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Education

Ph.D. Philosophy

University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, Arkansas

Doctoral Dissertation: *A Defense of Thomas Aquinas's Second Way*

Doctoral Dissertation Committee: Thomas Senor (director), Sandra Edwards, Richard Lee

M.A. Philosophy

University of Mississippi, Oxford, Mississippi

Thesis: *An Analysis of William Lane Craig's Kalam Cosmological Argument*

Thesis Committee: William F. Lawhead (director), Michael L. Harrington, Thomas J. Flynn, William A. Staton, III

B.A. Bible (Minor: Music)

Mississippi College, Clinton, Mississippi

Positions

Currently:

Full-time public speaker and writer

Professor Emeritus of Philosophy and Apologetics at Southern Evangelical Seminary, Charlotte, NC

Former positions:

Professor of Philosophy and Apologetics; Director of the Ph.D. Program at Southern Evangelical Seminary, Charlotte, NC

Assistant Professor of Philosophy at Luther Rice University, Lithonia, GA

Instructor in Philosophy at Mississippi State University, Starkville, MS

Held graduate teaching assistantships at the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, AR, Marquette University, Milwaukee, WI, and the University of Mississippi, Oxford, MS

University and Seminary Courses Taught

Apologetics

Undergraduate

Apologetics

Creationism

Graduate

Introduction to Apologetics

Apologetic Systems

World Views

New Religious Movements (Contemporary Cults)

World Religions

Seminar on Contemporary Occultism

Doctoral

Christian Ethical Issues and Apologetics
Advanced Counter-Cult Apologetics
Advanced World Religions
Religious Apologetics
Christian Apologetic Systems
Philosophical Apologetics

Philosophy

Undergraduate

Introduction to Philosophy
Critical Thinking
Philosophy of Human Nature
Contemporary Ethics
Contemporary Moral Problems
Values and Ethics

Graduate

Classical Philosophy
Logic
Metaphysics
History of Ancient and Medieval Philosophy
History of Modern and Contemporary Philosophy
History of Medieval Philosophy
Ethics
Seminar on David Hume
Contemporary Atheism

Doctoral

Philosophical Apologetics
Thomistic Philosophy
Philosophical Theology
Seminar on Contemporary Atheism
Systematic Philosophy

Theology

Graduate:

Hamartiology and Soteriology

Honors

Evangelical Press Association for the *Christian Research Journal* article "Witchcraft: It May Not Be What You Think"

Thomas Vernon Award for outstanding undergraduate teaching, Department of Philosophy, University of Arkansas

Outstanding Teacher Nominee from the Associated Student Government and the Student Alumni Board of the University of Arkansas

Outstanding Young Men of America

First Place, Student Essay Contest of the *Mississippi Philosophical Association*

Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges

United States Achievement Academy National Collegiate Award in Philosophy

United States Achievement Academy Academic All American

Professional Associations

Evangelical Philosophical Society
Society of Christian Philosophers
International Society of Christian Apologetics

Staff and Ministry Positions Held

Director of the Ph.D. Program, Southern Evangelical Seminary, Charlotte, NC
Registrar and Director of Admissions, Southern Evangelical Seminary, Charlotte, NC
President, The Issachar Institute (501.c.3 organization), Tupelo, MS (Itinerate speaking and position papers on Christian apologetics)
Minister of Youth, Lawndale Presbyterian Church, Tupelo, MS
Summer Youth Minister, First Baptist Church, College Park, GA

Publications

"How Theology Needs Philosophy" in *I Am Put Here for the Defense of the Gospel: A Festschrift in Honor of Norman L. Geisler*, ed. Terry Meithe. Eugene: Pickwick Publications, 2016.

Religion of the Force, revised, 2nd ed. Bastion Books, 2016.

"The Reliability of the New Testament Writers" in *The Jesus Quest: The Danger from Within*, eds. Norman L. Geisler and F. David Farnell, 593-620. N.c.: Xulon, 2014.

"In Defense of the Supernatural" in *The Jesus Quest: The Danger from Within*, eds. Norman L. Geisler and F. David Farnell, 621-672. N.c.: Xulon, 2014.

"Classical Apologetics and Creationism" *Christian Apologetics Journal*, Vol. 11, No.2, Fall 2013.

