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## EDUCATION

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Ph.D., Philosophy, Vanderbilt University, 2005  
M.A., Philosophy, Vanderbilt University, 2005  
B.A., Philosophy, University of Alabama in Huntsville, 2001 (*summa cum laude*)

AOS: moral philosophy; philosophy of religion  
AOC: history of philosophy; classical American philosophy

## APPOINTMENTS

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### LIPSCOMB UNIVERSITY

Distinguished University Chair in Philosophy and Humanities, 2022–Present  
University Research Professor, 2012–2022  
Professor of Philosophy, 2016–Present  
Associate Professor of Philosophy, 2012–2016  
Head of the Philosophy Program, 2012–Present

### PEPPERDINE UNIVERSITY

Associate Professor of Philosophy, 2011–2012  
Assistant Professor of Philosophy, 2007–2011  
Director of the Philosophy Program, 2007–2012

### VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY

Adjoint Professor of Engineering Management, 2016–Present  
Visiting Scholar in Philosophy, 2013–2014  
Research Associate in the Center for Ethics, 2006–2007  
Lecturer in Philosophy, Computer Science, and Engineering Management, 2005–2007  
Teaching Assistant, 2002–2005

## TEACHING AWARDS

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College of Liberal Arts & Sciences Dean's Award for Faculty Excellence, Lipscomb, 2020.  
Outstanding Teacher of the Year Award, Lipscomb, 2014.  
Howard A. White Award for Teaching Excellence, Pepperdine, 2009–2010.  
Pi Beta Phi & Lotus Eaters Honor Society Outstanding Professor Recognition, Vanderbilt, 2007.  
Gamma Phi Beta Honor Society's Outstanding Faculty Member Recognition, Vanderbilt, 2006.  
Kappa Alpha Order Distinguished Faculty Award, Vanderbilt, 2006.  
Vanderbilt University College of Arts & Science Most Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award, 2005.  
Franklin J. Machette Teaching Excellence Award, Vanderbilt, 2005.  
Franklin J. Machette Teaching Excellence Award, Vanderbilt, 2004.

## FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, & HONORS

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Research Fellow, Abilene Christian University, Center for Restoration Studies, 2022–Present.  
 Scholar-in-Residence for Christian Studies (sabbatical fellowship), Lipscomb, 2017.  
 Lester McAllister Book Prize (\$5,000), Disciples of Christ Historical Society, 2014.  
 Visiting Fellow, Harris Manchester College, Oxford University, July 2012 [declined].  
 Cross-Disciplinary/Interdisciplinary Undergraduate Research Grant (\$19,200), Pepperdine, 2012.  
 Seaver Research Council Research Grant (\$1,500), Pepperdine, 2012.  
 Seaver Fellow in the Humanities, Pepperdine, 2010–2011.  
 Summer Undergraduate Research Program Grant (\$1,000 x2), Pepperdine, 2011.  
 Visiting Professor, Heidelberg International Program, Pepperdine, 2010.  
 Summer Undergraduate Research Program Grant (\$1,000), Pepperdine, 2010.  
 Seaver Fellow in the Humanities, Pepperdine, 2008–2009.  
 Summer Undergraduate Research Program Grant (\$1,000), Pepperdine, 2009.  
 Seaver Research Council Research Grant (\$1,500), Pepperdine, 2009.  
 Wye Faculty Fellow, Aspen Institute, 2008.  
 Seaver Dean's Research Grant (\$1,000), Pepperdine, 2007.  
 NIH-Supported Fellowship, Clinical & Research Ethics Program, Meharry Medical College, 2002.  
 Full Fellowship, Graduate Department of Philosophy, Vanderbilt, 2001–2005.  
 Commencement Honor, Banner Bearer for the Graduate School, Vanderbilt, 2005.  
 Highest Academic Achievement Award of Graduating Class, College of Liberal Arts, UAH, 2001.  
 Presidential Scholarship, UAH, 1998–2001.  
 Phi Kappa Phi, inducted 2000.

## PUBLICATIONS

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### A. AUTHORED BOOKS

*The Good and the Right: A Christian Introduction to Moral Philosophy*, with Kraig Martin (under contract with Abilene Christian University Press), ms = ~330pp.

*Nature and Command: On the Metaphysical Foundations of Morality*, with Kraig Martin, (University of Tennessee Press, 2022), xxxii + 260 pp.

*Philosophy of Religion in the Classical American Tradition* (University of Tennessee Press, 2016), xii + 295 pp.

† Nominated for the Lilly Fellows Program Book Award for 2019.

REVIEWS: *American Journal of Theology & Philosophy* 39, no. 2 (2018): 84-87 [David Rohr].

*The Journal of American History* 105, no. 2 (2018): 369-370 [Amy Kittelstrom].

*The Heythrop Journal* 59, no. 2 (2018): 362-364 [Michael L. Raposa].

*Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews* 2017.03.27 [Richard K. Atkins].

*Reading Religion* (29 May 2017) [Stephen Dawson].

*Journal of Faith and the Academy* 9, no. 2 (Fall 2016): 87-90 [Miguel Benitez, Jr.]

*The Philosophy of Religion of Alexander Campbell* (University of Tennessee Press, 2013), xi+207 pp.

† Winner of the Lester McAllister Prize for 2013-2014.

