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**Areas of Specialization:** Philosophy of Religion, 20<sup>th</sup> Century Continental Philosophy,  
20<sup>th</sup> Century German Theology

**Areas of Competence:** Ethics, Hermeneutics, World Religions

### Education

- 2017      Ph.D. in Philosophy and Religion, University of South Florida  
Dissertation Title: "From Object to Other: Models of Sociality after Idealism in  
Gadamer, Rosenzweig, Levinas, and Bonhoeffer"  
Dissertation Advisors: Lee Braver and Michael DeJonge
- 2009      Master of Arts in Philosophy of Religion, Trinity International University  
Thesis Title: "Whence Comes Human Evil? The Doctrine of Original Sin in Paul  
Ricoeur." Thesis Advisor: Kevin J. Vanhoozer
- 2005      Bachelor of Arts in Theological/Historical Studies, Emphasis in Philosophy  
Oral Roberts University

### Publications

#### Journal Articles

- 2025      "Levinas's Readings of Husserl's Lectures on Time-Consciousness: Sensation  
and Alterity," *Levinas Studies* 17. <https://doi.org/10.5840/levinas20251338>
- 2023      "Formative Encounters with the Other: Examining the Structural Differences  
between Bonhoeffer and Levinas," *International Journal of Philosophy and  
Theology* 84.1 (2023), pp. 35-54.  
<https://doi.org/10.1080/21692327.2023.2186470>
- 2021      "On the Conversion of Philosophy: The Problems and Promise of Emmanuel  
Falque's Theology of Philosophy," *The Heythrop Journal* 62 (2021), pp. 75-  
84. <https://doi.org/10.1111/heyj.13684>
- 2019      "Gadamer, Levinas, and the Hermeneutic Ontology of Ethics," in  
*Philosophies* 4 (3), 48. MDPI. <https://doi.org/10.3390/philosophies4030048>

## Book Chapters

- 2024 “How Barthian Was the Early Bonhoeffer? Actualism and Anthropology in *Sanctorum Communio* Reconsidered,” in *Engaging Bonhoeffer in a Global Era*, eds. Christiane Tietz and Philip Ziegler, Göttingen: Vandenhoeck & Ruprecht (2024).
- 2023 “Paul Ricoeur,” in *T&T Clark Companion to Suffering and the Problem of Evil*, eds. Matthias Grebe and Johannes Grössl, (Edinburgh: T&T Clark, 2023).

## Reviews

- 2021 “Review of *The Spirit and the Common Good: Shared Flourishing in the Image of God*, by Daniela Augustine,” *Spiritus: ORU Journal of Theology* 6 (Spring 2021), pp. 182-184.

## Presentations

- 2024 “‘To Partake in the Reality of the Fulfilled Will of God’: Voluntarism and Participation in Bonhoeffer’s *Ethics*,” International Bonhoeffer Congress, Sydney, Australia.
- 2020 “The Will to Love: Bonhoeffer’s Account of the Church between Atomism and Idealism,” International Bonhoeffer Congress, Stellenbosch, South Africa.
- 2019 “The Reception of Husserl’s *Phenomenology of Internal Time-Consciousness* in Gadamer and Levinas,” North American Levinas Conference, Des Moines, IA.
- 2019 “The Reception of Husserl’s *Phenomenology of Internal Time-Consciousness* in Gadamer and Levinas,” Mid-South Philosophy Conference, Memphis.
- 2018 “The Genesis and Significance of Bonhoeffer’s Voluntarism,” German-American Bonhoeffer Research Network, Berlin.
- 2017 “The Genesis of Language and Sociality,” Society for Phenomenology and the Human Sciences (SPHS), Memphis.
- 2017 “The God Who Exists as Community: Bonhoeffer *Contra* Hegel on the Structure of the Church,” Midwest Region Conference of the Society for Christian Philosophers, Houston.
- 2017 “The Account of Sociality and Critique of Idealism in Bonhoeffer’s *Sanctorum Communio*,” Eastern Region Conference of the Society for Christian Philosophers, Wilmore, KY.

2017	“Perceptual and Ethical Alterity in Levinas and Zahavi,” North American Levinas Society (NALS), Chicago.
2017	“Language and Sociality in Gadamer and Zahavi,” Mid-South Philosophy Conference, Memphis.
2016	“How Barthian Was the Early Bonhoeffer? Actualism and Anthropology in <i>Sanctorum Communio</i> Reconsidered,” International Bonhoeffer Congress, Basel, Switzerland.
2015	“Continuity and Discontinuity in Gadamer,” Southwest Seminar in Continental Philosophy, Flagstaff, AZ.
2015	“Elements of a Pentecostal Hermeneutics of Experience: A Dialogue with Gadamer,” Society for Pentecostal Studies (SPS), Lakeland, FL.
2013	“Hegel, Gadamer, and the Critique of Genius,” Florida Philosophical Association.
2013	“Divine Mystery, Moral Paralysis, and the Skeptical Theist Response to the Problem of Evil,” St. Louis University Graduate Philosophy Conference.
2009	“Symbol and Discourse in Ricoeur’s Hermeneutic Philosophy,” Tennessee Philosophical Association.

