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EMPLOYMENT

Professor of Philosophy, Whitworth University (July 2020-present)

Associate Professor of Philosophy, Whitworth University (July 2015-present)

Assistant Professor of Philosophy, Whitworth University (July 2010-June 2015)

Sorin Post-Doctoral Fellow, University of Notre Dame (AY 2009-2010)

EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Philosophy, University of Notre Dame (August 2009)

- Dissertation: “The Epistemology of Disagreement: Puzzles, Solutions, and Applications”
- Co-Directors: Robert Audi and Ted A. Warfield
- Committee Members: Alvin Plantinga, Thomas Kelly, Michael DePaul

M.A. in Philosophy, Biola University (2001)

B.A. in Philosophy, Seattle Pacific University (1998)

AREAS OF RESEARCH SPECIALIZATION

Epistemology, Philosophy of Education, Philosophy of Religion

BOOKS

The Excellent Mind: Intellectual Virtues for Everyday Life (Oxford University Press, 2021).

*One of Oxford University Press’ 10 most-read philosophy books of 2021.

Endurance, edited (Oxford University Press, forthcoming in the OUP series, *The Virtues*).

Is Goodness without God Good Enough?, edited. with Robert K. Garcia (Rowman & Littlefield, 2008).

PAPERS

1. "Building Better Discourse" *Christian Scholars Review*, forthcoming.
2. "Conspiracy Theories and Intellectual Character" with Keith Wyma, forthcoming in Michael Austin and Greg Bock, eds., *Christianity and Conspiracy Theories* (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, forthcoming).
3. "The Apologist's Dilemma: Counting Up the Costs of Rational Uniqueness and Permissiveness." In Matthew Benton and Jonathan Kvanvig, eds. *Religious Disagreement and Pluralism* (Oxford University Press, 2021).
4. "Intellectual Perseverance," in Heather Battaly (ed.), *The Routledge Companion to Virtue Epistemology* (London: Routledge Press, 2018).
5. "Disagreement and the Epistemology of Theology" (with Thomas Kelly) in Fred Aquino and William Abraham (eds.), *The Oxford Handbook of the Epistemology of Theology* (Oxford University Press, 2017).
6. "Religious Skepticism and Higher-Order Evidence," *Oxford Studies in Philosophy of Religion*, volume 7 (2016): 126-156.
7. "Why Can't We Be Friends?" Reflections on Empirical Psychology and Virtue Epistemology," in Christian Miller, Michael Furr, Angela Knobel, and William Fleeson (eds.), *The Character Project: New Perspectives in Psychology, Philosophy, and Theology* (New York: Oxford University Press, 2015).
8. "Toward Intellectually Virtuous Discourse: Two Vicious Fallacies and the Virtues that Inhibit Them," (with Robert K. Garcia), in Jason Baehr (ed.) *Educating for Intellectual Virtues: Applying Virtue Epistemology to Educational Theory and Practice* (London: Routledge Press, 2015).
9. "Conscientious Self-Reflection to the Rescue?" (with Josh Orozco), *European Journal for Philosophy of Religion* 6:4 (2014). Part of a symposium on Linda Zagzebski's *Epistemic Authority*.
10. "Perseverance as an Intellectual Virtue," *Synthese* 191 (2014), 15: 3779-3801. Link to the definitive version ("Erratum to Perseverance as an Intellectual Virtue"): <http://link.springer.com/article/10.1007%2Fs11229-014-0511-5>
11. "Responsibilist Virtue Epistemology: A Reply to the Situationist Challenge," *The Philosophical Quarterly* 64, 255 (2014): 243-253.
12. "Getting Our Minds Out of the Gutter: Fallacies that Foul Our Discourse, and Virtues that Clean it Up" (with Robert K. Garcia), in Michael Austin (ed.), *Virtues in Action* (Palgrave MacMillan, 2013).
13. "Disagreement: The Skeptical Arguments from Peerhood and Symmetry," in Diego Machuca (ed.), *Disagreement and Skepticism* (London: Routledge, 2013).

14. "Disagreement: What's the Problem? or A Good Peer is Hard to Find," *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*, vol. LXXXV (2012) No. 2, 249-72.
15. "McGrath on Moral Knowledge," *Journal of Philosophical Research* 36 (2011), 218-33. (Published with a reply by Sarah McGrath along with my rejoinder.)
16. "Religious Diversity and its Challenges to Religious Belief," *Philosophy Compass* 3:4 (2008), 830-53.

