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## POSITIONS

**Biola University**, La Mirada, California

Professor: 2023-

Interim Dean: Talbot School of Theology, 2022-2023

Chair, Talbot Department of Philosophy: 2015-2022

Associate Professor: 2014-2023

Co-Chair, Talbot Department of Philosophy: 2014-2015

Assistant Professor: 2008-2014

**Redeemer Church** (PCA), Newport Beach, California

Scholar in Residence: 2021-

## AREAS OF RESEARCH SPECIALIZATION

Metaphysics (substance & attribute; teleology; mental content), Epistemology (rationality & evidence; emotions), Philosophical Theology (love & knowledge; anthropology; evil)

## EDUCATION

**The University of Texas**, Austin, Texas

Ph.D., Philosophy: 2008

**Biola University**, La Mirada, California

M.A., Philosophy: 2003, *with highest honors*

**University of North Texas**, Denton, Texas

B.S., Economics: 2000, *magna cum laude*

*minors*: Mathematics, Political Science

## PUBLICATIONS

### Authored Books

1. *Knowledge for the Love of God: Why Your Heart Needs Your Mind*, Eerdmans, 2022 (approx. 45,000 words)
2. *The Atlas of Reality: A Comprehensive Guide to Metaphysics*, with Robert C. Koons, Wiley-Blackwell, 2017 (approx. 330,000 words)
3. *Metaphysics: The Fundamentals*, with Robert C. Koons, Wiley-Blackwell, 2015 (approx. 110,000 words)

### Peer-Reviewed Articles

4. Moving from Is to Ought: The Relation Between Primals and Moral Foundations, with M. Elizabeth Lewis Hall, Jason McMartin, Melanie Siems & Erin Smith, *Mental Health, Religion & Culture*, forthcoming
5. Affective Reason, with Jason McMartin, *Episteme*, forthcoming
6. Speaking the Truth in Love: The Challenge of Public Engagement, with M. Elizabeth Lewis Hall & Jason McMartin, *Christian Scholars Review*, LI:2, 2022
7. Wagering on Pragmatic Encroachment, with Daniel Eaton, in Jonathan Kvanvig (ed.), *Oxford Studies in Philosophy of Religion*, vol. 8, Oxford University Press, 2017
8. The Voice of God in Historical Biblical Criticism, with Jason McMartin, in Oliver Crisp & Fred Sanders (eds.), *The Voice of God in the Text of Scripture*, Zondervan, 2016
9. Evidence Against Pragmatic Encroachment, with Daniel Eaton, *Philosophical Studies* 172.12, 2015
10. Bare Particulars and Exemplification, *American Philosophical Quarterly* 51.2, 2014
11. Skeptics Can Win (But Almost Never Will), *Philosophical Papers* 40.3, 2011
12. In Defense of ‘Partially Clad’ Bare Particulars, *Australasian Journal of Philosophy* 89.1, 2009
13. Properties of Identity and Trivial Indiscernibility, *Southwest Philosophy Review* 25.1, 2009
14. The Farewell to Leibnizian Essences Matured, *Philosophia Christi* 6.1, 2004
15. Bare Particulars and Individuation, with J. P. Moreland, *Australasian Journal of Philosophy* 81.1, 2003

### Invited Scholarly Article

16. TBD, in Chris Woznicki (ed.), *Advice to Christian Philosophers---Reflections on the Past and Future of Christian Philosophy*, Hanover Press, forthcoming
17. Individuation and Incarnation, in Richard Brian Davis & Paul Gould (eds.), *Loving God with Your Mind: Essays in Honor of J. P. Moreland*, Moody Press, 2014

### General Audience Articles

18. Hidden Mickeys and the Hiddenness of God, with Robert Garcia, in Richard Brian Davis (ed.), *Disney and Philosophy*, Wiley-Blackwell, 2019

- Reprinted in William Irwin & David Kyle Johnson (eds.), *Introducing Philosophy Through Pop Culture: From Socrates to South Park, Hume to House*, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed., Wiley-Blackwell, 2022
19. Burying Your Head in the Sandman, in Ben Dyer (ed.), *Supervillains and Philosophy*, Open Court, 2009

