; (2) “Natural Theology before and after the Reformation”; (3) “Film Apologetics: Naturalism in Contemporary Film.” School of Apologetics. New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary (New Orleans, LA). January 8, 2018.
- “Pascal’s Anthropological Apologetic: Beyond the Wager.” Plenary lecture at “Defend the Faith” conference. School of Apologetics. New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary (New Orleans, LA). January 2, 2017.
- “Christianity and Film.” Lecture series at “Defend the Faith” conference: (1) Terrence Malick’s Christian filmmaking: An Overview”; (2) “Film Apologetics: Biblical Epics, Christian and Otherwise.” School of Apologetics. New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary (New Orleans, LA). January 2, 2017.
- “How Films Can Argue, and Even *Evangelize*: The Case of Terrence Malick.” Plenary lecture at “Defend the Faith” conference. School of Apologetics. New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary (New Orleans, LA). January 7, 2016.
- “Apologetics, Culture, and Science.” Lecture series at “Defend the Faith” conference: (1) “The Epistemology of Religious Belief: Evidence and Interpretive Stance” (2) “Pascal’s Anthropological Apologetic: Beyond the Wager” (3) “Film Apologetics: Aggressive Naturalism in Popular Film” (4) “Christianity and Science: Creationism and Other Christian Models.” School of Apologetics. New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary (New Orleans, LA). January 5-7, 2016.

- “Failed Film Fathers: Goodwill, Self-Love, and Practical Wisdom in Paternal Formation.” From *Home Alone* to *Interstellar*: Parent and Child in Popular Film. 2015 Faith, Film, and Philosophy Conference. Gonzaga Faith and Reason Institute. October 21, 2015.
- “Human Reason and the Limits of Naturalism: From Darwin’s Doubt to C. S. Lewis’ Argument from Reason.” Plenary lecture at “Defend the Faith” conference. School of Apologetics. New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary (New Orleans, LA). January 7, 2015.
- “Christianity, Science, and Culture.” Lecture series at “Defend the Faith” conference: (1) “Is Christianity Anti-Science? History and Biology” (2) “Film Apologetics: Cinematic Natural Theology and Atheology,” (3) “Film Apologetics: Biblical Epic Films as Apologetic Tools” (co-presented with Susan Calhoun). School of Apologetics. New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary (New Orleans, LA). January 5-6, 2015.
- “Idols to an Ill-Known God: Signs of Grace in Contemporary Film.” Plenary lecture at “Defend the Faith” conference. School of Apologetics. New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary (New Orleans, LA). January 9, 2014.
- “Christianity and Science.” Lecture series at “Defend the Faith” conference: (1) “Is Christianity Anti-Science? Part 1: History,” (2) “Is Christianity Anti-Science? Part 2: Evolution and Creation,” (3) “Darwin’s Doubt: An Argument Against Reductive Scientific Materialism,” (4) “Animals Are People Too? Animal Cognition Research and Human Distinctiveness.” School of Apologetics. New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary (New Orleans, LA). January 5-10, 2014.
- “Darwin, Human Distinctiveness, and Human Dignity.” Biology and the God of Abraham lecture series. Gonzaga Faith and Reason Institute. April 17, 2013
- “Charles Darwin, Post-Christian Agnostic: Lessons for Christian Apologetics.” Plenary lecture at “Defend the Faith” conference. School of Apologetics. New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary (New Orleans, LA). January 10, 2013
- “Film Apologetics.” Lecture series at “Defend the Faith” conference: (1) “Using Popular Movies to Raise Questions about Faith,” (2) “Evil, Suffering, and Divine Providence,” (3) “Nature, Science, and Grace.” School of Apologetics. New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary (New Orleans, LA). January 7, 2013
- “Three Questions on Christianity and Science.” Lecture series at “Defend the Faith” conference: (1) “Is Christianity at War with Science?,” (2) “Can Human Beings Be Understood in Purely Material Terms as Many Modern Scientists and Philosophers Propose?,” (3) “Does the Fact of Animal Intelligence Show that Human Beings Are Not Unique?” School of Apologetics. New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary (New Orleans, LA). January 8-13, 2012

