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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

University of Florida

Professor, Hamilton School for Classical and Civic Education, 2023–Present

Affiliate Professor, Department of Philosophy, 2024–Present

Creighton University

Associate Professor of Philosophy, 2020–23

Assistant Professor of Philosophy, 2014–20

University of Colorado Boulder

Visiting Research Professor, Benson Center, 2021–22

College of Saint Benedict and Saint John's University

Visiting Assistant Professor of Philosophy, 2013–14

EDUCATION

PhD Philosophy, Marquette University, 2013

MA Philosophy, Marquette University, 2011

BA Philosophy (*summa cum laude*), Bethel University, 2005

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Ethics (esp. Virtue Ethics); Political Philosophy; Meaning in Life; and Philosophy of Religion

BOOK MONOGRAPHS

(3) *Spiritual Alienation and the Quest for God* (Oxford University Press, under contact).

(2) *The Virtues of Limits* (Oxford University Press, 2022).

Reviewed in: *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*; *Journal of Moral Philosophy*; *The Philosophical Quarterly*; *Society*; *Journal of Value Inquiry*; *Law & Liberty*; *Public Discourse*; *America Magazine*; *The University Bookman*; *Ethical Perspectives*

(1) *Virtue and Meaning: A Neo-Aristotelian Perspective* (Cambridge University Press, 2020).

Reviewed in: *Ethics*; *Journal of Moral Philosophy*; *Review of Metaphysics*; *Religious Studies*; *New Blackfriars*; *Jesuit Higher Education*; *Choice*; *Religious Studies Review*

EDITED BOOKS

(2) *The Cambridge Companion to Philosophy of Religion*, co-edited with Fiona Ellis (Cambridge University Press, under contract).

- (1) *Spirituality and the Good Life: Philosophical Approaches* (Cambridge University Press, 2017).
Reviewed in: *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*; *Philosophy*; *Journal of Moral Philosophy*

ARTICLES AND BOOK CHAPTERS

- (34) “Epiphanies, Life-Affirmation, and Virtue,” *Journal of Moral Education* (published online, 2026; forthcoming in print).
- (33) “Manners to Cultivate Civility,” in *Improving Character: Moral Virtues, Strategies, and Questions*, ed. Robert Hartman (Wiley-Blackwell, 2026), 223-29.
- (32) “Spiritual Alienation: What Is It? How Can It Be Overcome?,” *Res Philosophica* 102:4 (2025): 395-416.
- (31) “Losing Eden and Gaining a Conscience: Newman on Overcoming Spiritual Alienation” (co-authored with Kirstin Carlson), *John Henry Newman and Contemporary Philosophy*, ed. Joe Milburn and Frederick Aquino (Routledge, 2025), 213-34.
- (30) “Précis and Replies” (for symposium on *The Virtues of Limits* with seven contributors), *Cosmos + Taxis*, 12:11-12 (2024): 44-61.
- (29) “Love in the Christian Tradition,” *Love: A History* (Oxford Philosophical Concepts Series), ed. Ryan Patrick Hanley (Oxford University Press, 2024), 70-93.
- (28) “*After Virtue* and Conservatism,” *MacIntyre’s After Virtue at 40*, ed. Tom Angier (Cambridge University Press, 2024), 107-24.
- (27) “Receptivity to Grace and the Affirmation of Life: Reflections on *Babette’s Feast*” (co-authored with Kirstin Carlson), *Film and Faith: Modern Cinema and the Struggle to Believe*, ed. Carson Holloway and Micah Watson (Lexington Books, 2023), 101-14.
- (26) “The Seeker-Dweller Philosopher: Charles Taylor’s Spiritual Quest,” in *Modernity at a Crossroads: The Legacy of Romantic Reason* (Italian title: *La modernità al bivio. L’eredità della ragione romantica*), ed. Paolo Costa (Bologna, Italy: Marietti, 2021): 245-50.
- (25) “Précis of *Virtue and Meaning*” and “Replies to Ivanhoe and Miller,” *Res Philosophica* 98:4 (2021): 627-9, 649-63.
- (24) “The Virtue of Piety in Medical Practice,” *Philosophia* 49:3 (2021): 923-31.
- (23) “Précis of *Virtue and Meaning*” and “Replies to Kim, Toner, and Beabout,” *American Catholic Philosophical Quarterly* 95:2 (2021): 287-9, 321-36.
- (22) “Moral Absolutes and Neo-Aristotelian Ethical Naturalism,” *The Philosophy of Reenchantment*, ed. Michiel Meijer and Herbert De Vriese (Routledge, 2020): 239-59.
- (21) “Consent Is Not Enough,” *College Ethics: A Reader on Moral Issues That Affect You*, ed. Bob Fischer, 2nd ed. (Oxford University Press, 2020): 138-51.
- (20) “Deep Desires,” *Religious Studies: An International Journal for the Philosophy of Religion* 55:3 (2019): 389-403.
- (19) “Existential Conservatism,” *Philosophy* 94:3 (2019): 383-407.
- (18) “Manners and the Moral Life,” *The Theory and Practice of Virtue Education*, ed. Tom Harrison and David Walker (Routledge, 2018), 140-52.
- (17) “Transfiguring Love,” *New Models of Religious Understanding*, ed. Fiona Ellis (Oxford University Press, 2018), 79-96.