REVIEWS: *Restoration Quarterly* 59, no. 1 (2017): 55-56 [James L. Gorman].

*Fides et Historia* 46, no. 2 (Summer/Fall 2014): 132-33 [Richard J. Cherok].

*American Nineteenth Century History* 15, no. 3 (2014): 356-358 [Stephen Kissel].

*The Journal of Southern History* 80, no. 2 (2014): 547 [Douglas A. Foster].  
*Stone-Campbell Journal* 17, no. 2 (2014): 247-248 [B. Mark Fish].  
*Tennessee Historical Quarterly* 73, no. 3 (2014): 236-237 [Nathaniel H. Wiewora]  
*Register of the Kentucky Historical Society* 112, no. 2 (2014): 289-291 [Matthew Smith]  
*Wineskins.org* (11 June 2013) [John Mark Hicks].  
*Choice* 51, no. 3 (Nov. 2013) [P. Harvey].  
*Reference & Research Book News* 28, no. 4 (Aug. 2013): 13.

*Religion and Democratic Citizenship: Inquiry and Conviction in the American Public Square*  
 (Rowman & Littlefield's Lexington Books, 2008), ix + 161 pp.

REVIEWS: *Journal of Church & State* 52, no. 1 (May 2010): 160-162 [Rex G. Carr].  
*Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews* 2009.04.19 [Lucas Swaine].  
*Transactions of the Charles S. Peirce Society* 45, no. 3 (2009): 449-452 [Eric T. Weber]  
*Transactions of the Charles S. Peirce Society* 45, no. 3 (2009): 452-456 [Andrew Smith]  
*Rhetoric & Public Affairs* 12, no. 2 (2009): 317-319 [Gary Selby].  
*Soundings* 90, no. 1/2 (2008): 201-207 [James J. C. Foster].  
*Reference & Research Book News* 23, no. 3 (May 2008): 19.

## B. EDITED BOOKS & SPECIAL ISSUES

*God and Morality in Christian Traditions: New Essays on Christian Moral Philosophy*, co-edited  
 with Kraig Martin, (Abilene Christian University Press, 2022), 297 pp.

“God, Ethics, and Christian Traditions,” co-edited with Kraig Martin. This is an invited, guest-edited  
 Special Issue of the journal *Religions* (2021). Available at  
[https://www.mdpi.com/journal/religions/special\\_issues/god\\_ethics\\_traditions](https://www.mdpi.com/journal/religions/special_issues/god_ethics_traditions)

*Great Ideas in History, Politics, and Philosophy*, co-edited with Richard C. Goode (Baylor University  
 Press, 2021), xxiii + 678 pp.

*Restoration and Philosophy: New Philosophical Engagements with the Stone-Campbell Tradition*,  
 (University of Tennessee Press, 2019), xxxix + 389 pp.

REVIEWS: *Transactions of the Charles S. Peirce Society* [forthcoming]  
*Restoration Quarterly* 62, no. 1 (Jan. 2020): 55-56 [Thomas H. Olbricht]  
*Reading Religion* (17 Feb. 2020) [Shaun C. Brown]  
*Choice* 56, no. 12 (Aug. 2019) [R. Ward]

*The Classical American Pragmatists and Religion* (Baylor University Press, 2011), vii + 417 pp.

REVIEWS: *Journal of the American Academy of Religion* 80, no. 4 (2012): 1150-53 [D.A. Tunstall]  
*Reference & Research Book News* 26, no. 6 (Dec. 2011): 9.

*The Ethics of Citizenship: Liberal Democracy and Religious Convictions* (Baylor University Press,  
 2009), xx + 465 pp.

REVIEWS: *Journal of Law & Religion* 26, no. 1 (2010) [Bookshelf]  
*Midwest Book Review* 5, no. 2 (Feb. 2010) [Political Science Shelf].

c. **JOURNAL ARTICLES & BOOK CHAPTERS**

“On Great Ideas,” with Richard C. Goode, in *Great Ideas in History, Politics, and Philosophy.*, eds., J. Caleb Clanton and Richard C. Goode (Baylor University Press, 2021), xv-xxiii.

“William of Ockham, Andrew of Neufchateau, and the Origins of Divine Command Theory,” with Kraig Martin, *American Catholic Philosophical Quarterly* 94, no. 3 (2020): 405-429.

“Understanding Aquinas on Natural Law,” with Kraig Martin, *Journal of Faith and the Academy* 12, no. 2 (Fall 2019): 37-56.

“Aquinas and Scotus on the Metaphysical Foundations of Morality,” with Kraig Martin, *Religions* 10, no. 2, art. 107 (2019): 1-14.

† Reprinted in *God and Morality in Christian Traditions*, ed. J. Caleb Clanton and Kraig Martin (Abilene Christian University Press, 2022), 57-83.

“Moderate Lockean Anti-Enthusiasm,” in *Restoration and Philosophy*, ed. J. Caleb Clanton (University of Tennessee Press, 2019), 179-205.

“On Philosophy and the Stone-Campbell Restoration Tradition,” in *Restoration and Philosophy*, ed. J. Caleb Clanton (University of Tennessee Press, 2019), xi-xxxix.

“On the Distinctive Function of Christian Higher Education and the Common Good,” with Christopher S. Collins, *Christian Higher Education* 17, no. 1-2 (2018): 8-19.

