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## EDUCATION

2005 – 2012 Ph.D. in Philosophy, University of Oklahoma  
2002 – 2004 M.A. in Philosophy of Religion and Ethics, Biola University  
1998 – 2002 B.S. in Biblical Studies, Southwestern Assemblies of God University

## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

2014 – Associate Professor of Philosophy, Tyndale University  
2014 – 2015 Templeton Research Fellow, Ryerson University  
2012 – 2014 Assistant Professor of Philosophy, Tyndale University  
2008 – 2012 Lecturer of Philosophy, Tyndale University

## AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Philosophy of Religion  
Ethics

## AREAS OF COMPETENCE

Metaphysics

## ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

- 2019 *Explaining Evil: Four Views* (editor), Bloomsbury Academic.  
Reviewed in: *CHOICE*  
*International Journal for Philosophy of Religion*  
*Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*  
*Religious Studies*  
*Reviews in Religion & Theology*
- 2018 “Plantinga’s Defense and His Theodicy are Incompatible” (with Richard Davis).  
In *Does God Matter? Essays on the Axiological Consequences of Theism*, ed. Klaas J.  
Kraay (New York: Routledge), 203–223.
- 2015 “Divine Freedom and Free Will Defenses,” *Heythrop Journal* 56: 108–119.
- 2015 “Counterpossibles and the ‘Terrible’ Divine Command Deity” (with Richard  
Davis), *Religious Studies* 51: 1–19.

- 2014 "On Jesus, Derrida, and Dawkins: Rejoinder to Joshua Harris" (with Richard Davis), *Philosophia Christi* 14: 175–181.
- 2014 "What Place, then, for Rational Apologetics?" (with Richard Davis). In *Loving God with Your Mind: Essays in Honor of J. P. Moreland*, edited by Paul M. Gould and Richard Brian Davis (Chicago: Moody Publishers), 127–140.
- 2013 "Layman's Lapse: On an Incomplete Moral Argument" (with Richard Davis), *Philo* 16: 1–10.
- 2013 "Against a Postmodern Pentecostal Epistemology" (with Richard Davis), *Philosophia Christi* 15: 383–399.
- 2012 "Original Sin and a Broad Free Will Defense," *Philosophia Christi* 14: 353–371.
- 2009 "Why A Believer Could Believe that God Answers Prayers," *Sophia* 48: 319–324.

### ***Publications Under Review & In Progress***

"Objectivity, Obligation, and Moral Arguments"  
*A Broad Defense to the Problem of Evil* (under contract, Wipf & Stock).

### **POPULAR WRITING & OPINION PIECES**

- 2018 "[How Scientism Finds Its Way Into the Church](#)", *Influence Magazine*, June 6.
- 2018 "[Can We Have too Much Science?](#)" *Influence Magazine*, May 29.
- 2018 "[No, Andy Stanley Isn't a Marcionite,](#)" *Christian Post*, May 29.
- 2018 "[Jesus' Strategy for Dealing with Disagreement,](#)" *Influence Magazine*, May 9.
- 2018 "[The Early Belief in Jesus' Bodily Resurrection,](#)" *Influence Magazine*, April 24.
- 2018 "[Is Apologetics Biblical? The Christian Mandate to Defend the Faith,](#)" *Influence Magazine*, April 10.
- 2018 "[What is Apologetics, and Why Do We Need It?](#)" *Influence Magazine*, March 23.
- 2017 "[Discussing Your Convictions, a Review of Tactics Study Guide with DVD by Greg Koukl,](#)" *Influence Magazine*, June 20.
- 2016 "[Comparing Donald Trump to Hitler Isn't Helpful,](#)" *Christian Post*, Nov. 3.
- 2016 "[Wayne Grudem's Deplorable Argument for Trump,](#)" *Christian Post*, Oct. 24.
- 2014 "[Adam, Eve, and the Gospel](#)" (with Richard Davis). *Enrichment Journal* 19: 32–35.
- 2009 "The Pursuit of Truth," Tyndale University College & Seminary, *Connection*, Fall Issue.

### **FELLOWSHIPS & GRANTS**

- 2015 Society of Christian Philosophers Small Department Lecture Grant, \$1,500.  
 Speakers: Trent Dougherty, Baylor University (*keynote*)  
 Kristen Irwin, Loyola University Chicago  
 Klaas Kraay, Ryerson University  
 Myron Penner, Trinity Western University

- 2014 John Templeton Research Fellow, Ryerson University, \$22,000.
- 2013 Kern Family Fellowship, *Acton University*, Acton Institute, \$2,350.
- 2011 Society of Christian Philosophers Small Department Lecture Grant, \$1,500.  
Speaker: Paul Copan, Palm Beach Atlantic University
- 2008 Travel Scholarship and Conference Fellowship, Acton Institute.
- 2003 Cook Fellowship, *Towards a Free a Virtuous Society Conference*, Acton Institute.