- “Christianity and Science: God, Nature, Creation, and Human Beings.” Lecture series at “Defend the Faith” conference: (1) “Christian Apologetics in the Context of Contemporary Science,” (2) “Is Christianity at War with Science?,” (3) “Divine Agency in the Natural World—Reframing the Creation-Evolution Conflict,” (4) “Christian Philosophical Anthropology,” (5) “Darwin’s Doubt: An Argument against Reductionistic Scientific Materialism.” School of Apologetics. New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary (New Orleans, LA). January 11-16, 2009
- “What Can We Learn from Darwin?” Powers Chair Lecture Series. Gonzaga University (Spokane, WA). March 30, 2006.
- “Darwin’s Doubt: Can a Neo-Darwinist Be a Scientific Realist?” Gonzaga University Faith and Reason Institute (Spokane, WA). March 17, 2005.
- “The Scientific Clue about Human Nature: A Reading of ‘The Fateful Rift: The San Andreas Fault in the Human Mind.’ ” The Postmodern Pertinence of Walker Percy. Gonzaga University and Whitworth College (Spokane, WA). April 17, 2004.
- “Epistemic Problems with Neo-Darwinian Naturalism.” Whitworth College (Spokane, WA). December 1998.
- “Why Study History of Philosophy?, or, What’s the Point of Reading Out-of-Date Books by Misguided Dead Guys?” Liberal Arts Symposium. Central Washington University Philosophy Department and Philosophy Club (Ellensburg, WA). February 1996.

Publications

- “Entranced by the Spectacle of Truth: Wonder and Ascent in Plato and Terrence Malick’s *Knight of Cups* and *To the Wonder*.” *Plato and the Moving Image*, ed. Michael Weinman and Shai Biderman. Cambridge: Brill. (Forthcoming)
- “Imagined Cosmologies: Nature and the Unveiling of Nature in Malick’s *The Tree of Life* and Kubrick’s *2001: A Space Odyssey*.” *Film and Philosophy* 21 (2017): 113-37.
- “ ‘Who Has Eyes to See, Let Him See’: Terrence Malick as Natural Theologian.” *Theology and the Films of Terrence Malick*, ed. Christopher B. Barnett and Clark J. Elliston. Routledge, 2016. 66-98.
- “From Solitary Individualism to Post-Christian Stoic Existentialism: Quests for Community, Moral Agency, and Transcendence in the Films of Clint Eastwood.” *The Philosophy of Clint Eastwood*, ed. Brian Clayton and Richard McClelland. University of Kentucky, 2014. 13-40.
- “The Euthyphro Problem.” *New Catholic Encyclopedia Supplement 2012-13: Ethics and Philosophy*. Ed. Robert L. Fastiggi. 4 vols. Detroit: Gale, 2013. Vol. 2: 519-20.

- “Prospects for Human Dignity before and after Darwin.” *Human Dignity in Bioethics: From Worldviews to the Public Square*, ed. Steven C. Dilley and Nathan J. Palpant. Routledge Annals of Bioethics. Routledge, 2012. 166-198.
- “Human Exceptionalism and the *Imago Dei*: The Tradition of Human Dignity.” *Human Dignity in Bioethics: From Worldviews to the Public Square*, ed. Steven C. Dilley and Nathan J. Palpant. Routledge Annals of Bioethics. Routledge, 2012. 19-45.
- “Which Socratic Method? Models of Education in Plato’s Dialogues.” *Knowledge, Teaching, and Wisdom*. Ed. Keith Lehrer, B. Jeannie Lum, Beverly A. Slichta and Nicholas D. Smith. Dordrecht: Kluwer Academic, 1996. 49-70.
- “Can Human Beings Be Friends of God?” *The Modern Schoolman* 66 (1989): 209–19.
- “God and Self: Ontology and Intersubjectivity.” *Journal of Value Inquiry* 22 (1988): 23–38.

