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EDUCATION

University of Miami, Coral Gables, Florida

Doctor of Philosophy in Philosophy, 1997

Doctoral Dissertation: *Plantinga's Proper Functionalism, Knowledge, and Rationality*
(Advisor: Dr. Harvey Siegel)

Master of Arts in Philosophy, 1993.

Reformed Theological Seminary, Jackson, Mississippi

Master of Divinity, 1988.

Belhaven College, Jackson, Mississippi

Bachelor of Arts in Humanities, 1984, *Summa Cum Laude*.

ACADEMIC CONCENTRATIONS

Areas of Specialization:

Epistemology
Philosophy of Religion / Philosophical Theology

Areas of Teaching Competence:

Logic
Metaphysics
Moral Philosophy
History of Analytic Philosophy
Philosophy of Mind
Philosophy of Language

MEMBERSHIPS

Professional Societies

The Society of Christian Philosophers
Evangelical Philosophical Society
Evangelical Theological Society

TEACHING POSITIONS & COURSES TAUGHT

2007-present **Professor of Philosophy, Covenant College (fall 2007 - present).**

Courses taught:

- Introduction to Philosophy
- Introduction to Logic & Critical Thinking
- History of Philosophy I: Classical to Renaissance
- History of Philosophy III: Twentieth Century Analytic Philosophy
- Metaphysics
- Epistemology
- Moral Philosophy
- Contemporary Moral Issues
- Philosophy of Art
- Philosophy of Language
- Philosophy of Mind
- Philosophy of Religion
- Apologetics
- Seminar on Thomas Reid
- Seminar on Hans-Georg Gadamer (assisted Dr. Bill Tate, Professor of English)
- Seminar on Jean-Luc Marion (assisted Dr. Bill Tate, Professor of English)
- Senior Integration Project Seminar (philosophy)
- The Christian Mind (core course; section instructor)
- Cultural Heritage of the West I & II (core courses)
- Christ and Culture (core course; section instructor)

2020 **Adjunct Professor, Reformation Bible College (spring 2020).**

Course taught: Contemporary Philosophy

2000-2007 **Professor of Philosophy, Erskine College (fall 2005 - spring 2007).**

Associate Professor of Philosophy, Erskine College (fall 2000 - spring 2005).^{1*}

Courses taught:

- Introduction to Philosophy
- Logic
- History of Western Philosophy I (ancient through medieval)
- History of Western Philosophy II (early modern through 19th century)
- Metaphysics
- Epistemology
- Ethics
- Contemporary Ethical Issues
- Philosophy of Religion
- Philosophy of the Arts
- Philosophy of Mind (a senior-level seminar)
- Philosophy of Science (team taught with Asst. Prof. of Physics Richard Schelp)
- Christian Apologetics
- World Religions
- The Violence of Grace: A Look at Human Existence through the Stories of Flannery O'Connor (Erskine Seminar – an interdisciplinary freshman seminar)
- Is Jesus the Only Way? (a course devoted to the problem of religious plurality)
- Downsizing God: The Challenge of Openness Theism
- Clashing Defenses: The Dispute between Presuppositional & Classical Apologists

^{1*} Tenure awarded spring of 2003.

(an upper-level seminar)

TEACHING POSITIONS & COURSES TAUGHT (continued)

