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EDUCATION

- Ph.D. Philosophy (Merit Fellow), University of Southern California, 2003
Dissertation title: Restoring the Foundations of Epistemic Justification: A Direct Realist and Non-Conceptualist Theory of Foundationalism
Supervisor: Dallas Willard
- M.Phil. Philosophical Theology, Oriel College, University of Oxford, 2001
Thesis title: The Logic of the Christian Doctrine of the Atonement
Supervisor: Richard Swinburne
- M.A. Philosophy of Religion/Ethics (highest honors), Talbot School of Theology, 1995
B.A. in Christian Education (*cum laude*), Biola University, 1992

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Senior Research Fellow and Executive Director, Martin Institute, Westmont College, August 2022–present
Affiliate Professor of Spiritual Formation and Theology, Biola University, August 2022–present
Professor of Spiritual Formation, Theology and Philosophy, Biola University, August 2018–August 2022.
Associate Professor of Theology and Philosophy, Biola University, August 2006–July 2018.
Assistant Professor of Theology and Philosophy, Biola University, August 2003–July 2006.
Scholar in Residence, Biola University Center for Christian Thought, August 2015–2018.
Associate Director, Biola University Center for Christian Thought, August 2011–May 2015.
Editor, *Journal of Spiritual Formation and Soul Care*, August 2017–present.
Managing Editor, *Journal of Spiritual Formation and Soul Care*, January 2008–August 2017.
Adjunct Lecturer in Theology and Philosophy, Biola University, 1996–2000 and 2001–2003.
Tutor in Philosophy of Religion and Ethics, d’Overbroeck’s School (Oxford, England), 2000–2001.

PUBLICATIONS

Single-Authored Books:

1. *Restoring the Foundations of Epistemic Justification: A Direct Realist and Conceptualist Theory of Foundationalism* (Lanham, MY: Lexington Books, 2006).

Edited Books:

1. *Psychology and Spiritual Formation* (Downer’s Grove, IL: IVP, 2019). Edited with Tom Crisp and Gregg Ten Elshof.
2. *The Disappearance of Moral Knowledge*, by Dallas Willard (New York: Routledge, 2018). Edited with Aaron Preston and Gregg Ten Elshof.
3. *Until Christ Is Formed in You: Dallas Willard and Spiritual Formation* (Abilene, TX: ACU Press, 2018). Edited with Gary W. Moon and J.P. Moreland.
4. *Neuroscience and the Soul: The Human Person in Philosophy, Science, and Theology* (Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans, 2016). Edited with Tom Crisp and Gregg TenEslhof.
5. *Christian Scholarship in the 21st Century: Prospects and Perils* (Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans, 2014). Edited with Tom Crisp and Gregg Ten Elshof.

Peer-Reviewed Journal articles:

1. Wang, D. C., Reed, A., Greggo, S., Bowersox, L., Drennan, A., Strawn, B., King, P., Porter, S. L., Hill, P. C. (in press). On the role of seminaries in student formation: An exploratory study with four selected institutions. *Christian Education Journal*.
2. “Christian Spiritual Formation as Public Knowledge,” *Journal of Spiritual Formation and Soul Care* 15:2 (2022): 173–183.

