

Curriculum Vitae

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Education: M.A, Oxford University, 2003
Ph.D., philosophy+religious studies*, Yale University, 1984
M.Phil, philosophy+religious studies*, Yale University 1981
M.A., philosophy, Yale University, 1978
B.A., philosophy, Grove City College, 1977

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Experience: William Alston Distinguished Professor of the Philosophy of Religion,
Department of Philosophy, Rutgers University (Professor, 2018-;
Distinguished, 2025-).

Co-Director, Rutgers Center for the Philosophy of Religion, 2019- .

Nolloth Professor of the Philosophy of the Christian Religion, Faculties of
Philosophy and Theology, Oxford University, and Fellow of Oriel College,
2002-18. Emeritus Fellow, 2018- .

Fordham University, 1985-2002 (ass't, assoc, prof.)

Reed College (Portland, OR), 1984-1985

Academic Honors: Suarez Lecturer, Fordham University, 2022
Templeton Free Will Project Grant, 2012-3
Brackenridge Distinguished Resident in Philosophy, University of
Texas/San Antonio, 2010
Jellema Lecturer, Calvin College, 2007
Plantinga Lecturer, University of Notre Dame, 2003
Distinguished Scholar Fellowship, Center for Philosophy
of Religion, University of Notre Dame, 2002-3 and 1992-3
Fordham U. Faculty Fellowship, 2001-2, 1995-6.
Nominated, Editor, Faith and Philosophy, 1993 (declined)
Yale University Fellowship, 1977-1981

Areas of
Specialization: philosophy of religion
medieval philosophy
metaphysics

Areas of Competence: history of philosophy
logic

Books: Aquinas on Metaphysics: Matter, Parts and Number (NY: Oxford University Press, forthcoming).
Anselm's God (Oxford: Oxford University Press, forthcoming).
Anselm's Proof (Oxford: Oxford University Press, forthcoming).
From Goodness to God (Oxford: Oxford University Press, forthcoming).
Anselm's Argument (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2022).
Russian translation by Academic Studies Press (Boston) currently in progress.
God and Necessity (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2012).
Time and Eternity (Ithaca, N.Y.: Cornell University Press, 1991).

Edited Books: Aquinas: Questions on God (with Brian Davies)(Cambridge University Press, 2006).
The Cambridge Companion to Anselm (with Brian Davies)(Cambridge University Press, 2004).

Articles: "Paradise Lost," *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*, forthcoming.
"Replies to Oppy, Rubio, Koons, and Millican," *Agatheos*, forthcoming.
"Perfect Beings and Killer Ghosts," *Oxford Studies in Philosophy of Religion*, forthcoming.
"Perfection and Providence," *Theologica* 9 (2025), 6-24.
"Does God Know What Time It Is?," in Klaus von Stosch and Lukas Wiesenhütter, eds., *Describing God* (Leiden: Brill, 2025), 33-48.
"What's Wrong with Idolatry, and Why There Is No Excuse," in Sam Lebens and Aaron Segal, eds., *The Philosophy of Worship* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2025), 170-88.
"Anselm on Omnipresence," in Anna Marmodoro, Damiano Migliore, and Ben Page, eds., *The Oxford Handbook of Omnipresence* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2025), 121-35.

- "Conceivability and Perfect Being Theology," *Religious Studies* 60 (2024), 38-64.
- "Is Perfect Being Theology Informative?," *Philosophical Quarterly* 73 (2023), 164-83.
- "Divine Freedom," in Joseph Campbell, ed., The Wiley Companion to Free Will (Oxford: Wiley-Blackwell, 2023), 169-83.
- "Aquinas on Original Sin," in Eleonore Stump and Thomas White, eds., The New Cambridge Companion to Aquinas (Cambridge University Press, 2023), 309-21.
- "Can the Constitution be Saved?," *Religious Studies* 59 (2023), 156-64.
- "What is Sin?," *Faith and Philosophy* 39 (2022), 243-71.
- "Perfect Being Attacked!," *Faith and Philosophy* 38 (2021), 262-73.
- "Providencia, Determinism e Infierno," in Agustin Echevarria and Ruben Pereda, eds., Providencia, Libertad y Mal (Granada: Editorial Comares, 2021), 89-104.
- "The Trinity is Still Unconstitutional," *Religious Studies* 57 (2021), 532-52.
- "The Origins of Logical Space," in Otavio Bueno and Steven Shalkowski, eds., The Routledge Handbook of Modality (Routledge, 2021), 49-57.
- "Zeit und Ewigkeit in Anselms *Proslogion*," in Axel Hutter, George Sans, eds., Zeit - Sprache – Gott (Kohlhammer, 2019), 21-36.
- "Infinite Goodness," in Benedikt Gocke, ed., The Infinity of God (University of Notre Dame Press, 2019), 296-316.
- "Perfect Being Theology and Friendship," in Yoram Hazony and Dru Johnson, eds., The Question of God's Perfection (Leiden: Brill, 2019), 104-9.
- "The Trinity is Unconstitutional," *Religious Studies* 54 (2018), 359-77.
- "The Argument from Possibility," in Trent Dougherty and Jerry Walls, eds., Two Dozen (or so) Arguments for God (Oxford University Press, 2018), 406-16.
- "Aquinas on ontological arguments," in Graham Oppy, ed., The Ontological Argument (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2018), 44-52.

