

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

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, Love and Friendship, Philosophy in Literature/Film, Faith and Reason, Philosophical Reflections on Christianity and Science, Philosophy Major Proseminar, Senior Seminar: Metaphysics and Epistemology

Courses Taught: Graduate Level

Seminar: Socrates and Plato, Philosophical Anthropology

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)

Randy Herring, "Happiness in Action and Contemplation in Aristotle's *Ethics*," 2008-2009

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)

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.

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).

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,” “Evolution, Creation, and Intelligent Design,” and “The Self-Exemption Problem with Philosophical Naturalism.” School of Apologetics. New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. New Orleans, LA. January 11-16, 2009

Selected 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
- “Thoughts on Mel Gibson’s *Passion*,” Panel Discussion, Gonzaga University, March 24, 2004
- “Philosopher Beats Death? The Auto-Icon of Jeremy Bentham,” Gonzaga University Philosophy Club, 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
- “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
- “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
- “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

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

Current Research and Work In Progress

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

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

American Philosophical Association

Society of Christian Philosophers

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Philosophy Department

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

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
Primary Author, Philosophy Department Faculty Evaluation Policy, 1999 (revisions in 2005 and 2006)
M.A. Thesis Second Reader, Anthony George, 2008

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

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
Member, Faculty Evaluations Working Group, 2005
Phi Beta Kappa Faculty Site Visit Working Group, 2007–2008

Member, Core Curriculum Committee, 2008-present

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

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–present

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

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

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