

Curriculum Vitae

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CONTACTS

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EDUCATION

B.A., Louisiana State University, May 1981
M.A., Northwestern University, August 1985
Ph.D., Northwestern University, June 1989

DISSERTATION

“Friendship and Self-Love in Aristotle’s Ethics”
Director: R. E. Allen

ACADEMIC AND TEACHING FOCUS

Areas of Specialization: ancient philosophy, philosophy of human nature, Christianity and science
Areas of Competence: existentialism, philosophy of education

ACADEMIC HONORS

University Honors Division, Louisiana State University, 1977–81
Cum laude graduate, Louisiana State University, 1981
Phi Beta Kappa, 1981
University Fellowship, Northwestern University, 1983–84
Dissertation Fellowship, Northwestern University, 1987–88
Nomination for Gonzaga University Teacher of the Year, 2003

TEACHING

Teaching Experience

Seminar Instructor, Northwestern University, Evanston IL, 1985–1988
Instructor, Barat College, Lake Forest IL, 1986–1988

Instructor, University College, Northwestern University, Evanston/Chicago IL, 1987–1988

Visiting Instructor, Colby College, Waterville ME, 1988–1989

Assistant Professor, Gonzaga University, Spokane WA, 1989–1997

Associate Professor, Gonzaga University, Spokane WA, 1997–present

Visiting appointment, Gonzaga-in-Florence, 2001, 2006, 2009

Courses Taught: Undergraduate Level

Introduction to Philosophy; Critical Thinking; Philosophy of Human Nature; Ethics; History of Ancient Philosophy; Existentialism; Christian Existentialism; Early Modern Philosophy; Philosophy of Religion; Philosophy of Education; Philosophy of Love and Friendship; Philosophy in Literature/Film; Faith and Reason; Philosophical Reflections on Christianity and Science; Philosophy, Christianity, and Science from Antiquity to the Renaissance; Philosophy Major Proseminar; Senior Seminar: Metaphysics and Epistemology

Courses Taught: Graduate Level

Graduate Seminars: Socrates and Plato; Philosophical Anthropology; Aristotle's First Philosophy in the *Metaphysics*

standard courses with graduate component: History of Ancient Philosophy; Existentialism; Philosophy of Religion; Philosophy of Education; Philosophical Reflections on Christianity and Science

Directed Readings/Independent Studies

Aristotle's *Metaphysics*; Aristotle's *Ethics*; Self and Sin in Kierkegaard (graduate level); Existentialist Philosophy and Literature: Sartre and Camus; Friendship and Moral Education; Friendship and Jesuit Life; Philosophy of Education; Philosophy of Education: Religious and Moral Formation; Philosophy of Law: Civil Disobedience; Kierkegaard's *Concluding Unscientific Postscript*; David Braine's *The Human Person: Animal and Spirit*

Master's Theses Directed

Alison McCulloch, "The Relationship of Freedom and Oppression in the Philosophy of Jean-Paul Sartre," 1995-97

Donna McKereghan, "Moral Education and Multiculturalism," 1995-98

Brian Sterner, "Epistemic Foundations of Socratic Pedagogy" 2000

Britni Weaver, “Primary Being and Accidents: Aristotle's Metaphysics Applied to Questions of Race Discrimination and Slavery,” 1997-2003 (co-director)

SCHOLARSHIP

Research Awards

National Endowment for the Humanities 1990 Summer Seminar for College Teachers, “The Philosophy of Socrates,” Gregory Vlastos, director, June–August 1990 (University of California, Berkeley)

Gonzaga Research Council, Summer 1991, “Friendship in Plato's Middle Dialogues: Cooperative Inquiry and Moral Education” (University of Texas, Austin)

National Endowment for the Humanities 1993 Summer Institute, “Knowledge, Teaching and Wisdom,” Keith Lehrer and Nicholas Smith, co-directors, June-July 1993 (University of California, Berkeley)

Invited Lectures and Presentations

“Why Study History of Philosophy?, or, What's the Point of Reading Out-of-Date Books by Misguided Dead Guys?” Liberal Arts Symposium. Central Washington University Philosophy Department and Philosophy Club (Ellensburg, WA). February 1996.