- (16) "Three Rival Versions of the Relationship of Religion to Modernity," *Journal of Religion & Society*, Supplement 18 (2018): 11-31.
- (15) "Humane Philosophy as Public Philosophy: A Path for Religious Engagement in Public Life," *Proceedings of the American Catholic Philosophical Association* 92 (2018): 137-50.
- (14) "Introduction," *Spirituality and the Good Life: Philosophical Approaches*, ed. David McPherson (Cambridge University Press, 2017), 1-10.
- (13) "*Homo Religiosus*: Does Spirituality Have a Place in Neo-Aristotelian Virtue Ethics?," *Spirituality and the Good Life: Philosophical Approaches*, ed. David McPherson (Cambridge University Press, 2017), 63-83. [This is a significantly expanded version of the essay that first appeared in *Religious Studies* 51:3 (2015): 335-46.]
- (12) "Self-Formation and Other-Regarding Concern: Commentary on Douglas J. Den Uyl and Douglas B. Rasmussen's The Perfectionist Turn," *Reason Papers* 39:1 (2017): 35-43.
- (11) "Traditional Morality and Sacred Values," *Analyse & Kritik: Journal of Philosophy and Social Theory* 39:1 (2017): 41-62.
- (10) "The Aim of Philosophy: Satisfying Curiosity or Attaining Salvation?," *Etica & Politica: Rivista di filosofia* XIX:2 (2016): 291-310.
- (9) "Seeking Re-Enchantment," *Seekers and Dwellers: Plurality and Wholeness in a Time of Secularity*, ed. Philip J. Rossi, S.J. (Washington, DC: The Council for Research in Values and Philosophy, 2016), 17-46.
- (8) "Nietzsche, Cosmodycism, and the Saintly Ideal," *Philosophy* 91:1 (2016): 39-67.
- (7) "The Claims of Religious Identities in Secular Societies," *Journal of Religion & Society*, Supplement 13 (2016): 216-42.
- (6) "*Homo Religiosus*: Does Spirituality Have a Place in Neo-Aristotelian Virtue Ethics?," *Religious Studies: An International Journal for the Philosophy of Religion* 51:3 (2015): 335-46.
- (5) "Cosmic Outlooks and Neo-Aristotelian Virtue Ethics," *International Philosophical Quarterly* 55:2 (2015): 197-215.
- (4) "Public Debate," *Encyclopedia of Global Bioethics*, ed. Henk ten Have (New York: Springer Publishing, 2015).
- (3) "A Virtue Ethic Approach to Bearing and Rearing Children," *An Ethics off for the Future?*, ed. Mary Shanahan (London: Cambridge Scholars Publishing, 2014), 89-115.
- (2) "Vocational Virtue Ethics: Prospects for a Virtue Ethic Approach to Business," *Journal of Business Ethics* 116:2 (2013): 283-96. Reprinted in *Virtue Ethics*, ed. Tom Angier, 4 Vols. (Routledge, 2018), ch. 68.
- (1) "To What Extent Must We Go Beyond Neo-Aristotelian Ethical Naturalism?," *American Catholic Philosophical Quarterly* 86:4 (2012): 627-54.

BOOK REVIEWS

- (8) "Zena Hitz's *A Philosopher Looks at the Religious Life*," *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews* (December 7, 2024): <https://ndpr.nd.edu/reviews/a-philosopher-looks-at-the-religious-life/>
- (7) "Mark R. Wynn, *Spiritual Traditions and the Virtues: Living Between Heaven and Earth*," *Religious Studies: An International Journal for the Philosophy of Religion* 58:2 (2022): 482-5.

- (6) “Simon May, *Love: A New Understanding of an Ancient Emotion*,” *The Philosophical Quarterly* 71:3 (2021): 678-81.
- (5) “Alasdair MacIntyre, *Ethics in the Conflicts of Modernity: An Essay on Desire, Practical Reasoning, and Narrative*,” *The Philosophical Quarterly* 68:271 (2018): 426-9.
- (4) “Charles Taylor, *The Language Animal: The Full Shape of the Human Linguistic Capacity*,” *The Philosophical Quarterly* 67:268 (2017): 636-41.
- (3) “Roger Scruton, *The Soul of the World*,” *Religious Studies: An International Journal for the Philosophy of Religion* 52:4 (2016): 577-80.
- (2) “Fiona Ellis, *God, Value, and Nature*,” *Religious Studies: An International Journal for the Philosophy of Religion* 52:1 (2016): 139-43.
- (1) “John Cottingham, *Philosophy of Religion: Towards a More Humane Approach*,” *Religious Studies: An International Journal for the Philosophy of Religion* 51:1 (2015): 135-9.

