Curriculum Vitae

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### Education:

*University of Southern California , Fall 1995 to Summer 2000*

Ph.D., Religion and Social Ethics, August 2000

MA, Religion and Social Ethics, May 1998

GPA = 3.95 (on a 4.0 scale)

Dissertation Topic: “Whose Virtues? Which Language? A Critique of MacIntyre’s and Hauerwas’s ‘Wittgensteinian’ Virtue Ethics” (chair: Dr. John (“Jack”) Crossley, with Drs. John Orr and Dallas Willard)

*Biola University, Talbot School of Theology, Spring 1991 to Spring 1995*

MA, Philosophy of Religion and Ethics

Final GPA = 4.0 (on 4.0 scale); graduated with highest honors

Course work focused on metaphysics, epistemology, ethics, and theology, with a stress on integration of these subjects. Papers often explored philosophical and theological implications of virtue ethics.

*California State University at Hayward, Fall 1975 to Spring 1980*

BA, Political Science; option in Public Affairs and Administration

Final GPA = 3.5; Graduated with high honors

### Professional Experience:

*Biola University, MA Program in Christian Apologetics, Summer 2000 to Present*

Professor of Ethics and Christian Apologetics

I have taught graduate courses in ethics, philosophy of religion, epistemology, metaphysics, constructivism and phenomenology, relativism and postmodernism, and research and writing. Three or more of these have been adapted to our modular students at a distance. I also have taught Introduction to Ethics, Ethics, Organizational Ethics, and Leaders and Decision-Making at the undergraduate level. Plus, I have taught day-long seminars for the DMin cohorts in engaging culture/philosophy, as well as some electives in the MA in Philosophy program.

I oversee many independent studies in my department, and I designed and oversaw two doctoral-level independent studies in constructivism. I also have designed independent studies in metaphysics, epistemology, and bioethics. In addition, I have served on several dissertation committees for Talbot students (1 PhD, and the rest DMin).

I work extensively with our modular (hybrid) MA students. I advise them on several topics, and I also help some of them plan for further graduate work. I evaluate transcripts of current and potential students, and I recommend transfer credit.

In the process of helping to develop our modular program, I have attended two seminars for training in active learning methodologies. I have been trained, and have designed and taught several courses, in two LMS - Blackboard & Canvas. I have attended seminars provided by our Digital Learning Office, to help learn how to make the most use of Canvas.

I did much of the research and original draft of our MA program’s self-study for the Graduate Studies Committee in 2002. Then, I led the self-study in 2014-15 for the MACA & MA Science and Religion programs. I also spearhead the work for annual assessment of program learning outcomes. I also led the efforts for their accreditation by ATS when our programs moved to Talbot School of Theology at Biola. Moreover, I am leading the effort to have accreditation approval for our programs to be offered fully online.

Over the years, I also have provided a range of other administrative functions, such as recruitment, as well as general advisement. In terms of committees, I served on a committee for developing the Center for Christian Thought at Biola. I served on Biola’s Graduate Studies Committee since the start of the fall 2005 term. I was chair from fall 2011 – spring 2016. I also serve on the Graduate Services Council, starting approx. fall 2013.

*University of Southern California , Fall 1995 to Spring 2000*

Assistant Lecturer, Expository Writing Program

### Scholarly Publications:

#### Monographs:

1. *Virtue ethics and moral knowledge: philosophy of language after MacIntyre and Hauerwas* (Ashgate/Routledge, 2003)
2. *Truth and the New Kind of Christian: The Emerging Effects of Postmodernism in the Church* (Crossway, 2005)
3. *Naturalism and Our Knowledge of Reality: Testing Religious Truth-claims* (Ashgate/Routledge, 2012)
4. *In Search of Moral Knowledge: Overcoming the Fact-Value Dichotomy* (InterVarsity Press, 2014).
5. *Authentically Emergent: In Search of a Truly Progressive Christianity* (forthcoming, Cascade Books, 2018)