“John Calvin and John Locke on the *Sensus Divinitatis* and Innatism,” *Religions* 8, no. 2, art. 27 (2017): 1-14.

† Reprinted in *Teaching the Reformations*, ed. Christopher Metress (Basel, Switzerland: MDPI, 2017), 58-71.

“On Moral-Natural and Moral-Positive Duties: A Combination Metaethical Theory in the Restoration Tradition,” with Kraig Martin, *Studies in Christian Ethics* 30, no. 4 (2017): 429-448.

† Reprinted in *Restoration and Philosophy*, ed. J. Caleb Clanton (University of Tennessee Press, 2019), 232-256.

“Teaching Socrates, Aristotle, and Augustine on *Akrasia*,” *Religions* 6, no. 2 (2015): 419-433.

† Reprinted in *Teaching Augustine*, eds. Scott McGinnis and Christopher Metress (Basel, Switzerland: MDPI, 2015), 34-48.

“A (Partial) Peircean Defense of the Cosmological Argument: A Response to Rowe,” *Philosophia Christi* 16, no. 1 (2014): 183-195.

“The Structure of C. S. Peirce’s Neglected Argument for the Reality of God: A Critical Assessment,” *Transactions of the Charles S. Peirce Society* 50, no. 2 (2014): 175-200.

“George Santayana and the Problem of Petitionary Prayer,” *American Journal of Theology & Philosophy* 35, no. 2 (2014): 108-128.

“Josiah Royce on Job and the Problem of Evil,” *Philosophy & Theology* 26, no. 1 (2014): 65-95.

- “Edward Scribner Ames, Pragmatism, and Religious Naturalism: A Critical Assessment,” with John Gunter, *The Heythrop Journal* 55, no. 3 (2014): 375-390.
- “Alexander Campbell on the Problem of Divine Hiddenness,” *Stone-Campbell Journal* 15, no. 2 (2012): 191-205.
- “Alexander Campbell’s Revealed-Idea Argument for the Existence of God,” *Restoration Quarterly* 54, no. 2 (2012): 105-124.
- “A Peircean Epistemic Argument for a Modest Multiculturalism,” with Andrew T. Forcehimes, *Contemporary Pragmatism* 8, no. 2 (2011): 163-185.
- “From Epistemic Democracy to Epistemic Multiculturalism,” with Andrew T. Forcehimes, *Southwest Philosophy Review* 27, no. 1 (2011): 175-184, with a response from Robert B. Talisse, “Comment on Clanton and Forcehimes” in 27, no. 2 (2011): 79-81.
- “On Classical Pragmatism and Religion in America,” in *The Classical American Pragmatists & Religion*, ed. J. Caleb Clanton (Baylor University Press, 2011), 1-34.
- “Developing Group-Deliberative Virtue,” with Scott F. Aikin, *Journal of Applied Philosophy* 27, no. 4 (2010): 409-424.
- “Can Peircean Epistemic Perfectionists Bid Farewell to Deweyan Democracy?” with Andrew T. Forcehimes, *Contemporary Pragmatism* 6, no. 2 (2009): 165-183, with a response from Robert B. Talisse, “Reply to Clanton and Forcehimes,” 185-189.
- “A Moral Case against Certain Uses of Plagiarism Detection Services,” *International Journal of Applied Philosophy* 23, no. 1 (2009): 17-26.  
 † Reprinted in *College Ethics: A Reader on Moral Issues that Affect You*, ed. Bob Fischer, (New York: Oxford University Press, 2016), chap. 50.
- “A Critical Response to Thomas Peard on Sexual Harassment and the Limits of Free Speech,” *Southwest Philosophy Review* 25, no. 2 (2009): 57-61.
- “Democratic Deliberation after Religious Gag Rules,” in *The Ethics of Citizenship*, ed. J. Caleb Clanton (Baylor University Press, 2009), 365-392.
- “On the Tension between Religion and Democracy,” in *The Ethics of Citizenship*, ed. J. Caleb Clanton (Baylor University Press, 2009), ix-xix.
- “But Do We *Owe* Them?: A Critical Response to Sarah Clark Miller on Deontic Reasons and Distant Need,” *Southwest Philosophy Review* 24, no. 2 (2008): 11-16.
- “Religion in the Public Square?: A Critical Response to Cornel West,” *Philosophy in the Contemporary World* 15, no. 1 (2008): 81-92.
- “Prophetic Pragmatism,” in *American Philosophy: An Encyclopedia*, eds. John Lachs and Robert Talisse (New York and London: Routledge, 2008), pp. 620-621.
- “From Indeterminacy to Rebirth: Making Sense of Socratic Silence in Plato’s *Sophist*,” *The Pluralist*

2, no. 3 (Fall 2007): 37-56.

“The Poet and the Philosopher: Walt Whitman and Ludwig Wittgenstein on Skepticism,” with Michael Hodges, *Soundings* 89, no. 3-4 (Fall/Winter 2006): 279-299.

“A Thousand Flowers Blooming? Some Difficulties Facing Jamesian Religious Pluralism,” *Southwest Philosophy Review* 22, no. 1 (2006): 43-50, with a response from Stuart Rosenbaum, “Jamesian Religious Pluralism: A Response to Clanton,” in 22, no. 2 (2007): 79-82.

