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Areas of Specialization: Philosophy of Religion, Theology, Christian Apologetics

Areas of Competence: Ethics, Religious Diversity/Pluralism, Postmodernism, Epistemology, History of Philosophy, Islamic Theology

EDUCATION

Ph.D., University of Toronto, Theological Studies, 2014-2018.

Advisor: Donald Wiebe

Thesis: *Who's Afraid of the Unmoved Mover? The Failure of Postmodern Evangelical Rejections of Natural Theology*

M.A., Denver Seminary, Philosophy of Religion, 2006-2010.

Advisor: Douglas Groothuis

B.A., Regis University, History, 2002-2005.

Advisor: James Guyer, S. J.

EMPLOYMENT

Colorado Christian University, Lead Affiliate Faculty (Applied Apologetics), January 2021-present.

Denver Seminary, Associated Faculty (Apologetics and Ethics), January 2019-present.

Spekit, Learning Technologist, November 2021-present.

PlayerLync, LMS Account Executive, September 2017-November 2020.

Life Pacific University, Adjunct Professor, January 2016-present.

The King's University, Adjunct Professor and Content Specialist (Philosophy), January 2016-January 2022.

Maintenance Connection, Sales and Marketing, December 2013-September 2017.

University of Toronto (Trinity College), Course Instructor, Junior Fellow, and Teaching Assistant, September 2014-2016.

Living Way Fellowship, Associate Pastor, June 2005-June 2014.

PUBLICATIONS

Books

The Knowledge of God in the World and the Word: An Introduction to Classical Apologetics (with Douglas Groothuis). Zondervan Academic, 2022.

Who's Afraid of the Unmoved Mover?: Postmodernism and Natural Theology. Pickwick Publications, (2019).

Peer Reviewed Journal Articles:

“Reading Philosophy in a Faculty of Divinity.” *Toronto Journal of Theology* 37.1 (Spring 2021).

“An Outline of the Pentecostal Ethos: A Critical Engagement with James K. A. Smith.” *Quadrum: Journal of the Foursquare Scholars Fellowship* 3.1 (Summer 2020).

“General Revelation and the God of Natural Theology: A Response to Myron Bradley Penner.” *Philosophia Christi* 21.1 (Summer 2019).

“The Spirit of Truth and the Unmoved Mover: The Presence of the Holy Spirit in Natural Theology.” *Quadrum: Journal of the Foursquare Scholars Fellowship* 2.1 (Summer 2019).

“Reformation 500: The Reformation’s Legacy for Pentecostal Protestants.” *Orthodoxy in Dialogue* (2 October 2017).

Contributions to Multi-Author Works:

“The Holy Spirit,” in *Dictionary of Pentecostal Missions*, eds. Jerry M. Ireland and David H. Perdan. T&T Clark (forthcoming).

“Kingdom of God,” in *Dictionary of Pentecostal Missions*, eds. Jerry M. Ireland and David H. Perdan. T&T Clark (forthcoming).

Academic Journal Book Reviews:

History and Eschatology: Jesus and the Promise of Natural Theology, N. T. Wright. *Philosophia Christi* 22.1 (Summer 2020).

Outline of Christian Doctrine: An Evangelical Dogmatics, Wilfried Härle. *Toronto Journal of Theology* 32.2 (Fall 2016).

Thinking in Tongues, James K. A. Smith. *The Denver Journal* 16, (2013).

The Case for God, Karen Armstrong. *The Denver Journal* 13, (2010).

ACADEMIC SERVICE

Lead Affiliate, *Colorado Christian University*, 2021-present. I lead the B.A. and M.A. programs in Applied Apologetics and have taught the graduate-level courses “World Religions Apologetics” and “Advanced Critical Thinking.” I have taught the undergraduate courses “Classical Philosophy and Christianity” and “Philosophical Theology.”

Session Moderator, Evangelical Theological Society Annual Meeting, 2020. I moderated the Systematic Theology section.

Reviewer, Toronto Journal of Theology, 2020-present.

Associated Faculty, Denver Seminary, 2019-present. I have taught the graduate-level courses “Religious Pluralism,” “Advanced Ethics,” and “Apologetics and Ethics.”

Reviewer, Quadrum: Journal of the Foursquare Scholars Fellowship, 2018-present.

Adjunct Professor, Life Pacific University, 2016-present. I have taught the undergraduate courses “Christian Worldview,” “Roots of Modern Thought,” “Comparative Religions,” and “Theology I.” I co-designed the “Christian Worldview” course.