3. "Does Christianity Work?," with David C. Wang, *Journal of Spiritual Formation and Soul Care* 14:2 (2021) 131–136.
4. "Ecumenical and Traditioned Measurement: Measuring Christian Maturation Across Distinct Traditions of Christian Spirituality," with David C. Wang, Alexis Abernethy, Shawn Strout, William Dillard, Amos Yong, and Willem van Vlastuin, *Journal of Spiritual Formation and Soul Care* 14:2 (2021) 137–161.
5. "Measuring the Spiritual, Character, and Moral Formation of Seminarians: In Search of a Meta-Theory of Spiritual Change," *Journal of Spiritual Formation and Soul Care* 12:1 (2019) 5–24.
6. "Will/Heart/Spirit: Discipleship that Forms the Christian Character," *Christian Education Journal* 16:1 (2019) 79–94.
7. "Teach Me What I Do Not See: Lessons for the Church from a Global Pandemic," with Kelly M. Kapic, Ruth Haley Barton, Diane J. Chandler, Siang-Yang Tan, James C. Wilhoit, and Richard Peace, *Journal of Spiritual Formation and Soul Care* 14:1 (2021).
8. "The Sanctifying Work of the Holy Spirit: Revisiting Alston's Interpersonal Model," with Brandon Rickabaugh, *Journal of Analytic Theology* (2018).
9. "The Evidential Force of Spiritual Maturity and the Christian Doctrine of Sanctification," *Religious Studies* (2018).
10. "Losing My Religion: spiritual discouragement amongst Christian therapists due to repeat exposure to spiritual immaturity in Christian clients," with M. Elizabeth Lewis Hall and David Wang, *Journal of Psychology and Theology* 45 (2017) 133–143.
11. "Spiritual Formation and the Social Justice Turn," *Christian Scholar's Review* Vol. XLIV No. 3 (Spring 2015).
12. "The Gradual Nature of Sanctification: *Sarx* as Habituated, Relational Resistance to the Spirit," *Themelios* 39:3 (2014) 470–483.
13. "Christian Spirituality and Christian Mission: On *Not* Trying To Be More Generous Than God," *Journal of Spiritual Formation and Soul Care* 6:1 (2013), 6–10.
14. "The Willardian Corpus," *Journal of Spiritual Formation and Soul Care* 3:2 (2010) 239–66. Reprinted in *Until Christ is Formed in You: Dallas Willard and Spiritual Formation*, edited by Steven L. Porter, Gary W. Moon, and J. P. Moreland (Abilene, TX: Abilene University Press, 2018).
15. "Theology as Queen and Psychology as Handmaid?: The Authority of Theology in Integrative Endeavors," *Journal of Psychology and Christianity* 29:1 (2010) 3–14.
16. "A Reply to the Respondents of 'Theology as Queen and Psychology as Handmaid,'" *Journal of Psychology and Christianity* 29:1 (2010) 33–40.
17. "Sanctification in a New Key: Relieving Evangelical Anxieties Over Spiritual Formation," *Journal of Spiritual Formation and Soul Care* 1:2 (Fall 2008).
18. "What do the *Five Ways* have to do with the *Ascent of Mt. Carmel*?: Apologetics as a Modern Day Spiritual Discipline," *Philosophia Christi* (March 2007).
19. Co-authored with Todd Hall, "Referential Integration: An Emotional Information Processing Perspective On the Process of Integration," in *Journal of Psychology and Theology* 32:3 (Fall 2004) 167–180.
20. "Wesleyan Theological Methodology as a Theory of Integration," in *Journal of Psychology and Theology* 32:3 (Fall 2004) 190–199.
21. "Swinburnian Atonement and the Doctrine of Penal Substitution," in *Faith and Philosophy* 21:2 (April 2004) 228–241. Reprinted in Michael Rea, ed., *Oxford Readings in Philosophical Theology Volume 1: Trinity, Incarnation, Atonement* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2009) 314–327.
22. "On the Resurgence of Interest in the Doctrine of Sanctification: Some Methodological Concerns," in *Journal of the Evangelical Theological Society* 45/3 (September 2002) 415–426.

Book Chapters:

1. "Jesus Was Also Conspired Against, Yet He Was Without Sin," in Michael W. Austin and Gregory L. Bock, eds., *QAnon, Chaos, and the Cross: Christianity and Conspiracy Theories* (Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans, 2023).
2. "The Future of Christian Spiritual Formation," in David Pocta and John J. Markey, eds., *The Future of Christian Spirituality: In Our Lives, In Our Churches, and In the Academy* (Crossroad, 2022). Reprinted in *Journal of Spiritual Formation and Soul Care*
3. "On the Integration of Positive Psychology and Psychology of Religion/Spirituality: Logical, Normative, and Methodological Questions," co-authored with Jason Baehr, Tenelle Porter, and Robert C. Roberts in

Ward Davis, Everett Worthington, and Sarah Schnitker, eds., *Handbook of Positive Psychology, Religion and Spirituality* (Springer, 2022).