“Stout on Public Reason,” (and “Postscript”) with Robert Talisse, *Soundings* 87, no. 3-4 (2004): 349-369, with a response from Jeffrey Stout, “Responses to Five Critical Papers on *Democracy and Tradition*,” 369-402.

“The Ethics of Apotemnophilia: An Aristotelian Analysis,” *Arête* [an undergraduate journal] 1, no. 1 (2001): 8-9.

#### D. BOOK REVIEWS

Review of Paul Cliteur, *The Secular Outlook: In Defense of Moral and Political Secularism*, *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*, 2011.03.06. (2011)

Review of Christopher J. Voparil, *Richard Rorty: Politics and Vision*, *Transactions of the Charles S. Peirce Society* 45, no. 2 (2009): 240-244.

Review of John J. Stuhr, *Pragmatism, Post-Modernism, and the Future of Philosophy*, *The Streams of William James* 5, no. 3 (2003): 33-34.

### PRESENTATIONS

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#### A. CONFERENCE PAPERS & COMMENTARIES

“John Calvin & John Locke on the *Sensus Divinitatis* and Innatism,” Teaching the Christian Intellectual Tradition Conference (re: the Reformations), Samford University, Oct. 2016.

“Socrates, Aristotle, & Augustine on *Akrasia*,” Teaching the Christian Intellectual Tradition Conference (re: Augustine), Samford University, Oct. 2014.

“A Skeptical Theist Interpretation of the Book of Job,” Christian Scholars Conference, Nashville, Tenn., June 2014.

“Comments on Cardwell on the Garden of Eden & Divine Command Theory,” Tennessee Philosophical Association Meeting, Nashville, Tenn., Oct. 2013.

“The Moral Epistemology of Alexander Campbell,” Christian Scholars Conference, Nashville, Tenn., June 2013. Response from Tom Olbricht.

“Was Alexander Campbell an Unqualified Divine Command Theorist?” Christian Scholars Conference, Nashville, Tenn., June 2013. Response from Kraig Martin.

“Précis of The Philosophy of Religion of Alexander Campbell,” an author-meets-critics symposium on *The Philosophy of Religion of Alexander Campbell*, Christian Scholars Conference, Nashville, Tenn., June 2012. Responses from Kraig Martin, John Mark Hicks, and Jon Atkins.

“From Epistemic Democracy to Epistemic Multiculturalism,” with Andrew Forcehimes, Southwestern Philosophical Society Meeting, Memphis, Tenn., Nov. 2010. Response from Robert Talisse.

- “Comments on Pasternak on Pascal’s Wager and the Many Gods Objection,” Society of Christian Philosophers Conference (Western Division), Durango, Colo., Oct. 2009.
- “A Critical Response to Thomas Peard on Sexual Harassment and the Limits of Free Speech,” Southwestern Philosophical Society Meeting, Kansas City, Mo., Nov. 2008.
- “Religion and Democratic Citizenship,” an author-meets-critics symposium on *Religion and Democratic Citizenship*, Christian Scholars Conference, Nashville, Tenn., June 2008. Response from Richard Land.
- “Baptism, Meaning, and Political Context: A Reflection on Steve Martin’s *Storm Troopers of Christ*,” Christian Scholars Conference, Nashville, Tenn., June 2008.
- “But Do We *Owe* Them?: A Critical Response to Sarah Clark Miller on Deontic Reasons and Distant Needs,” Southwestern Philosophical Society Meeting, San Antonio, Tex., Nov. 2007.
- “Fallibility, Religious Reasoning, and Deliberative Democracy,” Tennessee Philosophical Association Meeting, Nashville, Tenn., Nov. 2006.
- “Comments on Von Platz, ‘Feinberg’s Challenge: Why We Need a Mixed Theory of Legal Punishment,’” Tennessee Philosophical Association Meeting, Nashville, Tenn., Nov. 2006.
- “The Poet and the Philosopher: Convergences in Ludwig Wittgenstein and Walt Whitman,” with Michael Hodges, Philosophical Collaborations Conference, Southern Illinois University at Carbondale, March 2006. Response from Doug Anderson.
- “A Thousand Flowers Blooming?: Some Difficulties Facing Jamesian Religious Pluralism,” Southwestern Philosophical Society Meeting, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, Ark., Nov. 2005. Response from Stuart Rosenbaum.
- “Prophetic Pragmatism’s Suspicious Religious Fellowship,” Tennessee Philosophical Association Meeting, Nashville, Tenn., Nov. 2005.
- “Comments on Brian Rabinovitz, ‘Toward a Critical Contextualism in Social-Political Philosophy: A Deweyan Account of Experience as the Anti-foundation,’” Tennessee Philosophical Association Meeting, Nashville, Tenn., Nov. 2005.
- “Stout on Public Reason,” with Robert Talisse, Democracy & Tradition Symposium, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, Tenn., Oct. 2004. Response from Jeffrey Stout.
- “Desiring the Good, Fearing Silence, and Acknowledging Tragedy in Plato’s *Euthydemus*,” Tennessee Philosophical Association Meeting, Nashville, Tenn., Nov. 2002.
- “McVirtue, the Good Life, and MacIntyre: Unwrapping Practice as Cultural Critique,” Alabama Philosophical Society Conference, Orange Beach, Ala., Oct. 2002.
- “The Ethics of Apotemnophilia: An Aristotelian Analysis,” UAH *Arête* Inaugural Symposium, Huntsville, Ala., April 2001.
- “The Problematic of the Postmodern Condition,” Alabama Philosophical Society Conference, Orange Beach, Ala., Oct. 2000. († Winner of the APS Undergraduate Paper Competition Award.)