"Presentism, Atemporality and Time's Way," Faith and Philosophy 35 (2018), 173-94.

"A Naturalist Cosmological Argument," Religious Studies 53 (2017), 321-38.

"Two Pictures of Divine Choice," in Hugh McCann, ed., Free Will and Classical Theism (Oxford University Press, 2017), 152-72.

"Anselm on Necessity," Oxford Studies in Medieval Philosophy 5 (2017), 1-44.

"The Nature of Necessity," Res Philosophica 94 (2017), 359–83.

"Naturalistic Pantheism," in Yujin Nagasawa and Andrei Buckareff, eds., Alternative Concepts of God (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2016), 64-87.

"Divine Simplicity and Divine Freedom," Proceedings and Addresses of the ACPA 89 (2015), 45-56.

"Perfection and Possibility," Faith and Philosophy 32 (2015), 423-31.

"More, Please," Religious Studies 51 (2015), 441-4.

"Precis of God and Necessity," Analysis 75 (2015), 257-9.

"Replies to Vander Laan and Sullivan," Analysis 75 (2015) 284-95.

"Against Materialist Christology," in Colin Ruloff and Gerald O'Collins, eds., Christian Philosophy of Religion (University of Notre Dame Press, 2015). 65-94.

"On God and Necessity," Faith and Philosophy 31 (2014), 435-59.

"Precis of God and Necessity," European Journal of Philosophy of Religion, 6 (3) (2014), 1-3.

"Omnipotence, Evil and What's in God," European Journal of Philosophy of Religion 6 (2014), 39-63.

"Instantants, Events and God," in Nathan Oaklander, ed., Debates in the Metaphysics of Time (London: Bloomsbury, 2014).

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"God's Deontic Perfection," Res Philosophica 90 (2013), 69-95.

"Time-travel and the Trinity," Faith and Philosophy July 2012

"On Hasker on Leftow on Hasker on Leftow," Faith and Philosophy July 2012

"Aquinas on Impassibility, Immutability and Eternity," in Eleonore Stump and Brian Davies, eds., The Oxford Handbook of Aquinas (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2012), 173-186.

"Aquinas on Omnipotence," in Eleonore Stump and Brian Davies, eds., The Oxford Handbook of Aquinas (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2012), 187-195.

"One Step Toward God," Royal Institute of Philosophy Supplement 68 (2011), 67-104.

"Composition and Christology," Faith and Philosophy 28 (2011), 310-322.

"Why Perfect Being Theology?," International Journal for Philosophy of Religion 69 (2011), 103-18.

"The Humanity of God," in Anna Marmodoro and Jonathan Hill, eds., The Metaphysics of the Incarnation (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2011), 20-44.

"Two Trinities," Religious Studies 46 (2010), 441-7.

"Swinburne on Divine Necessity," Religious Studies 46 (2010) 141-62.

"Soul, Mind and Brain," in George Bealer & Robert Koons, eds., The Waning of Materialism (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2010), 395-416.

"Divine Necessity," in Charles Taliaferro and Chad Meister, eds., The Cambridge Companion to Christian Philosophical Theology (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2010), 15-30.

"Arguments for God's Existence," in Robert Pasnau and Christina Van Dyke, eds., The Cambridge History of Medieval Philosophy (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2010), v. 2, 735-48.

"Anselmian Presentism," Faith and Philosophy 26 (2009), 297-319.

"Against Deity Theories," Oxford Studies in Philosophy of Religion 2 (2009), 105-160.

"Aquinas, Divine Simplicity and Divine Freedom," in Kevin Timpe, ed., Metaphysics and God (London: Routledge, 2009), 21-38.

