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Curriculum Vitae

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AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Philosophy of Religion
Philosophical Theology

AREAS OF COMPETENCE

Ethics

EDUCATION

M.A., *Denver Seminary*, Philosophy of Religion, December 2012
Advisor: Douglas R. Groothuis, Ph.D.

B.A., *Colorado State University*, Anthropology, December 2009
Minor: Philosophy: Religious Studies
Advisor: Katherine E. Brown, Ph.D.

EMPLOYMENT

Instructor

Colorado Technical University, Online, since June 2014

Teacher and Program Director

Minidoka Christian Education Association, Rupert, ID, since August 2012

ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

Articles

“The Pig’s Squeak: Towards a Renewed Aesthetic Argument for Veganism,” in *The Journal of Agricultural and Environmental Ethics*, 29, no. 4 (August 2016): pp 631-642, DOI: 10.1007/s10806-016-9624-9.

“Meeting Mary in Myth: Pursuing Pre/Post/Modern Apologetics,” in *The Journal for Cultural and Religious Theory* 14, no. 2 (Spring 2015).

“Jonah’s Tomato Surprise: A Literary Reading of God’s Unchanging Mind,” in *The American Journal of Biblical Theology* 15, no. 4 (2014).

Edited Book Chapters

“Dividing Lines: A Brief Taxonomy of Moral Identity” in *The Dark Side: A Supervillain Reader*, eds. Robert Moses Peaslee and Robert G. Weiner (Jackson, MS: University Press of Mississippi, forthcoming).

“Complex Question” and “Chronological Snobbery” in *Bad Arguments: 100 of the Most Important*

Fallacies in Western Philosophy, eds. Robert Arp, Steven Barbone, and Michael Bruce (Hoboken, NJ: Wiley-Blackwell, forthcoming).

“The Agony of the Infinite: Heaven as Phenomenological Hell” in *The Philosophy of Heaven*, ed. Simon Cushing (Lanham, MD: Lexington Press, forthcoming).

“The Heart of the Matter: Forgiveness as an Aesthetic Process” in *The Philosophy of Forgiveness, Vol. II: New Dimensions of Forgiveness*, ed. Court D. Lewis (Wilmington, DE: Vernon Press, 2016).

“Till This Moment I Never Knew Myself: Counterfactual Narrative Identities of a Zombie-Hunter” in *Jane Austen and Philosophy*, ed. Mimi Marinucci (Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield, November 2016).

“Speciesistic Veganism: An Anthropocentric Argument” in *Critical Perspectives on Veganism and Meat Consumption*, eds. Jodey Castricano and Rasmus R. Simonsen (New York, NY: Palgrave Macmillan, 2016).

“Pursuing Pankalia: The Aesthetic Theodicy of St. Augustine” in *The Problem of Evil: New Philosophical Directions*, eds. Benjamin McCraw and Robert Arp (Lanham, MD: Lexington Press, 2016).

“Where Have All the Übermenschen Gone?,” in *Superman vs. Batman and Philosophy*, ed. Nicolas Michaud (Peru, IL: Open Court, 2016).

“I Found You in Words: The Mnemotechnics of Amy Pond,” in *Doctor Who and Philosophy: Regenerated*, eds. Paula Smithka and Court Lewis (Peru, IL: Open Court, 2015).

“Use the Force, Luke(ifer): Augustinian Deprivation and Satan’s Free Will,” in *The Devil and Philosophy*, ed. Robert Arp (Peru, IL: Open Court, 2014).

“A T-Rex Swallowed My Pride,” with Michael D. Stark in *Jurassic Park and Philosophy*, ed. Nicolas Michaud (Peru, IL: Open Court, 2014).