## B. INVITED LECTURES

- “Is there a Distinctive Moral Philosophy in the Stone-Campbell Restoration Tradition?” Brown Library Lecture, Abilene Christian University, Nov. 2022.
- “Nature and Command: An Introduction to Christian Ethics,” Samford University, January 2022.
- “Martin Luther King, Jr., Socratic Gadflies, and Logic,” Introduction to African American Studies (Prof. David Holmes), Sept. 2021.
- “The Moral Psychology of Unethical Behavior,” Organization Behavior Seminar (Prof. Ben Jordan), Vanderbilt University, April 2013; Oct. 2013; March 2014; Oct. 2014; Feb. 2015; Oct. 2015; Feb. 2016; Oct. 2016; March 2017; Feb. 2018; Oct. 2018; March 2019; Nov. 2019; Nov. 2020; Sept. 2021; March 2022
- “Does the Principle of Sufficient Reason Give Us Reason to Believe in God?” Faith & Science Chapel, Lipscomb University, Jan. 2020.

- “Hobbes and Social Contract Theory,” Great Ideas in Politics Seminar (Prof. Marc Schwerdt), Lipscomb University, March 2019.
- “On Teaching about the Distinction between Facts and Opinions,” Methods of Teaching History Seminar (Prof. Jesse Savage), Lipscomb University, Sept. 2017.
- “The Function of a Christian University,” Laura Eickholz Owen Lecture, Lipscomb University, Oct. 2015.
- “The Moral Psychology of Unethical Behavior” Taped for replay in Prof. Pauline Roteta’s Applied Behavioral Science Seminar, Universidade Estadual Paulista Júlio de Mequista Filho (UNESP), São Paulo, Brazil, Oct. 2013.
- “Alexander Campbell on the Problem of Evil,” Pepperdine University 69<sup>th</sup> Annual Bible Lectures, May 2012.
- “Can Alexander Campbell Respond to New(er) Arguments for Atheism?,” History, Politics, & Philosophy Department Colloquium, Lipscomb University, Nov. 2011.
- “Should Christians Endorse Thomas Pogge’s View on Distant Need?,” History, Politics, & Philosophy Department Colloquium, Lipscomb University, Nov. 2011.
- “Atheism and the Problem of Divine Hiddenness,” Waves Weekend Faculty Lecture Series, Pepperdine University, Oct. 2011.
- “Ethics & the Research Laboratory,” with Donna Nofzinger-Plank, Summer Undergraduate Research in Biology Program Colloquium, Pepperdine University, June 2011.
- An online author-meets-critics session on *The Ethics of Citizenship*, Political Theology Graduate Seminar (Prof. Lee Camp), Hazelip School of Theology, March 2011.
- “On the Nature of Moral Reasoning,” Moral Compass Convocation Series, Pepperdine University, Feb. 2011.
- “Four Approaches to Ethics Education,” Pepperdine University Faculty Conference Session on “The Professor as Unacknowledged Ethicist,” Oct. 2010.
- “From Divine Hiddenness to Fine-Tuning,” Convocation Series, Pepperdine University, Jan. 2010.
- “A Moral Case against Certain Uses of Plagiarism Detection Services,” Person & Society Seminar, Pepperdine University, Jan. 2009.
- “On Ranking Values for Voting: Assessing Barak Obama’s Call to Renewal,” University Fellows Discussion Series, Samford University, Oct. 2008.
- “The Ethics of Citizenship,” Samford University, Oct. 2008. Reviewed in Sean Flynt, “Humility is the Key to Constructive Mix of Religion, Politics: Clanton,” *Samford University Seasons* (Winter 2008): 20.
- “Global Economic Justice and Christian Charity,” Red-Letter Christian Convocation Series, Pepperdine University, Oct. 2008.
- Précis of *Religion and Democratic Citizenship*. An author-meets-critics symposium sponsored by Pepperdine University Center for Faith and Learning and the University Libraries, Pepperdine University, April 2008. Responses from Chris Soper and Gary Selby. (Video/audio available on iTunes U.)
- “On Knowledge as Power,” keynote address for the Phi Eta Sigma induction ceremony, Pepperdine University, March 2008.
- “Just War Theory, Christian Non-Violence, and the Iraq War,” Iraq War Convocation Series, Pepperdine University, Nov. 2007.
- “Are Two Heads Better than One? (or, Why Be Virtuous?),” Humanities & Teacher Education Division Symposium, Pepperdine University, Sept. 2007.
- “Christian Evidentialism,” invited lecture for Freshman Philosophy Seminar (Prof. Scott Aikin), Vanderbilt University, Spring 2007. Responses from Scott Aikin and Aaron Simmons.
- “Religious Reasoning and Deliberative Democracy after Rawls,” Pepperdine University, March 2007.
- “Ethics and Public Deliberation across Multicultural and Religious Divides,” Center for International Peace and Justice and the Institute for Conflict Management, Lipscomb University, Oct. 2006.