Book Reviews

- Straw Dogs: Thoughts on Humans and Other Animals*, by John Gray. *Choice* (Feb 2004).
- Agent-Centered Morality: An Aristotelian Alternative to Kantian Internalism*, by George W. Harris. *Ethics* 112 (2002): 834-38.
- Choosing to Feel: Virtue, Friendship, and Compassion for Friends*, by Diana Fritz Cates. *Ethics* 108 (1998): 857.
- Socratic Questions: The Philosophy of Socrates and Its Significance*, ed. Barry S. Gower and Michael C. Stokes. *Ancient Philosophy* 14 (1996): 603–7.
- Kierkegaard and the Limits of the Ethical*, by Anthony Rudd. *Ethics* 105 (1995): 982.
- Foundations of Kierkegaard’s Vision of Community: Religion Ethics, and Politics in Kierkegaard*, ed. George B. Connell and C. Stephen Evans. *Ethics* 104 (1994): 931.
- Ecology of Care: An Interdisciplinary Analysis of the Self and Moral Obligation*, by Robert C. Fuller. *Ethics* 104 (1993): 212–13.
- Essays in Ancient Greek Philosophy IV: Aristotle’s Ethics*, ed. John Anton and Anthony Preus. *Ethics* 103 (1992): 194–95.
- Other Selves: Philosophers on Friendship*, ed. Michael Pakaluk. *Ethics* 102 (1992): 681–82.
- Moral Education in Aristotle*, by Gerard Verbeke. *Ethics* 101 (1991): 891–92.

Conference Presentations

- “Biblical Natural Theology of Romans 1: God's Self-Disclosure through Nature and Human Sinfulness.” The Bible and the Reformation: 2017 Baylor Symposium on Faith and Culture, Baylor University (Waco, TX), October 25, 2017.

- “The Grace of Transformed Character: Whit Stillman, Jane Austen, ‘Undeception,’ and Conversion.” The Films of Whit Stillman: 2017 Faith, Film, and Philosophy Conference. Gonzaga Faith and Reason Institute. October 13, 2017.
- “Distinctly Christian Higher Education in Secularizing (and Already Secular) Institutions,” Higher Learning: 2016 Baylor Symposium on Faith and Culture, Baylor University (Waco, TX), October 27-29, 2016
- “The Ascent of Eros in Terrence Malick’s *To the Wonder*,” The Thought of Terrence Malick, Gettysburg College Philosophy and Film Seminar, Gettysburg College (Gettysburg, PA), April 8-9, 2016.
- “Freedom and the Human Practice of Giving Reasons,” For Freedom Set Free, Notre Dame Center for Ethics and Culture 2015 Fall Conference (South Bend, IN), November 20, 2015
- “The Encouragement of Spectators: The ‘Cloud of Witnesses’ in Hebrews 12,” The Spirit of Sports: 2015 Baylor Symposium on Faith and Culture, Baylor University (Waco, TX), November 5-7, 2015
- “Cinematic Natural Theology: Design and Providence in Contemporary Film,” Faith and Film: 2014 Baylor Symposium on Faith and Culture, Baylor University (Waco, TX), October 23-25, 2014
- “Human Dignity and the Body: Embodied Human Distinctiveness after Darwin,” Fearfully and Wonderfully Made: The Body and Human Identity, Notre Dame Center for Ethics and Culture 2013 Fall Conference (South Bend, IN), November 7-9, 2013
- “Kierkegaard’s Philosophical Anthropology,” Kierkegaard: A Christian Thinker for our Time?: 2013 Baylor Symposium on Faith and Culture, Baylor University (Waco, TX), October 31–November 2, 2013
- “Magic, Fantasy, and Christianity,” Of Fairy-stories, Fantasy and Myth: Seminar on Faith, Film and Philosophy, Gonzaga Faith and Reason Institute / Whitworth University Weyerhaeuser Center for Faith and Learning (Spokane WA), October 11-12, 2013
- “The Inherent Limits of Human Technology: Human Transcending Agency as the Constraining Condition for Human-Affirming Technology,” Technology and Human Flourishing: 2012 Baylor Symposium on Faith and Culture, Baylor University (Waco, TX), October 25-27, 2012
- “Imagined Cosmologies: The Nature and Unveiling of Nature in Malick’s *The Tree of Life* and Kubrick’s *2001: A Space Odyssey*,” Terrence Malick’s *The Tree of Life*: Seminar on Faith, Film and Philosophy, Gonzaga Faith and Reason Institute / Whitworth University Weyerhaeuser Center for Faith and Learning (Spokane WA), October 5-6, 2012

