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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)  
Districts: KC MO, SW OK, Intermountain, Southern CA  
SS Teacher, Pulpit Supply, Choir Member, Book Club, Officiant (wedding,  
funeral, eucharist), Budget Committee

## Teaching Experience

Point Loma Nazarene University, San Diego, California

Professor of Philosophy, Fall 2010-present

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*

M.A. in Biology

*BIO 633 The History and Philosophy of Science* (both as instructor  
of record and co-taught this semester with Dianne  
Anderson and Maria Zack)

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: 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> 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 Institute on Science and Religion: God and the Laws of Nature (Instituto 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)  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, Wesleyan Philosophical Society (2007-2008)  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, Wesleyan Philosophical Society (2006-2007)  
Executive Committee, Wesleyan Philosophical Society (2000-2011)  
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*  
Program Review Committee (2013-present)  
Task Force, Faculty Governance (2012-present)  
Faculty Council, member (2012-2013)  
Tenure Committee, member (2012-2013)  
Faculty Council, Chair (2011-2012)  
Agenda Committee, member (2011-2012)  
Academic Policy Council (2008-2011)  
SoTCM Budget Committee (2011-present)  
SoTCM Philosophy sub-group (2011-present)  
Acting Dean, School of Theology and Christian Ministry (Fall 2007)  
FYE Group Mentor (Fall 2013)  
NSO Panelist (Spring 2010)  
Technology and Identity Panelist (Fall 2010)  
Representative to CUR Conference (Summer 2008)  
CTL Panelist (Academic Integrity) (Spring 2008)  
Guest Speaker (Film Forum) (Spring 2008)  
Guest Speaker (Theology on Tap) (Fall 2007)

*Northwest Nazarene University*  
Chair, Department of Philosophy (2005-2006)  
Program Review Committee (Chair) (2004-2005)  
Finance Sub-committee of Faculty Policy Council (Chair) (2005)

Faculty Representative to Board of Trustees (2003-2006)  
Faculty Policy Council Representative (2003-2006)  
Task Force on Official Mascot (University, Board of Trustees, and Alumni) (2005-2006)  
Task Force on Rank and Tenure (University and Board of Trustees) (2003-2004)  
Academic Council-Undergraduate Representative (2002-2004)  
Facilitator, Oxford Fellowship Program (2002-2006)  
Honors Program Oversight and Curricular Committee (2001-2006)  
School of Theology and Christian Ministry Representative to Region (2002-2006)  
Fine Arts Council (2001-2002)

*University of Oklahoma*

Graduate Representative to the Faculty (1997-1999)  
Undergraduate Philosophy Conference Committee (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
Heather Ross	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.