- Responses from Lee Camp, Richard Goode, Larry Bridgesmith, and Mark Black.
- “Democratic Deliberation after Gag-Rules,” Philosophy Department, St. Andrews Presbyterian College, Laurinburg, N. Car., March 2006.
- “Humility as both a Christian and a Deliberative Democratic Virtue,” Reason and Spirituality Chapel Series, Lipscomb University, Feb. 2006.
- “Does Ethical Citizenship Require Conversational Constraint in Public Deliberation?,” Vanderbilt Undergraduate Philosophical Society Meeting, Vanderbilt University, Oct. 2005.
- “Beyond the Politics of Omission, or When Religious Reasons Go Public,” Covenant College, Lookout Mountain, Ga., Sept. 2005.
- “Some End-of-Life Issues in Medical Ethics,” Mayfield Student Organization Meeting, Vanderbilt University, Nov. 2003.
- “Sidney Hook & Democracy as a Way of Life,” invited lecture for Democracy Seminar (Prof. Robert Talisse), Vanderbilt University, 2002.
- “Richard Rorty & Science as Solidarity,” invited lecture for American Philosophy Seminar (Prof. Robert Talisse), Vanderbilt University, 2002.
- “Jesus on Ethics and Forgiveness,” invited lecture for Ethics of Forgiveness Seminar (Prof. Aaron Simmons), Vanderbilt University, 2001.

**c. OTHER INVITED TALKS (ECCLESIAL, GENERAL AUDIENCES, ETC.)**

- “In Some Cases, We Don’t and *Can’t* Know Why God Allows Evil: A Response to the Problem of Evil,” Summer Speaker Series, Central Church of Christ, Athens, Ala., July 2017.
- “On Being an Intentional Christian University,” Lipscomb University Board of Trustees Meeting, Rome, Ga., Aug. 2015.
- “On the Cosmological Argument (and Why You Should Care About Stuff Like This),” Summer Speakers Series, Central Church of Christ, Athens, Ala., June 2015
- “Locke, Campbell, Epistemology, and God” Adult Education Class, Otter Creek Church, Nashville, Tenn., April 2014.
- “On Doubt & Faith,” College & Young Professionals Conversations Series, Otter Creek Church, Nashville, Tenn., Mar. 2014
- “The Puzzle of Petitionary Prayer & Matthew 7,” Men’s Chapel, Lipscomb University, Feb. 2014.
- “Circles,” College & Young Professionals Circles Series, Otter Creek Church, Nashville, Tenn., Nov. 2013.
- Two month, weekly course on “Evil & the Justice of God,” Adult Education Class, Otter Creek Church, Nashville, Tenn., June–July 2013.
- “On Cohabitation,” College & Young Professionals Conversations Series, Otter Creek Church, Nashville, Tenn., April 2013.
- “Comments on Philip Eaton, *Engaging the Culture, Changing the World*,” Lipscomb University Board of Trustees Meeting, Nashville, Tenn., Nov. 2012.
- “A Bayesian Approach to the Resurrection,” Adult Education Class on “Why I Believe,” University Church of Christ, Malibu, Calif., March 2012.
- “God, or Multiple Universe Generators?” Rockwell Towers Residence Life Program, Pepperdine University, March 2012.
- “A Critical Appraisal of Divine Command Theory,” Adult Education Class on “Faith and the Big Questions,” Conejo Valley Church of Christ, Thousand Oaks, Calif., March 2012.
- “Three Arguments for Atheism,” Adult Education Class on “Christian Faith and Religious Pluralism,” Conejo Valley Church of Christ, Thousand Oaks, Calif., Feb. 2012.
- “On Religion, Mormonism, and the 2012 Presidential Election,” Malibu Rotary Club Meeting Keynote Address, Malibu, Calif., Feb. 2012.
- “Two Reasons for Believing that God Exists,” Adult Education Class on “Why I Believe,”

- University Church of Christ, Malibu, Calif., Jan.–Feb. 2012.
- “Ten Tips for Effective Lecturing,” presented to the Humanities & Teacher Education Division Meeting (at the request of the division chair), Pepperdine University, Feb. 2011.
- “Truth, Myths, and the Oberammergau Passion Play,” Pepperdine Heidelberg Summer Program Chapel, Heidelberg, Germany, June 2010.
- “Questions for a Philosopher,” Miller Hall Residence Life Program, Pepperdine University, March 2010.
- “Philosophical Foundations of Theism, pt. 1–3,” High School Class on Faith & Reason, University Church of Christ, Malibu, Calif., Sept. 2009.
- “What Leadership is Not,” Student Affairs Leadership Education & Development Training Workshop, Pepperdine University, Aug. 2009.
- “Some Advice on Achieving Academic Success,” invited remarks given to the entering freshman Class of Seaver College, New Student Orientation, Pepperdine University, Aug. 2009.
- “On the Virtue of Epistemic Humility,” Adult Class on Christian Virtues, University Church of Christ, Malibu, Calif., June 2009.
- “Religion & the 2008 Presidential Election,” Malibu Rotary Club Meeting Keynote Address, June 2008.
- “On My Vocation as a Philosopher,” Lilly Endowment Program on Vocation, sponsored by the Pepperdine University Center for Faith & Learning, Florence, Italy, May 2008.
- “Christianity, Multiculturalism, and Politics, pt. 1-2,” Oxford Class, Belle Meade United Methodist Church, Nashville, Tenn., March 2007