INTERVIEWS

- (2) “Re-Enchanting the World: An Interview with Charles Taylor,” *Philosophy & Theology* 24:2 (2012): 275-94.
- (1) “Philosophy, Spirituality, and the Good Life: An Interview with John Cottingham,” *Philosophy & Theology* 24:1 (2012): 85-111.

WORK IN PROGRESS

- (5) “The Spiritual Self” (for *The Taylorian Mind*, ed. Ruth Abbey and Michiel Meijer, being proposed for Routledge Philosophical Minds series)
- (4) “The Spiritual Predicament” (for *The Cambridge Companion to Philosophy of Religion*, co-edited by Fiona Ellis and David McPherson)
- (3) “Conservatism, Progressivism, and Misanthropy” (for *Misanthropy: Philosophical Essays*, ed. Ian James Kidd and Kathryn Norlock [under contract with Routledge])
- (2) “The Virtue of Neighborliness and Modern Economic Life” (for Templeton-funded project led by Andrew Gustafson on the Economy of Communion)
- (1) *Spiritual Yearning in an Age of Secularization: Sociological, Psychological, and Philosophical Perspectives* (an edited volume intended for OUP; this will be the output of the project team of a Templeton funded grant project on spiritual yearning among the nonreligious)

PRESENTATIONS

- (85) “The Aristotelian: A Reply to Lustila on Hume on Happiness,” invited, *Hume and Hellenism Conference*, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL (February 2026).
- (84) “Spiritual Alienation and the Quest for God,” invited (with honorarium) university-wide lecture, University of Scranton, Scranton, PA (November 2025).
- (83) “Virtue and the Meaningful Life,” invited, Thomistic Institute Lecture, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL (October 2025).
- (82) “Civic Virtue and Civil Discourse in an Age of Incivility,” *Conference on Civic Thought, Education, and Leadership*, Ohio State University, Columbus, OH (September 2025).

- (81) "Philosophy as a Spiritual Exercise" (online), invited, annual Zoom lecture for Philosophers in Jesuit Education (May 2025).
- (80) "Why Philosophy Matters for Living Well," invited (with honorarium), major spring lecture for the Houston Institute, Rice University, Houston, TX (April 2025).
- (79) "Spiritual Alienation and Spiritual Yearning" (online), invited, Palm Beach Atlantic University, Palm Beach, FL (March 2025).
- (78) "The Virtues of Limits" (online), invited, University of Oklahoma, Norman, OK (March 2025).
- (77) "Spiritual Alienation and Spiritual Yearning," invited (with honorarium), Zoom lecture for the Barry Center of the Morningside Institute at Columbia University, New York, NY (February 2025).
- (76) "Spiritual Yearning and the Problem of Spiritual Alienation," for general convening of project leaders for the John Templeton Foundation Spiritual Yearning Research Initiative, San Diego, CA (June 2024).
- (75) "Spiritual Yearning and the Problem of Spiritual Alienation," for project team workshop for my Templeton/Hamilton Center grant project on "Spiritual Yearning and the Problem of Spiritual Alienation," University of Florida, Gainesville, FL (June 2024).
- (74) "Does Neo-Aristotelian Virtue Ethics Need a Neo-Aristotelian Politics?," invited, keynote address (via Zoom) for "Neo-Aristotelian Politics: Recent Trends and Debates in Political Philosophy," Research Institute for Politics and Government, National University of Public Service, Budapest, Hungary (April 2024).
- (73) "The Virtues of Limits: Why Limits Matter for a Genuinely Human Future," invited (with honorarium), keynote address for 2024 Providence College Veritas Conference ("Let Us Make for Ourselves a Name: 'Progress' and a Genuinely Human Future"), Providence, RI (April 2024).
- (72) "Why Relational Egalitarians Should Be Sufficientarians," invited (with honorarium), keynote address for conference on "Democratic Equality in the New Gilded Age," University of Wisconsin Milwaukee, Milwaukee, WI (April 2024).
- (71) "The Virtue of Piety in Medical Practice" (online), invited, Bios Centre, London, England (February 2024).
- (70) "The Virtues of Limits: Why Limits Matter for Human Flourishing," invited (with honorarium), The Abigail Adams Institute, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA (November 2023).
- (69) "Spiritual Alienation and Spiritual Yearning," invited, The Human Flourishing Program, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA (November 2023).
- (68) "The Place of Contemplation in a Well-Lived Life," invited, for The Elm Institute, Yale University, New Haven, CT (November 2023).
- (67) "Virtue Ethics and the Meaning of Life" (online), invited, for "What Is Teleology?" seminar series, Central European University, Budapest, Hungary (April 2023).