- 2000-2007 **Professor of Philosophy, Erskine College (continued).**
Courses taught:
The Monster Within (a literature-based exploration of fallen human nature)
Old Testament: Literature & Interpretation (an introduction to the Old Testament)
New Testament: Literature & Interpretation (an introduction to the New Testament)
- 1999 **Visiting Professor, Reformed Bible College (spring 1999).**
Course taught: Biblical Foundations of Ethics
- 1997-1999 **Visiting Assistant Professor of Philosophy, Calvin College (fall 1997 - spring 1999).**
Courses taught:
Introduction to Philosophy
Introduction to Logic
Introduction to Symbolic Logic
Ethics
History of Philosophy II (early modern through 19th century)
Christian Perspectives on Learning (a team-taught interdisciplinary course)
Is Jesus the Only Way? (a course devoted to the problem of religious pluralism)
- 1993-1998 **Assistant Professor of Philosophy, Barry University (fall 1994 - spring 1998).**
Visiting Instructor in Philosophy, Barry University (spring 1993 - spring 1994).
(On leave of absence fall 1997 - spring 1998.)
Courses taught:
Critical Thinking
Introduction to Formal Logic
Philosophical Problems (a freshman-level introduction to philosophy)
Problems in Philosophy (a junior-level introduction to philosophy)
History of Philosophy II (early modern through 20th century)
Metaphysics
Epistemology
Ethics
Contemporary Moral Problems
Philosophy of Art
Philosophy of Science
Philosophy of God and Religion
Judeo-Christian Tradition (an honors interdisciplinary course)
Reformation Theology (a graduate historical theology course)
- 1992 **Instructor, Miami-Dade Community College (summer session).**
Course taught: Logic
- 1989-1992 **Teaching Assistant, University of Miami (fall 1989 through fall 1992).**
Courses taught:
Introduction to Philosophy
Contemporary Moral Issues

SCHOLARLY PUBLICATIONS

- "On a Not Quite Yet 'Victorious' Modal Version of the Ontological Argument for the Existence of God," *International Journal for Philosophy of Religion*, 33 (1993): 47-57.
- "Proper Functionalism, Reliability, and Degrees of Epistemic Warrant," *The Southern Journal of Philosophy*, 37 (1999): 653-64.
- "Is Proper Function Necessary for Epistemic Warrant?" *Southwest Philosophy Review* 16 (July, 2000): 133-41.
- "Reliability in Plantinga's Account of Epistemic Warrant," *Principia* 6 (December, 2002): 249-77.
- "Sin and the Trustworthiness of Our Cognitive Endowment," *Philosophia Christi* 6 (2004): 249-62.
- "Morally Significant Freedom, Moral Responsibility, and Causal Determinism: A Compatibilist View," *Testamentum Imperium* 2 (2009): selection no. 12 (URL: <http://www.preciousheart.net/ti/>).
- "Quantum Physics and Its Alleged Threat to the Principle of Sufficient Reason," *Journal of the International Society of Christian Apologetics* 10.1 (2017): 21-29.
- "Confession of a Reformed Philosopher: Why I Am a Compatibilist about Determinism and Moral Responsibility," *Themelios* 42.2 (August, 2017): 263-84.
- "God and Possible Worlds: A Reformed Exploration," *Philosophia Christi* 20.1 (2018): 139-54.

REFEREED CONFERENCE PAPERS

- "Reliability in Plantinga's Account of Epistemic Warrant," presented at the 1995 annual meeting of the Florida Philosophical Association in Tampa, Florida.
- "A Presumption Concerning the Trustworthiness of Our Cognitive Endowment," presented at the 1998 annual meeting of the Society of Christian Philosophers, Mountain-Plains Region at Arizona State University in Tempe, Arizona.
- "God and Possible Worlds: What Possible Worlds Are There?" presented at the 2010 national meeting of the Evangelical Philosophical Society in Atlanta, Georgia.

BOOK REVIEWS

- Review of *Biblical Knowing: A Scriptural Epistemology of Error* by Dru Johnson, *Themelios* 39.2 (2014): 363-6.
- Review of *Walking with God through Pain and Suffering* by Timothy Keller, *CCCU Advance* (Fall 2014): 43-4.
- Review of *Need to Know: Vocation as the Heart of Christian Epistemology* by John G. Stackhouse, *Themelios* 41.1 (2016): 169-171.
- "Theism and the Metaphysics of Free Will: A Review Essay," *Philosophia Christi* 21 (2019): 189-197.
[This is a review essay covering two recently published books: Kevin Timpe and Daniel Speak, eds., *Free Will and Theism: Connections, Contingencies, and Concerns* (Oxford University Press, 2016) and Hugh J. McCann, ed., *Free Will and Classical Theism: The Significance of Freedom in Perfect Being Theology* (Oxford University Press, 2017).]
- Co-author, with Hans Madueme, "Responding to Homosexuality: Culture of Care versus Culture of Cure," published on The Gospel Coalition website, April 25, 2022 (<https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/reviews/still-time-care/>).

