

Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION

- PH.D. PHILOSOPHY, UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, RIVERSIDE, 2006
Dissertation: *Virtuous Belief: Descartes, Hume, and the Proper Method of Belief Formation*
Committee: Paul Hoffman, Don Garrett, Janet Broughton, Gary Watson, Peter Graham
- M.S. PHILOSOPHY, UNIVERSITY OF UTAH, 2000
Thesis: *The Contemporary Relevance of Hume's Moral Psychology*
Committee: Don Garrett, Nick White, Tom Reed
- B.A. PHILOSOPHY, CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, DOMINGUEZ HILLS, 1996

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

AZUSA PACIFIC UNIVERSITY

Chair, 2015 – Present

Professor, 2015 – Present; Associate Professor, 2011 – 2015; Lecturer, 2005 – 2006

CENTER FOR CHRISTIAN THOUGHT

Research Fellow, Fall 2015

UNIVERSITY OF NORTH FLORIDA

Assistant Professor, 2006 – 2011

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Early Modern Philosophy:	Descartes, Hume
Ethics:	History of Ethics, Moral Psychology
Philosophy of Religion:	Orthodox Christianity

AREAS OF COMPETENCE

Applied Ethics:	Bioethics, Business Ethics
Comparative Philosophy:	Classical Chinese Ethics
Logic:	Formal, Informal

RESEARCH LANGUAGES

Latin, French

HONORS AND AWARDS

RESEARCH

Dean's Scholar-Teacher Award, APU, 2015-2016
 Research Fellowship, Center for Christian Thought, Biola, 2015
 Emerging Scholar Award, APU, 2013-2014
 NEH Summer Stipend, Hume's Psychology of Religious Belief, 2008
 Chancellor's Distinguished Fellowship, UCR, 2000-2004

TEACHING

Scholarly Undergraduate Research Experience Award, APU,
 - Alain León, "Minding the 'Unbridgeable Gap': The Future of Conscientious Objection in a Secular Age," 2016
 - Marissa Espinoza, "The Divine Energies and the 'End of Human Life'," 2015
 Mentor of the Year (nominee), UNF, 2010-11
 Outstanding Undergraduate Teaching Award, UNF 2009-2010
 Mentor TA, TA Development Program, UCR, 2004-2005
 Teaching Excellence Award, UCR, 2001-2002
 Graduate Student Teaching Excellence Award (nominee), Utah, 1999-2000
 Outstanding First-Year TA, Utah, 1998-1999

PUBLICATIONS

BOOKS

Reforming the Art of Living: Nature, Virtue, and Religion in Descartes's Epistemology (Springer, 2015).
The Ethics of Belief: Individual and Social, co-edited with Jon Matheson (Oxford UP, 2014).
Turning East: Contemporary Philosophers and the Ancient Christian Faith, edited (St. Vladimir's Seminary Press, 2012).
 Greek Translation: *Ατενίζοντας το Φως* [*Facing towards the Light*] (Atermonon, TBA)
 Romanian Translation: *Întoarcerea spre Răsărit* [*Returning Eastward*] (Renasterea, 2015)

JOURNAL, SPECIAL EDITION (EDITED)

"Ethical and Religious Themes in Humean Philosophy," *Res Philosophica* 92:3 (July 2015)

ARTICLES AND CHAPTERS

"The Divine Energies and the 'End of Human Life'" (with Marissa Espinoza), *American Catholic Philosophical Quarterly* (conditional acceptance).
 "The Nature and Functions of Sympathy in Hume's Philosophy," in *The Oxford Handbook of David Hume*, ed. Paul Russell (Oxford UP, 2015).

PUBLICATIONS (CONTINUED)

ARTICLES AND CHAPTERS (CONTINUED)