Book Reviews

The Question of the Animal and Religion: Theoretical Stakes, Practical Implications, Aaron S. Gross, *Between the Species*, (forthcoming)

Paul Ricoeur & Living Hermeneutics: Exploring Ricoeur’s Contribution to Biblical Interpretation, Gregory J. Laughery, *Phenomenological Reviews* (March 2017)

Seeing the Light: Exploring Ethics Through Movies, Wanda Teays, *Cinema: Journal of Philosophy and the Moving Image*, vol. 7 (December 2015)

In Defense of the Bible: A Comprehensive Apologetic for the Authority of Scripture, eds. Steven B. Cowan and Terry L. Wilder, *Hope’s Reason: A Journal of Apologetics*, vol. 5, no. 1 (2015)

The Gospel in the Marketplace of Ideas: Paul’s Mars Hill Experience for Our Pluralistic World, Paul Copan and Kenneth D. Litwak, *Denver Journal*, vol. 17 (2014)

No Argument for God: Going Beyond Reason in Conversations About Faith, John Wilkinson, *Denver Journal*, vol. 16 (2013)

What We Talk About When We Talk About God, Rob Bell, *Denver Journal*, vol. 16 (2013)

Is God a Moral Monster?: Making Sense of the Old Testament God, Paul Copan, *Denver Journal*, vol. 15 (2012)

Tactics: A Game Plan for Discussing Your Christian Convictions, Greg Koukl, *Denver Journal*, vol. 14 (2011)

Community Articles

“Seeking Harmony: The Value of Precollegiate Philosophy,” in *Education Week*, July 6, 2012

ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS

Presenter: “Shantih Shantih Shantih: The Aporia of Solitude in Children of Men,” October 14-15 (2016), *The Faith, Film, and Philosophy Conference*, Gonzaga University, Spokane, WA

Moderator: “Ethics IV Session,” October 9-10 (2015), *The 67th Annual Northwest Philosophy Conference*, North Idaho College, Coeur d’Alene, ID

Presenter: “The Pig’s Squeak: Towards a Renewed Aesthetic Argument for Veganism,” October 9-10 (2015), *The 67th Annual Northwest Philosophy Conference*, North Idaho College, Coeur d’Alene, ID

Presenter: “The Pig’s Squeak: Towards a Renewed Aesthetic Argument for Veganism,” August 9th (2015), *The Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress*, University of Colorado, Boulder, CO

Moderator: “Simplifying the Case for Ethical Veganism,” by Mylan Engel, August 7th (2015), *The Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress*, University of Colorado, Boulder, CO

Moderator: “The Inadequacy of Traditional Moral Status Arguments for Abolition of Animal Consumption and Experimentation,” by John Basl and Gina Schouten, August 6th (2015), *The Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress*, University of Colorado, Boulder, CO

Presenter: “Raising a Knight of Faith: Kierkegaardian Reflections on Three Cinematic Fairy Tales,” May 22-23 (2015), *The Western Regional Conference on Christianity and Literature*, Seattle University, Seattle, WA

Presenter: “Embodied Magic: Phenomenology of Fantasy Inside Batman’s Arkham Asylum,” November 7-8 (2014), *The 66th Annual Northwest Philosophy Conference*, Central Washington University, Ellensburg, WA

Moderator: “Metaphysics II Session,” November 7-8 (2014), *The 66th Annual Northwest Philosophy Conference*, Central Washington University, Ellensburg, WA

Presenter: “All Animals Are Equal: Dominion, Deontology, and De Facto Vegetarianism,” April 3-4 (2014), *The Society of Christian Philosophers Mountain-Pacific Region Conference*, Carroll College, Helena, MT

Presenter: “Souperheroes: What Would Tolkien Think of Batman?” October 11-12 (2013), *The Faith, Film, and Philosophy Conference*, Gonzaga University, Spokane, WA

WORK IN PROGRESS

“On Superhero Stories: The MCU as Tolkienesque Fantasy” for an upcoming critical collection on Phase One of the Marvel Cinematic Universe. *(Submitted)*

“Everything That Has Breath: Speciesism and Nonhuman Religious Experience”

“...And also Much Cattle?”: Theological Reflections of the Zoopolis”

“All Animals Are Equal: Dominion, Deontology, and De Facto Veganism”