4. "The Sanctifying Work of the Holy Spirit in Christian Virtue Formation," co-authored with Brandon Rickabaugh in Adam C. Pelsler and W. Scott Cleveland, eds., *Faith & Virtue Formation: Christian Philosophy in Aid of Becoming Good* (Oxford University Press, 2021).
5. "Becoming Honest: Why We Lie and What Can Be Done About It," co-authored with Jason Baehr in Christian Miller and Ryan West, eds., *Honesty, Integrity, and Truth-Telling* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2020).
6. "Biblical Spirituality and Contemplative Spirituality," in John Coe and Kyle Strobel, eds. *Embracing Contemplation* (Downer's Grove, IL: IVP, 2019).
7. "Anselm: The Integrated Theologian," in James M. Houston and Jens Zimmerman, eds., *Sources of the Christian Self: A Cultural History of Christian Identity* (Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans, 2018).
8. Steven L. Porter, Anantanand Rambachan, Abraham Velez de Cea, Dani Rabinowitz, Sherman Jackson, Stephen Pardue, "Religious Perspectives on Humility," in Everett Worthington, Donnie Davis, and Joshua Hook, eds., *Handbook on Humility* (Routledge, 2016).
9. "A Therapeutic Approach to Intellectual Virtue Formation in the Classroom," in Jason Baehr, ed., *Intellectual Virtues and Education: Essays in Applied Virtue Epistemology* (Routledge, 2015).
10. "The Evidential Force of Dallas Willard," in Gary Moon, ed., *Eternal Living: Reflections on Dallas Willard's Teaching on Faith and Formation* (Downer's Grove, IL: IVP, 2014).
11. "Why Should We Read Spiritual Classics?: Three Theological Rationales for the Practice of Spiritual Reading," in Jamin Goggin and Kyle Strobel, eds., *A Guide to Spiritual Classics* (Downer's Grove, IL: IVP, 2013) 15–30.
12. "Contentment as a Christian Virtue," in Mike Austin and R. Douglas Geivett, eds., *Being Good: Christian Virtues for Everyday Life* (Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans, 2011) 126–144.
13. "Dostoyevsky, Woody Allen, and the Doctrine of Penal Substitution," in Paul Copan and William Lane Craig, eds., *Contending with Christianity's Critics* (Broadman and Holman, 2009) 233–248.
14. "Rethinking the Logic of Penal Substitution," in William Lane Craig, Michael Murray, and Daniel Howard-Snyder, eds., *Philosophy of Religion* (Edinburgh: University of Edinburgh Press, 2001) 596–608.

Book reviews:

1. A review of John Swinton, *Finding Jesus in the Storm: The Spiritual Lives of Christians with Mental Health Challenges* (Eerdmans, 2020) in *Journal of Spiritual Formation and Soul Care* 14:1 (2021).
2. A review of Kevin Vanhoozer, *Hearers & Doers: A Pastor's Guide to Making Disciples through Scripture and Doctrine* (Lexham, 2019) in *Journal of Spiritual Formation and Soul Care* 13:2 (2020).
3. A review of Oliver D. Crisp, *The Word Enfleshed: Exploring the Person and Work of Christ* (Grand Rapids, MI: Baker, 2016) in *Journal of Analytic Theology* 6 (August 2018) 778–783.
4. A review of *The Spirit, the Affections, and the Christian Tradition*, edited by Dale M. Coulter and Amos Yong (Notre Dame, IN: University of Notre Dame Press, 2016) in *Journal of Spiritual Formation and Soul Care* 10:1 (2017).
5. A review of Joanna Collicutt, *The Psychology of Christian Character Formation* (London: SCM Press, 2015) in *Journal of Spiritual Formation and Soul Care* 9:2 (2016).
6. A review of Diane J. Chandler, *Christian Spiritual Formation: An Integrated Approach for Personal and Relational Wholeness* (Downers Grove, IL: IVP Academic, 2014) in *Religious Studies Review* 41:1 (2015).
7. A review of Mae Elise Cannon, *Just Spirituality: How Faith Practices Fuel Social Action* (Downers Grove, IL: IVP, 2013) in *Journal of Spiritual Formation and Soul Care* 6:2 (2013) 339–342.
8. A review of Thomas F. Torrance, *Atonement: The Person and Work of Christ* (Downers Grove, IL: IVP Academic, 2009) in *Theology Today* 68:1 (2011) 97–98.
9. A review of Graham A. Cole, *Engaging with the Holy Spirit: Real Questions, Practical Answers* (Wheaton, IL: Crossway, 2007) in *Themelios* 33:3 (December 2008) 111–112.
10. Co-authored with Peter C. Hill, "Why Search for the Soul?: A Religious Perspective on the Mind-Body Problem," a review of *In Search of the Soul: Four Views of the Mind-Body Problem*, Joel B. Green and Stuart L. Palmer, eds. (Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 2005) in *PsycCRITIQUES—Contemporary Psychology: APA Review of Books* (January 2006).

11. "A Concise Summary of Reformed Theology," a review of Donald McKim, *Introducing the Reformed Faith* (Louisville: Westminster John Knox Press, 2001) in *Journal of Psychology and Theology* 31:2 (2003) 159–160.
12. "Seeker-Sensitive Atheism," a review of Kai Nielsen, *Naturalism and Religion* (Amherst, NY: Prometheus, 2001) in *Journal of Psychology and Theology* 31:3 (2003) 287.
13. "Have You Ever Wanted to Read Calvin's Institutes?," a review of Donald McKim, *Calvin's Institutes: Abridged Edition* (Louisville, KY: Westminster/John Knox, 2001) in *Journal of Psychology and Theology* 31:3 (2003) 287.
14. A review of Richard Swinburne, *Responsibility and Atonement* (Oxford: Clarendon, 1989) in *Philosophia Christi* 2:2 (2000).

Editorial essays:

1. "The Future of the Spiritual Formation Movement," *Journal of Spiritual Formation and Soul Care* 12:2 (2019).
2. "Reflections on Ten Years of Publications," *Journal of Spiritual Formation and Soul Care* 10:2 (2017) 133–137.
3. "Is the Spiritual Formation Movement Dead?," *Journal of Spiritual Formation and Soul Care* 8:1 (2015) 2–7.
4. "The Biblical Reality of Sanctification," *Journal of Spiritual Formation and Soul Care* 5:2 (2012).
5. "Dallas Willard and Spiritual Formation," *Journal of Spiritual Formation and Soul Care* 4:1 (2011).
6. "Introduction to the Inaugural Issue," *Journal of Spiritual Formation and Soul Care* 1:1 (2008) 5–7.

Miscellaneous publications:

1. "Divine Discipline" in Glen G. Scorgie, ed., *Dictionary of Christian Spirituality* (Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 2011) 407–408.
2. "Sanctification" in Glen G. Scorgie, ed., *Dictionary of Christian Spirituality* (Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 2011) 734–735.
3. Précis of Dallas Willard, *Knowing Christ Today: Why We Can Trust Spiritual Knowledge* (New York, NY: HarperCollins, 2010) as part of a book symposium in *Journal of Spiritual Formation and Soul Care* 2:2 (2009) 245–247.
4. Contributed to a multi-authored article with Natalia Yangarber-Hicks et al., "Invitation to the Table Conversation: A Few Diverse Perspectives on Integration," *Journal of Psychology and Christianity* 25:4 (2006) 338–353.
5. Four biographical entries on noteworthy American theologians for publication in John A. Garraty, ed., *American National Biography* (New York: Oxford University Press, 1998). Entries: Henry Caleb, Ezekiel Kephart, John Gros, and Carl Bjeregaard.

