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EDUCATION

Ph.D., Philosophy, Baylor University (2020)

Dissertation: *The Conscious Mind Unified*

Co-Directors: Timothy O'Connor & Alexander Pruss

Committee: C. Stephen Evans, Todd Buras, and Charles Weaver

*Awarded Outstanding Dissertation of the Year

MA, Philosophy, Baylor University (2018)

MA, Philosophy of Religion and Ethics, Biola University (2013)

BA, Philosophy, University of California, Irvine (2010)

AOS Philosophy of Mind, Philosophy of Technology & AI, Epistemology

AOC Metaphysics, Philosophy of Religion, Spiritual Formation

POSITIONS

- Associate Professor of Philosophy, *Palm Beach Atlantic University* (2024-present).
- Assistant Professor of Philosophy, *Palm Beach Atlantic University* (2021-present).
- Research Scholar of Philosophy of Technology and Culture, *Palm Beach Atlantic University* (2021-present).
- Cultura Fellow, *The Martin Institute for Christianity and Culture*, (2019-present). Research Fellow, *EIDOS Christian Center* (2020-present).

POSITIONS HELD

- Research Fellow, Accountability as a Virtue Project, *Baylor University* (2020-2021).
- Graduate Research Fellow, SCP Science Cross-Training (neuroscience), *John Templeton Foundation* (2018-2019).

GRANTS

1. Presidential Research Grant (\$200,000), Palm Beach Atlantic University (2021-2024).
2. Research/Writing Grant (\$10,000), EIDOS Christian Center (2024).
3. Research/Writing Grant (\$26,000), EIDOS Christian Center (2022-2023).
4. Cultura Project (\$12,500), Martin Institute & John Templeton Foundation (2021-2022).
5. Cultura Project (\$40,000), Martin Institute & John Templeton Foundation (2019-2021).
6. SCP Science Cross-Training, Neuroscience (\$36,000), John Templeton Foundation (2018-2019).

PUBLICATIONS

BOOKS

1. *The Substance of Consciousness: A Comprehensive Defense of Contemporary Substance Dualism*, co-authored with J. P. Moreland (Wiley-Blackwell, 2023).
2. *What is Consciousness?* (IVP Academic, Under contract).
3. *The Conscious Person Unified: A Critique of Materialism in Defense of the Bodily Soul* (Bloomsbury, Under contract).

PEER-REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES

1. "Normative Reasons, Epistemic Autonomy, and Accountability to God." *Religions* 14 (2) (2023), 662. [Link](#)
2. "Being-Thrown or Being-Guided into Spiritual Timekeeping: Smith and Willard, Heidegger and Husserl." *Journal of Spiritual Formation & Soul Care* (2023): 17-26. [Link](#)
3. "Living Accountably: Accountability as a Virtue." With C. Stephen Evans. *International Philosophical Quarterly* 62 (1) (245) (2022): 41-64. [Link](#)
4. "Alister McGrath's Anti-Mind-Body Dualism: Neuroscientific and Philosophical Quandaries for Christian Physicalism." *Trinity Journal* 40 (2019): 215-240.
5. "The Primacy of the Mental: From Russellian Monism to Substance Dualism." *Philosophia Christi* 20 (1) (2018): 31-41. [Link](#)
6. "Intentionality Contra Physicalism: On the Mind's Independence from the Body." With Dallas Willard. *Philosophia Christi* 20 (2) (2018): 497-515. [Link](#)
7. "The Sanctifying Work of the Holy Spirit: Revisiting Alston's Interpersonal Model." With Steve Porter. *The Journal of Analytic Theology* (6) (2018): 112-130. [Link](#)
8. "Responding to N. T. Wright's Rejection of the Soul." *Heythrop Journal* 59 (2018): 201-220. [Link](#)
9. "The Argument from Reason, and Mental Causal Drainage: A Reply to van Inwagen." With Todd Buras. *Philosophia Christi* 19 (2) (2017): 381-399. [Link](#)
10. "Natural Theology, Evidence, and Epistemic Humility." With Trent Dougherty. *European Journal for Philosophy of Religion* 9 (2) (2017): 1-24. [Link](#)
11. "Who You Could Have Known: Divine Hiddenness, Epistemic Counterfactuals, and the Recalcitrant Nature of Natural Theology." With Derek McAllister. *International Journal for Philosophy of Religion* 82 (3) (2016): 337-348. [Link](#)
12. "What Does it Mean to Be a Bodily Soul?" With C. Stephen Evans. *Philosophia Christi* 17 (2) (2015). [Link](#)
13. "Eternal Life as Knowledge of God: An Epistemology of Knowledge by Acquaintance and Spiritual Formation." *Journal of Spiritual Formation and Soul Care* 6 (2) (2013): 204-228. [Link](#)