SHORT ARTICLES AND REVIEWS

- "Should Philosophy Classrooms Get Gritty?" *APA Teaching Blog*
<https://blog.apaonline.org/2018/02/06/the-teaching-workshop-should-philosophy-classrooms-get-gritty/>
- "Rod Dreher Against the Philosophers?," *The American Conservative*, May 18, 2017.
<https://www.theamericanconservative.com/articles/rod-dreher-against-the-philosophers/>
- "Winners Never Quit (Except when they Do): Reflections on Intellectual Perseverance," *The Table*. Stable URL:
<http://cct.biola.edu/blog/2014/sep/29/winners-never-quit/>
- Entries in Robert Audi (ed.), *The Cambridge Dictionary of Philosophy* (3rd ed., 2015):
 "Religious Epistemology," "Philosophical Theology."
- Review of Richard Feldman and Ted A. Warfield (eds.), *Disagreement* (Oxford 2010), *Mind* 121 (483):808-812 (2012) (with Nathan Ballantyne).
- Review of John Bishop, *Believing By Faith* (New York: Oxford, 2007), *Religious Studies Review* 34:1 (2008), 35-36.
- Review of Joseph L. Camp, *Confusion: A Study in the Theory of Knowledge* (Cambridge, MA: Harvard, 2002) in *Philosophical Books* 44:3 (2003), 261-63.
- Review of Hillary Kornblith, *Epistemology: Internalism and Externalism* (Malden, MA: Blackwell, 2000) in *Philosophia Christi* 5:1 (2003), 295-301.

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

- "Comments on Buchak," for a symposium on Lara Buchak's "Faith, Commitment, and Disagreement." APA Pacific Division Meeting, March 2016.
- "Religious Disagreement and Higher-Order Evidence," Gonzaga University Socratic Club, Feb. 14, 2014.
- "Responsibilist Virtue Epistemology: A Reply to the Situationist Challenge," The Character Project Final Conference, Wake Forest University, June 2013.

“Getting Our Minds Out of the Gutter: Fallacies that Foul Our Discourse, and Virtues that Clean it Up” (With Robert Garcia), Educating for Intellectual Virtues Conference, Loyola Marymount University, June 2013.

“Religious Skepticism: A Cumulative Argument from Higher-Order Evidence,” Society of Christian Philosophers Group Meeting at the Pacific APA, March 2013.

“On Two Arguments for Religious Skepticism,” presented at the Kileen Chair Conference, St. Norbert College (Green Bay, WI), April 2012.

“Perseverance as an Intellectual Virtue,” presented three times:

- a. APA Pacific Division Meeting, April 2012.
- b. Gonzaga University Socratic Club, December 2011.
- c. Educating for Wisdom Conference, Baylor University, October 2011.

Comments on Michael Thune, “Does Disagreement Lead to Skepticism?,” APA Pacific Division Meeting, April 2010.

“We’re Not Very Good at This’: Dealing with Evidence of Unreliability,” Baylor Philosophy of Religion Conference, February 2010.

“Disagreement: What’s the Problem? *or* A Good Peer is Hard to Find,” Northwestern University Philosophy Brown Bag Series, November 2009.

“Disagreement: How to be a Moral Skeptic,” Notre Dame Research Group, October 2008.

“Ethical Desiderata and the Ethics of Jesus,” Pacific Division Meeting of the Society of Christian Philosophers, March 2005.

“Some Problems for Mentalist Internalism,” University of Rochester Graduate Conference in Epistemology, November 2002.

HONORS AND AWARDS

Grant, “The Virtue Profile of the Excellent Thinker”

- Funded for approximately \$850,000, through the John Templeton Foundation, with work to begin in the fall of 2022.
- An interdisciplinary grant exploring conceptual and empirical issues concerning the intellectual virtues.
- Project Leader Eranda Jayawickreme, Co-Leader William Fleeson (both Wake Forest University, Psychology).
- I will serve as the Philosophy Research Leader.

Grant, “The Excellent Mind: Intellectual Virtues for Education and Everyday Life.”

- Funded through The Beacon Project Grant Competition (The John Templeton Foundation & Wake Forest University).
- A grant of \$48,800 for work conducted during AY 2016-17.

- Project consisted in writing a book on intellectual virtues for a lay audience.
- Grant competition was highly competitive, with 10% of proposals funded.

Whitworth University Provost Award for Scholarship (2016)

Junior Faculty Award, Whitworth University (AY 2013-14)

Finalist, Mark Sanders Essay Prize in Philosophical Theology (2013)

- A national essay contest conducted by the Mark Sanders Foundation and the editorial board of *Oxford Studies in Philosophy of Religion*.
- Finalist essays appear in *Oxford Studies in Philosophy of Religion*.
- Essay entitled, “Religious Skepticism and Higher-Order Evidence”

Grant “Virtue Epistemology: Unexplored Territory”

- Funded through The Character Project Grant Competition (The John Templeton Foundation & Wake Forest University)
- Awarded a grant of \$44,185 for work conducted during AY 2012-13.
- Project produced three papers on intellectual virtues.
- This grant completion was highly competitive, with just 12 out of 120 applicants funded.