- (66) “Spiritual Alienation: What Is It? How Can It Be Overcome?,” invited (with honorarium), *Res Philosophica* Conference on “Alienation and the Virtues: Personal, Social, and Spiritual,” Saint Louis, MO (March 2023).
- (65) “Virtue Ethics and the Meaning of Life,” invited, session on “The Meaning of Life in Theism” for the International Association for Philosophy of Meaning in Life, Central Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, Denver, CO (February 2023).
- (64) “The Contemplative Life and Neo-Aristotelian Virtue Ethics,” invited, session on “Using Philosophy to Live Well: Ancient and Contemporary Perspectives,” Central Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, Denver, CO (February 2023).
- (63) “Reply to Cavanaugh,” session on “Recent Work in Virtue Ethics” (on my book *The Virtues of Limits* and Benjamin Lipscomb’s *The Women Are Up to Something*), American Catholic Philosophical Association Meeting, New Orleans, LA (November 2022).
- (62) Koterski Lecture: “Spiritual Alienation: What Is It? How Can It Be Overcome?” (with a response from Matt Shea), invited, Philosophers in Jesuit Education session at the American Catholic Philosophical Association Meeting, New Orleans, LA (November 2022).
- (61) “Contemplative Affirmation: On Coming to See Life as Good in the Face of Evil and Suffering,” invited, 22nd Annual Fall Conference for the de Nicola Notre Dame Center for Ethics and Culture (conference title: “‘And It Was Very Good’: On Creation”), University of Notre Dame, South Bend, IN (November 2022).
- (60) “Theistic Ethics and the Problem of Self-Alienation,” refereed, Mountain-West Society of Christian Philosophers Conference, Colorado Springs, CO (October 2022).
- (59) “Overcoming Spiritual Alienation: Reflections on Newman” (online) invited, Workshop on Newman and Contemporary Philosophy, Pittsburgh, PA (August 2022).
- (58) “The Virtues of Limits” (online), invited (with honorarium), for the 2022 Hong Kong Philosophy series on “Living Well in Troubled Times,” sponsored by the Angelicum Thomistic Institute, the Centre for Sino-Christian Studies at the Hong Kong, and the Center for Catholic Studies at the Chinese University of Hong Kong (April 2022).
- (57) “Spiritual Alienation: What Is It? How Can It Be Overcome?,” invited, seminar series on “Spirituality and Experience,” sponsored by Roehampton University (London, England) and Roma Tre (Rome, Italy) (March 2022).
- (56) “The Virtues of Limits,” Creighton University, Omaha, NE (February 2022).
- (55) “Somewheres and Anywheres: Patriotism vs. Cosmopolitanism,” invited (with honorarium), sponsored by the Constitutional Studies Forum of UNO’s Department of Political Science with the support of the Jack Miller Center, University of Nebraska Omaha (February 2022).
- (54) “The US Constitution as a Politics of Imperfection,” invited (with honorarium), sponsored by the Constitutional Studies Forum of UNO’s Department of Political Science with the support of the Jack Miller Center University of Nebraska Omaha (February 2022).
- (53) “The Virtues of Limits,” invited, Foothills Kiwanis Club of Boulder Valley, Louisville, CO (December 2021).
- (52) “The Virtues of Limits,” invited (with honorarium), sponsored by the Denver Project for Humanistic Inquiry, Metropolitan State University of Denver (November 2021).

- (51) “Spiritual Alienation: What Is It? How Can It Be Overcome?,” Benson Center, University of Colorado, Boulder, Colorado (October 2021).
- (50) “The Virtues of Limits,” invited, Boulder Rotary Club, Boulder, Colorado (September 2021).
- (49) “Virtue Ethics and the Meaning of Life,” invited, Faculty Friday talk, Creighton University, Omaha, Nebraska (September 2021).
- (48) “The Virtues of Limits” (online), invited, University of Cape Town, Cape Town, South Africa (May 2021).
- (47) “The Contemplative Life” (online), invited (with honorarium), University of San Francisco, San Francisco, CA (March 2021).
- (46) “Keeping Faith in an Age of Secularization,” invited, panel discussion on Catholic Higher Education (online), organized by Naomi Fisher (Loyola University Chicago) (March 2021).
- (45) Book Symposium on *Virtue and Meaning: A Neo-Aristotelian Perspective* (online; organized by Bradford Cokelet; participants: Christian Miller and P. J. Ivanhoe), American Philosophical Association Central Division Meeting (February 2021).
- (44) “Spiritual Alienation and the Quest for God” (online), invited, New Directions in the Philosophy of Religion Research Seminars, Centre for Philosophy of Religion, University of Roehampton, London (October 2020).
- (43) “The Virtues of Limits in Political Life” (online), invited, Research Institute for Politics and Government, National University of Public Service, Budapest, Hungary (September 2020).
- (42) Participant in panel on “The Hippocratic Oath and the Profession of Medicine,” sponsored by the Kingfisher Institute, Creighton University, Omaha, NE (February 2020).
- (41) “Virtue, Happiness, and Meaning,” invited, Philosophers in Jesuit Education session on “Virtue Ethics and Virtue Epistemology” at the American Catholic Philosophical Association Meeting, Minneapolis, MN (November 2019).
- (40) “Spiritual Alienation and the Quest for God,” invited (all expenses paid), workshop for Templeton-funded research project on *The Quest for God*, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA (October 2019).
- (39) “Philosophy as a Spiritual Exercise: A Way Forward for Philosophy in Catholic Universities,” invited panel presentation for Mellon funded summer workshop on “Philosophy as a Way of Life” (travel and lodging covered), University of Notre Dame, South Bend, IN (June 2019).
- (38) “The Contemplative Life and Neo-Aristotelian Virtue Ethics,” invited presentation for colloquium series for the Department of Philosophy at Saint Louis University (all expenses paid with honorarium), Saint Louis, MO (April 2019).
- (37) “Transfiguring the Unborn,” invited presentation for moral and political philosophy workshop at the University of Michigan (travel and lodging covered), Ann Arbor, MI (March 2019).
- (36) “Humane Philosophy as Public Philosophy: A Path for Religious Engagement in Public Life,” American Catholic Philosophical Association Meeting on “Philosophy, Catholicism, and Public Life” (main program), San Diego, CA (November 2018).