- "Contagion, Community, and Virtue in Hume's Epistemology," in *The Ethics of Belief: Individual and Social*, eds. Jon Matheson and Rico Vitz (Oxford UP, 2014).
- "Introduction" (with Jon Matheson), in *The Ethics of Belief: Individual and Social*, eds. Jon Matheson and Rico Vitz (Oxford UP, 2014).
- "Natural Law among Moral Strangers" (with Boaz Goss), *Christian Bioethics* 20 (August 2014): 283-300.
- "Plato's *Republic*," in *Twelve Great Books*, eds. Don Thorsen and Steve Wilkens (Cascade Books, 2014).
- "A Road from Rome through Antioch," in *Turning East: Contemporary Philosophers and the Ancient Christian Faith* (St. Vladimir's Seminary Press, 2012).
- "Thomas More and the Christian 'Superstition': A Puzzle for Hume's Psychology of Religious Belief," *The Modern Schoolman* 88 (July/October 2011): 223-244.
- "Descartes and the Question of Direct Doxastic Voluntarism," *Journal of Philosophical Research* 35 (September 2010): 107-21.
- "Doxastic Virtues in Hume's Epistemology," *Hume Studies* 35 (November 2009): 211-29.
- "Doxastic Voluntarism," *The Internet Encyclopedia of Philosophy*, eds. James Fieser and Bradley Dowden, February 2008.
- "Sympathy and Benevolence in Hume's Moral Psychology," *Journal of the History of Philosophy* 42 (July 2004): 261-75.
- "Hume and the Limits of Benevolence," *Hume Studies* 28 (November 2002): 271-95.

BOOK REVIEWS

- Review of *At the Roots of Christian Bioethics*, edited by Ana Smith Iltis and Mark J. Cherry, *HealthCare Ethics Committee Forum*, January 2011.
- Review of *Spectres of False Divinity: Hume's Moral Atheism*, by Thomas Holden, *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*, October 2010.
- Review of *Breaking the Spell: Religion as a Natural Phenomenon*, by Daniel Dennett, *Faith and Philosophy*, January 2010.
- Review of *The Riddle of Hume's Treatise: Skepticism, Naturalism, and Irreligion*, by Paul Russell, *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*, July 2008.

WORKS IN PROGRESS

BOOK

The Testimony of Taste and Sentiment: Hume, Moral Philosophy, and Contemporary Psychology (co-edited with Phil Reed), under review.

Contributors: Lorraine Besser, Erin Frykholm, Michael Gill, Lorenzo Greco, Willem Lemmens, Katharina Paxman Renick, Annette Pierdziwol, Elizabeth Radcliffe, Eric Schleisser, Christine Swanton, Saul Traiger, Margaret Watkins

ARTICLES AND CHAPTERS

"'Perverted', 'Diseased', and 'Disordered': Normative Teleology and Humean Value Theory," revising for resubmission.

"'What is a Merciful Heart?' St. Isaac of Syria and the Second Love Command," revising for resubmission.

"Minding the 'Unbridgeable Gap': The Future of Conscientious Objection in a Secular Age" (with Alain Leon), invited for a symposium in *Christian Bioethics*, in draft.

"Moral Strangers as Co-Laborers in the Fields of Justice," invited for a conference and volume, in draft.

"Character, Culture, and the Limits of Humean Virtue," in draft.

INTERVIEWS

PRINT

"The Unicity of Orthodox Spirituality," *Studia Humana* 4:3 (2015): 51 – 55.

AUDIO

"Dr. Rico Vitz," *Conversations on Orthodoxy*, Episode 9, January 2014.

PRESENTATIONS, COMMENTARIES, AND PANELS

PRESENTATIONS

"Minding the 'Unbridgeable Gap': The Future of Conscientious Objection in a Secular Age,"

- Society of Christian Philosophers (Midwestern), September 2016.
- International Academy of Bioethical Inquiry, Saint Louis University, August 2016.

"Moral Strangers as Co-Laborers in the Fields of Justice,"

- New Theists Workshop, Wake Forest University, August 2016.

PRESENTATIONS, COMMENTARIES, AND PANELS (CONTINUED)

PRESENTATIONS (CONTINUED)

“'What is a Merciful Heart?' St. Isaac of Syria and the Second Love Command,”

- The Meaning of Love, 5th Annual Center for Christian Thought Conference, May 2016
- Society of Christian Philosophers (Mountain-Pacific), March 2016.
- SOPHIA Conference, February 2016.
- Open End, University of Birmingham, December 2015.
- Center for Christian Thought, Biola, December 2015.

“Character, Culture, and the Limits of Humean Virtue,”

- American Philosophical Association, Pacific Regional Meeting, April 2016.
- 4th Oxford Brookes Hume Workshop (Keynote Presentation), November 2015.

“'Perverted', 'Diseased', and 'Disordered': Teleology in Hume's Ethics,”

- University College Dublin, December 2015.
- West Coast Hume Scholars Workshop, University of San Francisco, September 2014.

“The Divine Energies and the 'End of Human Life',”

- Center for Christian Thought, Biola, September 2015.

“Martyrs and Confessors: Assessing the Cost of Christian Fidelity,”

- APU Common Day of Learning, February 2015.

