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Education

University of Oklahoma, Norman, Oklahoma
Ph.D., 2004 in Philosophy
Dissertation: The Emergence of Objects: A Study in Constitution
(Recipient, Provost Dissertation Award)
Dissertation Director: Monte Cook
Examining Committee: Monte Cook, Chris Swoyer, Jim Hawthorne, Ray
Elugardo, Peter Barker
M.A., 1998 in Philosophy
Nazarene Theological Seminary, Kansas City, Missouri
M.Div. (*summa cum laude*), 1996 (honors emphasis in philosophy of religion)
Northwest Nazarene College, Nampa, Idaho
B.A., 1992 in Philosophy

Areas of Interest

Areas of Specialization

Metaphysics, History of Modern Philosophy, Philosophy of Religion

Areas of Competence

History of Ancient Philosophy, Logic, Ethics

Religious Affiliation and Activities

Ordination (Elder), Church of the Nazarene, Intermountain District (May 2001)
Director of Nazarene Campus Ministries, University of Oklahoma
SW OK District (1996-1998)
Intern, Kansas City First Church of the Nazarene
KC MO District (1995-1996)
Active member, Church of the Nazarene (1986-present)
SS Teacher, Pulpit Supply, Choir Member, Book Club, Officiant

Teaching Experience

Point Loma Nazarene University, San Diego, California

Professor of Philosophy, Fall 2010-present

Tenure granted in March, 2010

Associate Professor of Philosophy, Fall 2006-2010

Philosophy Program

PHL 201 Introduction to Philosophy

PHL 277 Logic

PHL 302 History of Philosophy II: Modern

PHL 304 History of Philosophy IV: Contemporary (co-taught,
Heather Ross)

PHL 341 Philosophy of Art

PHL 411 Being and Truth

PHL 451 Religion and Science

PHL 451 Philosophy and Science

PHL 461 Philosophy of Religion (co-taught, Heather Ross)

PHL 491 Seminar in Philosophy: Ludwig Wittgenstein

Religion Program

CHU 395 History of Christian Tradition

Honors Project Committee

Committee Member (1), 2007-2008

Committee Member (3), 2009-2010

Northwest Nazarene University, Nampa, Idaho

Associate Professor of Philosophy, Fall 1999-Spring 2006

Philosophy Program, Fall 1999- Spring 2006

PL 201 Introduction to Philosophy

PL 302 History of Modern Philosophy

PL 306 Critical Reasoning

PL 307 Formal Logic

PL 341 Existentialism (co-taught, Ed Crawford and Tom Oord)

PL 351 Philosophy of Science

PL 421 Contemporary Philosophy

PL 440 Epistemology

PL 441 Metaphysics

PL 452 Philosophy of Religion

PL 498 Seminar in Philosophy: Material Constitution

PL 498 Seminar in Philosophy: Ethical Theory

PL 498 Seminar in Philosophy: Philosophy Capstone

Religion Program

TH 211 Christian Theology

MA Spiritual Formation, Fall 2002- Spring 2006

PL 503 Philosophical Conceptions of the Self

Honors Program, Spring 2001-Spring 2006

HU 252 Western Intellectual Traditions: 17th and 18th centuries
(co-taught, Jason Dunn, Physics [2001-2003] and Mark

Gismondi, Political Science [2004-2006]
STEP Program, Spring 2001-Spring 2006
PL 211 Introduction to Philosophy
TH 212 Christian Theology

University of Oklahoma, Norman, Oklahoma
Instructor with full responsibility
PHL 1103 Critical Reasoning, Fall 1998
PHL 1113 Introduction to Logic, Spring 1999
Eastern Mediterranean Nazarene Bible College, Larnaca, Cyprus
Instructor with full responsibility
Introduction to Philosophy, Summer 1998

Publications

“Ontological Arguments” in Philosophy of Religion: Introductory Essays (Kansas City, MO: Beacon Hill Press, 2003).
“Introduction: Divine Attributes” in Philosophy of Religion: Introductory Essays (Kansas City, MO: Beacon Hill Press, 2003).