- (35) “Does Science Lead to Disenchantment?,” invited presentation to the Physics Department at Creighton University, Omaha, NE (October 2018).
- (34) “The Role of Philosophy in Catholic Higher Education” (with M. Ross Romero, S.J.), refereed, *41st Convention of the Fellowship of Catholic Scholars*, Benedictine College, Atchison, KS (September 2018).
- (33) “How to Approach Health Care Ethics *Philosophically*,” invited presentation for Dr. Helen Chapple’s Nursing Ethics course at Creighton (August 31 and September 10, 2018).
- (32) “Does God Matter for Morality? A Philosophical Exploration with Applications to Health Care Ethics,” invited (with honorarium) for CSM Philosophy Program’s Ethics Lecture Series, College of Saint Mary, Omaha, NE (April 2018).
- (31) “Moral Absolutes and Neo-Aristotelian Ethical Naturalism,” invited (with honorarium), Creighton University Business School, Creighton University, Omaha, NE (October 2017).
- (30) “Three Rival Versions of the Relationship of Religion to Modernity,” refereed (with honorarium), *Religion and Secularism Symposium*, Creighton University, Omaha, NE (October 2017).
- (29) “The Role of Philosophy in Catholic Higher Education” (with M. Ross Romero, S.J.), refereed, *A Distinctive Vision? Catholic Education 50 Years After Land O’Lakes*, Saint Louis University, Saint Louis, MO (September 2017).
- (28) “Deep Desires,” invited, Centre for Philosophy of Religion at the University of Leeds, Leeds, UK (March 2017).
- (27) “Deep Desires,” invited (with honorarium and travel expenses paid), for Templeton-funded research project *Religious Experience and Desire*, Heythrop College, University of London, London, UK (March 2017).
- (26) Presenter for Panel Discussion on Douglas J. Den Uyl and Douglas B. Rasmussen’s *The Perfectionist Turn: From Metanorms to Metaethics*, invited, American Philosophical Association Easter Division Meeting, Baltimore, MD (January 2017).
- (25) “Transfiguring Love,” refereed, *17th Annual Fall Conference for the Notre Dame Center for Ethics and Culture*, University of Notre Dame, South Bend, IN (November 2016).
- (24) Presentation on Pope Francis’s *Amoris Laetitia* (“The Joy of Love”), invited (with travel and lodging covered and with honorarium), Committee for Catholic Social Thought at Loyola University Maryland, Baltimore, MD (October 2016).
- (23) “Humane Philosophy as Public Philosophy,” refereed, *2016 Midwest Society of Christian Philosophers Conference*, Evangel University, Springfield, MO (September 2016).
- (22) “Transfiguring Love,” invited (with honorarium and travel expenses paid), *Annual Conference for the Heythrop College Centre for Philosophy of Religion*, Heythrop College, University of London, London, UK (June 2016).
- (21) “The Aim of Philosophy: Satisfying Curiosity or Attaining Salvation?,” invited, Creighton Philosophy Department End of the Year Banquet for Majors and Minors, Creighton University, Omaha, NE (April 2016).
- (20) “Manners and the Moral Life,” refereed (lodging covered), *Cultivating Virtues: Interdisciplinary Approaches*, Oriel College, Oxford University, Oxford, UK (January 2016).