“Epistemic Problems with Neo-Darwinian Naturalism.” Whitworth College (Spokane, WA). December 1998.

“The Scientific Clue about Human Nature: A Reading of ‘The Fateful Rift: The San Andreas Fault in the Human Mind.’ ” The Postmodern Pertinence of Walker Percy. Gonzaga University and Whitworth College (Spokane, WA). April 17, 2004.

“Darwin's Doubt: Can a Neo-Darwinist Be a Scientific Realist?” Gonzaga University Faith and Reason Institute (Spokane, WA). March 17, 2005.

“What Can We Learn from Darwin?” Powers Chair Lecture Series. Gonzaga University (Spokane, WA). March 30, 2006.

“Christianity and Science: God, Nature, Creation, and Human Beings.” Lecture series at “Defend the Faith” conference: (1) “Christian Apologetics in the Context of Contemporary Science,” (2) “Is Christianity at War with Science?,” (3) “Divine Agency in the Natural World—Reframing the Creation-Evolution Conflict,” (4) “Christian Philosophical Anthropology,” (5) “Darwin's Doubt: An Argument against Reductionistic Scientific Materialism.” School of Apologetics. New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary (New Orleans, LA). January 11-16, 2009

“Three Questions on Christianity and Science.” Lecture series at “Defend the Faith” conference: (1) “Is Christianity at War with Science?,” (2) “Can Human Beings Be

Understood in Purely Material Terms as Many Modern Scientists and Philosophers Propose?,” (3) “Does the Fact of Animal Intelligence Show that Human Beings Are Not Unique?” School of Apologetics. New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary (New Orleans, LA). January 8-13, 2012

“Charles Darwin: Post-Christian Agnostic: Lessons for Christian Apologetics.” Plenary lecture at “Defend the Faith” conference. School of Apologetics. New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary (New Orleans, LA). January 6-11, 2013

“Film Apologetics.” Lecture series at “Defend the Faith” conference: (1) “Using Popular Movies to Raise Questions about Faith,” (2) “Evil, Suffering, and Divine Providence,” (3) “Nature, Science, and Grace.” School of Apologetics. New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary (New Orleans, LA). January 6-11, 2013

Publications

“God and Self: Ontology and Intersubjectivity.” *Journal of Value Inquiry* 22 (1988): 23–38.

“Can Human Beings Be Friends of God?” *The Modern Schoolman* 66 (1989): 209–19.

“Which Socratic Method? Models of Education in Plato’s Dialogues.” *Knowledge, Teaching, and Wisdom*. Ed. Keith Lehrer, B. Jeannie Lum, Beverly A. Slichta and Nicholas D. Smith. Dordrecht: Kluwer Academic, 1996.

“Human Exceptionalism and the *Imago Dei*: The Tradition of Human Dignity.” *Human Dignity in Bioethics: From Worldviews to the Public Square*, ed. Steven C. Dilley and Nathan J. Palpant. Routledge Annals of Bioethics. Routledge (forthcoming December 2012).

“Prospects for Human Dignity before and after Darwin.” *Human Dignity in Bioethics: From Worldviews to the Public Square*, ed. Steven C. Dilley and Nathan J. Palpant. Routledge Annals of Bioethics. Routledge (forthcoming December 2012).

“From Solitary Individualism to Post-Christian Stoic Existentialism: Quests for Community, Moral Agency, and Transcendence in the Films of Clint Eastwood.” *The Moral Vision of Clint Eastwood*, ed. Brian Clayton and Richard McClelland. University of Kentucky (in press).

“The Euthyphro Problem.” *New Catholic Encyclopedia Supplement 2012-13: Ethics and Philosophy*. Gale Cengage Learning (invited submission in press).