#### Chapters:

1. “Language, Theological Knowledge, and the Postmodern Paradigm.” In *Reclaiming the Center: Confronting Evangelical Accommodation in Postmodern Times*, ed. Paul K. Helseth, Millard J. Erickson, and Justin Taylor (Crossway, 2004).
2. “Christian Postmodernism and the Linguistic Turn.” In *Christianity and the Postmodern Turn*, ed. Myron Penner (Brazos Press, 2005).
3. “Postmodernism and the Priority of the Language-World Relation.” In *Christianity and the Postmodern Turn*, ed. Myron Penner (Brazos Press, 2005).
4. “Reflections on McLaren and the Emerging Church.” In *Passionate Conviction: Contemporary Discourses on Christian Apologetics*, ed. Paul Copan and William Lane Craig (Broadman & Holman, 2007).
5. “Emergents, Evangelicals, and the Importance of Truth: Some Philosophical and Spiritual Lessons.” In *Evangelicals Engaging Emergent*, ed. William Henard (Broadman & Holman, 2009).
6. “Is Man the Measure? Truth and Postmodernism in Perspective.” In *Loving God with Your Mind: Essays in Honor of JP Moreland*, ed. Paul Gould and Richard Davis (Moody Press, 2014).
7. “Nonfoundationalism, Postfoundationalism, and the Truth of Scripture.” In *The Enduring Authority of the Christian Scriptures*, ed. D.A. Carson (Eerdmans, 2016).
8. “The Scientific Naturalist Juggernaut – and What to Do about It.” In *A New Kind of Apologist*, ed. Sean McDowell (Harvest House, 2016).
9. “Rethinking the Fact-Value Split: A Place for Religion in the Public Square?" In *Multiculturalism and the Convergence of Faith and Practical Wisdom in Modern Society*, ed. Ana-Maria Pascal (IGI Global, 2016).
10. “Physicalism and Sanctification.” In *Christian Physicalism*, eds. Joshua Farris and Keith Loftin (Lexington Books, 2018).
11. “Taking Philosophical Naturalism Seriously: Naturalism, Intentionality, and Knowledge.” In *The Unnaturalness of Naturalism*, eds. Paul Copan and Charles Taliaferro (Lexington Books, forthcoming, 2018).

#### Articles:

1. "Some Conceptual Problems for Hauerwas’s Virtue Ethics” In *Philosophia Christi* (3:1), 2001.
2. "Hauerwas and Kallenberg, and the Issue of Access to an Extra-Linguistic Realm." In *Heythrop Journal* (45:3), 2004.
3. “Post-Conservatives, Foundationalism, and Theological Truth: A Critical Evaluation.” In *Journal of the Evangelical Theological Society* (48:2), 2005.
4. “Some Suggestions for Brian McLaren (and his Critics).” *Criswell Theological Review*, N.S. 3:2, spring 2006. Reprinted also in *CS Lewis Institute magazine*, 2006.
5. “Plantinga’s Externalism, Intentionality, and Our Knowledge of Reality” *Philosophia Christi* (9:2), 2007.
6. “Joel Green’s Anthropological Monism: Biblical, Theological, and Philosophical Considerations.” *Criswell Theological Review* (7:2), 2010.
7. “Intentionality and Our Fashionable Philosophies.” *Philosophia Christi* (12:2), 2010.
8. “Finitude, Fallenness, and Immediacy: Husserlian Replies to Westphal and Smith.” *Philosophia Christi* (13:1), 2011.
9. “Could We Know Reality, Given Physicalism? Nancey Murphy’s Views as Test Case,” *Perspectives on Science and Christian Faith* (64:3), 2012.
10. “Craig’s Nominalism, Essences, and Implications for Our Knowledge of Reality.” *Philosophia Christi* (15:2), 2013.
11. “Craig’s Nominalism and the High Cost of Preserving Divine Aseity.” *European Journal for Philosophy of Religion* (9:1), 2017: 87-108.
12. “Toward a More Biblical (and Pneumatological) Model for Integration, Teaching, and Scholarship.” *Christian Scholars* *Review* (XLVII: 1), 2017.
13. “Craig, Anti-Platonism, and Objective Morality.” *Philosophia Christi* (19:2), 2017: 331-43.