BOOK CHAPTERS

1. "Minding the Spirit: An Ontology of Intentionality for the Spiritual Disciplines of Hearing God." In C. Woznicki and J. Leidenhag (eds.), *Analytic and Charismatic Theology* (Wipf & Stock, forthcoming).
2. "Virtue Formation and The Sanctifying Work of the Holy Spirit." With Steven L. Porter. In *Faith and Virtue Formation*, A. C. Pelser and W. S. Cleveland (Eds.), Oxford University Press, 2020.
3. "Against Emergent Dualism." In Loose, Menuge, and Moreland (Eds.), *The Blackwell Companion to Substance Dualism*. Oxford: Wiley Blackwell, 2018.
4. "Dismantling Bodily Resurrection Arguments Against Mind-Body Dualism." In Loftin and Farris (Eds.), *Christian Physicalism?* Lexington Books, 2018.
5. "Neuroscience, Spiritual Formation, and Bodily Souls: A Critique of Christian Physicalism." With C. Stephen Evans. In Loftin and Farris (Eds.). *Christian Physicalism?* Lexington Books, 2018.
6. "Teleology;" "Gilbert Ryle;" and "Rene Descartes." In Copan, Reese, Strauss, and Longman III (Eds.). *Dictionary of Christianity & Science*. Zondervan, 2017.

WORK IN PROGRESS

1. "Consciousness and Fundamental Fine-Tuning." Revise and resubmit.
2. "Gaze Dualism." Co-authored with Alexander Pruss. Under Review.
3. "ChatGPT as Spiritual Guide?"
4. "AI and the End of the Argument from Reason to God."
5. "An Enduring Problem for Animalism" Under Review.
6. Manuscript. *Designing Minds: AI, Consciousness, and the Reality of God*.

ACADEMIC TALKS - INVITED

1. "What Are We Now? Subversive Effects for a Science of the Soul of AI." *The Faraday Institute for Science and Religion*. Cambridge University (2024).
2. "On Assessing the Evidence of Christian Maturity/Immaturity." *Christian Formation Workshop. A Crisis Among Us: The Problem of Christian Immaturity*. The Martin Institute for Christianity and Culture, Westmont College, CA (2024).
3. "Reprogramming Humanity: The Human Soul and AI's Power to Dehumanize." *Christian Scientific Society*, Asbury University (2023).
4. "Virtually Like Jesus? Spiritual Formation in the Age of AI." *Asbury University* (2023).
5. "Substance Dualism in Conversation with Hylomorphism, and Christian Materialism," *Personhood Conference*, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary (2023).
6. "Knowing Jesus in a Culture of Disillusionment," *Faith & Society Annual Lecture*, Ashland University (2022). [Video Link](#)
7. "The Hard Meta-Problem of Consciousness." *Center for Philosophy of Science at the Sharif University of Technology*, Tehran (2022).
8. "Help Our Unbelief: Knowing Jesus in Doubt," *Palm Beach Atlantic University*, Chapel (2022).
9. "Designing Minds: Cosmic Fine-Tuning," *Biola University*, La Mirada, CA (2022).
10. "Why Having a Mind Is a Weird Thing." *Cuyahoga College*, Cleveland, OH (2022).
11. "Why Does God Seem Hidden?" *EPS National Apologetics Conference*. San Diego, CA (2019).
12. "Neuro-Sanctification Problems for Christian Physicalism" *Society of Christian Philosophers Mountain-Pacific Conference*, Las Vegas, NV (2019).
13. "Why Does God Seem Hidden?" *EPS National Apologetics Conference*. Denver, CO (2018).
14. "The Primacy of the Mental: An Analytic Phenomenological Defense" *Evangelical Philosophical Society*, Providence, RI (2017).