“'Harmful' Actions and 'Perverted' Dispositions: The Nature, Problems, and Prospects of Inconsistent Normative Teleologies,”

- SOPHIA Conference, February 2015.

“Situationism, Skepticism, and Asceticism”

- Moral Education Conference, November 2014.
- Dominican School of Philosophy and Theology, July 2014.
- Center for Christian Thought, Biola, May 2014.
- APU Common Day of Learning, March 2014.
- SOPHIA Conference, February 2014.

“Ancient Christian Religious Epistemology: Traditional Fidelity, Philosophical Humility, and Mystical Aspiration”

- SOPHIE Conference, Germany, June 2014.

“Natural Beatitude and Religious Reform in Descartes's Philosophy”

- Keynote Speaker, 3rd Annual L. A. Valley College Philosophy Conference, April 2012.

“Descartes's Morality and Traditional Christianity: Practical Differences”

- SOPHIA Conference, February 2012.

PRESENTATIONS, COMMENTARIES, AND PANELS (CONTINUED)

PRESENTATIONS (CONTINUED)

“Competing Conceptions of Divine Knowledge”

- SOPHIA Conference, February 2011.

“The Cartesian Art of Natural Beatitude”

- Florida Philosophical Association, November 2010.

“Lies, Captivating Lies, and Religious Belief: Hume on the Learned Elite and the Christian 'Superstition'”

- SOPHIA Conference, February 2010.
- International Hume Conference, August 2009.
- Florida Philosophical Association, November 2008.
- University of Florida, November 2008.
- Society of Christian Philosophers (Mountain-Pacific), October 2008.

“Doxastic Virtues in Hume's Epistemology”

- Santa Clara University, January 2010.

“Motivationally/Emotionally Biased Anti-Religious Belief”

- Society of Christian Philosophers (Mountain-Pacific), April 2009.
- SOPHIA Conference, February 2008.

“Hume's Irreligious Philosophy”

- Central Florida Community College, March 2009.

“Doxastic Virtues as Moral Virtues in Hume's Epistemology”

- American Philosophical Association (Pacific), March 2008.
- Florida Philosophical Association, November 2007.
- International Hume Conference, August 2007.
- University of California - Irvine, February 2007.
- SOPHIA Conference, January 2007.

“Descartes and the Question of Direct Doxastic Voluntarism”

- American Philosophical Association (Pacific), April 2007.
- Society of Christian Philosophers (Mountain-Pacific), February 2007.

“Meditation, Education, and Self-Deception”

- Azusa Pacific University, May 2006.
- University of North Florida, March 2006.

“Unmasking the Cartesian Meditator”

- Fort Hays State University, February 2006.
- California State University - Fresno, February 2006.

PRESENTATIONS, COMMENTARIES, AND PANELS (CONTINUED)

PRESENTATIONS (CONTINUED)

“Hume on the Moral Assessment of People for Their Beliefs”

- Hume and His Critics: A Conference on the Scottish Enlightenment, April 2005.
- Berkeley-Stanford-Davis Philosophy Conference, April 2004.

“The Cartesian Meditator”

- University of Arkansas at Little Rock, January 2005.
- Berkeley-Stanford Philosophy Conference, May 2003.
- Southern California Philosophy Conference, October 2002.

“Belief, Hope, and Salvation” (with Dan Speak)

- Azusa Pacific University, May 2004.
- Southern California Philosophy Conference, October 2003.

“The Nature of Belief and the Varieties of Doxastic Voluntarism”

- Society of Christian Philosophers (Mountain-Pacific), February 2004.

“Is Hope Adequate for Religious Faith?”

- Society of Christian Philosophers (Eastern), December 2003.

“What Mary Didn't Show: Reconsidering Jackson's Knowledge Argument”

- Society of Christian Philosophers (Mountain-Pacific), April 1999.

COMMENTARIES

Comments on Gerry Gaus's “The Continuing Challenge of Hobbes to Public Reason Liberalism”

- Blue Cross/Blue Shield Ethics Center Symposium, November 2009.

Comments on Mitch Haney's “The Value of Slow”

- Blue Cross/Blue Shield Ethics Center Symposium, November 2008.

Comments on Andrew Eshleman's “Can an Atheist Believe in God?”

- American Philosophical Association, Pacific Regional Meeting, March 2004.

PANELS AND SEMINARS

“Conversations on Orthodox Theology: Commemoration of the Sixth Ecumenical Council”

- Holy Archangels Monastery, February 2014.