ACADEMIC TEACHING

Colorado Technical University

PHIL 101: Introduction to Ethics

PHIL 301: Ethics for Professionals

Minidoka Christian Education Association’s High School Release Time Program

World Religions

Survey: The Old Testament Prophets

A Theology of Love

Survey: Old Testament History from Joshua to Esther

Survey: The Gospels and Acts

The Trinity and the NT Epistles

Basic Christian Theology

Survey: The Torah and Revelation

Hermeneutics

Christian Ethics

Christian Apologetics

Theology of Calling and Vocation

GRADUATE COURSEWORK IN PHILOSOPHY

Philosophical Tools

Writing for Publication

Douglas Groothuis

Studies in Logic

Larry Burtoft

Teaching Practicum

Bradley Widstrom

Studies in Philosophy

Metaphysics

Larry Burtoft

Epistemology

Terry Smith

The Philosophy of C.S. Lewis

Robert Velarde

Religious Pluralism

Douglas Groothuis

Christian Ethics and Modern Culture

Larry Burtoft

The History of Ancient to Medieval Philosophy

Troy Nunley / Douglas Groothuis

The History of Modern to Contemporary Phil.

Douglas Groothuis

GRADUATE COURSEWORK IN THEOLOGY/HERMENEUTICS

Survey of Christian Doctrine I

Don Payne

Survey of Christian Doctrine II
Effective Biblical Interpretation
Understanding the Epistles & Revelation
Understanding Early Israel & Its Wisdom Literature
Understanding the Kingdom of Israel & Its Prophets
Understanding the Gospels & Acts

Don Payne
Kermit Ecklebarger
Craig Blomberg
Richard Hess
M. Daniel Carroll
Judith Diehl

COMMUNITY TEACHING

Classes

Spring 2012 – “Joshua”: Hope Community Church, Denver, CO

A ten-week adult-education course I designed and taught on the book of Joshua, with a special eye for apologetic issues concerning Old Testament violence and theological connections with the Gospel.

Websites

Feb. 2012 to Aug. 2013

Regular contributions to FaithfulPolitics.org, a nonpartisan online community dedicated to engaging the political sphere from a Christian perspective.

Lectures

Winter 2017 Presentation, “Come Let Us...” at Paul Congregational Church, Paul, ID, March 12th

Winter 2017 Presentation, “Everyone’s Favorite Book: Leviticus” at First Christian Praise Chapel, Rupert, ID, February 12th

Winter 2017 Presentation, “Behold!” at Rupert United Methodist Church, Rupert, ID, January 8th

Winter 2017 Presentation, “Eureka!” at Rupert United Methodist Church, Rupert, ID, January 1st

Winter 2017 Presentation, “Eureka!” at Paul United Methodist Church, Paul, ID, January 1st

Summer 2016 Presentation, “Meeting the Missionaries” at Paul Congregational Church, Paul, ID, July 17th

Summer 2016 Presentation, “The Community of Love” at First Christian Praise Chapel, Rupert, ID, June 19th

Spring 2016 Presentation, “Paul’s Tip about Law and Grace” at Paul Congregational Church, Paul, ID, April 17th

Winter 2016 Presentation, “True Myths: Parables and the Narrative of the Gospel” at Paul Congregational Church, Paul, ID, March 13th

Winter 2016 Presentation, “Hosea: Why Nobody Should Hope for a Prophetic Calling” at Paul Congregation Church, Paul, ID, February 21st

Winter 2016 Presentation, “In Him All Things Hold Together: New Year Reflections on the Colossian Christological Hymn” at Paul Congregational Church, Paul, ID, January 3rd

Autumn 2015 Presentation, “Giving and Taking: the Inconsistency of Governmental Love” at Paul Congregational Church, Paul, ID, November 22nd

Autumn 2015 Presentation, “Grace,” at Paul Congregational Church, Paul, ID, September 27th

Summer 2015 Presentation, “On Pastors and Denominations: 1 Corinthians 1,” at Paul Congregational Church, Paul, ID, July 5th

Summer 2015 Presentation, “Salvation by Grace in Two Words: “Angel” and “Poop,”” at Rupert Methodist Church, Rupert, ID, June 13th