"Omnipotence," in Thomas Flint and Michael Rea, eds., The Oxford Handbook of Philosophical Theology (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2009), 167-98.

"Jesus and Aquinas," in Paul Moser, ed., Jesus and Philosophy (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2008), 124-46.

"Rowe, Aquinas and God's Freedom," Philosophical Books 48 (2007), 195-206.

"Modes Without Modalism," in Dean Zimmerman, ed., Persons: Human and Divine (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2006), 357-75.

"Divine Simplicity," Faith and Philosophy 23 (2006), 365-80.

"God and the Problem of Universals," Oxford Studies in Metaphysics 2 (2006), 325-56.

"Aquinas' Philosophical Theology," in Brian Leftow and Brian Davies, eds., Aquinas: Questions on God (Cambridge University Press, 2006), 7-31.

"Impossible Worlds," Religious Studies 42 (2006), 393-402.

"Eternity," Donald Borchert, ed. Encyclopedia of Philosophy, 2nd edition (Detroit: Macmillan, 2006).

"Concepts of God," Donald Borchert, ed. Encyclopedia of Philosophy, 2nd edition (Detroit: Macmillan, 2006).

"Power, Possibilia and Non-Contradiction," The Modern Schoolman (2005), 231-43.

"No Best World: Creaturely Freedom," Religious Studies 41 (2005), 269-85.

"Aquinas on God and Modal Truth," The Modern Schoolman 82 (2005), 171-200.

"No Best World: Moral Luck," Religious Studies 41 (2005), 165-181.

"The Ontological Argument," in William Wainwright, ed., The Oxford Handbook of Philosophy of Religion (N.Y.: Oxford University Press, 2005), 80-115.

"Anselm's Perfect Being Theology," in Brian Davies and Brian Leftow, eds., The Cambridge Companion to Anselm (N.Y.: Cambridge University Press, 2004), 132-56.

"Introduction" (with Brian Davies), in Brian Davies and Brian Leftow, eds., The Cambridge Companion to Anselm (N.Y.: Cambridge University Press, 2004), 1-4.

"A Latin Trinity," Faith and Philosophy 21 (2004), 304-33. Reprinted in Michael Rea, ed., Oxford Studies in Philosophical Theology 1 (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2009); Michael Rea and Thomas McCall, eds., Philosophical and Theological Essays on the Trinity (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2009); Oliver Crisp, ed., A Reader in Contemporary Philosophical Theology (Edinburgh: T&T Clark, 2009).

"Barth on God's Eternality," in George Hunsinger, ed., For the Sake of the World (Grand Rapids, Mich.: Eerdmans, 2004), 191-201.

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"Parts, Wholes and Eternity," in L. Nathan Oaklander, ed., The Importance of Time (Boston: Kluwer 2001), 199-206.

"Souls Dipped in Dust: Aquinas on Soul and Body," in Kevin Corcoran, ed., Body, Soul and Survival (Ithaca, N.Y.: Cornell University Press, 2001), 120-38.

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"Aquinas on the Infinite," Proceedings of the XX World Congress of Philosophy, Vol. 1 (BowlingGreen, Ohio: Philosophy Documentation Center, 1999), 27-38.

"Anti Social Trinitarianism," in Steven Davis and Daniel Kendall, eds., The Trinity (New York: Oxford University Press, 1999), 203-48.
Reprinted in Michael Rea, ed., Oxford Studies in Philosophical Theology 1 (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2009)

"The Existence of God," in Roy Varghese, ed., Great Thinkers on Great Questions (London: One World Books/Penguin Books, 1998), 122-5.

"The Nature of God," in Roy Varghese, ed., Great Thinkers on Great Questions (London: One World Books/Penguin Books, 1998), 230-2.

"Concepts of God," The Encyclopedia of Philosophy (N.Y.: Routledge, 1998), v. 4, 93-102.

"Divine Simplicity," The Encyclopedia of Philosophy (N.Y.: Routledge, 1998), v. 8, 784-8.

"Immutability," The Encyclopedia of Philosophy (N.Y.: Routledge, 1998).

"Necessary Being," The Encyclopedia of Philosophy (N.Y.: Routledge, 1998), v. 6, 743-7.

"Omnipresence," The Encyclopedia of Philosophy (N.Y.: Routledge, 1998), v. 7, 103-7.

"Voluntarism," The Encyclopedia of Philosophy (N.Y.: Routledge, 1998).