## GRANTS

- 2023 The Role of Emotions in Christians' Perceptions of Science, Templeton Religion Trust (with M. Elizabeth Lewis Hall, Jason McMartin, and Erin Smith)
- 2022 Follow-on Funding, New Visions in Theological Anthropology (with Jason McMartin)
- 2022 Summer Fellowship, New Visions in Theological Anthropology, University of St. Andrews (with Jason McMartin)
- 2020 Gratitude to God and Suffering, funded from Gratitude to God: Psychological, Philosophical, and Theological Explorations (with Jason McMartin and Haein Park)
- 2020 TheoPsych Award for Integrating the Science of Emotions with Theology & Philosophy (with Jason McMartin, Ryan Peterson, and Kyle Strobel)
- 2018 Society of Christian Philosophers Plantinga Reading Group Grant (with Kevin Gausselein)
- 2013 Analytic Theology Cluster Group Grant (with Jason McMartin)

## SPEAKING

### Refereed Academic Presentations

- November 2023: Primal World Beliefs as Affective Appraisals, with Jason McMartin, Evangelical Philosophical Society Annual Meeting
- November 2022: An Edwardsian Account of Natural Knowledge, with Jason McMartin, Evangelical Philosophical Society Annual Meeting
- November 2021: From Pragmatic Intellectualism to Affective Evidentialism, with Jason McMartin, Evangelical Philosophical Society Annual Meeting
- November 2020: Three Grades of Emotional Reason, with Jason McMartin, Evangelical Philosophical Society Annual Meeting
- November 2019: Edwards, the Epistemology of Emotions, and Religious Disagreement, with Jason McMartin, Evangelical Philosophical Society Annual Meeting
- January 2018: Embodiment, Edwards, and Knowledge, with Christa McKirland & Jason McMartin, Los Angeles Theology Conference
- January 2016: The Voice of God in Historical Biblical Criticism, with Jason McMartin, Los Angeles Theology Conference
- November 2013: Conciliationism Really Does Entail Religious Skepticism, Evangelical Philosophical Society Annual Meeting
- March 2013: Wagering on Pragmatic Encroachment, with Daniel Eaton, Workshop on Religious Epistemology, Contextualism, and Pragmatic Encroachment, University of Oxford

November 2012: Wagering on Interest-Relative Invariantism, with Daniel Eaton, Evangelical Philosophical Society Annual Meeting

November 2009: A New(ish?) Argument Against Humeanism, Evangelical Philosophical Society Annual Meeting

February 2009: Trivializing Naturalness, American Philosophical Association Central Division Meeting

November 2008: Properties of Identity and Trivial Indiscernibility, Southwestern Philosophical Society Annual Meeting

### **Invited Academic Presentations**

February 2024: Knowledge for the Love of God, Resonate Conference, George Fox University  
February 2024: Knowledge for the Love of God, Whitworth University

June 2023: Knowledge for the Love of God, Advanced Lectures in Residence, Apologetics Program, Biola University

June 2022: Epistemic Rationality and the Affective Domain, New Visions in Theological Anthropology Conference, University of St. Andrews

Spring 2020: Emotions and the Problem of Religious Pluralism, Pepperdine University (postponed due to COVID-19)

December 2017 (*in absentia*): Embodiment, Edwards, and Knowledge, with Christa McKirland & Jason McMartin, Logos Institute, University of St. Andrews (presented by McKirland without McMartin & Pickavance)

January 2017: Fixing Pragmatic Encroachment (Just to Break It Again), Northwestern University

April 2016: Making Pascal's Wager Epistemic, Torrey Lecture, Biola University

December 2015: Wagering on Pragmatic Encroachment, Wake Forest University

November 2014: Virtuous Disagreement, Center for Christian Thought, Biola University

May 2014: Evidence Against Pragmatic Encroachment, with Daniel Eaton, Southern California Epistemology Workshop, University of California, Irvine

April 2014: The Fine-Tuning Argument, Life Pacific College

April 2013: Making Pascal's Wager Epistemic, Pepperdine University

April 2012: Religious Violating Independence, Killeen Chair Conference on Religious Disagreement, St. Norbert College