- (19) “The Aim of Philosophy: Satisfying Curiosity or Attaining Salvation?,” invited (with honorarium), Heythrop College, University of London, London, UK (January 2016).
- (18) “Dostoevsky on the Transfiguring Power of Active Love,” invited, panel discussion on “The Philosophy of Love,” *40th European Studies Conference*, University of Nebraska Omaha, Omaha, NE (October 2015).
- (17) “The Claims of Religious Identities in Secular Societies,” refereed (with honorarium), *Kripke Center Symposium on Religion and Identity*, Creighton University, Omaha, NE (February 2015).
- (16) “Nietzsche on the Sainly Ideal,” refereed, *39th European Studies Conference*, University of Nebraska Omaha, Omaha, NE (October 2014).
- (15) “*Homo Religiosus*: Does Spirituality Have a Place in Contemporary Virtue Ethics?,” refereed, *Religious Studies at 50 Conference*, University of Leeds, Leeds, UK (June 2014).
- (14) “Cosmic Outlooks and Neo-Aristotelian Virtue Ethics,” invited (with honorarium), Bethel University, St. Paul, MN (April 2014).
- (13) “Virtue and Benefit: How Does It ‘Pay’ to Be Good?,” refereed, *Happiness and the Virtues Conference*, Viterbo University, La Crosse, WI (April 2014).
- (12) “*Homo Religiosus*: Does Spirituality Have a Place in Contemporary Virtue Ethics?,” *Thursday Forum*, Saint John’s University, Collegeville, MN (November 2013).
- (11) “Taylor and McDowell on Re-Enchantment,” invited (with honorarium), for Dr. Ruth Abbey’s graduate seminar on “The Political Philosophy of Charles Taylor,” University of Notre Dame, South Bend, IN (April 2012).
- (10) “Transcendence and Its Importance for the Good Life,” refereed, *12th Annual Fall Conference for the Notre Dame Center for Ethics and Culture*, University of Notre Dame, South Bend, IN (November 2011).
- (9) “Self-Transcendence and Human Fulfillment,” workshop on the topic of “Self-Realization and Self-Transcendence,” University of Jyväskylä, Jyväskylä, Finland (August 2011).
- (8) “To What Extent Must We Go Beyond Neo-Aristotelian Ethical Naturalism?,” refereed, *Fifth Annual Conference for the International Society for MacIntyrean Enquiry*, Providence College, Providence, RI (July 2011).
- (7) “To What Extent Must We Go Beyond Contemporary Neo-Aristotelianism?,” refereed, *37th Conference on Value Inquiry*, Creighton University, Omaha, NE (April 2011).
- (6) “Dostoevsky versus Nietzsche on the Sainly Ideal,” refereed, *11th Annual Fall Conference for the Notre Dame Center for Ethics and Culture*, University of Notre Dame, South Bend, IN (November 2010).
- (5) “The Meaning of Self-Sacrifice and Its Motivational Sources,” refereed, *10th Annual Fall Conference for the Notre Dame Center for Ethics and Culture*, University of Notre Dame, South Bend, IN (November 2009).
- (4) “MacIntyre and the Need for a Metaphysical Grounding for Ethical Naturalism,” refereed, *Third Annual Conference for the International Society for MacIntyrean Enquiry*, University College Dublin, Dublin, Ireland (March 2009).

- (3) "Vocation and Integrity: Prospects for a Virtue Ethic Approach to Business," refereed, *Annual Meeting for the Society of Business Ethics*, Anaheim, CA (August 2008).
- (2) "MacIntyre and the Role of Authority in Moral Enquiry," refereed, *Second Annual Conference for the International Society for MacIntyrean Enquiry*, Saint Meinrad Seminary & School of Theology, Saint Meinrad, IN (July 2008).
- (1) "Is Democracy a Kind of Practice? MacIntyre, Dewey, and the Possibility of a Democratic Virtue Ethic," refereed, *Loyola University Chicago Graduate Student Conference*, Loyola University Chicago, Chicago, IL (March 2006).