Invited Papers

Public Lecture, “Constitution and the Emergent God”, FOCAS Colloquia (University of Oklahoma 2009)

Conference Presentation

Paper Presentation, “Nature and the Emerging God”, The Venice Summer School on Science and Religion: God and the Laws of Nature (Institutio Venezia 2008)
Paper Presentation, “Nonreductive Physicalist Metaphysics and a Christian Worldview”, Wesleyan Theological Society (Duke 2008)
Paper Presentation, “A Wesleyan Perspective for Addressing Poverty and Displacement” (co-authored with Michael Sherr), Hebrew Union College-University of Cincinnati Ethics Center (HUC-UC 2006)
Paper Presentation, “Zerah & Perez: Supervenience and Systemic Evil” (co-authored with Brint Montgomery), Wesleyan Theological Society (Asbury 2003)
Paper Presentation, “Future as Existential Present: Response to Craig Keen”, Global Nazarene Theology Conference, Church of the Nazarene (Guatemala 2002)
Paper Presentation, “Art and the Wesleyan: Response to Tyrus Clutter”, Faculty Award Lecture (Northwest Nazarene University 2001)
Paper Presentation, “Divine (so-called) Foreknowledge”, Oxford Fellowship (Northwest Nazarene University 2000)
Paper Presentation, “Can Wesleyan Theology Embrace Deconstruction?”, Wesleyan Theological Society (Southern Nazarene University 1999)

Guild Service

Conference Chair, “Philosophy and Science: Contemporary Explorations”, Wesleyan Philosophical Society (Duke 2008)
President, Wesleyan Philosophical Society (2008-2009)
1st Vice President, Wesleyan Philosophical Society (2007-2008)
2nd Vice President, Wesleyan Philosophical Society (2006-2007)
Executive Committee, Wesleyan Philosophical Society (2000-2010)
Co-Founder, Wesleyan Philosophical Society (2000)
Session Chair, “Contemporary Trends in Philosophical Theology”, Wesleyan Theological Society (Azusa 2010)
Session Chair, “Contemporary Trends in Philosophy”, Wesleyan Theological Society (Seattle 2005)
Session Chair, “Contemporary Trends in Philosophy of Mind: II”, Southwestern Philosophical Society (Tulsa 1998)
Textbook Review, Readings on the Ultimate Questions, 2/e, Nils Ch. Rauhut, Prentice Hall

Honors/Awards

Provost Dissertation Award, University of Oklahoma (2005)

University and Departmental Service

Point Loma Nazarene University

Faculty Council, PLNU (2011-present)
Chair of Faculty Council, PLNU (2011-2012)
Agenda Committee, PLNU (2011-2012)
Academic Policy Council, PLNU (2008-2011)
Acting Dean, School of Theology and Christian Ministry, PLNU (Fall 2007)
NSO Panelist, PLNU (Spring 2010)
Representative to CUR Conference, PLNU (Summer 2008)
CTL Panelist (Academic Integrity), PLNU (Spring 2008)
Guest Speaker (Film Forum), PLNU (Spring 2008)
Guest Speaker (Theology on Tap), PLNU (Fall 2007)

Northwest Nazarene University

Chair, Department of Philosophy, NNU (2005-2006)
Program Review Committee (Chair), NNU (2004-2005)
Finance Sub-committee of Faculty Policy Council (Chair), NNU (2005)
Faculty Representative to Board of Trustees, NNU (2003-2006)
Faculty Policy Council Representative, NNU (2003-2006)
Task Force on Official Mascot (University, Board of Trustees, and Alumni), NNU (2005-2006)
Task Force on Rank and Tenure (University and Board of Trustees), NNU (2003-2004)
Academic Council-Undergraduate Representative, NNU (2002-2004)
Facilitator, Oxford Fellowship Program, NNU (2002-2006)

Honors Committee, NNU (2001-2006)
School of Theology and Christian Ministry Representative to Region, NNU (2002-2006)
Fine Arts Council, NNU (2001-2002)

University of Oklahoma

Graduate Representative to the Faculty, OU (1997-1999)
Undergraduate Philosophy Conference Committee, OU (1997-1999)

Professional Associations

American Philosophical Association
Society of Christian Philosophers
Wesleyan Philosophical Society
Wesleyan Theological Society

References

Ron Benefiel	Dean, School of Theology and Christian Ministry, Point Loma Nazarene University
Tom Oord	Department of Religion, Northwest Nazarene University
Mark Gismondi	Department of Political Science, Northwest Nazarene University
Monte Cook	Department of Philosophy, University of Oklahoma

Additional references are available upon request.