- “The Inhuman Anthropology of Contemporary Secularism: Calling the Bluff of Darwinian Existentialism,” Radical Emancipation: Confronting the Challenge of Secularism, Notre Dame Center for Ethics and Culture Fall Conference (South Bend, IN), November 10-12, 2011
- “Educating for Humane Wisdom: A 21st-Century Critical Curriculum for Science, Philosophy, and Human Nature,” Baylor Symposium on Faith and Culture, Baylor University (Waco, TX), October 27-29, 2011
- “Entranced by the Spectacle of Truth: Mystery as Metaphor for Philosophical Film,” Faith, Philosophy, & Mystery in Film: Seminar on Faith, Film and Philosophy, Gonzaga Faith and Reason Institute / Whitworth University Weyerhaeuser Center for Faith and Learning, Spokane WA, September 30-October 1, 2011
- “Divine Agency before and after Darwin,” The Future of God: Gonzaga-in-Florence Interdisciplinary Conference (Florence, Italy), February 26, 2011
- “Human Dignity before and after Darwin,” Human Dignity and the Future of Health Care, Baylor Symposium on Faith and Culture, Baylor University (Waco TX), October 29, 2010
- “From Stoic Solitude to Something More: The Quest for Community and Transcendence in the Films of Clint Eastwood,” Faith, Film, and Philosophy Conference, Gonzaga Faith and Reason Institute / Whitworth University Weyerhaeuser Center for Faith and Learning, Spokane WA, October 8, 2010
- “Fathers and Sons...and Daughters: Aristotle and Austen on Paternal Friendship,” The Family: Searching for Fairest Love, Notre Dame Center for Ethics and Culture (South Bend, IN), panel presentation, Saturday, November 8, 2008
- “Seek But Never Find: The Predicament of the Modern Marooned Self in *Lost*,” Faith, Film, and Philosophy Seminar, Gonzaga University and Whitworth University (Spokane, WA), Friday, October 31, 2008
- “Love, Friendship, and Moral Development: Plato, Aristotle, and Jane Austen's *Emma*,” Friendship: Quests for Character, Community, and Truth, Baylor University (Waco, TX), October 27, 2007
- “Magnanimous Mouse, Teller of Truth, Loyal Friend: The Aristotelian Virtue of Reepicheep in C. S. Lewis' *Voyage of the Dawn Treader*,” Friendship: Quests for Character, Community, and Truth, Baylor University (Waco, TX), October 27, 2007
- “Daniel Dennett’s Anti-Rational Altar Call,” Rational Theism in the Public Sphere, McGill University (Montreal, Quebec, Canada), September 15, 2007
- “Sartre’s Ontological Atheism,” Northwest Conference on Philosophy (Forest Grove, OR), November 2000