ACADEMIC WORKSHOPS, SYMPOSIA, AND FELLOWSHIPS

Senior Fellow, Dallas Willard Research Center (Westmont College)

- Selected as senior fellow in 2019.

Disappearance of Moral Knowledge Symposium, May 2019 (Biola University)

- Co-organizer and speaker on Dallas Willard's *Disappearance of Moral Knowledge*.

6th Annual Logos Workshop in Philosophical Theology, May 2014 (University of Notre Dame)

- Invited participant on the theme of the Christian doctrine of the atonement.

New Insights and Directions of Religious Epistemology Project, May 2013 (Faculty of Philosophy, University of Oxford)

- Research Fellow

Intellectual Virtues and Education Academic Workshop, July 2012 (Loyola Marymount University)

- Participant in a week long, academic workshop on the prospects of an intellectual virtues model of education.

GRANTS AND AWARDS

Sustainable Faith Project Planning Grant, Co-Project Leader (2021–2022)

- John Templeton Foundation Grant #61805

The Spiritual, Character, and Virtue Formation of Seminarians, Co-Project Leader (2019–2021)

- John Templeton Foundation Grant #59898

The Spiritual, Character, and Virtue Formation of Seminarians, Co-Project Leader (2016–2019)

- John Templeton Foundation Grant #59898

Biola University Center for Christian Thought, Assistant Project Leader (2015–2018)

- Templeton Religion Trust Grant #0062

Biola University Center for Christian Thought, Assistant Project Leader (2012–2015)

- John Templeton Foundation Grant #28341

Intellectual Virtues Academy of Long Beach, Co-Project Leader (2012–2015)

- John Templeton Foundation Grant #39687

New Insights and Directions of Religious Epistemology Project, Fellowship Recipient (May 2013)

Biola University Provost Award for Excellence in Biblical Integration (2011)

Randall Lehmann Sorenson Outstanding Faculty Award Recipient (2010)

Narramore Foundation Grant Recipient (2007)

Joshua Foundation Grant Recipient (2007)

Biola Faculty Research and Development Grant (2005, 2006, 2007, 2008)

University Southern California Merit Fellow (1997–1999, 2001–2002)

University of Oxford Marriot-Squire Bursary (2000–2001)

CCCU Oxford Graduate Scholarship (1999)

PRESENTATIONS

Dietrich von Hildebrand and Dallas Willard Colloquium, June 2023 (Westmont College)

- Invited Presentation: “The Effects of the Disappearance of Moral Knowledge on Virtue Acquisition”

Martin Institute Inaugural Lecture, May 2023 (Westmont College)

- Invited Presentation: “The Shape of Christian Spiritual Formation in the Academy and the Church for the Sake of the World”

Trinity Evangelical Divinity School Faculty Development Seminar, September 2022 (Deerfield, IL).

- Invited Presentation: “Stir Them Up by Way of Reminder: Spiritual Formation in Theological Education”

Christian Association of Psychological Studies Conference, March 2022.

- Presentation: “Measuring Christian Formation: A Willardian Phenomenological Approach”

Spiritual Formation and Christian Leadership, November 2021 (Friends University, Wichita, KS)

- Invited Presentation: “Knowledge and the Reality of the Kingdom of God”

Spiritual Formation and Christian Spirituality Conference, November 2021 (Oblate School of Theology, San Antonio, TX)

- Helped organize conference, presenter, and panelist: “Spiritual Formation in Academic Contexts”

Spiritual Formation in Seminary: Research, Theory, and Practice, September 2020 (Philippines)

- Invited Webinar Presentation: “How to Measure a Mystery: Assessing the Formational Work of the Spirit”

Institute for Research in Psychology and Spirituality, January 2020 (Biola University)

- Invited Presentation: “Theological Resistance to the Empirical Measurement of Character and Spiritual Development”

Evangelical Theological Society, November 2019 (San Deigo, CA)

- Accepted Paper: “The Role of Knowledge and Intentionality in Sanctification by the Spirit”

Baylor University’s Institute for Faith and Learning Conference, October 2019 (Baylor University)

- Invited Paper: “Assessing Spiritual Formation in Seminaries: A Multi-school Collaboration” with Dr. Angela Reed.