#### Book reviews:

1. *Natural & Divine Law: Reclaiming the Tradition for Christian Ethics*, by Jean Porter (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1999). In *Philosophia Christi* (3:2), 2001.
2. *Beyond Foundationalism: Shaping Theology in a Postmodern Context*, by Stanley Grenz and John Franke (Westminster John Knox, 2000). In *Philosophia Christi* (5:2), 2003.
3. *Ethics as Grammar: Changing the Postmodern Subject*, by Brad J. Kallenberg (University of Notre Dame Press, 2001). In *Philosophia Christi* 7:2, 2005.
4. *The Knower and the Known: Physicalism, Dualism, and the Nature of Intelligibility*, by Stephen Parrish (St. Augustine’s Press, 2013). In *Philosophia Christi* (18:2), 2016.
5. *Brian McLaren in Focus*, by Scott Burson. (Abilene Christian University Press, 2016). In *The Asbury Journal*, forthcoming, spring 2018.
6. *Questioning Your Doubts: A Harvard PhD Explores Challenges to Faith*. By Christina Powell. (Intervarsity Press, 2014). *Dharma Deepika: A South Asian Journal of Missiological Research* 21:1 (2018): 93-94.

#### Shorter Essays:

1. “A Response to Brian Ingraffia’s Review of Myron B. Penner, ed., *Christianity and the Postmodern Turn: Six Views.*” *Christian Scholars Review* (XXXVI: 1), 2006.
2. “Emerging Church.” *Encyclopedia of Christian Civilization*, ed. George Kurian (Blackwell, 2009).
3. “Postmodernism.” *Encyclopedia of Christian Civilization*, ed. George Kurian (Blackwell, 2009).
4. “Do My Beliefs Fit the Christian Worldview?” *Worldview Study Bible* (Holman, 2018).

### More “Popular” Essays:

1. With Jana Harmon. “That’s Just Your Interpretation: Truth and ‘Emergent’ Christian.” *Areopagus Journal* (May-June 2008): 24-32.
2. “Emergents and the Rejection of Body-Soul Dualism,” *Christian Research Journal* (Sept.-Oct. 2009).
3. “Are Emergents Rejecting the Soul’s Existence?” *Knowing and Doing* (CS Lewis Institute magazine), fall 2009.
4. [“Do the New Atheists Own the Market on Reason?”](http://www.patheos.com/Evangelical/Atheists-Own-the-Market-on-Reason-Scott-Smith-05-04-2012.html) at Patheos.com, May 4, 2012.
5. “Evolution’s Achilles’ Heel?” *Christian Research Journal* (Sept. 2012).
6. [Sandy Hook Revisited: Something Gun Rampages Should Teach Us (and Richard Dawkins)](http://www.patheos.com/Evangelical/Sandy-Hook-Revisited-R-Scott-Smith-12-23-2013.html), at Patheos.com, Dec 23, 2013.
7. “Does Darwinian Evolution Actually Undermine Education?” *Biola Magazine* (Winter 2014).
8. “God and Relationships on the ‘New Kind’ of Christianity: A Doctrinal Update on Brian McLaren and Other Emergents,” *Christian Research Journal* (39:4, 2016). [God and Relationships on the "New Kind" of Christianity](http://www.equip.org/article/god-and-relationships-on-the-new-kind-of-christianity/)
9. [“Where is the Presence and Power of the Lord? Revisiting the Fullness of Christ in Ephesians”](http://www.patheos.com/blogs/evangelicalpulpit/2016/12/presence-power-lord/) at Patheos.com, Dec. 2016.
10. "A Philosophical Influence from the Scientific Revolution on Scientific Judgment." In [*God and Nature*](https://godandnature.asa3.org/), summer 2018.