- “Darwin’s Doubt: The Self-Referential Incoherence of Reductive Scientific Naturalism,” Northwest Conference on Philosophy (Ellensburg, WA), November 1997
- “The Coherence of Narrative: The Historical Approach to Philosophy,” Northwest Conference on Philosophy (Spokane, WA), October 1995
- “Socratic Philosophical Inquiry: The True Political Knack?” Northwest Conference on Philosophy (Portland, OR), November 1994
- “Epicurean Wisdom,” 1993 NEH Institute on Knowledge, Teaching, and Wisdom, University of California (Berkeley, CA), July 1993
- “Sophistic Dangers, Socratic Prophylaxis,” Society for Ancient Greek Philosophy (New York, NY), October 1992
- “Friendship and Usefulness in Plato’s *Lysis*,” Northwest Conference on Philosophy (Seattle, WA), November 1991
- “Socratic Friendship in Plato’s *Gorgias*,” Society for Ancient Greek Philosophy (New York, NY), October 1991
- “Which Socratic Method?” Saint Michael’s Institute Faculty Council (Spokane, WA), March 1991
- “Cooperative Inquiry in Socrates’ Elenctic Method,” Pacific Division Meeting, American Philosophical Association (San Francisco, CA), March 1991
- “The Healing Art of Inquiry in Plato’s *Charmides*,” Northwest Conference on Philosophy (Eugene, OR), November 1990
- “Socratic Friendship: Cooperative Inquiry in Plato’s Early Socratic Dialogues,” Gonzaga University Philosophy Faculty Colloquium (Spokane, WA), October 1990
- “The Loving Pursuit of Excellence: Friendship, Eros, and Usefulness in Plato’s *Lysis*,” Society for Ancient Greek Philosophy (New York, NY), October 1989
- “Can Human Beings Be Friends of God?” Eastern Regional Meeting, Society of Christian Philosophers (Lexington, VA), April 1989
- “Friendship as Virtue in Aristotle’s *Nicomachean Ethics*,” Maine Philosophical Institute (Farmington, ME), April 1989
- “Aristotle on Self-Love,” Northern New England Philosophy Association (Winooski, VT), October 1988
- “Kuhn and Paradigm Parallels: Science and Religion,” Midwest Regional Meeting, Society of Christian Philosophers (St. Paul, MN), October 1987

Other Presentations and Public Talks

- “The Meaning and Legacy of the Protestant Reformation on the 500th Anniversary,” Panel presentation. Gonzaga Socratic Club (Spokane, WA), October 23, 2017

- “Faith, Reason, and Evidence: Is ‘Just Believing’ Enough?” (Hebrews 11:1-6), Sunday morning message, Calvary Baptist Church, New Orleans, LA, January 3, 2016
- Workshop sessions: (1) “Is Christianity Anti-Science?”; (2) “Film Apologetics: Biblical Epic Films as Apologetic Tools”; (3) “Is the Bible *Literally* True?: Respectful Biblical Interpretation.” Region 5 Leadership Summit, Spokane Valley, WA, September 26, 2015
- “Belief, Evidence, and Interpretive Stance: An Epistemology of Belief,” Gonzaga Socratic Club (Spokane, WA), September 14, 2015
- “Faith, Reason, and Evidence: Is ‘Just Believing’ Enough?” (Hebrews 11:1-6), Sunday morning message, First Baptist Church Westwego, Westwego, LA, January 4, 2015
- “Using Film to Engage Faith Discussion in the Classroom” (with Brian Clayton), Engaging Faith Luncheon, Baylor Institute for Faith and Learning Conference, October 24, 2014
- Workshop sessions: (1) “Film Apologetics,” (2) “Is Christianity Anti-Science?”; Region 5 Leadership Summit, Moses Lake, WA, September 13, 2014
- “Magic and Fantasy,” North Idaho Philosophy Club, North Idaho College (Coeur d’Alene, ID), April 21, 2014.
- “Nature and Creation: Honoring God as God” (Romans 1:18-23), Sunday morning message, First Baptist Church Westwego, Westwego, LA, January 5, 2014
- Panel Discussion on Guillermo del Toro’s *Pan’s Labyrinth*, Spokane International Film Festival Professor Series and Gonzaga Faith and Reason Institute (Spokane, WA), Wednesday, September 25, 2013.
- “Human Dignity before and after Darwin,” Seattle and Gonzaga Exchange (SaGE), Seattle University Philosophy Department (Seattle, WA), October 12, 2012
- Panel Discussion on Terrence Malick’s *The Tree of Life*, Spokane International Film Festival Professor Series and Gonzaga Faith and Reason Institute (Spokane, WA), Wednesday, September 26, 2012
- “The Tradition of Human Dignity: Human Exceptionalism and the Imago Dei,” Gonzaga Law School Faculty Development Series (Spokane, WA), January 25, 2012
- “Are Events Such as the *Vagina Monologues* Essential to Gonzaga’s Mission and Identity?” Gonzaga Socratic Club (Spokane, WA), Friday, October 21, 2012
- Panel Discussion on David Cronenberg’s *A History of Violence*, Spokane International Film Festival Professor Series and Gonzaga Faith and Reason Institute (Spokane, WA), Wednesday, September 21, 2011
- Panel Discussion, “*The Chronicles of Narnia: Voyage of the Dawn Treader* Film: A First Look,” Gonzaga Socratic Club (Spokane, WA), December 3, 2010