Baylor University's Institute for Faith and Learning Conference, October 2019 (Baylor University)
• Accepted Paper: "The Effects of the Disappearance of Moral Knowledge on Virtue Acquisition"

The Emeritus Forum, May 2019 (Saddleback College)
• Invited Lecture: "The Disappearance of Moral Knowledge: The Prospects of Becoming Virtuous in a Vicious World"

Evangelical Theological Society, November 2018 (Denver, CO)
• Invited Paper: "Union with Christ in Johnson's *God and Soul Care*"

Experiencing Life with God Conference, May 2018 (Westmont College)
• Plenary Address: "Living in a Material World with an Immaterial God"
• Invited Paper: "The Disappearance of Moral Knowledge: An Update"

American Academy of Religion, November 2017 (Boston, MA)
• Invited Paper: "The Role of Natural and Supernatural Virtue Formation in Human Flourishing"

American Academy of Religion, November 2017 (Boston, MA)
• Invited Paper: "Four Considerations in Favor of Penal Substitutionary Atonement"

Evangelical Theological Society, November 2017 (Providence, RI)
• Accepted Paper: "500 Years of Saint-Making: Protestantism and the Doctrine of Sanctification"

Trinity Western University, October 2017 (Langley, British Columbia, Canada)
• Invited paper: "Fishermen, Tax Collectors, and University Professors: Discipleship to Jesus within Academic Life"

Indiana Wesleyan University, August 2017 (Marion, IN)
• Invited Faculty Seminar: "Fishermen, Tax Collectors, and University Professors: Discipleship to Jesus within Academic Life"
• Invited Faculty Seminar: "The Spiritual Life of the Academic"
• Invited Faculty Seminar: "A Biblical Spirituality for Scholars"
• Invited Faculty Seminar: "Discipleship to Jesus in the Classroom"

Society for the Study of Theology, May 2017 (University of Nottingham, England)
• Accepted Paper: "500 Years of Saint-Making: Protestantism and the Doctrine of Sanctification"

The Apprentice Gathering, September 2016 (Friends University)
• Invited Workshop: "Dallas Willard on Natural and Supernatural Formation"

Christian Association of Psychological Studies Conference, March 2016 (Pasadena, CA)
• Accepted Paper (co-presented with Elizabeth Hall and Dave Wang): "Losing My Religion: Spiritual Discouragement Amongst Christian Psychotherapists Due to Repeated Exposure to Spiritual Crisis Amongst Christian Clients"

Cultivating Virtues: Interdisciplinary Approaches, January 2016 (Oriel College, University of Oxford)
• Accepted Paper (co-presented with Jason Baehr): "Intellectual Virtue Formation: A Philosophical, Psychological, and Pedagogical Perspective"

Dallas Willard Conference, November 2015 (Boston University)
• Invited Paper: Willard, Religious Epistemology, and the Evidential Force of Spiritual Maturity"

The Holy Spirit and Christian Formation Conference, March 2015 (Regent University)

- Accepted Paper: “The Activity of the Holy Spirit in Sanctification: Fiat, Interpersonal, or Life-Sharing?”

American Academy of Religion, November 2014 (San Diego, CA)

- Invited Paper: “Willard and the Disappearance of Moral Knowledge”

Evangelical Theological Society National Conference, November 2014 (San Diego, CA)

- Accepted Paper: “The Activity of the Holy Spirit in Sanctification: Fiat, Interpersonal, or Life-Sharing?”