"Philosophical Antecedents to Thomas Aquinas's Second Way" *Christian Apologetics Journal*, Vol. 10, No.1, Spring 2012.

"Two Notions of the Infinite in Thomas Aquinas's Summa Theologiae I, Questions 2 and 46" *Christian Apologetics Journal*, Vol. 8, No. 1, Spring 2009, pp. 71-86.

"On the Function of Philosophy" *Christian Apologetics Journal*, Vol. 7, No. 2, Fall 2008, pp. 57-82.

"Dualism" in *The Popular Encyclopedia of Apologetics*, eds. Ed Hindson and Ergun Caner, 181-184. Eugene: Harvest House Publishers, 2008.

"Empiricism" in *The Popular Encyclopedia of Apologetics*, eds. Ed Hindson and Ergun Caner, 192-194. Eugene: Harvest House Publishers, 2008.

"The New Testament, Jesus Christ, and *The Da Vinci Code*" in *Reasons for Faith: A Survey of Contemporary Christian Issues and Evidences. Essays in Honor of Bob and Gretchen*

Passantino, eds. Norman Geisler, Chad Meister, 269-280. Wheaton: Crossway Books, 2007.

"Witchcraft" in *Reasons for Faith: A Survey of Contemporary Christian Issues and Evidences. Essays in Honor of Bob and Gretchen Passantino*, eds. Norman Geisler, Chad Meister, 349-360. Wheaton: Crossway Books, 2007.

Book review of Garret J. DeWeese and J. P. Moreland, *Philosophy Made Slightly Less Difficult: A Beginner's Guide to Life's Big Questions* (Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 2005) *Christian Research Journal*, Vol. 29, No. 5, 2006, p. 43.

Book review of Ron Rhodes, *Find It Quick Handbook on Cults & New Religions: Where Did They Come From? What Do They Believe?* (Eugene, OR: Harvest House Publishers, 2005) and *Answering the Objections of Atheists, Agnostics, & Skeptics* (Eugene, OR: Harvest House Publishers, 2006) *Christian Research Journal*, Vol. 29, No. 5, 2006, pp. 42-43.

Book review of *Protecting Your Teen from Today's Witchcraft: A Parent's Guide to Confronting Wicca and the Occult* (Minneapolis: Bethany House Publications, 2005) by Steve Russo. *Christian Research Journal*, Vol. 29, No. 2, 2006, p. 46.

"Satanism: A Taste for the Dark Side." *Christian Research Journal*, Vol. 28, No. 5, 2005, p. 41.

Book review of *Hard Questions Real Answers* (Wheaton, IL: Crossway Books, 2003) by William Lane Craig. *Christian Research Journal*, Vol. 28, No. 5, 2005, p. 41.

Book review of *Thinking about God: First Steps in Philosophy* (Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 2004) by Gregory E. Ganssle. *Christian Research Journal*, Vol. 28, No. 5, 2005, p. 41.

"From the Nature God to the God of Nature: Reaching Out to Wiccans" *Christian Research Journal*, Vol. 28, No. 4, 2005, pp. 10-11.

"Witchcraft: It May Not Be What You Think." Winner of the Evangelical Press Association's award of "Higher Goals," Third Place in General Article (Long) category, 2006 *Christian Research Journal*, Vol. 28, No. 1, 2005, pp. 12-21.

"Knowing Christianity is True: The Relationship between Faith and Reason" (with Thomas A. Howe) in *To Everyone an Answer: A Case for the Christian World View*, eds. Francis J. Beckwith, William Lane Craig, and J. P. Moreland, 23-36. Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 2004.

Book review of *God? A Debate Between a Christian and an Atheist* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2004) by William Lane Craig and Walter Sinnott-Armstrong *Christian Research Journal*, Vol. 27, No. 6, 2005, p. 40.

"Some Concerns about John C. Maxwell" *Midwest Christian Outreach Journal*, 2003.

"Does the Bible Teach Reincarnation?" *Midwest Christian Outreach Journal*, 1996.

Homosexuality in America: Exposing the Myths. American Family Association, 1994.