Executive Committee Member, Foursquare Scholars Fellowship, 2018-2019. This body exists to enfranchise the scholars, educators, researchers, and students in higher education within the Foursquare ecclesiastical organization by providing various venues for dialogue, publication, and peer review.

Adjunct Professor, The King’s University, 2016-2022. I have taught the undergraduate courses “Philosophy and Christian Thought,” “Introduction to Apologetics,” and “Christian Ethics.” I served as the Content Specialist for “Philosophy and Christian Thought.” This involved completing a Quality Matters assessment and standardizing a Master Syllabus for the course.

Senior Fellow, The Gordon Lewis Center for Christian Thought and Culture, Denver Seminary, 2016-2017. I led a team of student and alumni volunteers in planning and executing lectures, conferences, colloquia, and recruiting efforts for the Seminary’s M.A. Apologetics and Ethics program.

Adjunct Professor, Junior Fellow, and Teaching Assistant, University of Toronto (Trinity College), 2014-2016. I was a Teaching Assistant and lecturer for the graduate-level courses “Ethics and Society” and “Philosophy of Religion.” I was the instructor for the graduate-level course “World Religions and Christian Theologies of Religion.”

Session Moderator, Evangelical Theological Society Annual Meeting, 2015. I moderated the Systematic Theology section.

Advanced Degree Student Representative, Trinity College Divinity Class Executive, University of Toronto, 2014-2015.

Academic Dean, The Leadership Academy (Highlands Ranch, CO)

From 2013-2014, I taught “Intro to Biblical Exegesis” and coordinated the program’s relationship with Life Pacific University of San Dimas, CA.

From 2005 to 2011, I led the student ministry of Living Way Fellowship through sermons, lectures, and mentoring.

MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

Evangelical Philosophical Society
 Evangelical Theological Society
 The Foursquare Church (Ordained)

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

“A Critique of Postmodern Evangelical Rejections of Natural Theology,” November 15, 2018, Evangelical Philosophical Society Annual Meeting in Denver, Colorado.

“The Spirit of Truth and the Unmoved Mover,” November 13, 2018, Evangelical Theological Society Annual Meeting in Denver, Colorado.

“The Postmodern Critique of Natural Theology and a Pentecostal Way Forward,” March 10, 2018, Society for Pentecostal Studies Annual Meeting in Cleveland, Tennessee.

“Balancing Graduate School with Life: Work, Life, Identity, and Family,” November 22, 2015, American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting in Atlanta, Georgia.

“Explaining Al-Kindi: Islam and the Genesis of Arabic Philosophy,” March 20, 2015, ADSA Theology Conference, University of Toronto.

“Evangelicals, Pluralism, and Interreligious Dialogue,” January 29, 2015, Network of Christian Scholars, University of Toronto.

SELECT INVITED LECTURES

“Why Would Anyone Worship a God Who Allows So Much Suffering?” October 24, 2022, Colorado School of Mines in Golden, Colorado.

“How Can We Know Anything at All?” August 31, 2020, Colorado School of Mines in Golden, Colorado.

“Understanding Postmodernism.” October 25, 2019, University of Denver in Denver, Colorado.

“Why the Postmodern Critique of Natural Theology is Most Certainly Wrong.” November 10, 2017, The Gordon Lewis Center for Christian Thought and Culture, Denver Seminary in Littleton, Colorado.

“Five Objections to Pascal’s Wager.” November 15, 2016, Denver Seminary in Littleton, Colorado.

“Postmodernism.” August 4, 2015, The Gordon Lewis Center for Christian Thought and Culture, Denver Seminary in Littleton, Colorado.

“Christian Social Ethics: A Theological Framework.” January 17, 2015, University of Toronto in Toronto, Ontario.

“Who is Jesus?” April 7, 2014, Regis University in Denver, Colorado.

HONORS

Trinity College Bursary, University of Toronto, 2016-2018.

Hannah Cairns Fellowship, Trinity College, University of Toronto, 2015-2016.

Archbishop H. H. Clark Fellowship, Trinity College, University of Toronto, 2014-2015.

Harold L. Stansell, S.J. Award for Excellence in History, Regis University, 2005.

Magna Cum Laude, Regis University, 2005.

Dean’s List, Regis University, 2002-2005.

Blue & Gold Academic Merit Scholarship, Regis University, 2002-2005.

REFERENCES

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