OTHER SCHOLARLY & SEMI-SCHOLARLY ACTIVITY

- Presentation of my paper, "A Presumption Concerning the Trustworthiness of Our Cognitive Endowment," at the Tuesday afternoon colloquium of the Department of Philosophy at Calvin College: spring, 1998.
- Participant in the 1998 Calvin College Seminar in Christian Scholarship, "Anselm: Faith Seeking Understanding," led by Dr. Eleonore Stump: July 6-24, 1998. Presentation of my paper, "Proper Functionalism, Reliability, and Degrees of Epistemic Warrant," at the Tuesday afternoon colloquium of the Department of Philosophy at Calvin College: spring, 1999.
- Presentation of philosophy major chapel address, "Meditation on Anselm's 'Prayer to Christ'," at Wheaton College: October, 1999.
- Participant in the 2000 NEH Summer Faculty Seminar, "Thomas Reid on Perception, Knowledge, and Action," led by Dr. James Van Cleve at Brown University: July 17-August 18, 2000.
- Invited presentation, "Thinking Christianly about the Non-Christian Religions," given to a group of youth ministry leaders at the "Dare to Be Different" camp at Erskine College: July, 2002.
- Invited presentations, "Thinking Christianly about Islam," given for groups at Upper Long Cane Presbyterian Church in Abbeville, South Carolina (August 25, 2002), Clemson Presbyterian Church in Clemson, South Carolina (November 19, 2002), and First Presbyterian Church in Tuscumbia, Alabama (December 29, 2002).
- Invited presentation, "Thinking Christianly about the Notion of Truth," given to a group of youth ministry leaders at the "Dare to Be Different" camp at Erskine College: July, 2003.
- Invited presentation, "God, Freedom, and Determinism," sponsored by Baptist College Ministries at Erskine College: April, 2004.
- Invited address, "Faithful Reason," Erskine College convocation, November 4, 2004.
- Presentation of three lectures on the topic "God Speaks through Biblical History: Faithfully Interpreting Old Testament Narratives" at Bartlick Presbyterian Church, Haysi, Virginia: June 29-July 1, 2005.
- "Christian Commitment and Excellence in Learning: Thoughts about the Mission of Erskine College," opening address on the idea of Christian liberal arts education delivered to new Erskine College freshman class at their freshman orientation, August 27, 2006.
- Invited address, "Learning to Read Two Books: Some Reflections on the Nature and Value of Christian Liberal Arts Education," Erskine College convocation, March 22, 2007.
- Presentation, "God's Nature and God's Mode of Existence Relative to Time: An Exploration with Unfortunate Consequences for William Lane Craig's Theory of God and Time," at the November, 2007 meeting of the Covenant College Philosophy Club.
- Invited presentation, "Christianity and Film in a Culture of Unbelief," a *Charlotte Thursdays* presentation at All Saints Presbyterian Church in Charlotte, North Carolina, January 10, 2008.
- Presentation of four addresses on Christian worship: "Come, Let Us Worship," for the 2008 Reformation Conference, September 27-28 at Westminster Presbyterian Church, Huntsville, Alabama.
- Invited presentation, "Worship and the Academic Discipline of Philosophy," Covenant College Chapel, December 1, 2009.
- Presentation to faculty and students at Covenant College, "Morally Significant Freedom, Moral

Responsibility, and Causal Determinism: A Compatibilist View,” April 22, 2010.