Book Reviews

Moral Education in Aristotle, by Gerard Verbeke. *Ethics* 101 (1991): 891–92.

Essays in Ancient Greek Philosophy IV: Aristotle’s Ethics, ed. John Anton and Anthony Preus. *Ethics* 103 (1992): 194–95.

- Other Selves: Philosophers on Friendship*, ed. Michael Pakaluk. *Ethics* 102 (1992): 681–82.
- Ecology of Care: An Interdisciplinary Analysis of the Self and Moral Obligation*, by Robert C. Fuller. *Ethics* 104 (1993): 212–13.
- Foundations of Kierkegaard's Vision of Community: Religion Ethics, and Politics in Kierkegaard*, ed. George B. Connell and C. Stephen Evans. *Ethics* 104 (1994): 931.
- Kierkegaard and the Limits of the Ethical*, by Anthony Rudd. *Ethics* 105 (1995): 982.
- Socratic Questions: The Philosophy of Socrates and Its Significance*, ed. Barry S. Gower and Michael C. Stokes. *Ancient Philosophy* 14 (1996): 603–7.
- Choosing to Feel: Virtue, Friendship, and Compassion for Friends*, by Diana Fritz Cates. *Ethics* 108 (1998): 857.
- Agent-Centered Morality: An Aristotelian Alternative to Kantian Internalism*, by George W. Harris. *Ethics* 112 (2002): 834–38.
- Straw Dogs: Thoughts on Humans and Other Animals*, by John Gray. *Choice* (Feb 2004).

Conference Presentations

- “Kuhn and Paradigm Parallels: Science and Religion,” Midwest Regional Meeting, Society of Christian Philosophers (St. Paul, MN), October 1987
- “Aristotle on Self-Love,” Northern New England Philosophy Association (Winooski, VT), October 1988
- “Friendship as Virtue in Aristotle’s *Nicomachean Ethics*,” Maine Philosophical Institute (Farmington, ME), April 1989
- “Can Human Beings Be Friends of God?” Eastern Regional Meeting, Society of Christian Philosophers (Lexington, VA), April 1989
- “The Loving Pursuit of Excellence: Friendship, Eros, and Usefulness in Plato’s *Lysis*,” Society for Ancient Greek Philosophy (New York, NY), October 1989
- “Socratic Friendship: Cooperative Inquiry in Plato’s Early Socratic Dialogues,” Gonzaga University Philosophy Faculty Colloquium (Spokane, WA), October 1990
- “The Healing Art of Inquiry in Plato’s *Charmides*,” Northwest Conference on Philosophy (Eugene, OR), November 1990
- “Cooperative Inquiry in Socrates’ Elenctic Method,” Pacific Division Meeting, American Philosophical Association (San Francisco, CA), March 1991
- “Which Socratic Method?” Saint Michael’s Institute Faculty Council (Spokane, WA), March 1991
- “Socratic Friendship in Plato’s *Gorgias*,” Society for Ancient Greek Philosophy (New York, NY), October 1991

