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## ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

August 2014-present

Department of English and Philosophy, South Plains College (Associate Professor 2022–present, Assistant Professor 2019–2022, Instructor 2018–2019, Part-Time Instructor 2014–2018)

August 2021-present

School of Divinity, Regent University (Adjunct Professor 2021–present)

## **EDUCATION**

- Ph.D. (philosophy of religion) Southern Evangelical Seminary, April 2019
- Executive Certificate (Bible exposition) Liberty University, July 2023
- M.A. (composition) Liberty University, December 2023
- M.A. (apologetics) Southern Evangelical Seminary, May 2014
- B.B.A. (finance) Texas Tech University, May 2010

#### AREAS OF RESEARCH SPECIALIZATION

- the problem of evil
- · the problem of animal suffering
- the philosophy of mind/animal minds
- · Thomistic philosophical theology

# **AREAS OF TEACHING COMPETENCE**

- introduction to philosophy
- · introduction to world religions
- · English composition
- Christian apologetics

#### PUBLICATIONS

#### Books

*The Palgrave Handbook on the Problem of Animal Suffering in the Philosophy of Religion*. Under contract with Palgrave-Macmillan.

Bringing Good Even out of Evil: Thomism and the Problem of Evil. Lanham: Lexington Books, 2022.

Thomism and the Problem of Animal Suffering. Eugene: Wipf and Stock, 2020.

Answering the Music Man: Dan Barker's Arguments against Christianity. Edited by B. Kyle Keltz and Tricia Scribner. Eugene: Wipf and Stock, 2020.

## Journal articles and book chapters

- "Thomas Aquinas and the (No) Best Possible World." In *Optimism and the Best Possible World: A Philosophical History*. Edited by Justin J. Daeley. Under contract with Routledge.
- "Could a Good God Allow Death Before the Fall? A Thomistic Perspective." *The Heythrop Journal* 63, no. 4 (July 2022): 703–716.
- "Is Animal Suffering Evil? A Thomistic Perspective." The Journal of Value Inquiry 54 (March 2020): 1-19.
- "A Thomistic Answer to the Evil-God Challenge." *The Heythrop Journal* 60, no. 5 (September 2019): 689–698.
- "God's Purpose for the Universe and the Problem of Animal Suffering." *Sophia* 58, no. 3 (September 2019): 475–492.

"Neo-Thomism and the Problem of Animal Suffering." Nova et Vetera 17, no. 1 (2019): 93–125.

- "Aquinas and the Problem of No Best World." New Blackfriars 99, no. 1082 (July 2018): 503-519.
- "Are Insects Capable of Suffering?" In *God and the World of Insects*. Edited by Josh Shoemaker and Gary Braness, 195–227. Silverton: Lampion Press, 2017.
- "Thomistic Moral Arguments." Christian Apologetics Journal 14, no. 2 (Fall 2016): 55-73.
- "The Animal Soul and the Problem of Animal Suffering." *Christian Apologetics Journal* 13, no. 2 (Fall 2015): 5–32.

### PRESENTATIONS

#### **Peer Reviewed Presentations**

"God's Obligations and the Problem of Evil in the Philosophy of Thomas Aquinas," Annual Meeting of the New Mexico - Texas Philosophical Society, Houston, Texas, March 29, 2015.

#### **Invited Presentations**

- "God-Talk and the Age of the Earth," Steadfast National Conference hosted by Southern Evangelical Seminary, Rock Hill, South Carolina, October 14, 2023.
- "If God Exists, Why Is There Evil? A Biblical Answer," National Conference on Christian Apologetics hosted by Southern Evangelical Seminary, Rock Hill, South Carolina, April 09, 2022.
- "Are God's Attributes Incoherent and Incompatible?" National Conference on Christian Apologetics hosted by Southern Evangelical Seminary, Charlotte, North Carolina, October 12, 2020.
- "Thomas Aquinas on Faith and Reason," National Conference on Christian Apologetics hosted by Southern Evangelical Seminary, Charlotte, North Carolina, October 12, 2018.
- "Would a Good God Allow Death Before the Fall?" National Conference on Christian Apologetics hosted by Southern Evangelical Seminary, Charlotte, North Carolina, October 14, 2017.
- "Would a Good God Allow Death Before the Fall?" National Conference on Christian Apologetics hosted by Southern Evangelical Seminary, Charlotte, North Carolina, October 14, 2016.

# **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

Texas Tech University (adjunct)

• Phil 2350 World Religions and Philosophy (Spring 2023)

Regent University (online adjunct)

- Cosm 500 Cosmogony and Anthropology (5 sections)
- Cosm 657 Apologetics and Cosmogony Integration (Summer 2022; Summer 2023)

Kingdom Preparatory Academy (adjunct)

• Christian Apologetics (Spring 2021; Spring 2023)

South Plains College

- Phil 1301 Introduction to Philosophy (41 sections)
- Phil 1304 Introduction to World Religions (Spring 2020; Fall 2022; Fall 2023)
- Engl 1301 Composition I (31 sections)
- Engl 0301 Basic Developmental English (Spring 2019)

# SERVICE TO SOUTH PLAINS COLLEGE

- Member of the ADN Admissions/Academic Standards Committee, 2022-present.
- Member of the Scholarship Committee, 2021-present.

# **OTHER PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

• Blind-review referee for New Blackfriars, Philosophia