## Teaching Experience

### **Elon University, Elon, NC**

How Should We Live?	Fall 2024
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### **Meredith College, Raleigh, NC**

Philosophy and the Meaning of Life	Fall 2022
Religious Ethics & Social Issues	Spring 2022, Fall 2023, Spring 2024

### **Christian Brothers University, Memphis, TN**

Social and Political Philosophy	Spring 2020
Contemporary Moral Issues	Spring 2019 – Spring 2020
Theories of Human Nature	Fall 2018 – Fall 2020
World Religions	Spring 2018, Fall 2018, Fall 2020

### **University of Texas at Tyler**

Introduction to Ethics (Online)	Spring 2019 - Fall 2024
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### **Johnson University, Knoxville, TN**

Applied Ethics (PhD Level)	Fall 2022
Philosophical Ethics	Fall 2022 – Fall 2024
Philosophical Inquiry & Critical Thinking (Online)	Fall 2017 – Spring 2022

<b>Toccoa Falls College</b> , Toccoa, GA	
Introduction to Philosophy (Online)	Fall 2015 – Fall 2024
<b>Southwest Tennessee Community College</b> , Memphis, TN	
Introduction to Philosophy	Spring 2018, Fall 2018
<b>Rhodes College</b> , Memphis, TN	
Living Religions	Spring 2017
<b>University of South Florida</b> , Tampa, FL	
Philosophy of Religion	Spring 2016
Classics of Christian Thought	Spring 2015
History of Christianity	Spring 2014, Fall 2014
World Religions	Summer 2012, Spring 2013
Introduction to World Religions	Spring 2012, Fall 2013, Fall 2015
<b>Carson-Newman University</b> , Jefferson City, TN	
Practical Reasoning	Spring 2011

### **Professional Memberships**

American Philosophical Association (APA)  
American Academy of Religion (AAR)  
Society of Christian Philosophers (SCP)

### **Professional Training**

2020	Online Faculty Training (OFT), Center for Digital Instruction, Christian Brothers University.
2019	Digital Teaching Certificate, Office of Digital Learning, University of Texas, Tyler.
2017	Online Instructor's Certification, Johnson University.

### **Awards**

2020	International Conference Grant, Christian Brothers University
2018	Travel Grant, German-American Bonhoeffer Research Network
2011–2016	Graduate Assistantship, University of South Florida
2016	International Conference Grant, University of South Florida
2015	Travel Grant, University of South Florida

- 2013 Travel Grant, University of South Florida
- 2007–2009 Dean’s Scholarship, Trinity Evangelical Divinity School
- 2007–2009 Leadership Scholarship, Trinity Evangelical Divinity School

### **Academic Service**

- 2022 Online Course Development for Philosophical Ethics, Johnson University.
- 2013 Referee for paper submissions for Eastern Regional Meeting of the Society for Christian Philosophers.
- 2013 Manuscript Formatting, *The Bonhoeffer Reader*, eds. Clifford J. Green and Michael P. DeJonge (Minneapolis, MN: Fortress Press, 2013).
- 2012 Course Proposal and Development Coordinator, Religious Studies Department, University of South Florida.
- 2012 Teaching Assistant Supervisor, Introduction to World Religions, University of South Florida, Fall semester.
- 2010 Comments on Roman Briggs, “Refusing Determinism: The Dialectical Development of a Marxian Account of Action,” Tennessee Philosophical Association.
- 2009 Comments on Greg Bock, “Understanding David Hume's Argument Against Miracles,” Tennessee Philosophical Association.

### **Graduate Coursework**

#### **University of South Florida**

Plato and Aristotle	Instructor: Joanne Waugh
Medieval Voluntarism: Aquinas to Ockham	Instructor: Thomas Williams
Kant to Hegel on Aesthetics	Instructor: Michael Morris
German Philosophy in Translation	Instructor: Martin Schönfeld
Seminar in Phenomenology and Existentialism	Instructor: Charles Guignon
Environmental Ethics	Instructor: Martin Schönfeld
Formal Logic	Instructor: Richard Manning
Topics in Philosophy of Religion: Religious Language	Instructor: Cass Fisher
Comparative Philosophy and Religion	Instructor: Wei Zhang
Theory and Methods in Religious Studies	Instructor: Michael DeJonge
Formative Christianity	Instructor: James Strange
Luther and His Interpreters	Instructor: Michael DeJonge
Christianity in Nazi Germany	Instructor: Michael DeJonge

Seminar in Hindu Texts  
French for Reading  
Continental Philosophy I (Audited)  
Kant (First Critique) (Audited)  
Philosophy of Psychotherapy Reading Group  
Philosophy of Charles Taylor Reading Group

Instructor: Carlos Lopez  
Instructor: Christine Probes  
Instructor: Charles Guignon  
Instructor: Martin Schönfeld  
Led by: Charles Guignon  
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### **Trinity Evangelical Divinity School**

Directed Study on Paul Ricoeur  
Hermeneutics  
Cultural Hermeneutics  
Metaphysics  
History of Philosophy of Religion I  
History of Philosophy of Religion II  
Religious Epistemology  
Philosophical Issues in Religious Pluralism  
Theism  
Ethical Theory  
Theology of Augustine  
Death and Immortality (Audited)

Instructor: Kevin Vanhoozer  
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Instructor: Kevin Vanhoozer  
Instructor: Keith Yandell  
Instructor: Harold Netland  
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Instructor: Harold Netland  
Instructor: Thomas McCall  
Instructor: C. Ben Mitchell  
Instructor: Bruce Fields  
Instructor: Keith Yandell

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