ACADEMIC TALKS – PEER-REVIEWED – INTERNATIONAL

1. "Designing the Mind of Daniel Dennett? AI, Intentionality, and the Reality of God." Tyndale Fellowship, Cambridge University (2024).
2. "The Prior Order of Consciousness and Fundamental Fine-Tuning," *Third World Congress on Logic and Religion*, Varanasi, India (2022).
3. "Emergent Mind or Emergent Brain? A New Problem for Composite Subjectivity," *Dualism in the 21st Century Workshop*, Budapest, Hungary (2018).
4. "An Enduring Problem for Complex Animalism," *Moscow Center for Consciousness Studies Summer Seminar*, St. Julian's, Malta (2018).

ACADEMIC TALKS – PEER-REVIEWED – INTERNATIONAL (CONT.)

5. "Who You Could Have Known: Divine Hiddenness, Epistemic Counterfactuals, and Natural Theology" British Society for the Philosophy of Religion, Oriel College, Oxford (2015).
6. "iAnimal? Self-Reference and an Enduring Problem for Animalism" Perspectives on the First-Person Pronoun "I," Durham University, UK (2014).
7. "Cognitive Science and the Soul" International Conference on the Soul, Oxford University, UK (2013).

ACADEMIC TALKS – PEER-REVIEWED – DOMESTIC

1. "AI and the End of Arguments from Reason to God," *Evangelical Philosophical Society Annual Meeting*, San Antonio, TX (2023).
2. Book Panel on The Substance of Consciousness," *Evangelical Philosophical Society Annual Meeting*, San Antonio, TX (2023).
3. "Consciousness-First Dualism Contra Causal Closure," *Society of Christian*
4. "Divine Silence, Cognitive Science, and the Hidden Self," *Evangelical Philosophical Society National Conference*, Denver, CO (2018).
5. "Seeing Darkly: Divine Hiddenness, Cognitive Penetration, and Self Hiding," *Baptist Association of Philosophy Teachers*, University of Notre Dame, IN. (2018).
6. "Seeing Darkly: Divine Hiddenness and Nonbelief as Wishful Seeing," *Evangelical Philosophical Society*, Midwest, Wyoming, MI (2018).
7. "The Openness of Reality: Consciousness-First Objections to Causal Closure," *Evangelical Philosophical Society National Meeting*, Providence, RI (2018).
8. "A Combination Problem for Emergent Dualism and a Neo-Aristotelian Solution," *2017 Dominican Colloquium in Berkeley: Person, Soul and Consciousness* (2017).
9. "Dismantling Resurrection Objections to Mind-Body Dualism," *Evangelical Philosophical Society National Meeting*, Providence, RI. (2017).
10. "Why Physicalism Still Seems False," *Society of Christian Philosophers*, Midwest Meeting, Houston Christian University, Houston, TX. (2017).
11. "Assessing Resurrection Objections to Mind-Body Dualism," *Evangelical Philosophical Society*, Midwest, Wheaton College, Wheaton, IL. (2017).
12. "Epistemology, Mind, and Hard Choices: Externalism or Dualism, but Not Both," *Society of Christian Philosophers*, Midwest Meeting, Houston, TX. (2017).
13. "Cognitive Science, Explanatory Gap Seemings, and the Soul," *Society of Christian Philosophers*, Eastern Meeting, Asbury University, Wilmore, KY. (2017).
14. "Assessing Resurrection Objections to Mind-Body Dualism," *Society of Christian Philosophers*, Pacific Meeting, La Mirada, CA. (2017).
15. "Dismantling Resurrection Objections to the Soul," *Baptist Association of Philosophy Teachers* (2016).
16. "Naturalism and the Mental Problem of Causal Drainage," *Evangelical Philosophical Society National Meeting*, San Antonio, TX. (2016).
17. "Emergence Cannot Save the Soul, But Neo-Aristotelianism Might," *Society of Christian Philosophers*, Pacific Meeting, San Diego, CA (2016).
18. "Emergence Cannot Save the Soul, but Neo-Aristotelianism Might," *Evangelical Philosophical Society*, Southwest Meeting, Dallas (2016).
19. "Grounding Personal Identity: An Enduring Problem for Animalism," *Society of Christian Philosophers Pacific Meeting*, Azusa Pacific (2015).