### Blogs:

1. [Something Not to be Missed About Racism’s Wrongness](http://apologetics.com/blog/rscottsmith/something-not-to-be-missed-about-racisms-wrongness-2/), Sept 9, 2017.
2. [Christians & Diversity — Part 1: A Big Assumption](http://apologetics.com/blog/rscottsmith/christians-diversity-part-1-a-big-assumption/), Oct 6, 2017
3. [Christians & Diversity – Part 2: Is Everything Interpretation?](http://apologetics.com/blog/rscottsmith/christians-diversity-part-2-is-everything-interpretation/) Nov 24, 2017
4. [Christians & Diversity – Part 3: Thoughts on Our “Situatedness”](http://apologetics.com/blog/rscottsmith/christians-diversity-part-3-thoughts-on-our-situatedness/) Jan 10, 2018
5. [Christians & Diversity – Part 4: A Hidden Factor That Makes All the Difference](http://apologetics.com/blog/rscottsmith/christians-diversity-part-4-a-hidden-factor-that-makes-all-the-difference/), Mar 23, 2018
6. [What norms or values define excellent philosophy of religion?](http://philosophyofreligion.org/?p=525218) May 22, 2018, PhilosophyofReligion.org.
7. [Is This the Normal Christian Life? Part 1](http://apologetics.com/blog/rscottsmith/is-this-the-normal-christian-life-part-1/), June 19, 2018.
8. [Is This the Normal Christian Life? Part 2](http://apologetics.com/blog/rscottsmith/is-this-the-normal-christian-life-part-2/), June 21, 2018.
9. [Is This the Normal Christian Life? Part 3](http://apologetics.com/blog/rscottsmith/is-this-the-normal-christian-life-part-3/), June 22, 2018.
10. [Is This the Normal Christian Life? Part 4](http://apologetics.com/blog/rscottsmith/is-this-the-normal-christian-life-part-4/), June 23, 2018.
11. [Is This the Normal Christian Life? Part 5](http://apologetics.com/blog/rscottsmith/is-this-the-normal-christian-life-part-5/), June 25, 2018.
12. [Is This the Normal Christian Life? Part 6](http://apologetics.com/blog/rscottsmith/is-this-the-normal-christian-life-part-6/), June 26, 2018.
13. [Is This the Normal Christian Life? Part 7](http://apologetics.com/blog/rscottsmith/is-this-the-normal-christian-life-part-7/), July 3, 2018.
14. [Is This the Normal Christian Life? Part 8](http://apologetics.com/blog/rscottsmith/is-this-the-normal-christian-life-part-8/), July 4, 2018.
15. [Is This the Normal Christian Life? Part 9](http://apologetics.com/blog/rscottsmith/is-this-the-normal-christian-life-part-9/), July 5, 2018
16. [Is This the Normal Christian Life? Part 10](http://apologetics.com/blog/rscottsmith/is-this-the-normal-christian-life-part-10/), July 7, 2018