Participant, St. Thomas Seminar in the Philosophy of Religion

- A funded (\$3,000) seminar involving both younger scholars and top figures in the field.
- The seminar application process was competitive, with fewer than 20% of applicants accepted.

Whitworth University Faculty Research and Development Grant (Summer 2011)

- A \$2,000 grant supporting research on perseverance as an intellectual virtue.

Edward Sorin Post-Doctoral Fellowship, University of Notre Dame, 2009-2010

- A competitive, \$30,000 fellowship awarded by Notre Dame’s College of Arts and Letters and the Graduate School.
- Mentors: Alvin Plantinga (research); Jeffrey Speaks (teaching)

Kaneb Fellowship, University of Notre Dame, 2007-08

- A competitive, \$20,000 fellowship awarded by Notre Dame’s Kaneb Center for Teaching and Learning, the Graduate School, and the College of Arts and Letters.
- Mentor: Thomas Kelly, Princeton Department of Philosophy

Visiting Lecturer, Princeton University, Fall 2007 (under the Kaneb Fellowship)

Certificate of Completion, Teaching Seminar for Graduate Students, Princeton University

Outstanding Graduate Student Teacher Award for Excellence in Teaching, University of Notre Dame, 2006-07

Highest Distinction, Oral Candidacy Exam in Epistemology (Notre Dame), 2006

- Exam Committee: Marian David (director), Robert Audi, Michael DePaul, Alvin Plantinga, Leopold Stubenberg

Highest Distinction, Written Comprehensive Exam in Modern Philosophy, (Notre Dame, 2004)

Distinction, Written Comprehensive Exam in Ancient and Medieval Philosophy, (Notre Dame, 2004)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Professor (full responsibility), Whitworth University, Fall 2010-present

- Core 250 (Fall 2018-present). An interdisciplinary, team-taught course.
- Business Ethics (Fall 2018-present)
- Metaphysics (Fall 2018, 2019, 2021)
- Faith, Philosophy, and Science (Spring 2019, 2020)
- Core 300 (28 sections between Fall 2010 and Spring 2018)
- Contemporary Philosophy (Fall 2013, 2015, 2017, 2019, 2021)
- Philosophy of Science (Spring 2012, 2014 and 2016)
- Philosophy of Mind (Spring 2015)
- Senior Capstone Course (Fall 2011, 2012, 2014, and 2018)
- Reasons for Faith (Jan-term 2012, 2013, and 2018)
- God, Knowledge, and Language (Honors Course, Jan-term 2015)

Instructor (full responsibility), University of Notre Dame, Spring 2009-Spring 2010

- Introduction to Philosophy (three sections)
- Ethics (two sections)

Visiting Lecturer, Princeton University, Fall 2007

- Preceptor for PHI 339: Philosophical Analysis from 1900-1950 (Thomas Kelly)
- Led weekly discussion sections for junior and senior philosophy majors.

Teaching Assistant, University of Notre Dame, 2004-2007

- Introduction to Philosophy (William Ramsey), Fall 2004
- Introduction to Philosophy (Marian David), Spring 2006
- Morality & Modernity (David Solomon), Spring 2005, Spring 2007
- Medical Ethics (David Solomon), Fall 2005, Fall 2006
- Business Ethics (Robert Audi), Fall 2006, Spring 2007

COURSES PREPARED TO TEACH

Epistemology, Philosophy of Religion, Philosophy of Science, History of Analytic Philosophy, Ethical Theory, History of Modern Philosophy, Metaphysics, Critical Thinking

SERVICE TO WHITWORTH UNIVERSITY

Member, Speakers and Artists Committee (January 2021-present)

Member, Free Speech Task Force (2019-present)

Co-Organizer, President's Colloquy on Civil Discourse, Whitworth University (AY 2017-18).

- Assisted President Beck Taylor in organizing three public lecture events on civil discourse.
- Plenary speaker for February 19, 2018 event: "Can We Disagree without Being Disagreeable?"
- Co-editor, *President's Colloquy on Civil Discourse*, (with Beck Taylor).

Faculty Research and Development Committee (Fall 2017-present)

General Education Assessment Task Force (AY 2013-14-present)

- Assist College of Arts and Sciences Dean Noelle Wiersma and Associate Provost Randall Michaelis in assessing Whitworth's current GE program.
- Primary responsibility: represent and work with the faculty in Whitworth's Core Program in relation to the GE Assessment Task Force.

Student Conduct Review Board (Fall 2013-present)

Primary Instructor (with Josh Orozco), Vocations of the Christian Professor Workshop, May 20-June 6, 2013. (A two-week workshop on the intellectual virtues and their role in the university.)

Faith and Learning Integration Task Force (2012-2017)

- Assisted Associate Provost (Kathy Storm) in planning various initiatives, including the Summer Vocations of the Christian Professor Workshop.