Summer 2015 Presentation, “Salvation by Grace in Two Words: “Angel” and “Poop,”” at Paul Methodist Church, Paul, ID, June 13th

Spring 2015 Presentation, “Knowing and Showing the Messianic Mission: Intertextual Connections from Isaiah to the Gospels,” at Paul Congregational Church, Paul, ID, May 3rd

Spring 2015 Presentation, “Knowing and Showing the Messianic Mission: Intertextual Connections from Isaiah to the Gospels,” at First Christian Praise Chapel, Rupert, ID, April 26th

Spring 2015 Presentation, “The Final Chapter: Things to Remember About the Revelation of John,” at Mini-Cassia Community Christian Church, Heyburn, ID, March 8th

Winter 2014 Presentation, “Bastards, Loose Women, and Gentiles, Oh My!: Matthew’s Genealogy,” at Paul Congregational Church, Paul, ID, December 7th

Autumn 2014 Presentation, “Eucharisteo: A Lifestyle of Thanksgiving,” at Rupert United Methodist Church, Rupert, ID, November 23rd

Autumn 2014 Presentation, “Eucharisteo: A Lifestyle of Thanksgiving,” at Paul United Methodist Church, Paul, ID, November 23rd

Autumn 2014 Presentation, “Bastards, Loose Women, and Gentiles, Oh My!: Matthew’s Genealogy,” at First Christian Praise Chapel, Rupert, ID, October 5th

Summer 2014 Presentation, “Letters from Home: Why Should the Bible Matter?” at The Springs Calvary Fellowship, Rupert, ID, August 13th

Summer 2014 Presentation, “Three Things Christians Should Never Say: Learning from Paul’s Example,” at Paul Congregational Church, Paul, ID, August 3rd

Spring 2014 Presentation, “God’s Not Dead: Apologetics and the Resurrection,” at The Springs Calvary Fellowship, Rupert, ID, April 9th

Autumn 2013 Presentation, "Trinitarian Bookends: A View of God from the Gospel of Matthew," at Rupert United Methodist Church, Rupert, ID, November 24th

Autumn 2013 Presentation, "Trinitarian Bookends: A View of God from the Gospel of Matthew," at Paul United Methodist Church, Paul, ID, November 24th

Autumn 2013 Presentation, "Trinitarian Bookends: A View of God from the Gospel of Matthew," at First Christian Praise Chapel, Rupert, ID, November 10th

Autumn 2013 Presentation and Discussion, "Sehnsucht: God's Existence and the Argument from Desire," at First Christian Praise Chapel, Rupert, ID, October 30th

Autumn 2013 Presentation and Discussion, "Wise as Serpents, Innocent as Doves: Out-Thinking the World for Christ," at First Christian Praise Chapel, Rupert, ID, September 4th

Spring 2013 Presentation, "A Tale of Two Women (and Cities): Revelation 17 and Christian Education," at Paul Baptist Church, Paul, ID, May 26th

Spring 2013 Presentation, "Knowledge in Eastertide: Thinking About 1st Corinthians 15," at Rupert United Methodist Church, Rupert, ID, April 7th

Winter 2012 Presentation, "Righteous Anger: Jesus in John 2," at Paul Congregational Church, Paul, ID, December 16th

Autumn 2012 Presentation, "Thanksgiving and Messianic Prophecies," at Paul Congregational Church's Youth Group, November 19th

Autumn 2012 Presentation, "A Theology of Work," at Paul United Methodist Church, Paul, ID; September 2nd

Summer 2012 Presentation, "Loving Religion: What is the Gospel?" at Hope Community Church, Denver, CO; July 15th

Summer 2012 Presentation, "One Story: Apologetics and Christ's Resurrection," at Hope Community Church, Denver, CO; July 12th

Summer 2011 Presentation, "Xenophobic Genocide?: What Did God Actually Command at Jericho?" at Calvary Fellowship Fountain Valley, Widefield, CO

MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

The American Philosophical Association	2015-
The Conference on Christianity and Literature	2013-
The Evangelical Philosophical Society	2013-
The Society of Christian Philosophers	2012-

REFERENCES

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