6th Annual Logos Workshop in Philosophical Theology, May 2014 (University of Notre Dame)

- Invited Response: “Communal Substitutionary Atonement and the Justice Worry: A Response to Thurow”

Intellectual Virtues Pedagogy Seminar, July 2013 and March 2014 (Loyola Marymount University)

- Co-led seminar for elementary, middle school, and high school level teachers on “Educating for Intellectual Virtues”

Evangelical Theological Society National Conference, November 2013 (Baltimore, MD)

- Accepted Paper: “Why is Spiritual Growth so Slow? *Sarx* as Habituated, Relational Resistance to the Holy Spirit”

Educating for Intellectual Virtues Conference, June 2013 (Loyola Marymount University)

- Accepted Paper: “Intellectual Therapy: A Therapeutic Approach to Intellectual Virtue Formation”

New Insights and Directions for Religious Epistemology Group, May 2013 (University of Oxford)

- Invited Paper: “The Evidential Force of Spiritual Maturity”

Psychology and Religion Research Group, May 2013 (University of Cambridge)

- Invited Paper: “The Cure for Anxiety: Jesus, Freud, and Prozac”

Joseph Butler Society, May 2013 (Oriel College, University of Oxford)

- Invited Paper: “Christian Sanctification and the Evidential Force of Spiritual Maturity”

Arizona Christian University, March 2013 (Phoenix, AZ)

- Invited Paper: “Spiritual Formation in the Classroom: The Problem of Slow Change”

Arizona Christian University, March 2013 (Phoenix, AZ)

- Invited Paper: “Why Don’t We Grow?: The Flesh as Habituated, Relational Resistance to the Holy Spirit”

University of Notre Dame Philosophy of Religion Cluster Fellowship, March 2013 (Phoenix, AZ)

- Invited Paper: “Four considerations in Favor of Penal Substitution”

Regent University’s Center for Spiritual Renewal Conference, February 2013 (Virginia Beach, VA)

- Accepted Paper: “Why Don’t We Grow?: The Flesh as Habituated, Relational Resistance to the Holy Spirit”

Evangelical Theological Society National Conference, November 2012 (Milwaukee, WI)

- Accepted Paper: “Christian Sanctification and the Evidential Force of Spiritual Maturity”

Heart and Soul Conference, June 2012 (La Canada, CA).

- Invited Lecture: “Suffering as a Means of Spiritual Growth”

Council of Christian Colleges and Universities/International Justice Mission Academic Pre-Conference, April 2011 (Washington, D.C.)

- “Spiritual Formation and the Social Justice Turn”

Evangelical Theological Society National Conference, November 2011 (Atlanta, GA)

- “Why Should We Read Spiritual Classics?: Three Theological Rationales for the Practice of Spiritual Reading”

Center for Individual and Family Therapy, November 2011 (Orange, CA)

- “Psychopathology and Harmatology”

Biola University ISF Lecture Series, October 2011 (La Mirada, CA)

- “Taking Sin More Seriously”

Biola University Apologetics Lectures, July 2010 (La Mirada, CA)

- “The Evidential Value of Spiritual Maturity”

Center for Individual and Family Therapy, July 2010 (Orange, CA)

- “The Challenge of Spiritual Immaturity in the Life of the Therapist”

Center for Individual and Family Therapy, April 2010 (Orange, CA)

- “Taking Sin More Seriously”

Renovare International Conference, June 2009 (San Antonio, TX)

- “How We Lost the Way: Learning from the Historical Neglect of Spiritual Formation”

ISF Lecture Series, October 2008 (La Mirada, CA)

- “The Catastrophe of Following Jesus”

Center for Individual and Family Training, August 2008 (Orange, CA)

- “The Cure for Anxiety: Jesus, Freud, and Prozac”

American Philosophical Society Pacific Division Society of Christian Philosophers, March 2008 (Pasadena, CA)

- “Contentment as a Christian Virtue”

Rock Harbor University Theology Intensives, October 2007 (Costa Mesa, CA)

- The Doctrine of Scripture

Colorado Springs Christian Counselors, October 2007 (Colorado Springs, CO)

- “The Cure for Anxiety: Jesus, Freud, and Prozac”