ACADEMIC TALKS – PEER-REVIEWED – DOMESTIC (CONT.)

20. "An Enduring Problem for Animalism," *Themes from van Inwagen Conference*, Niagara University, NY (2014).
21. "Grounding & Personal Identity," *University of Nevada, Reno Graduate Student Philosophy Conference* (2014).
22. "An Enduring Problem for Animalism," *Berkeley-Stanford Graduate Philosophy Conference* (2014).
23. "Grounding & Personal Identity," *SoCal Philosophy Conference*, San Diego State University (2013).
24. "Conscious Beings: Maximality vs. Mereological Simplicity," *Mind & Language Conference*. Texas Tech University, TX (2013).
25. "Conscious Beings: Maximality vs. Mereological Simplicity," *UT Austin Graduate Philosophy Conference*. Austin, TX (2013).

PUBLIC TALKS – CULTURE, TECHNOLOGY, SPIRITUAL FORMATION

1. "To Gaze on Jesus in the Noise: Spiritual Formation in Technological Context." CrossPoint Church (2004)
2. "Disillusioned with Christ and Deconstruction." Spanish River Church (2024)
3. "Technological Existentialism: AI, Neuroscience, and the Meaning of Life." *Faithful Witness Conference*, Palm Beach Atlantic University (2024)
4. "Virtually Like Jesus? Spiritual Formation in the Age of AI." *Asbury University* (2023).
5. "To Have Eyes and Not See: Knowing Jesus in a Culture of Disillusionment." *PBA Annual Interdisciplinary Research Conference* (2023)
6. "Mechanizing Ourselves to Death: The Soul of Cultural Disillusionment." *Martin Institute for Faith and Culture, Dallas Willard Center*, Westmont College, CA (2023). [Video Link](#)
7. "Knowing Jesus in a Culture of Disillusionment." *Faith & Society Lecture*, Ashland University (2022).
8. "Divine Love for the Afflicted with Depression." *Palm Beach Atlantic University* (2022).
9. "The Depth and Dynamics of the Human Soul: Dallas Willard's Rejection of Soulless Sanctification" *Experiencing Life with God Conference*, Westmont College, CA (2018).
10. "Interpersonal Pedagogy for Spiritual Formation in the University." *Institute for Faith and Learning Conference*. Baylor University. (2016).
11. "A Reconsideration of Alston's Interpersonal Model of Sanctification." *BAPT Summer Seminar*, University of Notre Dame. (2016).
12. "The Activity of the Holy Spirit in Sanctification." *Conference on the Holy Spirit & Christian Formation*, Regent University, VA. (2015).