March 2012: Religious Disagreement, Talbot Philosophical Society Colloquium, Biola University

March 2010: The Problem of the Criterion, California State University, Sacramento

March 2010: The Natural View of Properties of Identity, California State University, Sacramento

February 2007: Plantingian Worlds, World-Indexed Properties, and WOOPpy LEMings, Biola University

### **Selected Non-Academic Speaking**

*Podcast Appearances*: Parker's Pensées (August 2022), Filter (February 2023), Think Biblically (March 2023), London Lyceum (May 2023)

December 2023: By Faith We Understand, Innovation Talk, Pacifica Christian Academy, Newport Beach, CA

February 2023: By Faith We Understand, Chapel, Regents School of Austin, Austin, TX

September 2022: You Are What You Do, 2-part Lecture Series for South Coast Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church in America, Grace Presbyterian Church, Yorba Linda, CA

September 2022: By Faith We Understand, Talbot Convocation Chapel, Biola University

June 2022: Knowledge for the Love of God, Summer Speaker Series, The Bridge Bible Fellowship, Reseda, CA

May 2022: Counsel, Chapel, Pacifica Christian Academy, Newport Beach, CA

March 2019: The Gift of Knowledge of God, Chapel, Pacifica Christian Academy, Newport Beach, CA

April 2018: The Gift of Knowledge (and Ignorance), Chapel, Pacifica Christian Academy, Newport Beach, CA

October 2017: Book Study on Andy Crouch's *The Tech-Wise Family*, Redeemer Presbyterian Church, Newport Beach, CA (four week Sunday school class)

February 2017: The Roots of Our Cultural Liturgy, Redeemer Presbyterian Church, Newport Beach, CA

August 2016: C. S. Lewis on 'The Inner Ring', Talbot Philosophical Society, Biola University

April 2015: What If We Addressed the Leading Social Issues of the Day Leading with Humility?, Provost Faculty Luncheon, Biola University

March 2015: The Problem of Evil, CRU at California State University, Fullerton

April 2014: Self-Giving Work, Talbot Chapel, Biola University

April 2014: What's Next?, Chapel, Life Pacific College

September-December 2013: Faith & Work: The Kingdom Significance of Your Every Day, Redeemer Presbyterian Church, Newport Beach, CA (six week Sunday school class, taught twice)

February-April 2012: Engaging Culture, Redeemer Presbyterian Church, Newport Beach, CA (six week Sunday school class)

October 2010: The Rationality of Belief in Inerrancy, Ethnos Community Church, San Diego, CA

August 2010: Logic Institute, Legacy Christian Academy, Frisco, TX (two-day logic training seminar for faculty)

October 2009: Ethics and Apologetics, Ocean View Baptist Church, San Pedro, CA

July 2009: Christian Ethics in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century, Shepherd of the Hills Church, Woodland Hills, CA

### Comments

February 2020: Comments on Matt Leonard's 'Explaining Harmony', American Philosophical Association Central Division Meeting

February 2019: Comments on Paul MacDonald's 'Schellenberg's Noseum Assumption about Nonresistant Nonbelief', American Philosophical Association Central Division Meeting

April 2016: Comments on Eric Hiddleston's 'A Priori and Necessary v. A Priori That Necessary', American Philosophical Association Pacific Division Meeting

- April 2014: Comments on Jonathan Ellis's 'Beyond Disagreement', American Philosophical Association Pacific Division Meeting
- March 2013: Comments on Matthew Benton's 'Pragmatic Encroachment and Theistic Knowledge', Workshop on Religious Epistemology, Contextualism, and Pragmatic Encroachment, University of Oxford
- April 2012: Comments on John Pittard's 'Conciliationism and Religious Disagreement', Killeen Chair Conference on Religious Disagreement, St. Norbert College
- May 2006: Comments on Arnon Cahen's 'The Trope Solution to Mental Causation, Multiple Realizability, and the 'Qua' Problem', 2006 Gateway Philosophy Graduate Conference, University of Missouri, St. Louis
- April 2005: Comments on Adam Sennet's 'Theta Roles and Counterfactuals: Symmetry and Asymmetry', 2005 University of Texas Graduate Student Conference
- April 2004: Comments on Bence Nanay's 'Synchronous Supervenience and Nonreductive Materialism', 2004 University of Texas Graduate Student Conference