## **PANELS & WORKSHOPS**

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- “Conversations with College of Liberal Arts & Sciences Authors,” book showcase at the Presidential Inauguration, Lipscomb University, March 2022.
- Panelist, “Combining Faith and Serious Academics at the Highest Level,” President’s New Faculty Retreat, Lipscomb University, July 2018
- Panelist, “What it Means when Faith Becomes Part of the Academic Conversation,” New Faculty Orientation Retreat, Lipscomb University, Aug. 2017
- Panelist, “What it Means when Faith Becomes Part of the Academic Conversation,” New Faculty Orientation Retreat, Lipscomb University, Smithville, Tenn., Aug. 2016
- Invited Symposium Participant: “Experts and the Problem of Knowledge in Democracy,” School of Public Policy, Pepperdine University, Nov. 2015.
- Panelist, “Faith and Learning,” New Faculty Orientation Retreat, Lipscomb University, Aug. 2014
- Moderator, Pre-Election Debate, Phi Alpha Delta Pre-Law Society, Pepperdine University, Oct. 2010.
- Panelist, “Faculty Perspectives on Being Faculty at Pepperdine,” New Faculty Orientation, Pepperdine University, Aug. 2010.
- Conversation on the Liberal Arts: “The Liberal Education of Students of Faith,” Westmont College, Santa Barbara, Calif., Feb. 2010.
- Faculty Reading Group on Alasdair MacIntyre, Center for Faith & Learning, Pepperdine University, Fall 2010.
- Moderator, panel on “Faith, Learning and the Pepperdine Brand,” Leadership Education and Development Training Workshop, Student Affairs, Pepperdine University, Aug. 2009.
- Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) Retreat on Student Learning & Assessment, Honolulu, Hawaii, Jan. 2009.
- Wye Faculty Fellow Seminar: “Citizenship and the Global Polity,” sponsored by the Aspen Institute and the Association of American Colleges and Universities, Queenstown, Md., July 2008.
- Lilly Endowment Program on Vocation, sponsored by the Pepperdine University Center for Faith & Learning, Florence, Italy, April–May 2008.

Conversation on the Liberal Arts: “Learning in a Time of Politics,” Westmont College, Santa Barbara, Calif., Feb. 2008.

Faculty Reading Group on Secularization, Pepperdine University Center for Faith & Learning, Spring 2008.

Panelist, Iraq War Forum, Pepperdine University Convocation Series, Nov. 2007

## **COURSES TAUGHT**

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### **A. AT LIPSCOMB UNIVERSITY**

*Philosophy of Religion; Moral Philosophy (Ethical Theory); Ancient & Medieval Philosophy; Modern Philosophy; Great Ideas in Philosophy; Introduction to Philosophy; Senior Seminar in Philosophy*

### **B. AT PEPPERDINE UNIVERSITY**

*Philosophy of Religion; Evil, Divine Hiddenness, & Unanswered Prayer; Ethics; American Pragmatism; Multiculturalism & Liberal Democracy; Business Ethics; Ancient Philosophy; Modern Philosophy; Existentialism; Introduction to Philosophy; Senior Project; Logic (as IDS); Contemporary Social & Political Philosophy (as IDS); Pragmatist Philosophy of Religion (as IDS) Alexander Campbell’s Philosophy of Religion (as IDS); Santayana (as IDS)*

### **C. AT VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY**

*Religion in the Democratic Public Square; Ethics (as TA); Biomedical Ethics (mini-course) Computers & Ethics; Applied Behavioral Science; Ancient Philosophy; Introduction to Philosophy Introduction to Philosophy (Writing Seminar); Logic; Contemporary Political Philosophy (as IDS)*

## **SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION**

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Editorial Board (Journal), *Science, Religion, and Culture*, 2014–Present.

Reviewer (Journals)

*Journal of Social Philosophy; Journal of Applied Philosophy; Public Affairs Quarterly; American Political Science Review; Philosophia; Ethical Theory and Moral Practice; Transactions of the Charles S. Peirce Society; Southwest Philosophy Review; Religions; Science, Religion, & Culture; Stone-Campbell Journal.*

Reviewer (Presses)

Routledge/Taylor & Francis; Thompson/Wadsworth; McGraw-Hill; Westview Press; Cengage

Reviewer (Conferences)

Christian Scholars Conference (2021); Christian Scholars Conference (2019); Christian Scholars Conference (2018); Christian Scholars Conference (2017); Southwestern Philosophical Society Meeting (2012); Society of Christian Philosophers (Western Division, 2009); Christian Scholars Conference (2008)

Committee on Resources for Christian Colleges, Society of Christian Philosophers, 2021.

Advisory Board, Christian Scholars Conference, 2014–2016.

External Reviewer, Tenure/Promotion review, Hillsdale College, 2021.

Executive Committee, Southwestern Philosophical Society, 2010–2012.

Advisory Board, Cengage Business Ethics Technology & Media, 2008–2009.

Local Arrangements Committee, Christian Scholars Conference, 2011.