HONORS & AWARDS

1. IVP Early-Career Philosopher of Religion, *Tyndale House, University of Cambridge* (2022).
2. Outstanding Dissertation of the Year, Baylor University (2020).
 - First time awarded to a doctoral candidate in the Department of Philosophy.
3. Outstanding Dissertation of the Year, *Department of Philosophy, Baylor University* (2020).
4. Harold O. J. Brown Award for Student Scholarship, *C. F. H. Henry Center* (2019).
5. Named Among the Top 40 Most Impactful Faculty, *Baylor University* (2018-2019).
 - First time awarded to a doctoral candidate.
6. 2018 Dallas Willard Center Research Award (2018).
7. Best Graduate Student Paper, *Society of Christian Philosophers*, Mountain-Pacific (2019).

HONORS & AWARDS (CONT.)

8. Best Grad Student Paper, *Evangelical Philosophical Society*, Midwest (2018).
9. Fellowship Award, *Moscow Center for Consciousness Studies*, St. Julian's, Malta (2018).
10. 2017 Graduate Student Paper of the Year, *Evangelical Philosophical Society* (2017).
11. Best Grad Student Paper, *Evangelical Philosophical Society*, Southwest (2016).
12. Conyers Graduate Scholarship, *Baylor University* (2016).
13. Best Grad Student Paper, *Evangelical Philosophical Society*, Midwest (2016).
14. Academic Excellence Award, *Biola University* (2013).
15. Best Graduate Student Paper, *Evangelical Philosophical Society*, Midwest (2013).
16. Best Graduate Student Paper, *Evangelical Philosophical Society*, Midwest (2012).

WORKSHOPS & SEMINARS

1. The Disappearance of Moral Knowledge Symposium, *Biola University* (2019).
 - Invited participant (12 total). Fully funded.
2. Personal Identity Seminar, *Moscow Center for Consciousness Studies*, Malta, (2018).
 - 1 of 10 doctoral students. Fully funded.
3. Baptist Association of Philosophy Teachers Summer Seminar, University of Notre Dame (2018).
 - Presenter. 1 of 10 doctoral students. *Instructor*: Terence Cuneo. Fully funded.
4. Oxford University Summer Seminar, Neo-Aristotelian Approaches to the Metaphysics of Mind, Italy, (2017).
 - Presenter. 1 of 8 doctoral students. *Instructors*: Anna Marmodoro, Howard Robinson, and William Jaworski. Fully funded.
5. Baptist Association of Philosophy Teachers Summer Seminar, Notre Dame Uni. (2016).
 - 1 of 12 doctoral students. *Instructor*: Candace Vogler. Fully funded.
6. Conference in Honor of Dallas Willard, Boston University. (2015)
 - 1 of 4 invited doctoral students. Fully funded.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

1. Teaching Philosophy Seminar, *Baylor University* (Spring 2018).
 - Course on pedagogical techniques and practices in philosophy courses.
2. Graduate Student Teacher Training, *Baylor University* (Spring 2019)
 - 4-module online training program.
3. Conyers Graduate Scholars Program, *Baylor University* (2016-2017).
 - Yearlong program dedicated to the development of scholar-teachers.

SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

1. **Grant Reviewer.** John Templeton Foundation (2023).
2. **Conference Co-Organizer.** Society of Christian Philosophers, Eastern Meeting, Palm Beach Atlantic University (2021).
3. **Conference Organizer.** *Eleonore Stump on the Atonement*, Baylor University (2017).
4. **Book Proposal Referee.** MIT Press.
5. **Journal Referee.** *American Philosophical Quarterly*, *Synthese*, *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*, *International Philosophical Quarterly*, *Journal of Consciousness Studies*, *Religious Studies*, *European Journal for Philosophy of Religion*, *Faith & Philosophy*, *Journal of Analytic Theology*, *Theologia*, *Religions*.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

- American Philosophical Association

- Association for the Scientific Study of Consciousness
- Society for Philosophy and Technology
- Society of Christian Philosophers

REFERENCES

ALEXANDER PRUSS, PH.D.
Professor of Philosophy
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