“Character: New Perspectives and Empirical Discoveries”

- The Character Project, Wake Forest University, June 2013

“Conversations on Orthodox Theology: St. Constantine the Great, Equal-to-the-Apostles”

- Holy Archangels Monastery, February 2013.

PRESENTATIONS, COMMENTARIES, AND PANELS (CONTINUED)

PANELS AND SEMINARS (CONTINUED)

- “Conversations on Orthodox Theology: Reflections on the Encounter with Heresy”
- Holy Archangels Monastery, February 2012.
- “Philosophy of Religion: A Seminar for Scholars from Russia, Ukraine, and Belarus”
- Society of Christian Philosophers, July 2011.
- “The Scope of the State”
- Liberty Fund, October 2010.
- “Persons, Property, and the State: The Views of Locke, Rousseau, and Kant”
- Liberty Fund, February 2008.
- “F. A. Hayek's *The Constitution of Liberty*”
- Liberty Fund, January 2008.

THESIS COMMITTEES AND DIRECTED RESEARCH

GRADUATE THESIS COMMITTEES

- “Disclosing One's Teaching Method: A Look at the Neutrality versus Advocacy Debate,”
Michael Bailey, UNF, M.A., 2011. (Reader)
- “Control, Counter-Examples, and Reasons Resultants,” Nicolas Michaud, UNF, M.A., 2008.
(Reader)

UNDERGRADUATE THESIS COMMITTEES

- “Cartesian Foundationalism and Projective Artifactualities: Resituating Our 'Selves',” Paul
DiGeorgio, UNF, B.A., 2011. (Reader)
- “On Whether Time Had a Beginning,” Andrew Brenner, UNF, B.A., 2011. (Reader)
- “Locating Personal Identity in Human Interaction,” Nicholas Comparato, 2009. (Reader)

DIRECTED RESEARCH

- “Minding the 'Unbridgeable Gap': The Future of Conscientious Objection in a Secular
Age,” co-authored paper with Alain León, 2016.
- “The Divine Energies and the 'End of Human Life',” co-authored paper with Marissa
Espinoza, 2015.
- “Special Relativity and Divine Eternality,” Andrew Brenner, 2009.
Note: The revised version of this paper, “Aquinas on Eternity, Tense, and Eternal Becoming,”
won the Florida Philosophical Association's Award for Outstanding Undergraduate Philosophy
Paper, 2009-2010.

COURSES TAUGHT

HISTORY OF PHILOSOPHY

Modern Philosophy	Sp 16, Sp 15, Sp 14, Fa 12, six other times
Seminar: Hume	Sp 15, Fa 08
Modern Political Philosophy: Hobbes**	Fa 09
Aristotle and Hume: Ethics**	Sp 08
Hume and Kant: Epistemology* **	Fa 07

ETHICS

Ethics	Fa 16, Fa 14, Fa 13, Sp 13, Fa 11, Fa 05
Practical Ethics	Sp 16
Eastern Philosophy**	Sp 15
Social and Political Debates (Ethics Bowl)	Sp 14, Fa 14, Fa 13, five other times
Love and Friendship	Sp 14
Moral Psychology: Desire**	Fa 14
Virtue Ethics and Moral Psychology	Sp 12
Passion and Value*	Fa 10
Virtues: Classic and Modern*	Sp 09
Lies and Self-Deception*	Fa 09, Fa 07
Theories of Tolerance	Fa 06
Contemporary Moral Issues	Su 05, Su 02

PHILOSOPHY OF RELIGION

Religion and Enlightenment	Sp 11
Reason and Religion	Sp 10
Medieval Religion: Maimonides' <i>Guide</i> **	Fa 09
Religious Epistemology**	Su 09
Medieval Religion: Aquinas's <i>Summa Theologica</i> **	Sp 09
<i>Aristotle East and West</i> **	Fa 08
Science and Religion	Sp 08

GENERAL EDUCATION AND LOGIC

Introduction to Philosophy	Fa 14, Fa 13, Sp 13, numerous other times
Formal Logic	Fa 11, Sp 06, Sp 04, Su 04, Sp 02
Reasoning and Critical Thinking	Fa 09, Sp 09, six other times
Concepts of Human Nature	Fa 04