HONORS, AWARDS, AND ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES

- (30) UF Nominee for Andrew Carnegie Fellowship (Fall 2025) – total award if selected by the Andrew Carnegie Foundation would be \$200,000 (will find out Spring 2026).
- (29) UF Course Development Grant (\$6,000) for developing two Quest Courses (2023-2024).
- (28) Templeton Grant (\$382,375) for "Spiritual Alienation and the Problem of Spiritual Alienation" (PI) as part of Templeton's "Spiritual Yearning Research Initiative," 2023-2026. The Hamilton School for Classical and Civic Education at the University of Florida is also contributing \$201,070.
- (27) Creighton Mission Innovation Grant (\$20,000) for "The Quest for Meaning: Reconciling Science and Faith" (Co-PI with Gintaras Duda and Christopher Krall, SJ), 2023-2024 (I am no longer a part of this grant project with taking my position at UF).
- (26) CCAS Faculty Development Travel Grant (\$2,000) to present at the ACPA meeting in New Orleans, LA, November 2022, and APA meeting in Denver, CO, February 2023.
- (25) Dr. George F. Haddix President's Faculty Research Fund Grant (\$5,000), 2021-2022.
- (24) External Sabbatical Fellowship at the Benson Center for the Study of Western Civilization, University of Colorado Boulder (\$60,000), 2021-2022.
- (23) Dr. George F. Haddix President's Faculty Research Fund Grant (\$5,000), 2020-2021.
- (22) CCAS Faculty Development Travel Grant (\$1,275) to present paper for Philosophers in Jesuit Education session at the ACPA meeting in Minneapolis, MN, November 2019.
- (21) Funded participant – travel and lodging expenses covered – for the following grant projects of Professor Fiona Ellis (University of Roehampton): "The Quest for God" (Templeton, starting Fall 2019); "Religious Experience and Desire" (Templeton/Notre Dame, 2016-17); and "New Models of Religious Understanding" (Templeton/Fordham, 2014-15).
- (20) Funded member of Mellon Philosophy as a Way of Life Network (2019-2021; my traveling and lodging expenses are covered for the annual summer workshops).
- (19) CCAS Faculty Development Travel Grant (\$1,350) to present paper on the main program of the ACPA meeting in San Diego, CA, November 2018.
- (18) CCAS Faculty Development Travel Grant (approved up to \$550; did not use total amount) to present paper for *41st Convention of the Fellowship of Catholic Scholars* at Benedictine College, Atchison, KS, September 2018.
- (17) CCAS 2018 Summer Faculty Research Fellowship (\$10,000) to complete book manuscript *Virtue and Meaning: A Neo-Aristotelian Perspective*.

- (16) CCAS Faculty Development Travel Grant (approved up to \$950; did not use total amount) to present paper at the conference *A Distinctive Vision? Catholic Education 50 Years After Land O'Lakes*, Saint Louis University, Saint Louis, MO, September 2017.
- (15) Invited participant for weeklong summer workshop on “Distributism,” organized by Patrick Toner, Wake Forest University, Winston-Salem, NC, July 2017 (all expenses paid with honorarium).
- (14) Selected as a participant in weeklong summer seminar on “Virtue, Happiness, and Self-Transcendence” (as part of the Templeton funded grant on “Virtue, Happiness, and the Meaning of Life” [Pis: Jennifer Frey and Candace Vogler]), University of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois, June 2017 (\$500 travel stipend with room and board covered).
- (13) CCAS Faculty Development Travel Grant (\$1,350) to participate in panel discussion at the American Philosophical Association meeting in Baltimore, MD, January 2017.
- (12) Participant in Jesuit Seminar at Creighton University, 2016-2017
- (11) Kripke Center Research Grant (\$2,000) to work on edited volume *Spirituality and the Good Life: Philosophical Approaches*, Summer 2016.
- (10) CCAS Faculty Development Travel Grant (\$1,800) to present paper at *Cultivating Virtues* conference at the University of Oxford, Oxford, UK, January 2016.
- (9) Magis Core Curriculum New Course Development Grant (\$4,000), Summer 2015, for Intersections course “Food, Sex, and the Good Life.”
- (8) Full travel funding from the Creighton Center for Catholic Thought to participate in the conference *Renewing the Church in a Secular Age: Holistic Dialogue and Kenotic Vision*, Pontifical Gregorian University, Rome, Italy, March 2015.
- (7) CCAS Faculty Development Travel Grant (a little over \$2,000) to present paper at *Religious Studies at 50 Conference*, University of Leeds, Leeds, UK, June 2014.
- (6) International Summer School with Charles Taylor, Forum Scientiarum of Tübingen University, Tübingen, Germany, June 2013. Topic: “Religion and Secularism in Modern Democracies” (€700 contribution to travel expenses).
- (5) Smith Family Dissertation Fellowship for academic year 2011-2012 (\$20,000).
- (4) Arthur J. Schmitt Dissertation Fellowship for academic year 2010-2011 (\$17,000).
- (3) Travel scholarship (\$1000) to attend the conference “What happened in and to moral philosophy in the 20th century?” in honor of Alasdair MacIntyre’s 80th birthday, University College Dublin, Dublin, Ireland, March 2009.
- (2) Graduate Assistantship, Fall 2005-Spring 2009.
- (1) Studied abroad in the “Scholars’ Semester in Oxford,” Wycliffe Hall, Oxford University, Fall 2004.