- “Friendship and Usefulness in Plato’s *Lysis*,” Northwest Conference on Philosophy (Seattle, WA), November 1991
- “Sophistic Dangers, Socratic Prophylaxis,” Society for Ancient Greek Philosophy (New York, NY), October 1992
- “Epicurean Wisdom,” 1993 NEH Institute on Knowledge, Teaching, and Wisdom, University of California (Berkeley, CA), July 1993
- “Socratic Philosophical Inquiry: The True Political Knack?” Northwest Conference on Philosophy (Portland, OR), November 1994
- “The Coherence of Narrative: The Historical Approach to Philosophy,” Northwest Conference on Philosophy (Spokane, WA), October 1995
- “Darwin’s Doubt: The Self-Referential Incoherence of Reductive Scientific Naturalism,” Northwest Conference on Philosophy (Ellensburg, WA), November 1997
- “Sartre’s Ontological Atheism,” Northwest Conference on Philosophy (Forest Grove, OR), November 2000
- “Daniel Dennett’s Anti-Rational Altar Call,” Rational Theism in the Public Sphere, McGill University (Montreal, Quebec, Canada), September 15, 2007
- “Magnanimous Mouse, Teller of Truth, Loyal Friend: The Aristotelian Virtue of Reepicheep in C. S. Lewis’ *Voyage of the Dawn Treader*,” Friendship: Quests for Character, Community, and Truth, Baylor University (Waco, TX), October 27, 2007
- “Love, Friendship, and Moral Development: Plato, Aristotle, and Jane Austen’s *Emma*,” Friendship: Quests for Character, Community, and Truth, Baylor University (Waco, TX), October 27, 2007
- “Seek But Never Find: The Predicament of the Modern Marooned Self in *Lost*,” Faith, Film, and Philosophy Seminar, Gonzaga University and Whitworth University (Spokane, WA), Friday, October 31, 2008
- “Fathers and Sons...and Daughters: Aristotle and Austen on Paternal Friendship,” The Family: Searching for Fairest Love, Notre Dame Center for Ethics and Culture (South Bend, IN), panel presentation, Saturday, November 8, 2008
- “From Stoic Solitude to Something More: The Quest for Community and Transcendence in the Films of Clint Eastwood,” Faith, Film, and Philosophy Conference, Gonzaga Faith and Reason Institute / Whitworth University Weyerhaeuser Center for Faith and Learning, Spokane WA, October 8, 2010
- “Human Dignity before and after Darwin,” Human Dignity and the Future of Health Care, Baylor Symposium on Faith and Culture, Baylor University (Waco TX), October 29, 2010

- “Divine Agency before and after Darwin,” The Future of God: Gonzaga-in-Florence Interdisciplinary Conference (Florence, Italy), February 26, 2011
- “Entranced by the Spectacle of Truth: Mystery as Metaphor for Philosophical Film,” Faith, Philosophy, & Mystery in Film: Seminar on Faith, Film and Philosophy, Gonzaga Faith and Reason Institute / Whitworth University Weyerhaeuser Center for Faith and Learning, Spokane WA, September 30-October 1, 2011
- “Educating for Humane Wisdom: A 21st-Century Critical Curriculum for Science, Philosophy, and Human Nature,” Baylor Symposium on Faith and Culture, Baylor University (Waco, TX), October 27-29, 2011
- “The Inhuman Anthropology of Contemporary Secularism: Calling the Bluff of Darwinian Existentialism,” Radical Emancipation: Confronting the Challenge of Secularism, Notre Dame Center for Ethics and Culture Fall Conference (South Bend, IN), November 10-12, 2011
- “Imagined Cosmologies: The Nature and Unveiling of Nature in Malick’s *The Tree of Life* and Kubrick’s *2001: A Space Odyssey*,” Terrence Malick’s *The Tree of Life*: Seminar on Faith, Film and Philosophy, Gonzaga Faith and Reason Institute / Whitworth University Weyerhaeuser Center for Faith and Learning (Spokane WA), October 5-6, 2012
- “The Inherent Limits of Human Technology: Human Transcending Agency as the Constraining Condition for Human-Affirming Technology,” Technology and Human Flourishing: 2012 Baylor Symposium on Faith and Culture, Baylor University (Waco, TX), October 25-27, 2012

Other Presentations and Public Talks

- “Thoughts on Mel Gibson’s *Passion*,” Panel Discussion, Gonzaga University (Spokane, WA), March 24, 2004
- “Philosopher Beats Death? The Auto-Icon of Jeremy Bentham,” Gonzaga University Philosophy Club (Spokane, WA), April 7, 2004
- “Follow the Argument and Two Other Socratic Principles for the Christian Academic,” Gonzaga Socratic Club (Spokane, WA), September 10, 2004
- “A Christian in Narnia: Thoughts on the New Film Version of *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe*” (panel presentation), Gonzaga Socratic Club (Spokane, WA), December 9, 2005
- “Aristotle in Narnia: Virtue and Character in C. S. Lewis’ *Voyage of the Dawn Treader*,” Gonzaga Socratic Club (Spokane, WA), Wednesday, December 5, 2007
- “Jane Austen as Christian Author,” Gonzaga Socratic Club (Spokane, WA) panel presentation, Friday, October 24, 2008