- “The Mysterious Human Quest in *Lost*,” Panel Discussion on Christian Themes and the Human Prospect in *Lost*, Faith, Film, and Philosophy Conference, Whitworth University (Spokane, WA), Thursday, October 7, 2010
- “Themes in Alfonso Cuarón’s *The Children of Men*,” Spokane International Film Festival Professor Series and Gonzaga Faith and Reason Institute (Spokane, WA), Wednesday, September 29, 2010
- “Secularization: Good or Bad?” Gonzaga Socratic Club (Spokane, WA), Friday, January 29, 2010
- “Philosophy, Vocation, and Cooperative Search for Truth.” Welcoming Remarks to the Graduate Student Philosophy Conference (Philosophy Department, Gonzaga University, Spokane WA), Friday April 10, 2009
- “Jane Austen as Christian Author,” Gonzaga Socratic Club (Spokane, WA) panel presentation, Friday, October 24, 2008
- “Aristotle in Narnia: Virtue and Character in C. S. Lewis’ *Voyage of the Dawn Treader*,” Gonzaga Socratic Club (Spokane, WA), Wednesday, December 5, 2007
- “A Christian in Narnia: Thoughts on the New Film Version of *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe*” (panel presentation), Gonzaga Socratic Club (Spokane, WA), December 9, 2005
- “Follow the Argument and Two Other Socratic Principles for the Christian Academic,” Gonzaga Socratic Club (Spokane, WA), September 10, 2004
- “Philosopher Beats Death? The Auto-Icon of Jeremy Bentham,” Gonzaga University Philosophy Club (Spokane, WA), April 7, 2004
- “Thoughts on Mel Gibson’s *Passion*,” Panel Discussion, Gonzaga University (Spokane, WA), March 24, 2004
- Panelist, Forum on Mel Gibson’s *The Passion of the Christ*, Valleypoint Church, Spokane, WA, February 29, 2004
- Conference Panelist, “In Search of Wisdom in Everyday Life,” Gonzaga University, April 1995

Commentaries

- Commentary on Duane Armitage, “Kierkegaard on Absurd Faith,” Gonzaga Socratic Club (Spokane, WA), March 20, 2015
- Commentary on Richard McClelland, “The Hiddenness of God: Epistemic Distance between God and Humans,” Gonzaga Socratic Club (Spokane, WA), December 6, 2013.

Commentary on Michael Tkacz, "What's So Great about Albert the Great? The Man and His Contributions to Western Civilization," Gonzaga Socratic Club (Spokane, WA), January 18, 2013.

Commentary on Brent Diebel, "The Atheistic Argument from Science," Gonzaga Socratic Club (Spokane, WA), February 24, 2012.

Commentary on Alyssa Pitstick, "Why Christ's Descent into Hell Matters to Christians," Gonzaga Socratic Club (Spokane, WA), April 21, 2006.

Commentary on Robert Prusch, "Biology and Religion," Gonzaga Socratic Club (Spokane, WA), March 18, 2005

Commentary on Mary Karol Taylor, "Friendship and Knowledge in Plato's *Theaetetus*," Northwest Conference on Philosophy (Spokane, WA), October 1995

Commentary on James Mensch, "Aristotle and the Overcoming of the Subject-Object Dichotomy," Eastern Division Meeting, American Philosophical Association (Atlanta, GA), December 1990

Other Publications

"Galileo as Scientific Martyr? Examining the Myth," *The Crux* 1.1 (November 2013):25-29, 31

"Academic Freedom Doesn't Mean Anything Goes," *Gonzaga Bulletin*, April 7, 2011, 11
(with Doug Kries) "Viewing Gibson's *Passion* a Good Way to Begin Lent," *Gonzaga Bulletin*, February 4, 2005, 8