## INVITED TALKS

- 2019 “New Perspectives on Political Problems,” Discussion Colloquium for the Institute for Humane Studies, held at Florida Gulf Coast University, April 12–14.
- 2018 “Pain and Evil,” *Toronto Christian Scholars Symposium*, Wycliffe College, January 26.
- 2017 “Panel on Integrating Faith and Intellect: Math, Chemistry, Medicine, Philosophy, and History,” *What is Your Worldview? Thinking Toronto Conference*, Light Presbyterian Church, May 6.
- 2016 “Responding to the Problem of Evil,” *Has God Spoken? Thinking Toronto Conference*, Light Presbyterian Church, April 23.
- 2015 “Broadening Defenses to the Problem of Evil,” Brackenridge Philosophy Symposium, University of Texas at San Antonio, October 16.
- 2015 [“Two Threats to the Christian Worldview: ‘New Atheism’ and Religious Pluralism,”](#) Southwestern Assemblies of God University, October 15.
- 2015 [“The Importance of ‘Renewing Your Mind’ at University,”](#) Southwestern Assemblies of God University, October 14.
- 2015 “Plantingean Pro-Theism: Transworld Depravity, Incarnation, and Atonement” (with Richard Davis), Theism: An Axiological Investigation Research Workshop, Ryerson University, September 12.
- 2015 “Does God Exist? The *Kalam* Cosmological Argument,” Apologetics Canada Conference, June 20.
- 2015 “Heaven, Hell, and the Value of God’s Existence,” Ryerson University Life Institute Philosophy Cafe, Toronto, March 17.

## PAPERS & PRESENTATIONS

- 2018 “Obligation, Objectivity, and Moral Arguments,” EPS National Meeting, Denver, November 13.
- 2017 “Conceptualizing Evil,” Evangelical Philosophical Society, National Meeting, Providence, November 15.
- 2016 “The Relevance of Christian Doctrine to Defenses to Problems of Evil,” Evangelical Philosophical Society, National Meeting, San Antonio, November 15.

- 2015 "Plantingean Pro-Theism: Transworld Depravity, Incarnation, and Atonement" (with Richard Davis), Evangelical Philosophical Society, National Meeting, Atlanta, November 18.
- 2015 "Plantingean Pro-Theism: Transworld Depravity, Incarnation, and Atonement" (with Richard Davis), Toronto Philosophy of Religion Work-in-Progress Group, Ryerson University, March 5.
- 2014 "Counterpossibles and the 'Terrible' Divine Command Deity" (with Richard Davis), Evangelical Philosophical Society, National Meeting, San Diego, November 19.
- 2014 "Counterpossibles and the 'Terrible' Divine Command Deity" (with Richard Davis), *Religious Studies* at 50, University of Leeds, June 26.
- 2014 "Counterpossibles and the 'Terrible' Divine Command Deity" (with Richard Davis), Toronto Philosophy of Religion Work-in-Progress Group, Ryerson University, December 18.
- 2013 "Against a Postmodern Pentecostal Epistemology" (with Richard Davis), Evangelical Philosophical Society, National Meeting, Baltimore, November 19.
- 2013 "Layman's Lapse: On an Incomplete Moral Argument," Evangelical Theological Society Ontario/Quebec Regional Meeting, Heritage Seminary, Cambridge, ON, September 14.
- 2013 "Broadening the Free Will Defense," Evangelical Philosophical Society Eastern Regional Meeting, Alliance Theological Seminary, Nyack, NY, April 6.
- 2013 "Against Postmodern Pentecostalism," Society for Pentecostal Studies, Seattle Pacific University, September 22.
- 2011 "Original Sin as a Defeater for the Free Will Defense," Evangelical Philosophical Society, National Meeting, San Francisco, November 16.
- 2011 "Freedom in Heaven and the Free Will Defense," Eastern Regional Meeting of the Society of Christian Philosophers, Fordham University, New York, March 19.
- 2010 "Freedom in Heaven and the Free Will Defense," Evangelical Philosophical Society, National Meeting, Atlanta, November 18.
- 2010 "Why Most Christian Libertarians Should Not Believe in Original Sin" (with Russell Jones), Evangelical Philosophical Society Midwest Regional Meeting, Minneapolis, March 19.
- 2009 "Why A Believer Might Believe God Answers Prayers," Midwest Regional Meeting of the Society of Christian Philosophers, Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee, OK, April 24.
- 2007 "Motivation-Based Moral Responsibility," Hawaii International Conference on the Arts and Humanities, January 12.