"Holistic Medicine, Dr. Bernie Siegel and New Age Occultism" *The Issachar Institute Newsletter*, Dec. 1995

"Does the Bible Teach Reincarnation? How New Agers Use the Bible" *The Issachar Institute Newsletter*, Nov. 1995

"Deceived by the Light: A Look at *Embraced by the Light*" *The Issachar Institute Newsletter*, Jan. 1995

"The Case for Christianity, Pt. 5: Conclusion: What Did Jesus Believe about the Bible?" *The Issachar Institute Newsletter*, Aug. 1994

"The Case for Christianity, Pt 4: Who Is Jesus? His Resurrection" *The Issachar Institute Newsletter*, May 1994.

"The Case for Christianity, Pt. 3: Who Is Jesus?" *The Issachar Institute Newsletter*, April 1994.

"The Case for Christianity, Pt. 2: The Authenticity of the Bible: Is the Bible Historically Accurate?" *The Issachar Institute Newsletter*, March 1994.

"The Case for Christianity, Pt. 1: The Historicity of the Bible: Is the Bible Historically Reliable?" *The Issachar Institute Newsletter*, Jan. 1994.

The Dangers of the New Age Movement, Pt. 2" *The Issachar Institute Newsletter*, Dec. 1993.

"The Dangers of the New Age Movement, Pt. 1" *The Issachar Institute Newsletter*, Nov. 1993.

Speaking

Over twenty-five years of experience speaking and debating in universities, churches, schools, and homes in the US, Europe, and Africa on various apologetic, philosophical, and theological topics including:

APOLOGETICS

General

Apologetics; On Choosing a World View; Relativism; The Theology and Science of Creation; What About Those Who Have Never Heard the Gospel?; Young Earth Presuppositionalism; God and Atheism; The Myths of Homosexuality

The Existence of God

Answering the Arguments of Popular Atheism; The Kalam Cosmological Argument; Responding to the New Atheism

Jesus

The Bible on Jesus; Jesus Among the World Religions

Bible

The Historicity of the Bible; The Reliability of the New Testament; The *Da Vinci Code*; Jesus on the Bible, Inerrancy, and Canonicity

Cults, the Occult, and World Religions

The Marks of a Cult; Mormonism and the Marks of a Cult; Jehovah's Witnesses and the Marks of a Cult; The New Age Movement; New Age Scripture Twisting: How New Age Thinking Interprets the Bible; The Religion of the Force: A Look at *Star Wars*; The World View of the Occult; Witchcraft; Satanism; The Word of Faith Movement; World Religions; Religious Pluralism; Jesus Among the World Religions

PHILOSOPHY

How Theology Needs Philosophy; Love Your God with All Your Mind; On Choosing a World View; Classical Philosophy; Scholastic Realism; A Thomistic Argument for the Existence of God; The Kalam Cosmological Argument; Thomistic Responses to Some Objections to Aquinas's Cosmological Argument; Two Notions of the Infinite in Thomas Aquinas's *Summa Theologica* I, Questions 2 and 46; God Fading Away: How the Classical Attributes of God Are Being Lost; Can We Know Anything At All?; Seeing Is Believing?; Biblical Values in Creation: A Look at the Natural Law; The Euthyphro Dilemma; The Problem of Evil; Aristotle and Aquinas on the Good and Ethics: Comparisons and Contrasts; Exposing Logical Fallacies

THEOLOGY/BIBLE

God's Golden Chain of Communication: Getting the Thoughts of God into the Actions of Men (Revelation, Inspiration, Inerrancy, Canonicity, Transmission, Translation, Interpretation, Application); The Trinity; Soteriology; The Will of God; Once Saved Always Saved; What About Those Who Have Never Heard the Gospel?; History of the Bible in English; James; 1 Peter; 1 John; Do You Know God?; What Does This Verse Mean to You? The Most Commonly Taken-Out-of-Context Verses

Debates

Debates include topics such as the existence of God, the New Age Movement, and Protestantism vs. Catholicism on Justification with opponents such as: Michael Shermer (*Skeptic Magazine*), John Shook (Center for Inquiry), Dan Barker (The Freedom from Religion Foundation), Douglas Krueger (author of *What Is Atheism? A Short Introduction*), Piet Croucamp (professor, The University of Johannesburg), Abel Pienaar (New Age leader in South Africa), and Bill Rutland (Baptist convert to Catholicism)