"Eternity," in Philip Quinn and Charles Taliaferro, eds., The Cambridge Companion to Philosophy of Religion (N.Y.: Cambridge University Press, 1997), 257-63.

"Divine Action and Embodiment," Proceedings of the ACPA 71 (1997), 113-124.

"Anselm on the Cost of Salvation," Medieval Philosophy and Theology 7 (1997), 73-92.

"Anselm on the Beauty of the Incarnation," The Modern Schoolman 72 (1995), 109-24.

"Can Philosophy Argue God's Existence?," in Thomas Senor, ed., The Rationality of Belief and the Plurality of Faith (Ithaca, N.Y.: Cornell University Press, 1995), 40-70.

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"From Jerusalem to Athens," in Thomas Morris, ed., God and the Philosophers (N.Y.: Oxford University Press, 1994), 189-207.

"Timelessness and Divine Experience," Sophia 30 (1992), 43-53.

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"Why Didn't God Create the World Sooner?," Religious Studies 27 (1991), 159-72.

"Eternity and Simultaneity," Faith and Philosophy 8 (1991), 148-79.

"Time, Actuality and Omniscience," Religious Studies 26 (1990), 303-22.

"Aquinas on Time and Eternity," American Catholic Philosophical Quarterly 64 (1990), 387-99.

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"God and Abstract Entities," Faith and Philosophy 7 (1990), 193-217.

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"Boethius on Eternity," History of Philosophy Quarterly 7 (1990), 123-42.
Reprinted in Christina Van Dyke and Andrew Arlig, eds., *Medieval Philosophy* (NY: Routledge, 2020), vol. 3.

"A Leibnizian Cosmological Argument," Philosophical Studies 57 (1989), 135-55.

"Necessary Moral Perfection," Pacific Philosophical Quarterly 70 (1989), 240-60.

"Perfection and Necessity," Sophia 28 (1989), 13-20.

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"A Modal Cosmological Argument," International Journal for Philosophy of Religion 24 (1988), 159-88.

"Anselmian Polytheism," International Journal for Philosophy of Religion 23 (1988), 77-104.

"Existence in the Understanding in Proslogion II," Anselm Studies 2 (1988), 251-61.

"God and the World in Hegel and Whitehead," in G. Lucas, ed., Hegel and Whitehead (Albany: SUNY Press, 1986), 237-47.

Review Article: J. Tomberlin, ed., Philosophical Perspectives V: Philosophy of Religion, Faith and Philosophy 13 (1996), 272-9.

Reviews: D. Hill, Divinity and Maximal Greatness, Faith and Philosophy 25 (2008), 455-461.

A. Padgett, ed., Reason and the Christian Religion, International Philosophical Quarterly (IPQ) 38 (1998), 216-8.

H. Meynell, Is Christianity True?, Dialogue (Canada) 37 (1998), 395-6.

M. Stewart, The Greater-Good Defense, Philosophical Quarterly 46 (1996), 405-7.

R. LePoidevin, Change, Cause and Contradiction, Philosophical Quarterly 44 (1994), 406-9.

A. Padgett, God, Eternity and the Nature of Time, Religious Studies 30 (1994), 247-9.

F. Martin and J. Richmond, eds., From Augustine to Eriugena, Journal of the History of Philosophy 31 (1993), 460-1.

L. Zagzebski, The Dilemma of Freedom and Foreknowledge, Ethics 103 (1992), 163-4.

M. Henninger, Relations, IPQ 32 (1992), 263-4.

W. Hasker, God, Time and Knowledge, Philosophical Review 101 (1992), 444-6.

C. Martin, ed., The Philosophy of Thomas Aquinas, IPQ 31 (1991), 502-3.

P. Helm, Eternal God, Faith and Philosophy 8 (1991), 398-402.

A. Freddoso, tr., Luis de Molina: On Divine Foreknowledge, IPQ 31 (1991), 6.

T.V. Morris, ed., The Concept of God, IPQ 31 (1991), 114-6.

K.R. Olson, An Essay on Facts, IPQ 30 (1990), 508-10.

K. Seddon, Time, IPQ 30 (1990), 116-8.

T. V. Morris, Anselmian Explorations, IPQ 29 (1989), 483-5.

M. J. White, Agency and Integrality, IPQ 28 (1988), 467-9.

S. Korner, Metaphysics, IPQ 28 (1988), 114-6.

Kenny, Mueller and Spade, ed. and tr., John Wyclif: Treatise on Universals, IPQ 27 (1987), 211-2.