## ACADEMIC TEACHING EXPERIENCE

### *Tyndale University, 2008–Present*

PHIL 101: History of Philosophy I  
PHIL 102: History of Philosophy II  
PHIL 171: Introduction to Philosophy  
PHIL 201: Critical Reasoning  
PHIL 211: Introduction to Ethics  
PHIL 294: Christian Apologetics  
PHIL 311: Normative Ethical Theory  
PHIL 321: Philosophy of Religion  
PHIL 326: Philosophy of Mind  
PHIL 330: Political Philosophy  
PHIL 350: Independent Study: *Warranted Christian Belief*  
PHIL 450: Independent Study: Postmodernism and Foundationalism  
PHIL 481: Seminar on the Ethics of War  
PHIL 481: Seminar on the Problem of Evil  
PHIL 481: Seminar on the Metaphysics of Free Will  
RLGS 366: Christian Ethics

### *University of Oklahoma 2007–2008*

PHIL 1013: Introduction to Philosophy  
PHIL 1213: Introduction to Ethics  
PHIL 1103: Critical Reasoning

## SERVICE

### *Professional*

2019 – Treasurer, Canadian Society of Christian Philosophers  
2018 – Philosophy of Religion Book Review Editor, *Philosophia Christi*  
2015 – Executive Committee, Evangelical Philosophical Society  
Referee: Bloomsbury Academic, *Dialogue*, *European Journal for Philosophy of Religion*,  
*Evangelical Quarterly*, *Philo*, *Philosophia Christi*, *Religions*, *Religious Studies*,  
*Res Philosophica*, *Sophia*, *Toronto Journal of Theology*

### *University*

2020 – Chair of the Philosophy Department  
2020 – Academic Planning Committee

2018 – Faculty Research Committee  
 2018 – Faculty Handbook Revision Committee  
 2016 – 2020 Academic Senate  
 2015 – 2018 Chair of the Philosophy Department  
 2015 – 2018 President of the Faculty Association  
 2015 – 2018 Academic Planning Committee  
 2014 – 2016 Academic Standards Committee  
 2008 – 2014 Research Ethics Board  
 Chapel Presentation, “[The Often Overlooked Importance of ‘Renewing Your Mind’](#),”  
 March 2017.

### *Church*

2015 – Board Member, Cedarview Community Church (Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada).  
 2017 “Renewing Your Mind and Fidelity to Christ,” Cedarview Community Church, August 20.  
 2016 “Christianity and Politics: Avoiding Two Extremes,” Cedarview Community Church, October 30.  
 2016 “Why Christianity Doesn’t ‘Work’ for Some People,” Cedarview Community Church, October 30.  
 2016 “Responding to the Problem of Evil,” Cobourg Alliance Church, May 15.  
 2015 “God’s Problem? Responding to Bart Ehrman’s Objections to Biblical Theodicy,” Three-week adult education course at Cedarview Community Church.  
 2014 “Problems with Prayer: Why Your Prayers Sometimes Go Unanswered,” Sunday morning service, Cedarview Community Church.  
 2014 “Faith at Work: Toward a Theology of Work,” Four-week adult education course at Cedarview Community Church.  
 2014 “Body & Soul: Understanding Personhood,” Five-week adult education course at Cedarview Community Church.  
 2013 “Christianity: True for Me, but also True for You,” Sunday evening service, Cedarview Community Church.  
 2013 “Advocating a Worldview According to Christ,” Four-week adult education course at Cedarview Community Church.  
 2012 “Spirit-filled Thinking” (co-taught with Richard Davis), Six-week adult education course at Cedarview Community Church.  
 2009 “The Nature of Freedom,” Inaugural Soulation Retreat, Steamboat Springs, CO.  
 2004 “Defending the Faith,” Six-week Christian education class at First Family Church, Whittier, CA.  
 2004 Christian Education Coordinator (beginning 2002) at First Family Church, Whittier, CA.

## **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

Evangelical Philosophical Society  
Society of Christian Philosophers  
Canadian Society of Christian Philosophers

## **REFERENCES**

Available upon request.