### Academic Presentations and Invited Lectures:

1. Society of Christian Philosophers, Jan. 1995, Pacific Regional Meeting: "MacIntyre and Tradition-Dependent Rationality"
2. American Academy of Religion, March 1998, Western Regional Meeting: “Hauerwas and the Christological Problem”
3. American Academy of Religion, March 1999, Western Regional Meeting: “MacIntyre, Hauerwas, and Language: Implications for Christian Virtue Ethics”
4. Society of Christian Philosophers, April 1999, Pacific Regional Meeting: "MacIntyre and the Failure of Language Usage to Secure Meaning and Understanding”
5. Evangelical Philosophical Society, Nov. 1999, National Meeting: "Four Conceptual Problems for Hauerwas’s Virtue Ethics”
6. American Academy of Religion, April 2000, Western Regional Meeting: "MacIntyre and Hauerwas, and the Problem of Access”
7. Society of Christian Philosophers, April 2001, Pacific Regional Meeting: "MacIntyre and the Issue of Epistemic Access”
8. Evangelical Philosophical Society, Nov. 2001, National Meeting: "Crucial Considerations for Grenz’s Linguistic Theology”
9. Biola University, Talbot School of Theology, Oct. 2002, Invited Lecturer: Postmodernism and youth ministry, Christian Education TTCE 661 class
10. Evangelical Philosophical Society, Nov. 2002, National Meeting: “Grenz, Hauerwas, & Kallenberg, & the Problems with Linguistic, Embodied Apologetics”
11. Biola University, Talbot School of Theology, Nov. 2002, Invited Lecturer: postmodern epistemology, TTPH 544, Epistemology
12. Evangelical Philosophical Society, May, 2003, Western Regional Meeting: “Searle’s Naturalism as a Construction of Language”
13. Biola University, Torrey Honors Institute Context Lecture Nov. 12, 2003, “Should We Talk as Nancey Murphy Talks?”
14. Evangelical Philosophical Society, Nov. 2003, National Meeting: “Should We Talk as Nancey Murphy Talks?”
15. American Academy of Religion, March 2004, Western Regional Meeting: “Should We Talk as Nancey Murphy Talks?”
16. Evangelical Theological Society, Nov. 2004, National meeting: “Post-Conservatives, Foundationalism, and Theological Truth: A Critical Evaluation”
17. Evangelical Theological Society, April 2006, Far Western regional Meeting: “Brian McLaren, the Emerging Church, and the Issue of Foundationalism”
18. Evangelical Philosophical Society, April 2006, Far Western Regional Meeting: “Christian Physicalism and Personal Identity: The Case of Timothy O’Connor”
19. National Faculty Leadership Conference (by Christian Leadership Ministries), June 2006, Washington, DC area: “Can Naturalism Give Us Knowledge? A Look at Some Ontological Requirements for Knowledge”
20. Evangelical Theological Society National Meeting, Nov 2006: “Can Naturalism Give Us Knowledge? A Look at Some Ontological Requirements for Knowledge”
21. Evangelical Philosophical Society National Meeting, Nov 2006: “A Few Issues for Craig’s Fictionalism and Conceptualism”
22. Evangelical Philosophical Society National Meeting, Nov 2006: Panel member, EPS-Postmodern Study Group Panel Discussion; paper: “Finitude, Fallenness, and Presence: Husserlian Responses to James K.A. Smith and Merold Westphal”
23. Evangelical Philosophical Society Far Western Regional Meeting , April 2007: “Michael Tye’s Direct Realism and Our Knowledge of Reality”
24. Evangelical Philosophical Society National Meeting, Nov 2007: “Intentionality, Craig’s Conceptualism or Nominalism, and Our Knowledge of Reality”
25. Evangelical Theological Society National Meeting, Nov 2007: “Where is the Emerging Church Heading?”
26. Evangelical Philosophical Society National Meeting, Nov 2008: “Naturalism (and Physicalism) and Knowledge”
27. Evangelical Theological Society National Meeting, Nov 2008: “The Emergent Church and Physicalism”
28. Evangelical Philosophical Society National Meeting, Nov 2009: “Constructivism and Some of Our Fashionable Philosophies”
29. Evangelical Theological Society National Meeting, Nov 2009: “McLaren’s Ethics”
30. Evangelical Philosophical Society Far West Regional Meeting Apr 2010: “Joel Green’s Anthropological Monism: Biblical, Theological, and Philosophical Considerations”
31. Evangelical Philosophical Society National Meeting, Nov 2010: “Relationships, Murphy, & the Turn to Physicalism — A Critical Examination”
32. Evangelical Philosophical Society National Meeting, Nov 2011: “Craig's Nominalism, Essences, and Implications for Our Knowledge of Reality”
33. Evangelical Philosophical Society Far West Regional Meeting, Apr 2012: “Evolution’s Achilles Heel?”
34. Evangelical Philosophical Society National Meeting, Nov 2012: “Craig’s “Nominalism” Extended: Implications for Our Being Morally Virtuous”
35. Evangelical Philosophical Society National Meeting, Nov 2012: Respondent to three presentations in review of my book, Naturalism and Our Knowledge of Reality
36. Oklahoma Baptist University Philosophy Forum (invited lecture), Sept. 19, 2013: “Reflections on Our Situatedness…and Implications for Hearing God’s Voice Today”
37. Evangelical Philosophical Society National Meeting, Nov 2013: “Craig’s Anti-Platonist Theory of Reference, God’s Aseity, and Our Knowledge of Reality”
38. Evangelical Theological Society Far Western Regional Meeting, April 2014: “The Spirit, Integration in Christian Education, and Cessationism”
39. Evangelical Philosophical Society National Meeting, Nov 2014: “Craig’s Nominalism and the Gospel, Scripture, and More”
40. Evangelical Philosophical Society National Meeting, Nov 2014: Respondent to three presentations in review of my book, In Search of Moral Knowledge
41. EPS Session at the American Academy of Religion National Meeting, Nov 2014: “The Inability of Naturalism to Explain Moral Knowledge”
42. University of British Columbia, Oct 2015: “Of Facts, Values, and Other Modern Myths: Can Scientific Naturalism Explain Ethics?”
43. University of British Columbia, Oct 2015: “Facts, Values, and Other Modern Myths: The Prospects of Postmodernism for Ethics”
44. Evangelical Philosophical Society National Meeting, Nov 2015: “Thinking about Particulars”
45. Evangelical Theological Society National Meeting, Nov 2015: “Updates on McLaren and the Emergents: God, Relationships on the ‘New Kind’ of Christianity”
46. Evangelical Philosophical Society Far West Regional Meeting, Apr 2016: “Rethinking the Fact-Value Split”
47. Evangelical Philosophical Society National Meeting, Nov 2016: “Nominalism and the History of Constructivism in Western Philosophy”
48. Evangelical Philosophical Society Far West Regional Meeting, Apr 2017: “Nominalism and the Practice of Science”
49. Evangelical Philosophical Society National Meeting, Nov 2017: “Nominalism and Moral Knowledge”