OTHER SCHOLARLY & SEMI-SCHOLARLY ACTIVITY (continued)

- Presentation, “Risky God: The Problem of Open Theism,” as a seminar at the 2010 PCA General Assembly in Nashville, Tennessee, June 30, 2010. [This presentation was subsequently adapted and delivered as a short series for two adult Sunday school classes at Lookout Mountain Presbyterian Church during the months of July and August, 2010.]
- Presentation, “Gottlob Frege and the Logician Project: The Attempt to Reduce Arithmetic to Logic,” at the March 24, 2011 meeting of the Covenant College Math Club.
- Presentation, “Contemporary Quantum Physics and the Principle of Sufficient Reason,” at the September 13, 2013 meeting of the Science Seminar at Covenant College.
- Lecture series, “The Problem of Truth,” at the Lookout Mountain Presbyterian Church combined adult Sunday school class, July, 2015.
- Lecture series, “Learning to Live as Aliens and Strangers: A Study of Esther, Ezra, and Nehemiah,” presented in sixteen sessions to an adult Sunday school class at Lookout Mountain Presbyterian Church, from August 14, 2016 to December 11, 2016.
- Three talks given at a retreat concluding the inaugural Pegasus Internship (a ministry of Park Cities Presbyterian Church in Dallas, TX) on June 29 and 30, 2017. Topic: some major concepts and themes from Abraham Kuyper’s 1898 Stone Lectures, *Lectures on Calvinism*, developed from Scripture. We considered the doctrines of absolute and universal divine sovereignty, delegated sovereignty in the *imago dei*, and divine sovereignty in the face of the fall, focusing on the antithesis and common grace.
- Lecture series, “Fixing Our Eyes on Jesus: A Study of the Book of Hebrews,” presented in twenty-two sessions to an adult Sunday school class at Lookout Mountain Presbyterian Church, from August 13, 2017 to January 28, 2018. (This series was also presented in the Thursday morning men’s Bible study at LMPC from August 2017 through April 2018.)
- Presentation, “The Joy of Following Jesus in Our Academic Callings: Some Thoughts about Being Faithful Christian Scholar-Teachers in a Community of Christian Scholarship,” at Erskine College and Seminary for their joint faculty retreat (“One Erskine”), August 13, 2018.
- Essay, “Christ and Extraterrestrials,” prepared for and presented to the Dameron Club, November 13, 2018 (as part of their fall 2018 series of discussions on astrotheology).
- Lecture series (three days) on critical thinking and logic, presented at IMPACT 360 (gap year program operated by Chick-fil-A in Pine Mountain, Georgia): September 2008, September 2009, March 2011, March 2012, March 2013, March 2014, March 2015, December 2015, February-March 2017, February 2018, November/December 2018, March 2020.
- Church adult education course: “Sex, Lies, and Scripture: Following Jesus in a Sex-Crazed World,” presented to an adult Sunday school class at Lookout Mountain Church beginning August 18, 2019 and ending January 26, 2020.
- “God’s Design for Human Sexuality,” presentation and Q&A session at Oak Mountain Presbyterian Church, Birmingham, Alabama on September 29, 2022.
- “Names and the ‘Same God’ Debate,” presented to the Philosophy Club, April 19, 2023. This presentation involved applying significant theories in the philosophy of language to the controversial question of whether Christians and Muslims worship the same God.

COMMITTEE & ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICE (COVENANT COLLEGE)

Dean of Humanities: July, 2012-present

Chair, Department of Philosophy: 2010-2022

Sexuality Committee: October, 2019-present

Core Review Team: summer 2023-

Curriculum Committee: 2009-2012; chair, 2011-2012

President's Partnerships Committee: 2010-2012 (concerned with fostering partnerships between the college and the PCA and between the college and other Reformed denominations)

IDS advisory committee: 2010-2012

Academic Subcommittee on Campus Planning: 2010-2011

Core Oversight Committee: 2008-2009