J. Gracia, Introduction to the Problem of Individuation in the Early Middle Ages, IPQ 27 (1987), 109.

K. Nielsen, Religion and Atheism, IPQ 26 (1986), 101-3.

Work in Progress:

The Power of God
The Goodness of God
God Hides and Seeks
The Possibility of God
Perfect Being Theology

Talks (since coming to Rutgers).

"Divine Simplicity and the Trinity," British Analytic Theology Society (invited, keynote), May 21, 2026.

"A Hidden God," Oxford University, May 18-20, 2026.

"Divine Simplicity and the Trinity," Baylor University, May 6, 2026.

"A Hidden God," Baylor University, May 5, 2026.

"Hylomorphic Humans," Rutgers-Tel Aviv Conference on the Nature of Persons, Tel Aviv University, May 7, 2025.

"The Possibility Premise," Angelicum Thomistic Institute, Rome, May 22, 2024.

"Ontology and the Ontological Argument," Angelicum Thomistic Institute, Rome, May 21, 2024.

"Scripture, God, and Time," School of Divinity, University of St. Andrews, May 17, 2024.

"Scripture, God, and Time," Department of Philosophy, York University, May 15, 2024.

"Aseity," Joseph Butler Society, Oxford University, May 14, 2024.

"Presentism and Time-Series," Metaphysical Mayhem, Rutgers, August 4, 2023.

"Perfection and Providence," Conference on Divine Providence and the Methods of Philosophical Theology, University of Navarre (Spain), June 15, 2023.

"The Goodness of God," Angelicum Thomistic Institute, Rome, May 2023.

"Perfection and Perfect Being Theology," Angelicum Thomistic Institute, Rome, May 2023.

"Love, Liking, and Election," Rutgers Analytic Theology Seminar, March 17, 2023.

"Anselm, Meinong, and Van Inwagen," Van Inwagen 80th Birthday Conference, Rutgers, Oct. 15, 2022.

"Time, Eternity, and Causation," Baylor University, Sept. 23, 2022.

"Time, Eternity, and Causation," Conference on God and Time, Trinity College Dublin (Zoom) (invited, keynote), August 29, 2022.

"Recognizing God," Iranian Association for the Philosophy of Religion Conference (keynote, Zoom), June 15, 2022.

"Eternity and Discrete Time-Series," Rutgers God and Time Summer School, June 13, 2022.

"Recognizing God," Rutgers Religious Epistemology Conference, May 20, 2022

"What is Sin?," Suarez Lecture, Fordham University, March 22, 2022.

"Omnipresence," Iranian Association for the Philosophy of Religion (invited, Zoom), Jan. 23, 2022.

"Must God Create?," August 28, 2021, Sharif Summer School on Theism: East and West, Teheran.

"Imagining Nothing," University of Delaware, October 2019.

"Can God Know What Time It Is?," keynote, Conference on Omniscience and Omnipotence in Christian and Islamic Philosophy, University of Paderborn (Germany), August 2019.

Professional

Activities:

Executive Committee, British Society for Philosophy of Religion, 2003-9 (President, 2005-7)
Editorial Board, Oxford Studies in Philosophy of Religion, 2021-
Editorial Board, Faith and Philosophy, 1996-
Editorial Board, Religious Studies, 2001-2019
Editorial Board, Philosophical Compass, 2005-
Editorial Board, Ratio, 2011-
Editorial Board, Journal of Analytic Theology, 2011-
Editorial Board, Medieval Philosophy: Texts and Studies (book series, Fordham University Press), 2005-
American Philosophical Association. 1984-2014
-Advisory Committee to APA East Program Committee (Philosophy of Religion), 1996-9.
Society of Christian Philosophers, 1984-
-Executive Committee, 1996-9, 2026-
-Chair, Eastern Division Meeting Program Committee, 1995-8.
Society for Medieval/Renaissance Philosophy
Philosophy of Time Society
Reader for Basil Blackwell Publishers, Catholic University of America Press, Cornell University Press, Fordham University Press, Oxford University Press,, SUNY Press. Yale University Press.
Referee, Australasian Journal of Philosophy,
International Philosophical Quarterly, Journal of the History of Philosophy , Journal of Philosophical Research, Medieval Philosophy and Theology, Philosophical Quarterly, Philosophy and Phenomenological Research, Sophia.

Service at Rutgers:

Director, Center for Philosophy of Religion
Organizer, Philosophy of Religion Reading Group
Organizer, Rutgers Analytic Theology Seminar (national conference), 2024

Merit Pay Committee, 2020, 2023.

Credentials:

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