### Memberships & Awards:

1. American Philosophical Association (APA)
2. Society of Christian Philosophers (SCP)
3. Evangelical Philosophical Society (EPS): Secretary-Treasurer since November 2000
4. Evangelical Theological Society (ETS)
5. Acton 2018 Mini-Grant on Free Market Economics, summer 2018
6. Biola University’s Research & Development Grants – I have been awarded this grant in spring 2006, summer 2006, summer 2007, and summer 2014.
7. Award for Excellence in Scholarship for 2007-08, Biola University
8. William W. Bass Memorial Scholarship Award, 1992-93 (as Talbot student)

### Other Scholarly Contributions:

I have refereed several articles for *Philosophia Christi* and an article for *Studies in Religion* (*Sciences Religieuses*) and for *Journal of Philosophical Research*. I advised a British publisher about a book proposal. I reviewed 3 proposed chapters for a scholarly textbook on multiculturalism and religion (IGI publisher). I also reviewed 3 chapters for Sean McDowell in his updated book, the *New Evidence that Demands a Verdict*.

I have served on a committee for Biola University/Talbot School of Theology’s doctrinal statement regarding postmodernism and truth.

I advised the planning group for a Talbot conference on the Emerging Church in May 2005. I also was one of the invited speakers.

I have organized and helped select the papers for the Evangelical Philosophical Society Far West meetings for several years. Also, for several years I have helped to recommend paper proposals for the national ETS Christian ethics open session.

I served as the external program reviewer for the undergraduate philosophy program at Oklahoma Baptist University in September 2013.

### Current Research & Writing Projects:

1. Manuscript that calls the church to repentance and live in fullness of Spirit and Truth, addressing issues amongst evangelicals and post-evangelicals
2. Blog series on the same themes
3. Manuscript on nominalism and constructivism, and the ontology of knowledge
4. Articles on trope nominalism, a new argument against abortion (based on naturalism and nominalism), and against the scientific method (based on nominalism)
5. Series of videos that address the fact-value split, the inability for us to have knowledge based on naturalism; and other topics too
6. Essays on connections between nominalism, postmodernism, and the diversity/social justice/white privilege narrative

### References:

1. J.P. Moreland, Ph.D., Philosophy of Religion and Ethics, Biola University
2. Craig Hazen, Ph.D., Professor of Comparative Religions, Biola University (my department chair)
3. Scott Rae, Ph.D., Philosophy of Religion and Ethics, Biola University
4. John (“Jack”) Crossley, Ph.D., retired, School of Religion, University of Southern California
5. Angus Menuge, Ph.D., Professor of Philosophy, Concordia University, WI
6. Paul Copan, Ph.D., Pledger Chair of Philosophy, Palm Beach Atlantic University, FL.