Session Chair/Convener (Conferences)

Christian Scholars Conference, Nashville, Tenn., June 2017  
 Tennessee Philosophical Association, Nashville, Tenn., Oct. 2013  
 Christian Scholars Conference, Nashville, Tenn., June 2013  
 Christian Scholars Conference, Nashville, Tenn., June 2008  
 Southwestern Philosophical Society Meeting, San Antonio, Texas, Nov. 2007  
 Tennessee Philosophical Association Meeting, Nashville, Tenn., Nov. 2005  
 Josiah Royce Sesquicentennial Conference, Nashville, Tenn., April 2005.  
 Designer & Webmaster, Vanderbilt University Center for Ethics, 2006–2007  
 Compilation Editor, Ethics Resource Database, Vanderbilt University Center for Ethics, 2006

**SERVICE TO THE UNIVERSITY**

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**A. AT LIPSCOMB UNIVERSITY**

General Education Review and Revision Task Force, 2022–Present.  
 Honors College Faculty Advisory Council, 2020–Present.  
 Search Committee for Provost, 2022.  
 Steering Committee for the University’s Strategic Plan, 2021–2022.  
     Subcommittee for Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion  
     Subcommittee for Academic Goals  
 Head of the Philosophy Program, 2012–Present.  
 Dean’s Faculty Advisory Committee, College of Liberal Arts & Sciences, 2016–Present.  
 Co-advisor of the Bioscience & Philosophy Major, 2015–Present.  
 Advisor of the Ethics Minor, 2012–Present.  
 HPP Department Learning Assessment Committee, 2013–Present.  
 Selection Committee, Stephen Lee Marsh Award, 2019–Present.  
 Erin A. Smith Endowed Scholarship Fund Committee, 2014–Present.  
 Faculty Sponsor, Baptist Campus Ministry, 2019–Present.  
 Mentor, Faculty Mentoring Program for New Faculty, 2021–2022.  
 Tenure review for Prof. Susan Haynes (Political Science), 2021  
 Undergraduate Research Committee, 2012–2020.  
 Provost’s Taskforce on Academic Reopening Post-COVID-19, 2020.  
 Consultant, University Taskforce on Changing Demographics in Higher Education, 2020.  
 Consultant, University Taskforce on Operational Efficiency, 2020  
 Search Committee for Dean of College of Liberal Arts & Sciences, 2018–2020.  
 Sabbatical Selection Committee, 2018–2020.  
 Promotion review for Prof. Susan Haynes (Political Science), 2020.  
 Mentor, Faculty Mentoring Program for New Faculty, 2018–2019.  
 Tenure/Promotion review for Prof. Marc Schwerdt (Political Science), 2018.  
 Faculty Senate Executive Council (elected College of Liberal Arts & Science Rep.), 2013–2015.  
 Search Committee for Political Science Faculty, 2014–2015.  
 Search Committee for Dean of College of Bible & Ministry, 2013–2014.  
 Provost’s Exploratory Team for Northfield, Mass. Campus Opportunity, 2013.  
 Planning Committee, Lipscomb University’s 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration, 2013.  
 Provost’s Taskforce on Liberal Arts for Lipscomb University’s “Vision 2016,” Fall 2012.  
 “Lipscomb Connect” leadership development initiative, 2013–2014.  
 Developed “3-then-1” [BA-Philosophy & MBA] for LU Catalog, 2016.  
 Developed “3-then-1” [BA-Philosophy & MA-Leadership & Public Service] for LU Catalog, 2016.  
 Co-developed (w/ K. Gallaher) curriculum for Bioscience & Philosophy Major for LU Catalog, 2015.

Developed revised curriculum for the Ethics Minor for the LU Catalog, 2019.  
Developed General Education course “Great Ideas” for the LU Catalog, 2019.  
Developed revised curriculum for the Philosophy Major for LU Catalog, 2013.  
Developed proposal to incorporate philosophy courses into General Education Curriculum, 2013.

**B. AT PEPPERDINE UNIVERSITY**

Director of the Philosophy Program, 2007–2012.  
Seaver Academic Council (main undergraduate curriculum committee), 2008–2010.  
Chair, Seaver College Gen. Ed. Assessment Committee on Critical Thinking for WASC, 2011–2012.  
Faculty Development Committee, 2011–2012.  
Search Committee for Divisional Chair of the Humanities & Teacher Education Division, 2011.  
Search Committee for Jewish Studies Faculty, 2011.  
Chair, Search Committee for Philosophy Faculty, 2010.  
Search Committee for Philosophy Faculty, 2007–2008.  
Advisory Council, The Veritas Forum, 2009–2012.  
Faculty Advisor, Phi Sigma Tau Philosophy Honor Society (Nu Chapter), 2007–2011.  
Faculty Co-Advisor & Co-Founder, Pepperdine Student Philosophy Club, 2008–2011.  
Faculty Advisor, Doubters Anonymous, 2008–2009.  
Faculty Fellow, Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity, 2011.  
Faculty Sponsor, Medical Ethics club, 2011–2012.  
Principal Investigator & Co-Author, Philosophy Program Assessment Report for WASC; Annual Program Review, June 2009; Five-Year Review, 2010.  
Developed revised curriculum for the Philosophy Major for Seaver College Academic Catalog, 2008.  
Academic Advisor for: philosophy majors/minors; undeclared majors; pre-graduate & pre-law students; fellowship & competitive scholarships.  
Senior Undergraduate Thesis Director (many, various terms).

**C. AT VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY**

Associate Dean’s initiative to assist first-year international engineering students, 2006–2007.