- “Philosophy, Vocation, and Cooperative Search for Truth.” Welcoming Remarks to the Graduate Student Philosophy Conference (Philosophy Department, Gonzaga University, Spokane WA), Friday April 10, 2009
- “Secularization: Is it a Good Thing?” Gonzaga in Florence Socratic Club (Florence, Italy), Wednesday, December 9, 2009
- “Secularization: Good or Bad?” Gonzaga Socratic Club (Spokane, WA), Friday, January 29, 2010
- “Themes in Alfonso Cuarón’s *The Children of Men*,” Spokane International Film Festival Professor Series and Gonzaga Faith and Reason Institute (Spokane, WA), Wednesday, September 29, 2010
- “The Mysterious Human Quest in *Lost*,” Panel Discussion on Christian Themes and the Human Prospect in *Lost*, Faith, Film, and Philosophy Conference, Whitworth University (Spokane, WA), Thursday, October 7, 2010
- Panel Discussion on David Cronenberg’s *A History of Violence*, Spokane International Film Festival Professor Series and Gonzaga Faith and Reason Institute (Spokane, WA), Wednesday, September 21, 2011
- “Are Events Such as the *Vagina Monologues* Essential to Gonzaga’s Mission and Identity?” Gonzaga Socratic Club (Spokane, WA), Friday, October 21, 2012
- “The Tradition of Human Dignity: Human Exceptionalism and the Imago Dei,” Gonzaga Law School Faculty Development Series (Spokane, WA), January 25, 2012
- Panel Discussion on Terrence Malick’s *The Tree of Life*, Spokane International Film Festival Professor Series and Gonzaga Faith and Reason Institute (Spokane, WA), Wednesday, September 26, 2012
- “Human Dignity before and after Darwin,” Seattle and Gonzaga Exchange (SaGE), Seattle University Philosophy Department (Seattle, WA), October 12, 2012

Commentaries

- Commentary on James Mensch, “Aristotle and the Overcoming of the Subject-Object Dichotomy,” Eastern Division Meeting, American Philosophical Association (Atlanta, GA), December 1990
- Commentary on Mary Karol Taylor, “Friendship and Knowledge in Plato’s *Theaetetus*,” Northwest Conference on Philosophy (Spokane, WA), October 1995
- Commentary on Robert Prusch, “Biology and Religion,” Gonzaga Socratic Club (Spokane, WA), March 18, 2005
- Commentary on Alyssa Pitstick, “Why Christ’s Descent into Hell Matters to Christians,” Gonzaga Socratic Club (Spokane, WA), April 21, 2006

Other Publications

(with Doug Kries) "Viewing Gibson's *Passion* a Good Way to Begin Lent," *Gonzaga Bulletin*, 2/4/05, p. 8

"Academic Freedom Doesn't Mean Anything Goes," *Gonzaga Bulletin*, 4/7/2011, p. 11

Current Research and Work In Progress

Aristotle in Narnia: Character and Virtue in C. S. Lewis' Chronicles of Narnia, writing project

Friendship in Plato's Dialogues: Cooperative Inquiry and Moral Education in Socratic and Platonic Ethics, long-term research and writing project

The Craft of Thinking: An Introduction to Philosophical Reasoning, self-authored textbook in use since Spring 1992 and revised annually

Current research interests: Socratic method, friendship and ethical development, philosophical anthropology, Christianity and science

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Philosophy Department

M.A. Oral Examination Committee: 1990, 1991, 1995, 2005, 2012

M.A. Thesis Second Reader, Michael Peter Alemán, Summer 1991

Philosophy Department Reappointment Committee/Faculty Evaluation Committee, 1992–93; 1994–95; 1995–96; 1998–2001; 2006–2007 (alternate member; served Spring 2007)