* = Graduate & Undergraduate Course

** = Independent Study

SERVICE

COMMUNITY

Bioethics Advisory Committee

- Little Company of Mary Hospital, Member-at-Large, 2003, 2004

PROFESSION

Organizational Leadership

- Hume Society, Executive Vice President-Treasurer, 2014-present
- Florida Philosophical Association, Member-at-Large, 2009-2010

Referee

- Journals: *Canadian Journal of Philosophy*, *Dialogue*, *Erkenntnis*, *Hume Studies*, *Journal of the History of Philosophy*, *Journal of Medicine and Philosophy*, *Journal of Religion*, *Journal of Scottish Philosophy*, *Mind*, *Phenomenology and the Cognitive Sciences*, *Synthese*
- Presses: Springer/Kluwer Academic, MacGraw-Hill
- Conferences: Society of Christian Philosophers, Florida Philosophical Association
- Fellowship: NEH Fellowship Review Committee

External Review

- University of Memphis, Department of Philosophy, Assessment, 2010-2012

UNIVERSITY

General Education Committee, APU, 2012-2013

Committee on Conflicts of Interest, APU, 2012-2013

Faculty Senate, APU, 2010

Honors Council, UNF, 2008-2010

Search Committee, Director of the Honors Program, UNF, 2008-2009

COLLEGE

NEH Summer Stipend Selection Committee, UNF, 2009-2010

Budget and Planning Committee, UNF, 2006-2008

DEPARTMENT

Leadership

- Department Chair, APU, 2015-Present
- Adjunct Coordinator, APU, 2011-2015

Committees

- Administrative Search Committee
 - o Department Coordinator, Philosophy & Theology, APU, 2017

SERVICE (CONTINUED)

DEPARTMENT (CONTINUED)

Committees (continued)

- Faculty Search Committees
 - o Political Theology (Assistant Professor), APU, 2016-2017
 - o Ethics/Political Philosophy (Visiting Assistant Professor), APU, 2016-2017
 - o Open (Visiting Assistant Professor), APU, 2011-2012
 - o Open (Visiting Assistant Professor), APU, 2011-2012
 - o Open (Assistant Professor), APU, 2011-2012
 - o Open (Assistant Professor), APU, 2011-2012
 - o Asian/Comparative Philosophy (Assistant Professor), UNF, 2010-2011
 - o Religious Studies (Assistant Professor), UNF, 2010-2011
 - o Epistemology (Assistant Professor), UNF, 2009-2010
 - o Gender or Race Theory (Assistant Professor), UNF, 2009-2010
 - o Open (Visiting Assistant Professor), UNF, 2009-2010
 - o Ancient Philosophy (Assistant Professor), UNF, 2008-2009
 - o Gender or Race Theory (Assistant Professor), UNF, 2007-2008
 - o Asian/Comparative Philosophy (Open Rank), UNF, 2007-2008
 - o Gender or Race Theory (Assistant Professor), UNF, 2006-2007
- Assessment and Curriculum Committee, UNF, 2008-2010

Conferences Coordinated

- "The Ethics of Belief: Epistemic Norms in Social Contexts," UNF, 2011-2012
 - o *Plenary Speakers:* Heather Battaly, Mark Dechesne, Catherine Elgin, Richard Feldman, Sanford Goldberg, Alvin Goldman, Heidi Grasswick, Thomas Kelly, Arie Kurglanski, Ernest Sosa
 - o *Panelists:* E. J. Coffman, Ted Poston, Sarah Wright
- "Metaphysics and Science," UNF, 2010-2011
 - o *Plenary Speakers:* Laurie Paul, Michael Rea
- "Health Care, Conscience, and Property," UNF, 2009-2010
 - o *Plenary Speakers:* Kenneth Brummel-Smith, H. Tristram Engelhardt, Jr.
- "Latin American Philosophy and Religion," UNF, 2008-2009
 - o *Plenary Speakers:* Guillermo Hurtado, Manuel Vargas

SERVICE (CONTINUED)

DEPARTMENT (CONTINUED)

Faculty Advisor

- Ethics Bowl
 - o APU, 2011-2016
 - o UNF, 2009-2011
- *Florida Student Philosophy Blog*, 2007-2011
- Philosophy Club, UNF, 2006-2011

Referee

- Graduate Student Paper Prize, 2007-2008
- Northeast Florida Student Philosophy Conference, 2006-2007

Miscellaneous

- Library Review: *Early Modern Holdings*, 2006-2007
- Peer Teaching Review: Kathy Lammens, 2006-2007
- Reading Group Coordinator, *Breaking the Spell* (Dennett), 2006-2007