Current Research and Work In Progress

Current research interests: epistemology of belief formation and religious faith; Aristotle and contemporary research on animal cognition; philosophical anthropology, especially points of contact between Aristotelianhylomorphism and Kierkegaard's view of the self as a "synthesis"; argumentation in narrative fiction, both literary and cinematic; the self-reference problem for reductive naturalism (and its historical development); science-religion conflict and integration

Aristotle in Narnia: Character and Virtue in C. S. Lewis' Chronicles of Narnia: exploration of Lewis' illustration of character and moral education in his children's fantasy series

Film Apologetics: an analysis of the use of film for apologetic purposes, including sections on religious themes in film, films as natural theology and natural atheology, and classic and contemporary biblical epics

The Craft of Thinking: An Introduction to Philosophical Reasoning, self-authored textbook in use since Spring 1992 and revised annually

ACADEMIC CITIZENSHIP AND SERVICE

University

Philosophy of Human Nature Core Curriculum Committee, 2018
Chair, First-Year Seminar Core Curriculum Committee, 2015-2016
Member, Faculty Handbook Working Group: Faculty Misconduct Section, Spring 2015-
Participant, Core Course Development Workshop, Summer 2014
Member, Graduate Subcommittee of the Academic Council, 2011-2016
Participant, Core Committee Workshop, Summer 2010
Member, Core Curriculum Committee, 2008-2009
Phi Beta Kappa Faculty Site Visit Working Group, 2007-2008
Member, Faculty Evaluations Working Group, 2005
Founder and Director, Gonzaga Socratic Club, 2004-present (including meetings organized
at Gonzaga in Florence in Fall 2009)
Member, Core Curriculum Review Committee, 2004-2005
Member, Graduate Council, 1997-2001
Member, Academic Council (Arts and Sciences representative), 1995-96
Co-Teacher, Thought and Expression Bloc Linked Sections: 1995-present
Faculty Elections Committee, 1993-94; 1994-95
Fall Faculty Conference Panel Member: 1993, 1994, 1995

College of Arts and Sciences

Member, Executive Committee of the College of Arts and Sciences, 1999-2001
Thought and Expression Block Committee Coordinator, 1994-95; 1995-96

Philosophy Department

Director of Graduate Studies, 2011-2018
Philosophy Department Reappointment Committee/Faculty Evaluation Committee, 1992-93;
1994-95; 1995-96; 1998-2001; 2006-2007 (alternate member; served Spring 2007);
2015-16
Philosophy Department Faculty Search Committee, 1999 (chair), 2000-2001 (chair), 2002,
2005-2006, 2012-13, 2013-14, 2015-16, 2018-19
M.A. Oral Examination Committee: 1990, 1991, 1995, 2005, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015
Primary Author, Philosophy Department Faculty Evaluation Policy, 1999 (revisions in 2005,
2006, and 2011)
Philosophy Department Graduate Advisory Committee, 1994-2011, 2018-present
Chair, Philosophy Department, June 1998-June 2001

Philosophy Department Colloquium Coordinator, 1993-1996

Organizer, Departmental Pedagogy Discussion Group, 1993

Philosophy Department Graduate Program Marketing Committee, 1993-94

Community Service

Life Group Pastor, Valleypoint Church, 2017–present

Worship Music Leader, Valleypoint Church, 2002-2006, 2008-2009, 2010–present

Finance Committee, Valleypoint Church, 2011-2015

Servant-Leader, Valleypoint Church, Spokane, WA, 1999-2004, 2007-2010

Senior Pastor Search Committee, Valleypoint Church, 1996, 2008-2009, 2014

Associate Pastor/Education Search Committee, Pines Baptist Church, Spokane, WA, 1997

Leadership Team, The Back Door/The Crux, Pines Baptist Church, Spokane, WA, 1998-2001

External Professional Service

External reviewer, religion and science book manuscript, Oxford University Press, Spring 2015

External reviewer, religion and science book proposal, Oxford University Press, Summer 2013

External reviewer, North Idaho College Philosophy Program Review, Spring 2012

External reviewer, Philosophy of Education book proposal, Pearson, Summer 2011

External reviewer, Philosophy of Education book proposal, Prentice Hall, Spring 2004

External reviewer, Faculty Promotion application, School of Education, University of San Francisco, Fall 1996