Philosophy Department Colloquium Coordinator, 1993–1996

Organizer, Departmental Pedagogy Discussion Group, 1993

Philosophy Department Graduate Program Marketing Committee, 1993–94

Philosophy Department Graduate Advisory Committee, 1994–present

Participant, Philosophy of Religion Discussion Group, 1994–95

Philosophy Department Catalogue Revision, Fall 1996

Chairman, Philosophy Department, June 1998–June 2001

Philosophy Department Search Committee, 1999 (chair), 2000–2001 (chair), 2002, 2005–2006, 2012–13

Primary Author, Philosophy Department Faculty Evaluation Policy, 1999 (revisions in 2005, 2006, and 2011)

M.A. Thesis Second Reader, Anthony George, 2008

Director of Graduate Studies, 2011–

University

Fall Faculty Conference Panel Member: 1993, 1994, 1995
Faculty Elections Committee, 1993–94; 1994–95
Thought and Expression Block Committee Coordinator, 1994–95; 1995–96
Co-Teacher, Thought and Expression Bloc Linked Sections: 1995–present
Conference Panelist, “In Search of Wisdom in Everyday Life,” Gonzaga University, April 1995
Member, Academic Council (Arts and Sciences representative), 1995-96
Member, Graduate Council, 1997–2001
Member, Executive Committee of the College of Arts and Sciences, 1999-2001
Member, Core Curriculum Review Committee, 2004-2005
Founder and Director, Gonzaga Socratic Club, 2004-present (including meetings organized at Gonzaga in Florence in Fall 2009)
Member, Faculty Evaluations Working Group, 2005
Phi Beta Kappa Faculty Site Visit Working Group, 2007-2008
Member, Core Curriculum Committee, 2008-2009
Participant, Core Committee Workshop, Summer 2010
Member, Graduate Subcommittee of the Academic Council, 2011-present

Saint Michael's Institute

Saint Michael's Institute, a Jesuit Scholasticate located on the Gonzaga campus for the purpose of training Jesuits for the philosophy portion of their formation studies, was closed by the Society of Jesus in Spring, 1999.
Saint Michael's Institute Faculty Council, 1990–1995
Saint Michael's Institute De Universa Project Mentor: 1990–1991, 1991–1992, 1997–1998
Saint Michael's Institute De Universa Examination Committee: 1992, 1993, 1994, 1995, 1997
Facilitator/Director, Saint Michael's Institute Faculty Council, 1991–92
Saint Michael's Institute Academic Senate, 1992–1996
Saint Michael's Institute Initiation Seminar Discussion Leader, 1992–1995
Saint Michael's Institute Dean Discernment/Search Committee, 1994–95

External Professional Service

External reviewer, Faculty Promotion application, School of Education, University of San Francisco, Fall 1996
External reviewer, Philosophy of Education book proposal, Prentice Hall, Spring 2004

External review, Philosophy of Education book proposal, Pearson, Summer 2011

External reviewer, North Idaho College Philosophy Program Review, Spring 2012

Community Service

Senior Pastor Search Committee, Pines Baptist Church, Spokane WA, 1996

Associate Pastor/Education Search Committee, Pines Baptist Church, Spokane, WA, 1997

Leadership Team, The Back Door/The Crux, Pines Baptist Church, Spokane, WA, 1998–2001

Servant-Leader, Valleypoint at Pines Church, Spokane, WA, 1999-2004, 2007–2010

Worship Music Leader, Valleypoint at Pines Church, 2002–2006, 2008–2009, 2010–

Panelist, Forum on Mel Gibson's *The Passion of the Christ*, Valleypoint at Pines Church, Spokane, WA, February 29, 2004

Senior Pastor Search Committee, Valleypoint at Pines Church, 2008-2009

Finance Committee, Valleypoint at Pines Church, 2011–