Denver Seminary, October 2007 (Denver, CO)

- “The Cure for Anxiety: Jesus, Freud, and Prozac”

Apologetics/Worldview Conference, April 2007 (Bellevue, WA)

- “Is Jesus the Only Way?”
- “The Challenge of Religious Pluralism”
- “Why Doesn’t God Intervene More Often?”
- “Apologetics as a Spiritual Discipline”

G. Campbell Morgan Theology Seminar, March 2007 (La Mirada, CA)

- “The Doctrine of Soteriology”

Christian Association of Psychological Studies, March 2007 (Valley Forge, PA)

- “The Cure for Anxiety: Jesus, Freud, and Prozac”

Evangelical Theological Society National Conference, November 2006 (Washington, D.C.)

- “The Sanctification Gap Revisited”
- “A Plea for an Evangelical Spiritual Theology”

Torrey Context Lectures, September 2006 (La Mirada, CA)

- “Jonathan Edwards on Why Christians Don’t Grow”

Evangelical Theological Society Far-West Division Meeting, April 2006 (La Mirada, CA)

- “The Sanctification Gap Revisited”

G. Campbell Morgan Theology Seminar, March 2006 (La Mirada, CA)

- “The Doctrine of Sanctification”

Taylor University, September 2005 (Fort Wayne, IN)

- “The Value of Spiritual Formation”
- “Spiritual Formation in the Christian University”

Evangelical Theological Society National Conference, November 2004 (San Antonio, TX)

- “Sanctification in a New Key: Relieving Evangelical Anxieties over Spiritual Formation”

National Faculty Leadership Conference, Social Sciences Seminars, June 2004 (Alexandria, VA)

- “Theology as Queen and Psychology as Handmaid: The Authoritative Supremacy of Theology?”

Spiritual Formation Forum, May 2004 (Los Angeles, CA):

- “Sanctification in a New Key: Relieving Evangelical Anxieties over Spiritual Formation”

Evangelical Theological Society Far-West Regional Meeting, April 2004 (San Diego, CA)

- “Theology as Queen and Science as Handmaid: The Authoritative Supremacy of Theology”

Christian Association of Psychological Studies International Conference, March 2004 (Tampa Bay, FL)

- “Theology as Queen and Psychology as Handmaid: The Authoritative Supremacy of Theology?”

British Society of the Philosophy of Religion/SCP, August 2003 (Oxford, England)

- “Swinburnian Atonement and the Doctrine of Penal Substitution”

Christian Association of Psychological Studies International Conference, June 2003 (Anaheim, CA)

- “Wesleyan Theological Methodology as a Theory of Integration”

Evangelical Theological Society Far-West Regional Meeting, May 2003 (Sun Valley, CA)

- “What do the *Five Ways* have to do with the *Ascent of Mt. Carmel?*: Apologetics as a Modern Day Spiritual Discipline”

American Philosophical Association Pacific Division Meeting, March 2003 (San Francisco, CA)

- “BonJour’s Representational Realism”

Evangelical Philosophical Society, November 2001 (Colorado Springs, CO)

- “Swinburnian Atonement and the Doctrine of Penal Substitution”

Society for the Study of Theology, April 2001 (University of Nottingham, England)

- “Natural Theology and Christian Spirituality: What do the *Five Ways* have to do with the *Ascent of Mt. Carmel?*”

Joseph Butler Society, February 2001 (Oriell College, University of Oxford, England)

- “Swinburnian Atonement and a Modified Theory of Penal Substitution”

Gifford International Conference, May 2000 (University of Aberdeen, Scotland)

- “God and the Moral Order: A Response to C. Stephen Layman,” May 2000.

Evangelical Theological Society Far-West Regional Meeting, June 1998 (San Diego, CA)

- “The Evangelical Embrace of Postmodernity: How Far Is Too Far?”

MEMBERSHIPS

Evangelical Theological Society

Christian Association for Psychological Studies

Society for the Study of Christian Spirituality

American Academy of Religion