## COURSES TAUGHT

**Biola University** (all courses graduate level unless otherwise noted)

Epistemology I

Epistemology II: Contextualism & Invariantism

Epistemology II: Religious Pluralism

Metaphysics I

Metaphysics II: Modal Metaphysics

Philosophy of Religion

Evil & Knowledge of God

Logic

Psychology & Christian Thought (with Liz Hall; undergraduate course)

Foundations of Christian Thought (undergraduate course)

Apologetics (both graduate & undergraduate courses)

## UNIVERSITY SERVICE

**Biola University**

President's Committee on Spiritual Formation & Development, 2022-

President's Administrative Council, 2022-2023

Council of Academic Deans, 2022-2023

Provost Search Advisory Committee, 2022

President's Advisory Committee for Mission Fidelity, 2018-

Moderator, First Principles Faculty Conversation with Miroslav Volf, September 2017

Referee, Society of Christian Philosophers Pacific Regional Conference, Spring 2017

Digital Learning Committee, Spring 2014

Faculty Town Hall Representative for Talbot School of Theology, academic year 2013-2014

Reviewer, Center for Christian Thought Course Development Grant Proposals, Fall 2012  
Mentor, Faculty 'Quick-Start' Mentoring Program, Fall 2009, Fall 2010

**Talbot School of Theology, Biola University**

Talbot Academic Policies & Personnel Committee (APPC), 2015-2023  
Promotion & Tenure APPC Subcommittee, 2017-2023  
Curriculum APPC Subcommittee, 2015-2017  
Talbot Committee for Online Learning, 2011-  
Talbot Student Welfare Committee Member, 2009-

**Department of Philosophy, Talbot School of Theology, Biola University**

Department Chair, 2015-2022  
Department Co-Chair, 2014-2015  
Organizer & Moderator, Ph.D. Preparation LEMMing (Language-Epistemology-Mind-Metaphysics) Reading Group, Fall 2008, Spring 2009, Fall 2009, Spring 2010  
Organizer & Moderator, Ph.D. Preparation Ethics & Political Philosophy Reading Group, Fall 2008, Spring 2009, Fall 2009, Spring 2010

**Department of Philosophy, University of Texas**

Conference Organizing Committee Member, 2008 University of Texas Graduate Philosophy Conference  
Graduate Student Mentor, Spring 2007, as part of Pre-Graduate School Internships through Intellectual Entrepreneurship  
Conference Organizing Committee Member, 2007 University of Texas Graduate Philosophy Conference  
Conference Coordinator, 2006 University of Texas Graduate Philosophy Conference  
Conference Coordinator, 2005 University of Texas Graduate Philosophy Conference

**PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

**Referee**

Wiley-Blackwell, InterVarsity Press, *Acta Analytica*, *American Philosophical Quarterly*, *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*, *Canadian Journal of Philosophy*, *Christian Scholars Review*, *Dialectica*, *Ergo*, *Erkenntnis*, *Journal of Analytic Theology*, *Philosophia*, *Philosophia Christi*, *The Southern Journal of Philosophy*, *Synthese*

**HONORS & AWARDS**

**Biola University**

2014 Center for Christian Thought Research Fellowship  
2013 Faculty Summer Integration Seminar on C. S. Lewis, led by Jerry Root

- 2012 Faculty Research & Development Grant
- 2011 Faculty Research & Development Grant
- 2009 Faculty Summer Integration Seminar on Theological Interpretation of Scripture, led by Kevin Vanhoozer

**University of Texas**

- 2007 University Fellowship
- 2006 Coburn Philosophical Foundation Essay Prize
- 2003 Research Internship (a University of Texas Fellowship) with Robert Koons

**University of North Texas**

- 2000 Jack Johnson Memorial Award in Economics
- 1997 Texas Academy of Mathematics and Science Alumni Scholarship (for academic years 1997-1998, 1998-1999, and 1999-2000)