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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, Philosophy of Language, 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:

Introducing Apologetics: Cultivating Christian Commitment (Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Academic, 2006).

Learning, Wisdom, and the Good Life: A Philosophical Introduction to the Christian Liberal Arts, under review.

Articles:

"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:

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:

- "Can Faith be Knowledge?," The Society of Christian Philosophers, Eastern Regional Meeting, September 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 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

WORK IN PROGRESS

"Conceptual Analysis Without Paradox"

GRANTS

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

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICE

Departmental:

Chair, Philosophy Department, Westmont College, 1997-2006; 2007-2009;
Faculty Advisor, Phi Sigma Tau Honor Society, Westmont College, 1994-2001; 2006-present
Graduate Student Recruiter, Philosophy Department, Bowling Green State University, 1990-92
Chair, Library Committee, Philosophy Department, Bowling Green State University, 1988-90
Member, Library Committee, Philosophy Department, Bowling Green State University

College (all Westmont):

Budget and Salary Committee, 2016-
Academic Senate, vice-chair, 2014-2015
Academic Senate, member, 2012-2015
Lead Assessment Specialist for Critical Thinking, 2013-2014
Search Committee, Chief Academic Officer, 2008-2011
Faculty Council, member, 2008-2011
General Education Committee, 2007-2008
Academic Review Committee, 2007-2009
Recruitment & Retention Sub-Committee, Long Range Task Force, 2006
Hiring for Mission Task Force, 2004-2006
Personnel Committee, member, 2004-2006
Institutional Research Board, member, 2003-2006
Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society, president, 2001-2003
Omicron Delta Kappa Honor Society, faculty advisor, 2000-2001
Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society, vice-president, 1999-2001
Irvine Grant Steering Committee, member, 1999-2001
General Education Task Force, member, 1999-2003

Academic Senate, 1997-2006
Academic Senate Executive Committee, member, 1999-2000; 2001-2002; 2004-2006
Faculty Council, member, 1996-1999
Faculty Council, secretary, 1996-1997
Campus Ethos Task Force, member, 1996-1998
Futures Sub-Committee (Critical-Interdiscipl. Thinking), chair, 1996-1998
Preview Days Faculty Advisory Committee, member, 1996-1998
Residential Life Faculty Evaluation Committee, member, fall 1996
Erasmus Society Steering Committee, member and chair, 1995-2000
Student Life Committee, chair, 1995-1996
WASC Standards Task Force, member, spring 1995
Areopagus Fellowship Faculty Advisor, 1994-1995
Christian Heritage Long-Range Planning Study Group, member, fall 1994
Faculty Chapel Committee member, 1994-1995

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Professional Societies:

The American Philosophical Association, The Society of Christian Philosophers, Member of the Executive Committee of the Society of Christian Philosophers, 2003-2006; 2011-2014.

Conference Organizer/Host:

The Spring 2001 Pacific Regional Meeting of the Society of Christian Philosophers

Editorial Work:

The Philosopher's Index, assistant editor, 1992-1994
Philosophical Studies, editorial assistant, 1986-1987

Journal Referee:

dialogue: Canadian Philosophical Review, Philosophy and Phenomenological Research, Australasian Journal of Philosophy, Synthese, Nous, Religious Studies, History of Philosophy Quarterly, European Journal of Analytic Philosophy,

Book Manuscript Reviewer:

InterVarsity Press, Taking Pascal's Wager: Faith, Evidence, and the Abundant Life, 2015
MacMillan Publishing Co. (2x; 2 introductory epistemology texts), 1993
The Evidential Argument from Evil, Daniel Howard-Snyder, ed., 1994

Conference Program Referee:

Society of Christian Philosophers, Pacific Division, 2012
Society for Philosophy and Psychology, 1989

Essay Contest Judge:

BGSU Annual High School Philosophy Essay Contest, 1987 & 1988

WORKSHOP PARTICIPATION

Seminar on Epistemic Warrant, led by Prof. Alvin Plantinga, Wheaton, IL, Summer 1989
Institute for Advanced Christian Studies Seminar on Christianity and Religious Pluralism, led by Prof. Keith E. Yandell, Madison, WI, Summer 1985

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Workshop on The Epistemology of Religious Experience, led by Prof. William P. Alston, Syracuse, NY, Summer 1985

Seminar on Faith and Rationality, led by Prof. Nicholas Wolterstorff, Wheaton, IL, Summer 1985

Institute for Advanced Christian Studies Seminar on Religions and Moralities, led by Prof. Keith E. Yandell, Princeton, NJ, Summer 1984