Core Sustainability Task Force (2010-13)

- Member of a task force responsible for addressing current and future challenges to the University's Core Program.
- Co-author, initial draft of a rationale for the University's Core Program (with Leonard Oakland, English Department).

Teaching, Learning, and Assessment Committee (TLAC) (2011-12)

- Assisted in evaluating various departments in their plans to meet accreditation requirements.

Philosophy Department Library Liaison (2010-present)

Philosophy Department Retreat Coordinator (AY 2011-12, 2012-13, and 2014-15)
GE 125 Advisor (Fall 2013), course entitled "Virtues of the Mind." Small grant recipient

- Lilly Scholars Network grant for a workshop, Theology for the Christian Professor (with Meredith Shimizu). \$3,000.

- John Templeton Foundation / Society of Christian Philosophers Alvin Plantinga Reading Group Grant (with Josh Orozco). (\$2500)
- Society of Christian Philosophers Speakers Grant (\$1500). Rebecca Konyndyk DeYoung delivered lecture during Spring of 2015.
- Society of Christian Philosophers Speakers Grant (\$1500). Jason Baehr (Loyola Marymount University) delivered lecture, “Virtues of the Mind: What They are and Why They Matter” at Whitworth in November 2012.
- Whitworth Strategic Initiative Fund grant award (with Josh Orozco) for a project in the intellectual virtues. This project involved leading discussions with students, with a focus on Philip Dow’s book *Virtuous Minds*.

Guest lecturer

- Auburn University, Montgomery, “Educating for Intellectual Virtues,” April 2022
- Whitworth Institute of Ministry (WIM)
 - “Loving God and Others: Intellectual Virtue and the Christian Life.” July 21, 2015.
 - “Getting Our Minds Out of the Gutter: Fallacies that Foul Theological Discourse (and Virtues that Clean it Up).” July 21, 2015.
- Vocations of the Christian Professor Workshop, “Virtues: Integrating Faith and Learning” (with Josh Orozco). June 11, 2015.
- Teaching Roundtable, “Truth” (with Josh Orozco). March 16, 2015.
- Faculty Scholarship Forum, “Getting Our Minds out of the Gutter: Fallacies that Foul Our Discourse (and Virtues that Clean it Up).” November 20, 2015.
- General Education Forum, October 14, 2014.
- New Faculty Orientation, Whitworth University (with Josh Orozco) “Intellectual Virtues: An Education of Mind and Heart.” August 21, 2014.
- Lilly Graduate Fellow Conference (panel with Rafaela Acevedo-Field and Nicole Sheets) “Bearing Witness from Graduate Student to Scholar/Teacher: What I Wish I Had Known.” August 11, 2014.
- Vocations of the Christian Professor Workshop, “Educating for Intellectual Virtue.” June 6, 2014.
- Teaching Roundtable (panel with Dale Soden and Barb Sanders), “Critical Thinking: What do We Mean By That, And How Can it Be Taught?,” April 21, 2014.
- Teaching Roundtable (with Josh Orozco), “Intellectual Virtues: An Education of Mind and Heart,” March 6, 2013.
- Core 250 Final lecture, “Whatever Happened to Faith and Reason?”—lecture delivered five times from 2012-2014.
- Core 300 Final lecture, “Whatever Happened to Faith and Reason?”—for Whitney Edwards, delivered twice in 2013.
- Continuing Studies Faculty Meeting (Spring 2013), “Getting to the Core of Core)—lecture delivered twice, to separate audiences on April 2 and 3, 2013.
- Faculty Development Day, “The Future of Core,” fall 2012.
- Guest lecture in GE 130 for Continuing Studies, “Five Reasons We’re Excited About Core”—for Diana Churchill, delivered twice in AY 2011-12.

SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

- Referee: *Canadian Journal of Philosophy*, *Faith and Philosophy*, *The Internet Encyclopedia of Philosophy*, *Journal of Philosophy*, *The Journal of Moral Philosophy*, *Journal of the American Philosophical Association*, *Journal of Philosophical Research*, *Mind*, *Noûs*, *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*, *Philosophical Studies*, *Philosopher's Imprint*, *The Philosophical Quarterly*, *The Southern Journal of Philosophy*, *Synthese*, Oxford University Press, Routledge Press, Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, The John Templeton Foundation (grant proposal review).
- Session chair, 2012 Kileen Chair Conference on Religious Disagreement (St. Norbert College)
- Session chair, 2009 *Episteme* Conference (Northwestern University, June 2009)
- Session chair, My Ways are Not Your Ways Conference (Notre Dame, September 2009)
- Session chair, APA Central Division Meeting, February 2010

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

American Philosophical Association

Society of Christian Philosophers

REFERENCES

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