COURSES

University of Florida

AMS 2010: Civil Discourse and the American Political Order (Fall 2025)

ISS 2106: Origins of the Contemporary West II (Spring 2026)

IDH 2930: How to Live Well: Reading Aristotle’s *Nicomachean Ethics* (Spring 2024)

IDS 2935: Conflict and Character: Great Books in the Ancient World (Spring 2024)
IDS 2935: Wisdom and Heroism: Great Books in the Medieval World (Fall 2023)
IDS 2935: The Search for Meaning in a Secular Age (Spring 2024, Fall 2024, Spring 2026)
PHI6667: Seminar in Ethics [Graduate Seminar in Virtue Ethics] (Spring 2025)

Creighton University

RSP 101: Introduction to the Culture of Collegiate Life
PHL 270 Philosophical Ethics
PHL 300 Ultimate Questions
PHL 331 Moral Philosophy
PHL 427 Food, Sex, and the Good Life
PHL 457 Biomedical Ethics
PHL 495 Independent Study (“Faith, Secularization, and Modernity,” Spring 2018; “The Hippocratic Tradition,” Spring 2020)
[Other teaching: Faculty Director for Gail Werner-Robertson Research Fellowship Project on “Correcting Capitalism: Clarifying the Role of Economics in the Good Life,” for Creighton Institute for Economic Inquiry, Spring 2020]

College of Saint Benedict and Saint John’s University

PHIL 125 Social Philosophy
PHIL 150 Philosophy in Literature
PHIL 321 Moral Philosophy
ETHS 390 Ethics Common Seminar: Food, Sex, and the Good Life

Marquette University

PHIL 1000 Logic
PHIL 1001 Philosophy of Human Nature
PHIL 2310 Theory of Ethics
PHIL 4330 Business Ethics
PHIL 4336 Applied Ethics for the Health Sciences

MEMBERSHIP & ASSOCIATIONS

American Catholic Philosophical Association, 2014-Present
Society of Christian Philosophers, 2021-Present
Philosophers in Jesuit Education, 2014-2023
Executive Committee, 2017-2023
Vice President, 2018-2019
President, 2019-2021 (two-year term)
Mellon Philosophy as a Way of Life Network, 2019-Present

SERVICE FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA

Member of Curriculum Committee for Developing the Philosophy, Politics, Economics, and Law (PPEL) Major for the Hamilton Center, Fall 2023 (in addition to helping develop the overall shape of the major, I developed syllabi for two of the courses, namely, “PPEL 101: Human Flourishing: Philosophical, Political, Economic, and Legal Perspectives” and “PPEL 102: Tradition and Progress: Philosophical, Political, Economic, and Legal Perspectives”).

Member of Senior Hiring Committee for the Hamilton Center, Fall 2023-Spring 2024

Member of Curriculum Committee for Developing Jewish Thought Minor/Certificate for the Hamilton Center, Fall 2024

Member of Curriculum Committee for Developing PhD/MA Degree for the Hamilton Center, Fall 2024

Member of Ad-Hoc Committee on Tenure and Promotion Standards, Spring 2025

Member of Graduate Committee, Fall 2025-

Member of Open Search Hiring Committee for the Hamilton School, Fall 2025-Spring 2026

Member of Promotion and Tenure Committee, Spring 2026-

Gave Talk and Led Discussion on Major Ethical Theories for Ethics Team of the Warrington School of Business at UF (September 2023, October 2024, October 2025)

Guest Lecturer for Nathan Rothschild’s “Happiness and Well-Being” course for a class session on Chapter 2 (“Virtue, Happiness, and Meaning”) of my book *Virtue and Meaning* (October 2024).

Gave Talk on Virtue Ethics for the inaugural event for the Hamilton Center’s “Virtue of Film” series (the film was “The Peanut Butter Falcon”) (October 2024).

Served as session chair for Hamilton Center conference on “Religion, Human Dignity, and Human Rights” at the University of Florida (November 2024).

REVIEW WORK

Reviewer for: *Philosophy*; *Philosophers’ Imprint* (2x); *American Philosophical Quarterly* (2x); *The Philosophical Quarterly* (2x); *Ratio*; *The Journal of Ethics*; *Journal of the American Philosophical Association* (2x); *Faith and Philosophy*; *Religious Studies: An International Journal for the Philosophy of Religion*; *American Catholic Philosophical Quarterly* (3x); *British Journal for the History of Philosophy*; *European Journal for Philosophy of Religion*; *European Journal of Political Theory* (3x); *Ethical Theory and Moral Practice*; *Journal of Value Inquiry* (2x); *The Southern Journal of Philosophy*; *Acta Philosophica*; *AMA Journal of Ethics*; *Criminal Justice Ethics*; *Business and Professional Ethics Journal*; *Journal of Religion & Society*; *Revista Portuguesa de Filosofia*; *Routledge* (Book Proposal Reviewer; Book Manuscript Reviewer 3x); *Catholic University of America Press* (Book Manuscript Reviewer); *University of Notre Dame Press* (Book Manuscript Reviewer); *Bloomsbury* (Book Proposal Reviewer); *Cambridge University Press* (Book Proposal Reviewer 3x; Book Manuscript Reviewer 2x); and *Oxford University Press* (Book Proposal Reviewer 4x; Book Manuscript Reviewer 3x); Promotion Case for the University of Saint Thomas; Tenure and Promotion Case for Fordham University; Tenure upon Hire Case for the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill; Tenure upon Hire

Case for the University of Texas at Austin; Tenure upon Hire Case for Ohio State University.

REFERENCES

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